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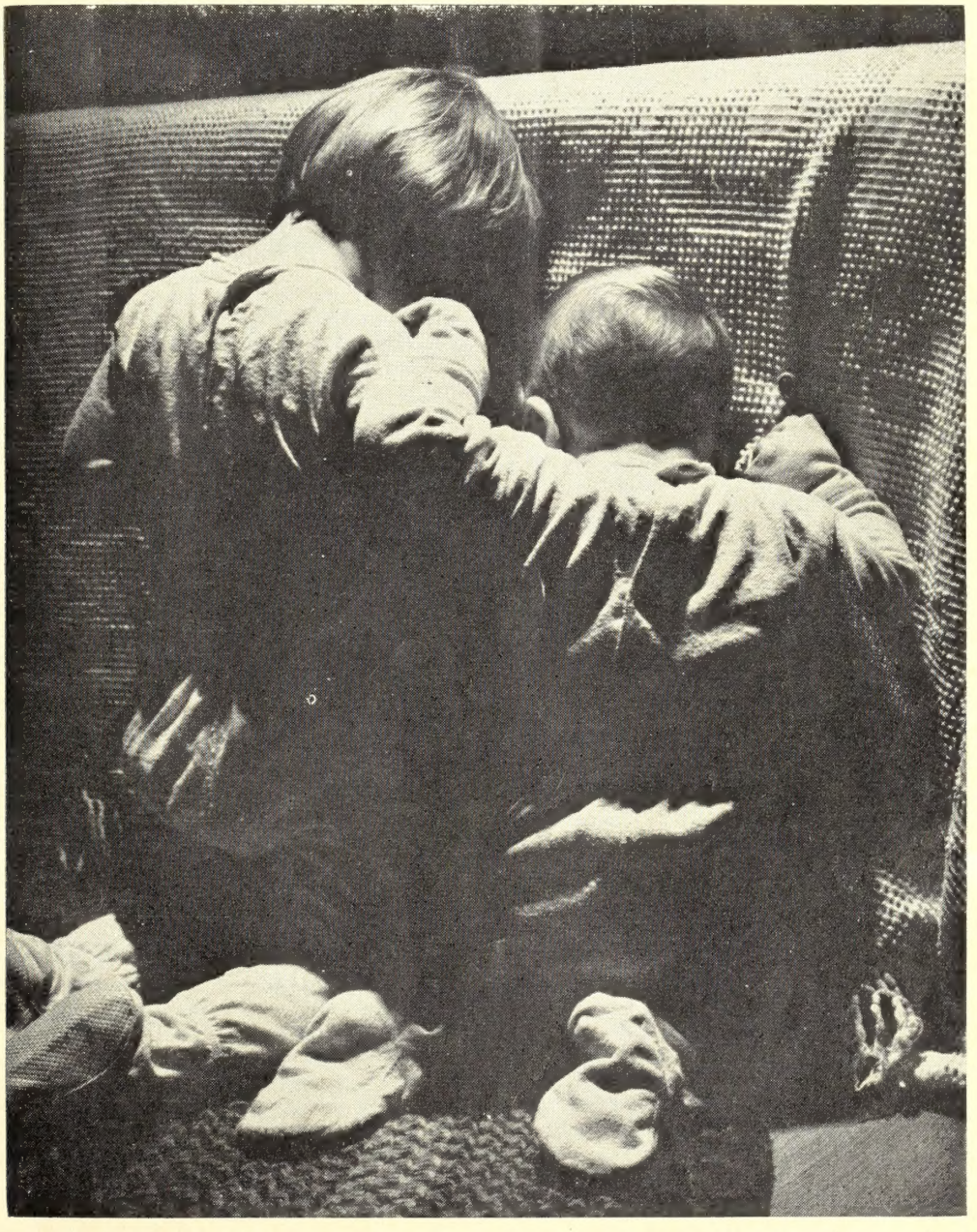
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Beginning the New Year Right

FAMILY PRAYER SUNDAY — JANUARY 5, 1964



Mr. Max Potter of 326 Bidney Drive Burlington, N. C., member of Grace Methodist Church, photographed his two children, Sharon Gail, 2 years, and Mark Edwards, 8 months, as they engaged in their regular prayer period.

"Families That Pray Together, Stay Together"

★ CAROLINA BRIEFS ★

¶ Rev. and Mrs. Russell N. Burson, Jr., of Conover are visiting their families in Alabama. Mr. Burson is pastor of the Methodist Church at Conover.

¶ Rev. and Mrs. Benny T. Myers announce the birth of their third child, Jonathan Maurice, born December 17, 1963. Rev. Mr. Myers is minister of the Weddington Methodist charge.

¶ Rev. and Mrs. Jack M. Benfield of Henderson announce the birth of a daughter, Susan Richelle, December 19, 1963. The Benfields have another daughter, Terri, aged 3. Mr. Benfield is pastor of the Vance Charge, Raleigh District.

¶ In the recent changes made in appointments in North Carolina Conference, due to two deaths, Rev. Henry A. Bizzell goes from Fairview Church, Burlington District, to Lake Waccamaw; and Rev. W. L. Maness, retired, goes to Fairview.

¶ Members of the Cary Methodist Church gave a farewell reception for Rev. and Mrs. Henry B. Lewis Sunday evening, December 29, following the evening service. Mr Lewis is being transferred to First Church, Siler City. He has served the First Church, Cary, for the past four and one-half years. The Lewis' are greatly loved by the Cary people.

¶ Rev. J. K. Outlaw, Jr., pastor of the Mineral Springs Methodist Church, Albemarle District, preached last Sunday at Central Methodist Church in Albemarle. Mr. Outlaw, the son of Mr. and Mrs. J. K. Outlaw, Sr., grew up in Central Church, and entered the ministry from this church. Rev. Harold Groce is the pastor of Central Church.

¶ Rev. R. Grady Dawson, Superintendent of the New Bern District, announces that the District Conference will be held at Centenary Church, New Bern, Sunday, January 12, from 2:00 to 5:00 p.m. A cordial invitation to attend is extended to all connectional men, college presidents, and the public.

¶ Mr. Clem Manly Eubank, father of Rev. Graham S. Eubank, Superintendent of the Raleigh District, died at Maysville, N. C., December 18. Mr. Eubank was a native of Maysville, and a devout and active churchman. He was 81 years old. He was a good husband, father, grandfather, and always loved and supported his preachers. He will be greatly missed in his church and community. We extend our love and sympathy to his family.

¶ The Rev. Lloyd G. Hunsucker, pastor of West Irving Park Church, Greensboro, preached at Main Street Methodist Church, Albemarle, last Sunday morning. Mr. Hunsucker is a native of Albemarle. Rev. Max Lowdermilk, missionary to Pakistan, will speak at the Main Street Church January 3 at 7:30 p.m. The Lowdermilks receive part of their support from the Main Street Church, of which Rev. C. Harley Dickson, Jr., is pastor.

¶ We reported last week that Big Spring church, Charlotte, had given two ministers to the Western North Carolina Conference. We are now informed that there are three in service from Big Spring church: Rev. Melvin McIntoch, Rev. A. Mitchell Faulkner, and Rev. Earl Black.

¶ First Methodist Church, Mount Olive, has set a goal of $80,000 for a new education building. The program will be intensified the first two weeks in February. Plans are being prepared for the approval of the congregation. Rev. Christian White is pastor at Mount Olive.

¶ Rev. and Mrs. Bill Bigham and children, who serve as missionaries in Brazil, are expected to leave Jundiai on January 2, and land in Charlotte January 3. They will spend some time on this their first furlough, and he will be spending some time in study, and filling appointments. He will endeavor to visit churches that have supported their work in Brazil. Their headquarters will be in Greensboro, with his parents.

¶ It was a real privilege for the Editor and his wife to stop off at Steele Street Methodist Church, Sanford, last Sunday and hear an excellent sermon by Dr. W. C. Ball, the pastor. It was also student recognition day. The writer and his wife were on their way to Fort Bragg to visit their preacher son and his family, Rev. William B. Starnes, who is serving in the Chaplaincy at Fort Bragg.

¶ A dinner will be sponsored by the Woman's Society of Christian Service and Wesleyan Guild of the West Market Street Methodist Church, Greensboro, on Tuesday, January 7, at 6:00 p.m. Reservations should be in by Monday, January 6. Any member of the Sciety or Guild in the Greensboro District will be welcome. The price of the meal is $1.00 each. Mrs. Carl King, of Statesville, Conference president of the Woman's Society of Christian Service, will be the speaker. Mrs. Max Tucker, president of the Greensboro District of the Society, will be a special guest.

¶ The Thomasville District will hold its district conference Sunday, January 5, beginning at 2:30 p.m., at Bethesda Methodist Church near Lexington. Rev. Herman Nicholson the District Superintendent, will preside. He has set as the theme of the conference: "The Gospel as Our Hope." and "The Proclamation of the Gospel as Our Ministry." A feature of the program will be an address by Dr. H. C. Stuntz of Lake Junaluska, who formerly served as president of Scarritt College and as a missionary to Chile, and now program director at Lake Junaluska. Also Rev. Bill Andrews, missionary to Brazil, now home on furlough, and Rev. Floyd Barrier, pastor of Johnsontown Methodist Church, who will speak on "My Call to Preach." Others will direct the various phases of the program of the church. The conference will close at 5:00 p.m. with refreshments by the host church.

¶ Rev. Harry Long and family spent the latter part of December visiting in Florida. Mr. Long is pastor of the Bethesda Methdist Church, Gastonia. They were away from December 25-31.

¶ Rev. O. Kelly Ingram, Dean of Students at Duke Divinty School, has been named by the Department of the Ministry of the National Council of Churches to be the Methodist representative on a special national and interdenominational committee appointed to draw up recommendations of student financial aid policy standards for adoption by the American Association of Theological Schools.

Dr. Howard P. Powell to Hold Revival at Harker's Island

Dr. Howard P. Powell of Raleigh will conduct revival services at the Harker's Island Methodist Church beginning January 5-10. Services will begin each evening at 7:00 o'clock, and special music will be provided each night. Dr. Powell is a native of Sampson County, a graduate of Duke University and Asbury College. High Point College honored him with the D.D. degree in 1938. He traveled in the Holy Land in 1930. Dr. Powell has served pastorates in both the Western North Carolina and North Carolina Conferences. His last pastorate was at Edenton Street Church, Raleigh, where he was greatly loved and served for 15 years. In 1962 Dr. Powell asked for and received the Sabbatical leave so he could devote his entire time and energy to evangelistic work. Rev. C. R. West is pastor of the Harker's Island church. All who can do so are cordially invited to attend and participate in the revival services.

These Things Shall Not Enter

These shall not enter New Year's gate:
Such things as prejudice and hate,
And envy, selfisnness, and greed;
These cannot help the world's great need;
And, more than that, no foolish fear
Shall go into that brand New Year.

Some things are far too cheap and small
To have a place in life at all;
Such things as mentioned up above
Would leave no room at all for love;
Therefore, in me they'll not pass through
That open gate from old to new.

—Ernest C. Durham

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Bethlehem Church to Build New Modern Parsonage

A Church Conference was conducted Sunday, December 15, at the eleven o'clock service at Bethlehem Methodist Church of Claremont. The purpose was to vote as to whether to build a parsonage. Mr. Ward Robinson, Chairman of the Parsonage Building Committee presented the recommendations of the Building Committee and the Official Board. He stated the house would have 8 rooms, 2 baths, utility room, storage room, and carport. It will be of brick veneer construction with electric heat, plasterde walls and other added attractions. Mr. Robinson stated the recommended cost was $22,000. After a question period a unanimous decision was reached to proceed with the structure. The pastor, Rev. R. L. Oakey, stated he was delighted this decision was made and believed it was well in the power of the congregation to attain this goal. The construction of the parsonage will begin in the near future.

Pastor Receives Money Tree

The congregation of the Brogden Methodist Church in the Goldsboro District, presented a unique gift to their pastor at the church's Christmas program on December 22. The Rev. P. C. Yelverton was given an unusual tree, the blooms of which were neither fruit nor blossoms, but crisp new dollar bills, tied to silver painted branches with tiny red ribbons. The money-laden tree was planted in a glass container covered with Christmas foil and tied with a huge red ribbon. Rev. Mr. Yelverton promised cuttings from the tree to all who want them if the tree grows, but he has an idea that its attractive rectangular green leaves will fall swiftly when the mailman comes around with the January bills.

Lists Interesting Facts

The Rev. Dr. Leon T. Moore of Philadelphia, secretary of the General Conference, has announced that 910 persons will be seated on the conference floor at the 1964 General Conference in Pittsburgh: 858 elected delegates from annual conferences; 19 representatives from provisional conferences and missions; and 33 general secretaries of church boards and commissions.

Only the 858 delegates have the right to vote, but the others have the privilege of the floor when matters pertaining to the countries they represent are under discussion.

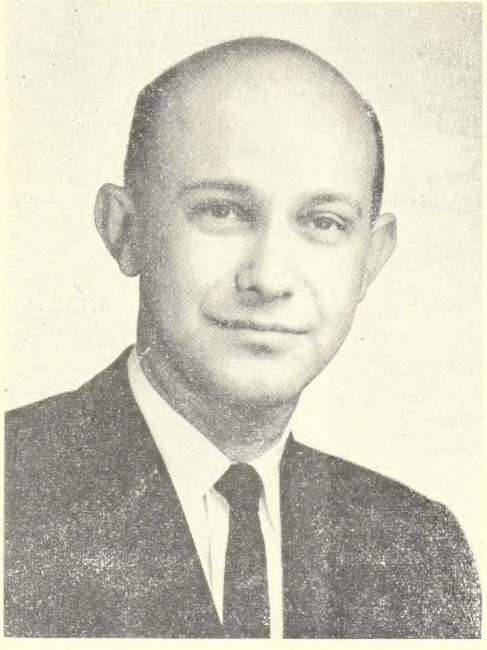
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Rev. Jack Crum Is Named New Social Action Director

At the meeting of the North Carolina Council of Churches' Executive Board, December 10, held at Guilford College, Rev. Jack Crum was elected the new Didector of Christian Social Action for the Council.



Rev. Jack Crum

He had been nominated to the Board by a special committee named by President George R. Whitecar and headed by Rev. Vernon C. Tyson, pastor of Jonesboro Heights Methodist Church, Sanford, and chairman of the Council's Christian Social Action Commission. The committee had held two meetings before bringing in the nomination of Mr. Crum. The appointment brings to a successful conclusion the Council's campaign launched at the annual meeting in January 1963. First, to raise money for the project; secondly, to draw up a job analysis of the position; and finally, to secure a capable leader to direct the work.

In his new position, Mr. Crum will direct the Church Council's Social Action program which includes the areas of Human Relations, Alcoholism, Institutional Ministry, and Legislative Affairs. He is a native of Augusta, Ga., but was raised in North Carolina, graduating from Broughton High School, Raleigh, 1945. He received his A.B. from Emory University in Atlanta and his B.D. from Duke Divinity School. A member of the North Carolina Methodist Conference since 1953, he served pastorates in Wake County; at Wynnwood Park Church, Raleigh; Hope Mills; and at Moncure since 1961. Mr. Crum has been secretary of his Conference Board of Social Concerns; a member of the Human Relations Committee of the North Carolina Council of Churches; and Counselor to the Methodist U.N. Study Tour. In the summer of 1962 he spent six weeks in Europe under the auspices of the Methodist church. He is married to the former Kay Sugg Batchelor of Greenville, N. C.

The new director will take up his duties January 1, 1964 and will first be presented to the Council at its annual assembly in Hickory January 28-29. He will serve as a member of the Executive Director's staff keeping in close touch with the Council office in Durham, but is expected to make his office in Raleigh. Plans for a Raleigh office of the North Carolina Council have been under way for several months. Space in the Methodist Headquarters Building on Glenwood Avenue has been secured for this purpose. The presence of the new branch office in Raliegh will enable closer cooperation both with denominational offices located there and offices of government officials.

Appointment

Bishop Paul N. Garber has authorized the appointment of James F. Thompson as pastor of the Kenly-Buckhorn Charge, Goldsboro District. Mr. Thompson was transferred from the pastorate of the Whitakers Church.

Mark W. Lawrence, District Superintendent.

JANUARY AND FEBRUARY

ARE ADVOCATE MONTHS

For many years these months have been observed as a time for securing New Subscriptions and renewing old ones. This is the pastors responsibility, or someone whom he designates.

This next Sunday, January 5, is the beginning of the Advocate Campaign. Sunday, January 26, is designated as

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EDITORIALS

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The Supreme Blunder of The Supreme Court

In a land of free speech Americans have the right and privilege of expressing themselves on subjects and about issues with which they disagree. We are exercising this privilege as we say in our judgment the supreme blunder of the Supreme Court in 1963 was its decision striking down the privilege of American school children to have brief worship services at the beginning of their day's activities in which they asked God's blessing upon themselves, their parents, their teachers, and their land.

If this is an unpardonable sin, we have misinterpreted the meaning of the words of Jesus and the purpose of the founding fathers in establishing the constitution. The foundation stone of our great country is its faith in Divine Providence, and when we forsake such faith and rule it out of our institutions, we have nothing but failure to look forward to. The constitution guarantees the freedom of worship, and declares the government "shall not interfere with the free exercise thereof." It occurs that members of the court were gullible enough to be swept off their feet by a handful of atheists who persuaded them to make a decision denying 185,000,000 Americans their constitutional rights, thereby "interferring with the free exercise of religion."

We are familiar with the arguments of those who try to lean backward in order to approve the court's action. We are not at all in favor of prescribing prayers or orders of worship, but we see no objection to allowing one who is judged capable of teaching our children to lead them in a brief scripture reading and prayer. It is entirely possible that denominational prejudice has entered into agreements, but our faith in "One God" is bigger than any denomination. We have no fear that any one group is going to dominate our schools and our leaders. We all have something in common that can and should be shared.

They have always told us that "big men" are willing to see and acknowledge and correct their mistakes. All of us need to qualify on that score. There is widespread dissatisfaction with this decision, and some are trying to have something done about it. What will be the outcome, we cannot say. There are also forces at work along this same line to remove from our coins "In God We Trust," to remove chaplains from the armed forces, to dis-allow prayer in legislative gatherings, and to blot out every semblance of religious faith from our land. And this is led by those who acknowledge they are atheists. While our highest court may go along with them, it is still our privilege as free Americans who believe in a Supreme Power to see that our homes and our churches are maintained on a Christian basis and that religious principles and ideals are instilled in our children.

With the dawn of 1964 may we dedicate ourselves afresh to the ideals given us in the Scriptures, and which the writers of the constitution tried to guarantee us. Let us remember that our spiritual welfare does not depend upon the members of the Supreme Court, but upon a personal faith within each one of us. Into the sacred precinct of the human heart and mind and home these forces cannot enter. After all, it is not a question of the blunders of the Supreme Court, but of the victory of the Supreme God.

THEME FOR THE WEEK

"In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. The same was in the beginning with God." —JOHN 1:1, 2.

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LETTERS

Dear Mr. Editor:

Recently our bishops held special sessions of each annual conference to lay bare the tremendous need for new ministers in our church. There is one factor which I feel needs serious consideration.

If our ablest youth are going to be called into the ministry, let us create a climate in the local churches which will encourage them to answer "Yes" to that call. This climate requires that official boards and rank-and-file members should impress upon the minds of the youthful members that the right of the minister to preach the Gospel of Christ as he understands it will be upheld. In a land where we pride ourselves upon our freedoms, too frequently we hear of church members in both official and unofficial capacity seeking to rid themselves of their minister because he preaches unpopular doctrines, which do not reflect the opoinions of that congregation. As a result, too long we have had near-demonstrations in board meetings or sit-ins at the district superintendent's parsonage by pastoral relations committees trying to move such a minister of the Gospel is threatened by economic to church; when others jeopardize its program reprisals; when church members stop coming by withdrawing their financial support; and when still others bring on wrecked nerves, heart attacks, and gray hair by keeping their church in a turmoil—all because that minister does not preach their views—no wonder that many a young lad is discouraged from being a minister, when such situations develop in his church. Only last month at Greensboro, Dr. Lee Moorehead, faculty member of St. Paul's School of Theology, Methodist, Kansas City, Missouri, said that a minority of seminary students are preparing for the pastoral ministry because many of them are disgusted with local churches. Whether or not this explanation is correct, there is enough truth here to make it worth pondering.

When there is a clear-cut issue between the faithful preaching of Christ's Gospel and the dissatisfaction with such by any congregation, let the official position of hte Methodist Church be an unwavering backing of such a minister, even if the result is the loss of church members and even if that church fails to meet its conference financial obligations. We are not called to be statistically successful; we are called to be faithful to Jesus Christ. Let the Church be the Church! Let us vigorously uphold freedom of the pulpit.

But someone may object by saying, "A Christian minister ought to be willing to suffer martyrdom, if necessary, or at least to meet any cost required." I agree. Those who are mature in their understanding of what the Christian ministry is are willing to suffer to preach the riches of Christ. However, those youth who were the concern of these special sessions of the annual conferences are usually not that mature. They are babes in the faith. Surely some of them must wonder what kind of lives they will lead if they become ministers of churches like their own. Those of us who can look backwards to our call see imperfections in their reasoning; but it is understandingly human to hesitate to become a minister if one sees ahead uncalled-for, already mentioned indignities at the hands of merciless congregations.

Nor is this a call to treat the Christian minister with "kid gloves" or to give him special privileges not afforded to other fields of labor. No, this is a call for the leadership of the church and the local congregations to re-evaluate their concept of the ministry and to lift up the image of the minister not as a puppet in the hands of a perverse generation, but as the proclaimer of the everlasting Good News and the spokesman of the living god.

Robert S. Pullman

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The Editor
North Carolina Christian Advocate
Greensboro, North Carolina

Your December 12, 1963, issue published under "Rightist Crisis in the Church;" a statement said to be a factual refutation of accusations against the National Council of Churches for "aiding the cause of Communism and engaging in political activities" by "extreme or rightist groups."

The real issue is not who makes complaint, because labels of "rightist" or leftist" are subject to different interpretation, but is the complaint valid.

The statement is made "the Council tries to give some guidance to the churches in their confrontation of world problems, including labor, race and peace."

The basic error in all this "guidance" is that it goes beyond the teachings of Jesus into the realm of the peculiar notions of those paid employees and officials of the Council who have deliberately subjected the teachings of Jesus. They have come to think and act as social reformers rather than preachers in the name of the church. They advocate specific political remedies and the means to accomplish them. They have the right and the duty as individuals to work for social reform, but nowhere by teaching or example do they find a single instance of Jesus attempting social change by political action. He preached to

change the individual, knowing the other changes would come. Jesus did not get the cart before the horse as many have done.

Now as to proof of un-Christian conduct. A half page advertisement was run in the **New York Times** about August 25, 1963, sponsored in part by a commission of the Council, in support of violation of the law in racial demonstrations.

No example can be found anywhere in the Bible of Jesus urging violation of the law. He always taught the law was to be obeyed. He insisted on payment of the half shekel tax, although He did not owe it. He paid it rather than offend the collector. His command was on demand of the Roman soldier to carry equipment a mile to do it and an additional mile as proof of love.

Does disrespect of law and order and duly constituted authority under a constitutional form of government aid Communism? The advancement of the cause of Christ?

Are religious organizations exempt from criticism when they come to consider the means justified by the ends?

Time does not permit recitation of similar acts and statements in "furnishing guidance" in other fields, but I have plenty of them and I do not belong to the John Birch Society.

It is an undeniable fact the National Council of Churches in its news releases claims to speak for "40 million communicants" and "X to 40 million Protestants" and uses my contributions to it for political purposes.

My political views are my business, and the political views of others are theirs.

The others who claim by association with the Council to have the right to spend my money for political purposes advance their views are guilty of the worst kind of frauds, because that money is given to win souls to Christ, not to create disharmony and disrespect.

The great wonder is how uninformed (to be charitable) individuals gain such power and are able to hold it. Good intentions are not enough and the work of the church suffers when God's money is misused.

Let those who think the National Council officials are above reproach read the St. Mark's Vestry report on the elimination of the 180-man Laymen's Committee under the direction of another "Millionaire Layman," J. Howard Pew, the devout Presbyterian who pointed out the terrible things done in the name of the church.

What has been done is a national scandal and each official board of every Methodist church should investigate the record, and take steps to correct it.

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THE NEW YEAR

When we think of New Year's Day many thoughts are entertained within each individual mind. Maybe we haven't done some things as well as we feel we could have and we resolve "to put the push in there." I sometimes wonder just how many things we attempt and really do our best at making them a success. At the New Year's season our thoughts are at their best — but the effort and the prayer is not put into action with the many plans that never culminate.

Even though we sometimes fail with our new commitments after the New Year begins— we must try again. We can do nothing within ourselves, but we can do great things working together with God. One of the very greatest works we can become engaged in is personal soul winning. Of course we will use our Bibles, but even when they aren't in use, we can carry them with us. Our friends will know on whom we depend and God will surely approve.

We can show a lost soul that he needs salvation by reading from God's Word. Also from His Holy Word we find we cannot save ourselves. We can explain to them how Christ died on the cross to put away sin and lives to save all who come unto God by Him. The Blessed Book plainly tells us the way to be saved is to repent and believe on the Lord Jesus Christ. Everyone has different feelings, and ways of explaining things, but salvation does not depend on feelings, but upon what God says. Once a person is led by the Holy Spirit to believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, open confession followed.

The greatest thought and reality of all is that the same Saviour who saves also keeps.

"Lead me to some soul today,
O teach me, Lord, just what to say;
Friends of mine are lost in sin,
And cannot find their way.

Few there are who seem to care,
And few there are who pray;
Melt my heart, and fill my life,
Give me one soul today."

—Mrs. Gaither Beroth

Ring Out the Old; Ring In the New

Ring out, wild bells, to the wild, wild sky,
The flying cloud, the frosty light;
The year is dying in the night;
Ring out, wild bells, and let him die.
Ring out the old, ring in the new,
Ring, happy bells, across the snow;
The year is going, let him go;
Ring out the false, ring in the true.

Ring out a slowly dying cause,
And ancient forms of party strife;
Ring in the nobler modes of life,
With sweeter manners, purer laws.
Ring out false pride in place and blood,
The civic slander and the spite;
Ring in the love of truth and right,
Ring in the common love of good.

Ring out old shapes of foul disease;
Ring out the narrowing lust of gold;
Ring out the thousand wars of old,
Ring in the thousand years of peace.
Ring in the valiant man and free,
The larger heart, the kindlier hand;
Ring out the darkness of the land,
Ring in the Christ that is to be.

—Alfred Lord Tennyson

Bethesda Enters New Education Building

Ground-breaking services were held for Bethesda's new educational building in June 1963. Immediately following the ground breaking construction of the building designed by Dan MacMillan of Fayetteville was begun. On January 5, 1964, the first church school classes will be held in this new building. More than three hundred people are expected to be on hand for the opening day.

The chancel area of the sanctuary will be renovated during the first quarter of the new year by the same contractors who have built the educational building: A. G Carter, general; L. C. Lamb, plumbing; Guy McCormick, heating and air conditioning, and Everleigh, Electrical. Both the new building—consisting of nearly nine thousand square feet and completely air conditioned—and the renovation of the chancel section of the sanctuary including all-new wiring and complete air conditioning will total approximately one hundred eighteen thousand dollars. The members and friends of Bethesda have contributed $26,000 in cash in the past twelve months.

Cokesbury will provide all the furnishings except for the parlor and the kitchen at a cost of more than five thousand dollars of which four thousand have already been received since March.

The new building consists of thirteen classrooms including a temporary fellowship hall, a kitchen, a parlor, a study, an office, a table storage room, a mechanical room and additional storage rooms plus two large adult toilets and two children's.

Long-range plans for a fellowship hall and five additional classrooms plus the renovation of the front of the sanctuary building a large vestibule at the entrance with a steeple.

The grounds are now being landscaped for early seeding and planting of bushes and small dogwoods. Off-the-road parking is being made in the large areas in the rear and at both sides of the new educational building.

Mr. Gover Hardin, Building Chairman, and the Rev. Paul C. Bunn, pastor, have worked closely with the committees on building, furnishings, and grounds.

A new central-heating system has been installed in the parsonage this fall.

Incomplete plans call for a commemoration service to be held April 5, 1964, for the first phase—educational building and sanctuary chancel.

Bethesda Methdist Church has made phenomenal strides forward as its members have taken an inventory of their needs and have tried with God's help and direction to meet them.

Within the past seventeen months, eighty-five new members have been added to the church's membership—seventy on profession of faith. Two new choirs and two new youth groups were organized. A Teen-age Center was sponsored by the Methodist Youth Fellowship. A Little League Baseball team was organized by the Methodist Men—itself newly established with forty charter members. The Little League came in second in the county. A Pony League will be added in 1964. Sixty new subscriptions to the North Caorlina Christian Advocate resulted from an every-family visitation by a committee on the church's publications in the local church In that same period of time the pastor's salary grew from $4400 to $5500, with plans for it to continue rising each year until in 1965 it reaches $6000. Total monies raised for all causes including building rose from 1961-62's $8000 to $25,000 in '62-'63.

Total church school membership has grown within the seventeen months from 327 to 403 with an average attendance of 208. Total church membership is now 511. The teaching staff has grown from 17 to 27 in the church school.

As long as the people of Bethesda continue shouldering the responsibility which they feel God places upon them, the church will continue to take giant steps.



CHILDREN'S PAGE

By Mary Gardner

The Story of an Adventure

The family sat on stools and chairs in the bright blue and yellow kitchen. Father emptied another popper full of snowy white popcorn into a big red bowl, added melted butter and salt, and passed it to Mother, Jean and Tommy, who could hardly wait to taste it. They filled their small red bowls and began to enjoy the treat.

"Well," said Daddy, as he seated himself on the yellow stool, "what is the chief concern of our family today?"

"I think we have an unfriendly neighbor," said Mother. "An unfriendly person is an unhappy person, and I wonder what we can do about it?"

"Mrs. Tibbitts?" asked Father.

"Yes," replied Mother.

"She's a cross-patch," volunteered Tommy from his own experience. "The best thing to do is to stay as far away from her as possible!"

"Linda and I always cross the street when we see her coming from the store," admitted Jean. "She never speaks to anyone."

"I suspect no one ever speaks to her either," added Mother.

"We've been living here a year and I guess we haven't," confessed Father. "Somehow I haven't thought much about Mrs. Tibbitts. What made you think of her, Mother?"

"I don't quite know," said Mrs. Leonard. "Several things maybe. Just this afternoon I noticed her sitting alone by her window when we were having such a happy time together in our family. She seemed so alone. Maybe a few weeks ago I would have thought nothing of it, but we have been talking so much about Jesus and his concern for people. About his love and friendliness, that when I saw her this time I thought how much she needs friends."

"Do you mean we should be her friends?" demanded Tommy.

"Why not?" challenged Mr. Leonard. "We could try. Perhaps our friendliness would help her change into a more friendly person."

"We could take her a bowl of our popcorn," suggested Jean.

"Let's," chorused the others. And so the adventure began.

Day by day, week by week, the Leonards found news ways of being friendly neighbors.

And day by day and week by week Mrs. Tibbitts responded more to their friendliness. At first she nearly discouraged their attempts, but they kept trying. One day several months later she was in their kitchen on a Sunday afternoon. This time they did not need to take a bowl of popcorn next door. As they sat eating the puffy white kernels she said, "You can't guess how much happier I have been since that first time you shared your popcorn with me. Then I had no friends; ever since that day my circle of friends has been widening. First it was your family; then other children in the neighborhood began to speak to me; then their mothers and fathers. I lived only for myself because I had no family. Now I find myself going to the next block every day to visit Mrs. Chapman who cannot leave her wheelchair. She has few visitors and we have a pleasant time together. Tell me, how did it all start?"

Jean and Tommy and Mother and Father all smiled happily as they told the story of that other Sunday afternoon weeks before, when they had decided to try Jesus' way of being friendly to people—even people who seemed unfriendly as Mrs. Tibbitts had seemed.

"Once a chain of friendliness is started," said Mr. Leonard, "it keeps getting longer as more and more people are touched by it."

"It is times like this that God seems so very close," said Mother. "It is a time when we feel happy and filled with thanksgiving for the wonder and power of love—God's love as it makes itself known through people." *Selected.*

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He showed people how they, too, could live friendly, loving lives.
O God, because Jesus lived such a life
We give thanks to You!

Author Unknown.

RIGHT OR WRONG?

Many people make good New Year's resolutions and that is helpful, but all of us have to make decisions every day. Which of the following do you think are right or wrong? Mark each statement with an R or W:

To save your money.
To be stingy.
To plan for the future.
To tithe (give at least 10% of your money to God's work).
To be selfish.
To get all you can for nothing.
To gain friends by bribing them.
To treat everything you own as a trust from God.
Te remember that you are accountable to God for your use of the gifts He gives to you.

Bible Quiz

1—Where did Jacob send his sons to buy corn during the famine?
2—Where was Saul of Tarsus going when he saw a vision of Jesus?
3—Where did Jesus live the greater part of His life on earth?
4—Where did the shepherds go after they had heard the angels saying "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men?"
5—Where did Cain go after he had killed Abel?

Answers To Last Week's Questions

1—I can find the stories of Jesus' birth only in Matthew and Luke.
2—Only Matthew tells the story of the Wise Men.
3—Only Luke tells the story of the shepherds and the angels.
4—The story in Matthew is found in the second chapter, verses 1-11.
5—The story in Luke is found in the second chapter, verses 8-20.
6—The stories of Jesus' birth were written many years after His death.

Marion District Conference

The Marion District Conference convened December 1, 1963, 2:30 p m., at First Methdoist Church, Morganton, with Dr. Fletcher Nelson presiding.

The devotional was led by the Rev. Earl H. Brendall, host pastor. The reporting by the various district committees was brief and concise. The brochure of printed reports, with a limited amount of time alloted to each report facilitated rapid and adequate handling of the matters relevant to the Conference.

The charges reported 293 members received, showing an increase of 73. There were 826 Training School certificates received and 62 Vacation Bible schools held, with an enrollment of 2,685.

The district is looking north and south this year in Mission Specials. Its goal is $5,000 for the church in Punta Arenas, Chili, and $5,000 for the Methodist University in Alaska.

The Conference ended on the high note of worship. Dr. Robert G. Tuttle, pastor of First Church, Hickory, preached the Word

Roger Pearson

Memorial Gifts Presented to Colerain Methodist Church

Mrs. Carl Burt Sessoms and her daughter, Mrs. William N. Fowler, recently presented a beautiful light oak Baptismal Font to the Colerain Methodist church in loving memory of their husband and father respectively, who was a faithful member of this Church. Mr. Carl Burt Sessoms passed away on August 22, 1961.

Earlier in the year, Mrs. Frank McCrery presented a bronze altar to the Colerain Methodist Church in loving memory of her granddaughter, Miss Marguerite McCrery who passed away on January 22, 1962. The altar set consists of a cross and two candle holders. Rev. Clarence R. Breeden, Jr., is pastor of the church.

Warns of Growing Anemic

Western civilization is growing anemic because of its humanistic philosophy, Bishop F. Gerald Ensley of Des Moines, Ia., told a group of European pastors and laymen in Freudenstadt, Germany, recently.

"Our civilization has not yet learned the lesson of history that there are no revivals of moral living apart from new religious impulse," the Iowa churchman asserted. He was one of the leaders for a conferencee considering "Christian Witness in a World of Social Change."

"One of the basic needs of the Protestant church generally is the working out of the presuppositions for a society compatibale with God's redepmtive love," Bishop Ensley said in calling for a "theology of society to complement the theology of motivation" in The Methodist Church.

In Memoriam

MRS. ANNIE LILLARD STRADER

We, the members of the Woman's Society of Christian Service of Bethel Methodist Church, Cobb Circuit, Pelham, N. C., offer this tribute of love and respect to the memory of one of our faithful and beloved members, Mrs. Annie Lillard Strader, who passed away December 3, 1963.

She was dedicated to all good causes. She loved and served Bethel Church.

We greatly miss her but we shall remember the kindness of her life and the unselfish ways in which she served.

She loved her Lord and served Him well.

Mrs. L. M. Dameron
Mrs. Willard Gatewood
Mrs. J. B. Wathington

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CLEM MANLY EUBANK

An humble, godly man of 81 years died on December 18, 1963. A native of Maysville, N. C., he served our Lord faithfully in his church many years, and blessed many people. A slight physical handicap never kept him from being an exemplary husband, father, grandfather, a strong churchman and one who loved preachers. In his own son, the Reverend Graham S. Eubank, he found joy in seeing his son have a distinguished ministry. Three months ago when I was developing a sermon on the subject, "The Shadow We Cast," he was on my mind all week. He has been to me a great source of encouragement and friendship through the years. May God continue to raise up men like my own Cousin Clem.

John T. Maides, Pastor
Asbury Methodist Church
Durham, N. C.



Pictured above are ten Boy Scouts from five churches in Warren County who received the God and Country Award recently at a service held in Wesley Memorial Methodist Church. They are, from left to right: Randy Currin, Jimmy Barrett, Leon Edmonds, Dwight Ayscue, Edward Shearin, John Boyd Davis, Pettway Boyd, Bert Massey, Nat White and Billy Spruill. Adult participants in the service included, left to right: Scoutmaster Leonard Daniel, the Rev. Troy J. Barrett, Wesley Memorial Methodist Church; Douglas Cofield, Scout executive; the Rev. James Stoney, Episcopal Church; the Rev. John Link, Warrenton Baptist Church; the Rev. A. T. Ayscue, Wise Baptist Church; and the Rev. James Grant, Warrenton Presbyterian Church. The Boy Scouts worked with their respective ministers. Classes were held at Wesley Memorial, which sponsors the troop.

Gastonia District Conference

The Gastonia District Conference met in First Methodist Church, Gastonia, Dec. 8, at 2:30 p.m.

Dr. Cecil L. Heckard, the District Superintendent, called the Conference to order and introduced Mr. and Mrs. Robert L. Carter of Shelby, who had charge of the music for the afternoon. After a brief devotional by Dr. C. C. Herbert, Jr., our host pastor, the Conference moved into the business of the afternoon.

The general theme of the Conference was, "God's People and God's Ministry," with emphasis upon "The Ministry of Teaching," "The Ministry of Missions," and "The Ministry of Lay Activities." Special periods were used to give added emphasis to "The Ministry fo Reconciliation" and "The Ministry of Evangelism."

The Rev. Harry G. Long, Jr., presented a searching and challenging message in the area of Social Concerns, on the subject. "Witnesses to His Reconciling Love." Don A. Payne gave a very forceful message reminding the ministers of their main business, using as his subject, "The Primacy of the Pulpit Ministry."

The various causes of the church were presented, some by individuals who spoke to the Conference, and others as reports were submitted to the secretary as a matter of record. It was pointed out that 417 persons had been received into our churches by profession of faith, a goal of $320,022.00 accepted goals for benevolences and world service, and estimated cost of building was $1,145,000.00.

The following young men were licensed to preach: Hugh Edward McDaniel, James Lee Powell, Oscar L. Patterson, III, and Ervin Hilliard Houser.

The Conference closed with a service of dedication for local preachers and certified lay speakers.

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Blue Ridge Methodist Service Program Supplies Needy

Warm North Carolina Methodist hearts are taking the chill out of the cold feet of needy children in the western Tar Heel mountains.

The initial phase of a long-range program of the Blue Ridge Methodist Service Program to put shoes on many needy children, began Tuesday, December 17, when 130 pairs of shoes were distributed to children in Wilkes and Ashe counties.

Methodists across North Carolina have contributed $1,239 thus far to an urgent appeal for funds to purchase shoes for needy children. The 130 pairs of shoes distributed represents about $650 of the initial contributions.

This is not a Christmas project of a religious denomination. The Blue Ridge Service Program is a year-around venture of the North Wilkesboro Methodist District, of the Western North Carolina Conference, serving people of all races and creeds.

The Blue Ridge Service Program, begun in January of 1962, receives used clothing from Methodists across North Carolina, then gives and sells it to needy persons and families (depending on their ability to pay).

Funds from those clothes purchased are used for purchase of food, medical supplies and shoes.

Dr. Herman Duncan, superintendent of the North Wilkesboro District, said he was grateful for the response of Methodists across the state to the shoe appeal. "These funds will enable us to use our regular funds for purchase of more food and medicine," he said.

Although the North Wilkesboro District sponsors the Blue Ridge Service Program, it does not finance it. Sales of clothing have enabled the program to be self-supporting.

The Rev. Arthur B. Pearce of Hamptonville is director of the Blue Ridge Service Program. He originated the idea while serving a circuit of 14 churches in the mid 1950s, and gained district sponsorship after being appointed to the West Yadkin Circuit in 1961. He has established four clothing stores in four counties of the district from which the clothing is distributed on specific days of the week.

However, the Program does not produce money in amounts which would provide large quantities of shoes for school children. The Rev. Mr. Pearce calls this the most desparate if needs in these cold winter months.

"I hope we can receive funds enough to put shoes on 2,000 needy children," he said. That would require $10,000.

The initial distribution of shoes December 17 was to the Wilkes County Welfare Department and to needy children at Riverview school near Jefferson, in Ashe County. Names of children and shoe sizes were supplied by welfare workers and school teachers.

The Rev. Mr. Pearce said the next distributions of shoes will be in Avery and Yadkin counties.

He feels what the Blue Ridge Service Program needs to serve the people of the district, and their children, is a "Shoemobile." With such a bus," he said, "we could carry all sizes of shoes and always be able to fit the people."



Shown above are persons representing the MYF in cooperation with the Commission on Christian Social Concerns at Memorial Methodist Church, Thomasville, who directed the drive for the collection of clothing and money for the Blue Ridge Methodist Service Program operated in the North Wilkesboro District, under the direction of Rev. Arthur B. Pearce. Shown in the picture, standing, left to right, rear: Rev. Melton E. Harbin, pastor; Hulda R. Whitely, Director of Religious Education; kneeling, front row: Mike Tobin, chairman, Pick-up Committee; Sharon Swaim, chairman, Program Committee for October; Stan Styers, president MYF; Johnny Niblitt, chairman Program Committee for November; back row: Mike Cushwa, Bruce Finch, chairman Clothing Drive Committee; Jim Myers.

He feels the bus could be useful in transporting people in need to the clothing stores. Many of those in most desperate need have no transportation and live too far distant to walk to the store.

At Reverview School December 17 some children were unable to come to school to get their shoes because they had no shoes to wear. Teachers at the school said lack of clothing and shoes has prevented many children from getting an education. They said the Blue Ridge Service Program has enabled many children to continue their education.

Welfare and school officials in the four counties being served by the Blue Ridge Service Prgoram feel it has aided needy families in many ways, allowing them to stretch the money they earn or receive from welfare and pension checks, but giving them a new respect of life through the clothing they secure and the knowledge people care about them.

Convention Set for St. Louis

Several nationally-known church leaders and experts in health and welfare are scheduled to speak at the annual convention of the National Association of Methodist Hospitals and Homes in St. Louis in the Sheraton-Jeffereson hotel January 28-30.

Highlights of the program have been announced by Donald W. Cordes of Des Moines, Ia., president of the association. Crodes is administrator of the Iowa Methodist Hospital. More than 500 persons are expected.

Bishop Eugene M. Frank of the Missouri Area will give the keynote address, and Bishop Matthew W. Clair, Jr., of the St Louis Area will be worship leader of the opening session.

Other assembly speakers include Bishop Fred G. Holloway of Charleston, W. Va., president of the Board of Hospitals and Homes, and Dr. Marshall T. Steel, president of Hendrix College, Conway, Ark.

Preceding the convention, the Board of Hospitals and Homes will have its annual meeting January 27-28, with Bishop Holloway presiding and Dr. Olin E. Oeschger, general secretary, reporting on the year's work. The board's national offices are in Evanston, Ill.

Committee to Recommend New Greensboro College President

A Committee to recommend a new President for Greensboro College has been set up by the Board of Trustees. The selecteon of a new president is made necessary by the resignation of Dr. Harold H. Hutson, who has served for the past 11 years, and who has been named provost of American University in Washington, D. C. Dr. Hutson will assume his dutes next July 1.

The committee from the Board of Trustees named to recommend his successor is composed of Mr. J. C. Cowan, Jr., Chairman, Burlington Industries, Greensboro N. C.; Dr. Graham S. Eubank, District Superintendent, Raleigh, N. C., Miss Frances Griffin, Journal-Sentinel, Winston-Salem, N. C.; Dr. Wilson O. Weldon, Pastor West Market Street Church, Greensboro, N. C.; Mr. Bland Worley, Wachovia Bank Trust Cmpany, Greensboro, N. C.

For COLDS take 666

Rev. A. L. G. Stephenson Died Tuesday, December 24

The Rev. A. L. G. Stephenson, 62, pastor of Shiloh Methodist Church, Rocky Mount District, died Tuesday morning, December 24. Funeral services were held at 2 p.m. Thursday at Shiloh Methodist Church. The Rev. J. W. Page, district superintendent of the Rocky Mount District of Methodist Churches officiated, assisted by the Rev. T. H. House of Garysburg, the Rev. Hoyt Cheek of Seaboard, and the Rev. W. J Neese of Roanoke Rapids. Burial was in Aulander Cemetery. Surviving are his wife, Mrs. Geraldine Early Stephenson; one son, Louis E. Stephenson of the U.S. Coast Guard at Yorktown, Va.; two daughters, Emma Frances and Cecelia Anne, both of the home; one sister, Mrs. E. C. Williford of Littleton; one grandson. He was a native of Williamsburg, Va., was a graduate of Duke University and the Emory Seminary in Georgia, and had been in the ministry for 22 years.

Work Is Growing in Japan

Japanese Protestants are giving new evidence of missionary outreach and concern, it was reported in New York recently by the Board of Missions. Among them are the inauguration of a nationwide "Oversaes Evangelism Emphasis Day" (or Missionary Sunday), the sending of a young minister to India to pioneer in industrial evangelism and the giving of money by Tokyo children for medical missions in Taiwan.

Interest in overseas or "foreign" missions has been growing rapidly among the younger churches of Asia, Africa and Latin America, and the churches in many countries of those three areas are now sending out their own missionaries. The largest number of overseas missionaries have been sent by Methodist and Methodist--related churches in Japan, the Philippines and Argentina.

Visiting American Women

Four women from Latin America are visiting Methodist women in the United States this winter and next spring to encourage fellowship among Christian women of the Americas and to promote the cause of world understanding. They are members of the fourth World Understanding Team of the Woman's Division of Christian Service of the Board of Missions.

The team is a project of the Department of Christian Social Relations of the Woman's Division. The coordinator is Mrs. C. A. Bender, New York, an executive secretary of the department and the official Board of Missions observer at the UN.

Mrs. George Romney, wife of the governor of Michigan, substituted for her husband as speaker at a Nov. 13 meeting in Detroit, honoring the Council of Bishops. Bishop Marshall R. Reed presided as host bishop. The Hon. Prentiss M. Brown welcomed the bishops and their wives, and Michigan-born Bishop Gerald Kennedy, now of Los Angeles, responded for his colleagues.



Open House was observed in Marshville Sunday at the Methodist parsonage honoring Reverend and Mrs. Wilkinson on their silver wedding anniversary. Shown here, left to right, are Mrs. Carl Dean, president of the Woman's Society of Christian Service of Marshville Methodist Church; the Wilkinsons; and Mrs. Gary Pennigar, president of the Wesleyan Service Guild of Marshville Methodist Church. (Photo Broadway).

Rev. and Mrs. Wilkinson Honored On Silver Anniversary

The Woman's Society of Christian Service and the Wesleyan Service Guild of the Marshville Methodist church held Open House from three to five o'clock Sunday afternoon, December 15, at the parsonage honoring Rev. and Mrs. Raymond Wilkinson on their Silver Wedding Anniversary. The Wilkinsons were married on December 24, 1938.

All members of Marshville and Gilboa churches were invited, and the two churches presented the Wilkinsons a 52-piece service for eight, 1847 William Rogers Silverware; and a 45-piece service for eight, Noritake China.

Mrs. W. T. Hinson, Sr., was in charge of decorations for the occasion. Artistic arrangements of white snapdragons and carnations in crystal bowls, highlighted with silver glitter, were used on the mantel in the living room and in the dining room. Stately white candles in silver holders added the finishing touch to the living room mantel.

The dining table was covered with an imported cut-work linen cloth. The crystal punch bowl was encircled with ivy.

Green punch was served and from silver trays and compotes were served homemade green and white mints, assorted nuts, cake squares iced in green and white.

Mrs. Wilkinson and the three daughters were presented corsages of white carnations and Mr. Wilkinson a boutonniere.

Mrs. Carl Dean, president of the WSCS, greeted guests and introduced them to the receiving line composed of Rev. and Mrs. Wilkinson and their three daughters, Misses Gay, Vivian and Jill Wilkinson.

Mrs. Gary Pennigar, president of the Wesleyan Service Guild, presided at the guest register. Mrs. Kenneth Gaddy and Miss Madge Baucom presided at the punch bowl and assisting in the dining room were Mrs. W. T. Hinson, Sr., Mrs. Jimmy Leonard and Mrs. Vera Williams. Goodbyes were said to Mrs. James L. West.

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General Board of Education Meets Jan. 7-9 in Dallas

The annual meeting of the General Board of Education of the Methodist Church will be held January 7-9, 1964, in Dallas, with sessions at the Sheraton Dailas Hotel.

Bishop Paul N. Garber of Richmond, Va , president of the board, will preside over general sessions. Meetings of the board's three divisions will be under the leadership of their chairmen, Bishop John Wesley Lord, of Washington, Division of the Local Church; Bishop F. Gerald Ensley, of Des Moines, Division of Higher Education, and Bishop Nolan B. Harmon, of Charlotte. Editorial Division.

A buffet supper on Tuesday, January 7, will honor Dr. Mary Alice Jones, recently retired as director of the Department of Christian Education of Children. Dr. Jones will be the featured speaker of the evening.

On Wednesday evening the annual banquet will be held at Southern Methodist University with an address by Dr. Albert C. Outler, professor of theology at Perkins School of Theology. Dr. Outler will speak on his impressions of the Vatican Ecumenical Council in Rome, which he attended as an official observer.

The advisory and legislative committees of the board will meet on Monday prior to the General Board meeting.

Dr. and Mrs. Nelson Entertain Ministers and Wives

Dr. and Mrs. Fletcher Nelson were hosts to the Marion District ministers and wives, December 12, at the Morgantcn Community House.

Decorations were in excellent taste. The well-planned evening consisted of fellowship singing, a delicious meal, and two talented presentations: The Bell Choir of Zion Methodist Church, directed by the Rev. John Barnes, presented several Christmas hymns; and Mrs. Earl Haire did a reading entitled "How Come Christmas?"

Acting for the District, the Rev. Earl Gibson presented Dr. and Mrs. Nelson a gift, an attractive punch bowl and ladle. Dr. Nelson's motion that the extra cash gift be a down payment on a bird dog did not carry!

It was a memorable evening, characterized by the warmth and brotherly affection which pervades our fellowship as ministers of the gospel.

Lay Leaders Visit Alaska

To become better informed about Alaska Methodist University in Anchorage and thus better prepared to interpret the importance of its library to Methodist Men groups throughout the U. S., eight leading laymen spent the week of Sept. 15-22 visiting Alaska.

The group represented the General Board of Lay Activities. The tour was sponsored by that board and the Division of National Missions of the Board of Missions. Host and guide on behalf of the Board of Missions was the Rev. P. Gordon Gould. Staff members of the Board of Lay Activities on the tour were Sidney R. Nicholas and Vernon L. Sidler.



Trinity Methodist Church in Gastonia Occupies New Sanctuary

The congregation of Trinity Methodist Church in Gastonia worshipped for the first time Sunday, December 15 in their new colonial styled sanctuary, which completes a project of building and re-location begun five years ago when the congregation moved to its present location from another site in the city. In addition to the building of the sanctuary, an additional floor of the educational building was completed in early fall this year. Prior to entering the new sanctuary the congregation had worshipped in a temporary chapel of the educational building whch now becomes a fellowshp hall. Total value of the church's property including furnishings and the value of the 3 1-2 acre tract of land on which the church plant is built is $200,000.

The sanctuary with a seating capacity of 300, with provision for an additional 100 in the balcony, is built of block, brick and steel, and is topped with a 40 foot steeple which is illuminated at night. The plastered walls are done in shades of soft rose beige with matching wall to wall carpet. The white colonial furnishings are trimmed in mahogany finish and the pews feature cushion-eze seats—1 1-2 inches of poly foam rubber. The windows are of stained glass, and they together with all furnishings have been given as memorials and special gifts of the congregation and its friends. The building has hot water heat and is completely air-conditioned. The sanctuary and educational building are connected with a covered walk way.

Rev. Cecil L. Heckard led the congregation in a service of consecration in the 11 a.m. service and preached the sermon. In the afternoon service the many memorial gifts were dedicated and the congregation was privileged to have several former ministers to take part in this service as well as distinguished local guests and friends. The neighboring Hunter Huss High School choral group gave a sacred concert in the evening service.

S. E. Trogdon and Sons of Asheboro, was general contractor for the job, and the Building Committee was composed of C. J. Murphy, Chairman; J. C. Barnes, Lewis Holland, Norman H. Stephenson, Elgin Quinn, W. A. Barnes, A. J Redmond, and the minister, Rev. Roy L. Grant.

Sunday School Lesson

FOR JANUARY 12

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PHILIP AND ANDREW, EVANGELISTS

Background Scripture: Mark 3:14-19; John 1:35-51;; 12:20-22; 14:1-12; Acts 1:13

Lesson Scripture: John 1:35-46

In this lesson we continue our series of studies of "Personalities Around Jesus." The story centers about two men, Philip and Andrew, and their entrance into the circle of Jesus' followers. It is clear from this account that some of Jesus' disciples came from the ranks of those who had been associated with John the Baptist. It is especially in John's gospel that the role of John, as the fore-runner of Jesus, is emphasized. Another account of the calling of the first disciples is found in Mark 1:16-20.

In writing about these disciples we are somewhat handicapped by lack of detailed description in the gospel records. But we have to remember that it was Jesus and his message that is important, not the people who were the means of spreading it. We are, thus, forced to "read between the lines" in order to get a meaningful picture of Philip and Andrew.

Neither Andrew nor Philip are outstanding men. Philip, on a number of occasions, showed very little imagination, as in the feeding of the multitude (John 6:7) and his failure to see who Jesus really was (John 14:8). But he was instrumental in introducing Nathaniel to Jesus. We note also that it was to Philip that the Greeks came when they desired to see Jesus (John 12:20-21). It is entirely possible that Philip had already approached these men with the envitation to really get to know his master.

Andrew was, at frist a disciple of John. One of the greatest things he ever did was to introduce his brother, Peter, to Jesus. Peter became one of the "inner circle" of Jesus' closest friends. There is no record of any resentment felt by Andrew when his brother moved past him into the "charmed inner circle" of Jesus' closest friends. This in itself is a quality too rarely found. Can we go on serving faithfully in the ranks when others are chosen for special honors? We need to remember that God has been able to use, not only the brilliant and the strong, but the one-talent person as well.

Dr. B. I. Bell tells the story of one such man in his book "The Church in Disrepute." "Seven and a half centuries ago the church looked nearly dead, smothered by a secularized culture, ruined by a long-continued compromise. They tell the tale how he who was then Pope of Rome had a dream in the night. He saw the church of St. John Lateran, his cathedral swaying before a tempest, crumbling and about to fall. So immenent was its utter collapse that the Holy Father wept. And then he saw a little man, in the rough dress of an Umbrian peasant, who came running, placed his single hand against the tottering wall and pushed and the Church stood firm and strong. The Pope awoke. The next day there sought him out a man named Francis, from Assise, to ask the pontifical blessing for a great adventure; the Holy Father saw that this was the man who appeared in his dream. 'What is this great adventure' he asked. 'To restore God's Church', replied Francis. 'And how do you purpose to do it? 'By obeying Christ' replied Francis

Today on every hand we are being told that the way to restore God's Church is to give more attenton to the laymen—modern Philips and Andrews, who will witness for Christ wherever they are. We need, once again, to revive the neglected doctrine of "the priesthood of *all* believers." The church of Christ is not the property of the clergy, but it belongs to everyone who will love and obey God.

15 Highest-Giving Churches To Methodist Overseas Missions

The 15 Methodist churches that gave the most to overseas missionary work last year contributed a total of $427,061 through the Advance Special program of The Methodist Church's Division of World Missions.

The names of the 15 churches were announced by the Rev. Dr. Ashton A. Almand New York, treasurer of the Division of World Missions. His report covered fiscal 1963 (the 12 months ending May 31, 1963).

The church giving by far the most to overseas missions through Advance Specials was Marvin Methodist Church in Tyler, Texas, with gifts totalling $74.402. Second was the First Methdist Church of Ottumwa, Iowa, which gave $50,000. The 15 congregations are in the states of Texas, Iowa, Oklahoma, Florida, Minnesota, Georgia, South Dakota, Mississippi and North Carolina.

(Advance Specials are voluntary gifts to home and overseas missions and to overseas relief by churches, groups and individuals over and above the giving by a local church to World Service, the basic Methodist general benevolence fund to which churches pay an opportionment. In Advance Specials, the donor designates the project to which his gift is to go, and all of the money goes to the project, with nothing being taken out for overhead.)

The 15 churches are representatives of an estimated 25,000 Methodist churches (of a total of 39,000) which contributed to the overseas missionary program of Methodism last year through Advance Specials, Dr. Almand said.

"They symbolize in their giving the concern which Methodists have for the extension of the Gospel around the world," he said. "The Division of World Missions is grateful to these 15 churches—and to every church which gives to Advance Specials—because the Advance Specials makes up almost 60 per cent of the Division's income. If it were not for the Advance, the Division's funds, and thus its work, would have to be cut by half. The Advance is absolutely essential to the carrying-on of Methodist mission work around the world."

As might be expected, the top 15 churches are large congregations with substantial financial resources, Dr. Almand said. In proportion to their resources, they are giving to mission work around the world.

However, there are many smaller churches that, while not giving the same dollar amounts as these 15 larger churches, are giving just as much in proportion to their means, Dr. Almand said. "Hence," he added, "in singling out the 15 highest churches for special recognition, the Division in no way lessens its appreciation to all the other churches which, like the top 15, are fulfilling their missionary concern in a tangible way in proportion to their resources." The 15 leading churches, as reported by Dr. Almand, are:

1. Marvin Methodist Church, Tyler, Texes—$74,402.
2. First Methodist Church, Ottumwa, Iowa—$50,000.
3. St. Luke's Methodist Church, Houston, Texas—$30,820.
4. St. Luke's Methodist Church, Oklahoma City, Okla.—$30,676.
5. First Methodist Church, Orlando, Fla.—$30,005.
6. Highland Park Methodist Church, Dallas, Texas—$26,700.
7. Hennepin Avenue Methodist Church, Minneapolis, Minn.—$24,510.
8. First Methodist Church, Coral Gables, Fla.—$24,455.
9. St. John's Methodist Church, Augusta, Ga.—$21,635.
10. First Methodist Church, Sioux Falls, S. D.—$21,395.
11. Boston Avenue Methodist Church, Tulsa, Okla.—$21,034.
12.—Galloway Memorial Methodist Church, Jackson, Miss.—$19,284.
13. First Methodist Church, Charlotte, ,N. C.—$17,580.
14. Centenary Methodist Church, Winston-Salem, N. C.—$17,460.
15. Edenton Street Methodist Church, Raleigh, N. C.—$17,105.

Forerunner of Merger

What is believed to be the first merger of Methodist and Evangelical United Brethren parishes in anticipation of the proposed union of the national denominations in 1968 has been completed in Pawtucket, R. I.

The Rev. C. Clifford Sargent announced the local merger as the first pastor of Wesley Methodist Church.

With about 700 members, Wesley Church unites the former First and Thomson Methodist Churches and St. John's EUB Church. The newly-merged church is in the Providence District of the New England Southern Conference, of which the Rev. Morrill O. Martin is superintendent.



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Woman's Activities

Winston-Salem Has Another One!

Mrs. E. K. McLarty

There is another new society in the Winston-Salem District! Mrs. G. E. Brown reports that Shady Grove on the Smithtown Charge was organized December 10th. Mrs. Edna B. Murphy was elected president. The Rev. Robert M. Smith, Jr., is pastor.

If every district would be as active as the Winston-Salem District in its endeavors, we'd have those new societies more than 25 strong well before the year is out. It's like taking a dare! Do let's match them, at least!

The Crusade Scholarship Program

The Christmas Project for the WSG has been the *Crusade Scholarship Program.* As Mary Bright says, "I am sure all Guilders feel that there is no better way to invest our money than by helping educate those who will 'take the gospel into all the world'."

Each year some 60,000 students from abroad study at colleges and universities of the United States. A small but urgently significant number are Crusade Scholars, being educated as future church leaders by The Methodist Church.

The majority of these students are from abroad, but a number come also from minority groups in this country; Crusade Scholars study in America, England, Brazil, Singapore, and elsewhere.

One of the good things about this program is the opportunity it gives us to get acquainted with those who are doing graduate study under these grants. Many Methodist homes enjoyed the privilege of entertaining one or more of these students in their homes during Christmas, thus giving a foreign friend an insight into Christmas in America and American family life. Sometimes it is possible to have one of these students visit a church on the weekend and thus be a part of our community. In any case, your money can help to promote international Christian friendship and to extend the missionary program.

The December Guild-O-Gram notes that at the end of the second quarter the giving for this cause was slightly less than last year—$16,596.63. It is still possible to make a contribution to this fine cause. The report is not due until January 25th, and whatever you send before then will be included in the first half of the year.

It would be a wonderful world-wide way to celebrate Old Christmas (Jan. 6) by giving something of your life through your earnings to the furtherance of Christian leadership in the world today.

A Word From Taejon, Korea

The Charles Stokes write of the increased efforts on their field of endeavor. They speak enthusiastically of the Seminary's training of its young men and women and the improvements in preparation and cur-

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Mrs. Hugh Holcomb Honored By Mount Airy WSCS

At the December General Meeting of the Woman's Society of Christian Service of Central Methodist Church, Mount Airy, a beautifully framed picture of the new Church Center in New York was presented to Mrs Hugh Holcomb. Mrs. R. F. Collins, president, in making the presentation said, "It was a token of appreciation from the women of the WSCS for her part in making the Church Center a reality."

In October 1960 Mrs. Holcomb, Mrs. Miriam Levering, Ararat, Va., and Mrs. Levering's sister, Mrs. W. J. Lindsay, of Bethesda, Md., were in New York with 100 Demonstration Women from North Carolina. They conceived the great need for a Methodist House near the UN Building where Foreign Delegates could find Christian Fellowship.

These women each went back to their homes and presented this idea where something could be started. Mrs. Holcomb presented it to our WSCS and they heartily endorsed it as did the Board of Stewards. A letter was written to Mrs. Carl King, Conference president. From thereon the ball got to rolling and on October 15, 1963 the twelve-story Church Center has been opened to all churches just across the street from the United Nations Building. Mrs. Holcomb, Mrs. Levering and Mrs. Lindsay with several others were presented citations at this Commitment service.

N. C. Conference

By Mary Gardner

GOD BLESS THY YEAR

To each of our readers we send the hope and the prayer thus expressed by an unknown author:

God bless thy year,
Thy coming in, thy going out,
Thy rest, thy traveling about;
The rough, the smooth,
The bright, the drear—
God bless thy year.

DEPARTMENT OF WORK IN FOREIGN LANDS

"The geographical expansion of the Christian Church to which men and women of great faith committed themselves in the past century and a half is opening out into a task of yet vaster magnitude." So says Dr. J. H. Oldham, one of the world's great Christian statesmen, who has given more than fifty years to the missionary movement. On every hand there is evidence of the truth of this statement.

The missionary task is larger than ever. Strong, wide-spread forces are at work to destroy faith in God. Non-Christian faiths have been revitalized to the point of active opposition to the Christian Church. Earth's population increases at an alarming rate, enlarging the evangelistic task. At the same time the Church is discovering more fully the meaning of its universal nature. Its denominations are learning to work together in the purpose for which it was brought into being. Many of its members are deeply concerned that the Church be led by the Spirit in the world-wide evangelistic task which confronts it.

Through the extensive evangelistic, educational, medical, community, social service, and literature programs of the Department of Work in Foreign Fields, made possible by Methodist women, uncounted thousands in every continent are ministered to and introduced to Jesus Christ as the Way, the Truth, and the Life. In many of the larger aspects of the work, such as medical education, several denminations unite to provide required funds and personnel. The Woman's Division of Christian Service contributes largely to the maintenance of the three medical colleges in the world related solely to the Church.

Missionary sending is the obligation of the Church in every land. Missionaries today work together. Ewha University, Korea, has sent three young women missionaries to Pakistan; the Methodist Church in the Philippines sends missionaries to other lands in Asia; Japanese missionaires are in Brazil; Argentine missionaries are in Bolivia; Indian missionaries are in Sarawak. As yet their number is few but the mission of the total Church is being entered into.

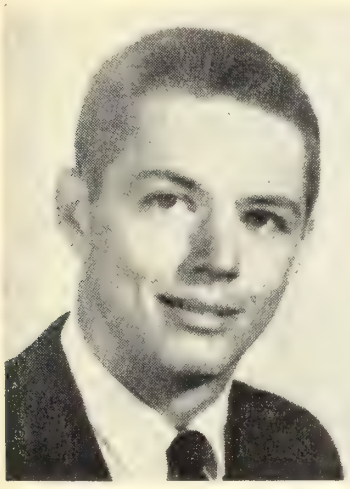
There are vast needs calling for larger resources of personnel and funds. Women in the newly independent lands of Africa cannot be given rapidly enough the education they need to enable them to take their rightful place in the life of their nations. The opportunity to witness to the minds of men enlarges as more multitudes around the world learn to read. The church has the opportunity as never before to discover and train writers; to publish books and magazines; to build book stores; to make Christian literature available to a hungry public.

God leads us into a task too large for us, but through His grace and power we are called to trust Him and to be His co-workers.—*Interesting and True.*



Edward Hinkle Attends Student Conference

Edward Hinkle of the Liberty Methodist Church who attended the Nineteenth Ecumenical Student Conference on the Christian World Mission, which was held at Athens, Ohio, December 27-January 2, 1964. Edward Hinkle is a student at Appalachian State College. He was an outstanding worker in the local MYF before going away to college. He was president of both the local and Davie County sub district MYFs. He is very active in the Wesley Foundation at Appalachian. The Liberty Church is paying all the expenses of the trip.



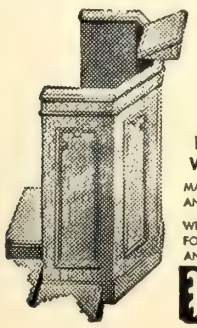
EDWARD HINKLE

December 22, the MYF of Liberty presented a Christmas play entitled "No Room in the Inn." This was followed by the annual Christmas Contata by the choir. This year's cantata was entitled "The Story of Christmas in Song." Some of the songs were "Christmas Chimes," "O Holy Night," "The Song of the Angels," "Let Us Now Go Even Unto Bethlehem," "Beautiful Star," "The Star in the East," "Silent Night," and "Joy to the World." Foy Cope directed the music.

The programs were followed by a period of fellowship in the hut with the ladies serving coffee and cake.

On December 24th the Children's Department presented their annual Christmas program. Mrs. Bruce Hinkle is the director of the Children's Department.

The church-wide mission study will be presented on the charge on the last three Sundays in January. The pastor will lead the adults in their study. The teachers in the church school will lead their classes in their studies. A large crowd is expected.



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riculum and devotional quality. In commenting on Shepherd Hall he states:

"Shepherd Hall, the retreat for pastors, is a busy place. During the past year 23 sessions were held for five-day periods with a total of more than 553 persons in attendance. The aim is to afford the pastors an opportunity to reappraise themselves and their tasks and to help them to achieve a more dedicated and effective ministry. There seems to be a growing sense of need among those who come to the retreat center and a searching for deeper resources of the Holy Spirit. The need and the opportunity are here. Pray for Mr. Chun, our saintly director, and for Charlie, that they may be guided and used of God in this Ministry."

This seems to have been a good year personally for the Stokes. They are especially grateful for good health, faithful friends and co-workers, and for open doors of service.

Mrs. Farr to Sail January 7th

Mrs. Louise Farr wrote Dr. Horace McSwain in December that her exams were given early at Scarritt and that she is now ready to go to Isabella Thoburn College in Lucknow, U. P., India.

Mrs. Farr was born in Kinston, N. C., but she considers her permanent address now as Groce Methodist Church in Asheville, N. C.

As a child she grew up in rural communities in the state but later lived in Charlotte, Asheville, and Washington, D.C She received her education in English, library science, and certification to teach. She served the area around Asheville for almost thirty years as librarian and as teacher in half a dozen localities. From 1956-1962 she also served as volunteer first aid and nature counselor at the Pisgah Girl Scout Camp near Brevard.

Her relationship with Groce Methodist Church was one of active loyalty. She taught in daily vacation Bible School, helped with recreation, wrote the church histroy, and served in many capacities in study groups, WSCS, MYF, and various commissions and boards.

Mrs. Farr was commissioned June 23, 1963, at Missionary Conference, DePauw University, and has been at Scarrit College, Nashville, Tenn., until now.

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Should anyone wish to send a telegram address it to Mrs. Louise Farr, c/o Florence Palmer, Board of Missions, New York City. This would mean much to one starting on such a new life in a foreign land.

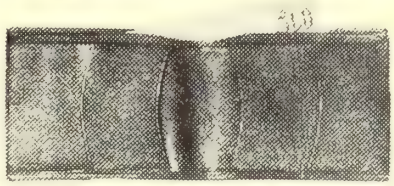
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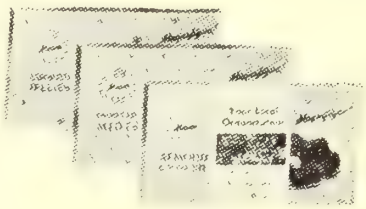
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These tape recordings may be played on any standard tape recorder with 7-inch reels.

In Western N. C. Conference, order from Audio-Visual Library of the Board of Christian Social Concerns, or the Rev. Erman F. Brandley, 2308 Rocky Knoll Rd., Greensboro, N. C.

WM. M. JEFFRIES

"Deeper Root" Is Color Documentary on MYF

Deeper Root, a 37-minute documentary film shot without a script with Methodist young people in real life situations, interprets what young people themselves think and feel as they participate in the Methodist Youth Fellowship.

The film, depicting planning sessions of the MYF of First Methodist Church, Ann Arbor, Michigan, reflects the educational concept of "teaching-learning." In youth work this phrase means that all members of the MYF, young people as well as adults, are both teachers and learners. That is to say, adult workers don't really have all the knowledge they think they can hand out to teen-agers. There is give-and-take for everybody: a chance to lead, to teach; and a chance to follow, to learn.

The film was produced through TRAFCO by the Graded Press for the Editorial Division of the Board of Education as a curriculum resource. It is available for rental or purchase, either in color or black and white, from Cokesbury.



The Wayside Pulpit

D. E. EARNHARDT

God hath made me to laugh. Gen: 21:6

There is a political laugh that shouts with joy to everything you say, until it has secured your vote. There is the social laugh that is mechanically timed to suit the occasion. There is the mocking laugh that is meant to discourage your effort.

There is the laughter that comes from a merry heart. There is the lover's smile which is divine. There is the holy laughter, accompanied by sacred tears, that proceeds from a great religious experience. This is too often suppressed.

There is danger of suppressing the luscious plums of holy joy into the prunes of dried-up religion. Heartfelt love may be squeezed into a religious form that has no life. It will keep longer but it will not be used. The Scripture that says, "Preserve Me O God" should not be translated to "Pickle me".

Rev. Ivey T. Poole, 72, Died in Durham

The Rev. Ivey Talmadge Poole, Sr., 72, retired Methodist minister, died at his home in Durham December 17.

He had been a member of the North Carolina Methodist Conference for 42 years until he retired.

Funeral services were held Thursday, December 19 at noon at the Duke Memorial Methodist Church in Durham. Burial followed in Maplewood Cemetery. The Rev. Robert W. Bradshaw, pastor conducted the service.

Plan 'Order of Day'

The Commission on Entertainment of the General Conference, meeting in Philadelphia December 4, voted to ask the delegates at the opening session in Pittsburgh confirm four "orders of the day."

The requests are (1) for the Commission on Worship to present that part of its report having to do with hymns Wednesday morning, April 29, first order of business (2) for presentation of chaplains Wednesday morning, following recess; (3) presentation of fraternal delegates Thursday, April 30, following recess; and (4) presentation of Crusade Scholars Saturday, May 2, first order of business.

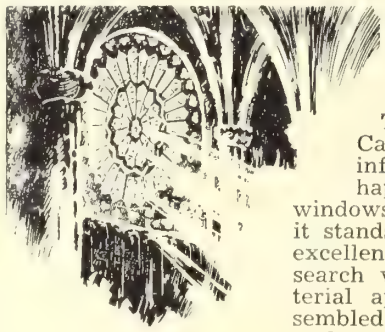
While requests to propose orders of the day during the period of the conference are handled by the Committee on Agenda, the Commission on Entertainment has authority to schedule tentatively, subject to General Conference approval, certain presentations of an emergency nature or which require advance notice to the persons involved.

Requests to establish "orders of the day" for matters not meeting this description should be made through the General Conference Secretary to the Committee on Agenda. This committee will organize in Pittsburgh April 25.

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Duke Seminars Set for Charlotte and Raleigh January 20-21, 23-24

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Dr. Kenneth W. Clark, *Director*

The Duke University Divinity School has announced two-day seminars to be conducted January 20-21 in Charlotte, and on January 23-24 in Raleigh

Short refresher courses for ministers in timely religious subjects, the Divinity School seminars were inaugurated in 1949 and have been continued annually since that time in numerous cities of both the Carolinas. The 1963-64 sessions, first of which was held in mid-November in Columbia, S. C., are being continued in the theme "The Meaning of Salvation."

Seminar Director Kenneth W. Clark of the Duke Divinity School has announced that the host church for the Charlotte meeting will be First Methodist Church, Rev. Philip L. Shore, Jr., pastor.

The host church for the Raleigh seminar January 23-24 is the Edenton Street Methodist Church, Rev. T. Marvin Vick, Jr., pastor.

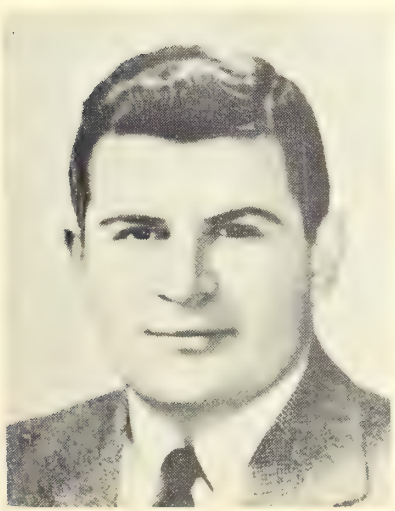
Leaders for the programs, which cover a full day and a half of study and discussion periods, an evening social hour the first day, devotionals, three study hours and a group luncheon the second day, will include Dr. John David Maguire, Wesleyan University professor of religion; Dr. William Barr Oglesby, Jr., professor of pastoral counseling at Union Theological Seminary in Virginia, and Dr. Thor Hall, assistant professor of preaching and theology at Duke Divinity School.

Others to appear in the seminar program at Charlotte are Dr. Charles P. Bowles, superintendent, Charlotte District, the Methodist Church, Rev. Harold Robinson, Dilworth Methodist Church, Charlotte; Dean Robert E. Cushman, Duke Divinity School; Dr. McMurray S Richey, associate director of the seminars, and Dr. Kenneth Clark.

Assisting as leaders in the seminar in the capital city will be Rev. Graham S. Eubank, Raleigh District Superintendent, the Methodist Church, and Rev. Paul Carruth, minister of Hayes Barton Methodist Church, Raleigh. (See program, page 11)



Dr. Thor Hall



Dr. John David Maguire



Dr. William Barr Oglesby, Jr.

* CAROLINA BRIEFS *

¶ Rev. and Mrs. Bill Bigham, missionaries to Brazil, have arrived back in the States for a year's furlough. Their mailing address will be 1211 Elwell Avenue, Greensboro, N. C.

¶ Rev. and Mrs. Cletus A. Pope, Jr., announce the birth of their second child, a son, Christopher Allen Pope, born December 26. Mr. Pope is pastor of Friendship Methodist Church, Greensboro, N. C. Rt. 9.

¶ Speaker for the first Bennett College Sunday vesper service of the New Year, on January 12, will be Dr. Benjamin E. Mays, president of Morehouse College, Atlanta, Georgia.

¶ The Advocate Editor preached at Bethel Methodist Church, Greensboro, last Sunday morning in the absence of the pastor, Rev. G. E. White. Rev. and Mrs. White were visiting their daughters in Florida.

¶ Revival services will be held at the St. Paul Methodist Church of Asheville January 19-24. Dr. Howard P. Powell of Raleight will be the preacher for the meeting. Rev. L. R. Akers, Jr., is pastor of St. Paul Church.

¶ Rev. Paul H. Fields, retired, preached at both services Sunday, December 29, at Newlyn Street Church, Greensboro, where Rev. George B. Culbreth is the popular pastor. Rev. Mr. Fields, a member of the North Carolina Conference, resides in Greensboro.

¶ Rev. and Mrs. Wilbur Jackson of Knightdale announce the birth of a daughter, Laura Jo, born December 20 at the Wendell-Zebulon Hospital. Mr. Jackson is pastor of the Knightdale Methodist church Mrs. Jackson is the former Myra Stowe of Hamlet.

¶ The Balfour Methodist Church broke ground in a service January 5th, marking the construction phase of the first unit of their relocated church. The church, formerly on industrial property, is being located on U.S. Highway 25 near the Balfour School on a 3½-acre tract purchased by the Asheville District Missions Society. Rev. Tom Swofford, Jr. is the pastor.

¶ James Fowler, son of Dr. and Mrs. J. W. Fowler, Jr., of Lake Junaluska, and a student at Drew Theological Seminary, Madison, N. J., was one of the panelists on a radio program Saturday, December 28, entitled "What Do You Mean," and presented over station WOR in cooperation wtih the Protestant Council of the City of New York and the New Jersey Council of Churches.

¶ On January 19 Dr. and Mrs. Hugh Stuntz will be guests of the Commonwealth Church, Charlotte. Dr. Stuntz will speak at the morning service, and he and Mrs. Stuntz will lead in the evening service. Dr. Stuntz, who was for several years a missionary in South America, and later president of Scarritt College, Nashville, Tenn., is presently the program director at the Lake Junaluska Assembly.

¶ Bethlehem Methodist Church, Claremont, N. C., Rev. Robert L. Oakley, pastor, held a dedication service Sunday, December 29, in which they dedicated themselves and their offerings to God. The amount of $150.50 was an offering for the Blue Ridge Methodist Program, headed by Rev. Arthur B. Pearce in the North Wilkesboro District.

¶ First Methodist Church, Valdese, Rev. Earle R. Haire, minister, is holding special Missions Emphasis Month during January. Meetings are at 6:00 p.m. each of the four Sunday evening, with the subjects being "Factors That Confront Us", "Frontiers That Call Us," and "Faith That Compels Us." The program is sponsored by the Commission on Missions.

¶ Rev. Dr. Laurie G. Ray, 58, Methodist superintendent of the West Palm Beach, Fla., district, died of a heart attack Dec. 23 durnig a visit to Durham, N. C. Survivors include his widow, three daughters, a son and several grandchildren. He had been a member of the Florida Conference since 1930. Funeral services were conducted by Bishop James W. Henley in Tampa, Fla. December 26.

¶ Friends of Dr. C. E. Rozzelle will be interested and sympathetic to know that his sister died at her home on January 2nd. in Los Angeles, Calif. Funeral services were held and she was buried in Louisville, Ky., where her husband, Rev. W A. Ramsey, had served the Presbyterian church for more than 40 years. They were retired and lived in Los Angeles, where a son and a daughter reside. Dr. and Mrs. Rozzelle flew to Louisville for the funeral services. She is survived by her husband, three sons and a daughter, along with her brother and nine grandchildren.

¶ Dr. F. Olen Hunt, Director of the Department of Gifts and Wills of the Methodist Foundation, Inc., left Raleigh by plane Thursday morning, January 2, for Lake Murray, Oklahoma. He was invited by Dr. Byron Deshler of the General Board of Evangelism, Nashville, Tenn., to attend the Methodist Laymen's Retreat of the State of Oklohoma, on January 3, 4 and 5, and to deliver four addresses on Stewardship. Dr. Hunt spoke on: "Man the Steward," "Man in Revolt," "Man in Return," and Man's Stewardship Rewards."

¶ Bethesda Methodist Church near Lexington, was well filled with delegates and ministers last Sunday afternoon for the Thomasville District Conference. Dr. R. Herman Nicholson, District Superintendent, dispatched the business in a dignified and impressive manner. Dr. Hugh Stuntz of Lake Junaluska, brought a message on the "Relevancy of the Gospel," giving some of his experiences as a missionary. Rev. Bill Andrews, also a returned missionary, spoke to the conference. The book of reports showed the work of the district was making progress. The choir of Bethesda rendered music for the occasion, and later the church served refreshments. Bethesda is a beautiful rural church in a fine farming community.

¶ Fairmont Methodist Church, Raleigh, held a "floating" reception last Sunday afternoon from 4 to 6 to welcome their new pastor, Rev. John M. Cline, and his family.

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Human Relations Conference to Be Held January 16 In Raleigh

Bishop John Owen Smith of the Atlanta Area will deliver the featured address at the Conference on Human Relations, which will convene at 10:30 a.m. Thursday, January 16, at Edenton Street Methodist Church in Raleigh. In addition, Dr. Sheldon Smith, retired member of the Duke Divinity School faculty, will deliver a "Historical Portrait"; and Dr. D. Trigg James, Executive Secretary of the South eastern Jurisdiction, will discuss the jurisdictional system's structure and problems. The following ministers will participate in a panel on how they have handled human relations problems: the Rev. Robert W. Bradshaw, Duke Memorial Methodist Church ,Durham; the Rev. William H. Howard, Jr., Trinity Methodist Church, Durham; the Rev. John H. Crum, Director of Christian Social Concerns for the North Carolina Council of Churches; and the Rev. Henry G. Ruark, First Methodist Church, Rocky Mount. The program will close at 3 p.m. with a brief dedication service.



Dr. D. Trigg James
One of the Speakers

The purpose of this conference is to find out where the Methodist Church currently is in regard to race relations, to discover what its immediate goals should be in race relations, and to learn how the Methodist Church can make the greatest progress toward those goals.

This conference is sponsored by the Board of Christian Social Concerns of the North Carolina Annual Conference, of which the Rev. Charles S. Hubbard is president and the Rev. James H. Bailey is vice-president heading the Division on Human Relations and Economic Affairs.

All ministers, Christian Social Concerns commission members, lay church officers, and Sunday School teachers are urged especially to attend; and the general public is also invited. There is no registration fee. Rev. T. Marvin Vick, Jr., is host pastor.

—Robert Pullman

A Tribute to the Laymen of the North Carolina Conference

By the Department of Gifts and Wills of the Methodist Foundation, Inc.

In the new program sponsored by Dr. F. Olen Hunt, Director of the Department fo Gifts and Wills of the Methodist Foundation, Inc., it has been an inspiration to see the laymen of our Conference fulfilling such an important role during the past three months. In twenty-five different dinner meetings across five districts, men and women have gathered to have presented to them the message of the Department of Gifts and Wills. This message has been given through varying media — talks on "The Importance of Making a Will," "Putting God's Will in Your Will," through panel discussions, and through the impressive color film, "God's Will Through Your Will." The talks have been made by prominent judges or other professional men. The panel discussions have been led by lawyers, trust officers, insurance men, school administrators, certified public accountants, business men, church women, farmers and other laymen. The questions and answers coming out of the panel discussions have proved of such interest that nearly always time had to be called at the end of two hours seemed more like one.

In the Fayetteville District, which had just lost its District Superintendent by death, the District Director for Gifts and Wills (a busy lawyer) accompanied by a distinguished judge and a trust officer (who was not even a member of our denomination) traveled hundreds of miles at their own expense and participated in every one of the six meetings in their District. And in every District speakers and panel members traveled to one or more of their subdistrict meetings to serve in the program. In at least half of the meetings, through all kinds of weather, speaking and moderating the panel, was found the Vice Chairman of the Department of Gifts and Wills, Dr. John C. Brauer, Dean of the Dental School of the University of North Carolina, always accompanied by his gracious wife, both devoted members of our University Methodist Church at Chapel Hill. We could not have done without the able assistance and participation of the Rev. Hiram K. King, who did so much of the preliminary planning and work, and who attended almost all of these meetings. And for the participation and support of our President, John M. Dozier, and other members of the Methodist Foundation. The success of these meetings would not have been possible without the splendid cooperation and support that was given by the district superintendents and pastors, eloquently shown both by their planning and their presence.

Many moments experienced in these twenty-five gatherings have warmed our hearts and lifted our spirits. But one of the most satisfying has been to hear the laymen, especially those participating in the program, saying that the program was a revelation and a blessing — and their faces showed that they meant what they said.

We have written here of five districts already touched. There are to be in the weeks following the Christmas season, eighteen more dinner meetings in the other four districts of our Conference. We have been blessed with many wonderful opportunities for service in these programs that have such rich meaning and possibilities for the Kingdom, for our Conference, and for our people.

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William A. Kale, Jr. Accidentally Killed

Friends of Dr. and Mrs. W. Arthur Kale of Duke University regret exceedingly to learn of the tragic death of their son, William Arthur Kale, Jr., last week.

We understand that young Mr. Kale had been hunting during the day, had returned home and eaten supper with the family. Later he went to the basement of the house and was cleaning his gun, which accidentally fired, taking his life. His father found the son in a sitting position just as he had been while cleaning his gun. The Durham County coroner said it was purely accidental.

Dr. W. Arthur Kale, the father, is a professor in the Divinity School at Duke University. The mother is the former Miss Ruth Rogers, who worked with the Board of Education in the North Carolina Conference before her marriage to Dr. Kale. They have numerous friends throughout North Carolina who regret to learn of this tragedy.

Jonah—And Our Mission Today

"The word of the Lord came unto Jonah . . . say . . ." God has been speaking through the centuries; man has been slow to get the signal. It is easy for us to accept the fact that God spoke to Jonah and reject the fact that God is speaking to us.

When God speaks the saving word, it carries with it a personal command. For Jonah the word was, "Go to Nineveh and preach." Like Jonah, we seek to escape the saving word that carries the personal command.

Our Nineveh may be in our own back yard; or it could be in Africa. Perhaps it is the group with whom I ride to work; or it may be my own children. What is the word that God speaks to me? At this point my life discovers its meaning.

Jonah fled from the word of the Lord; but his escape was blocked by the winds of God. After drastic experiences, "The word of the Lord came unto Jonah a second time saying. . ." The message was the same! Jonah went, and God brought surprising results—results that Jonah didn't expect. Nineveh repented!

In our timidity, we don't believe God can handle difficult situations. We say to ourselves, "God couldn't mean this"—but He does mean just that!

Too often we are incensed at people, or groups, or nations, races that are poor, ignorant and living at a low moral level. "They deserve it," we think. "This is the kind of people they are." But we forget our own involvement with them; we forget our responsibility under God to help them free themselves from the evil that is destroying them.

God was seeking to save Nineveh through Jonah—not only to save Nineveh, but also to save Jonah. When the word of God comes to me—it is not only to save someone else, but also to save me.

In a world where man lives in "a no man's land between faith and unbelief," where the peoples of the world are "searching for a deeper center of meaning," where nations are being born, where men of other races are seeking to find themselves as free nidividuals under God, where populations are mobile, where cities are exploding, where youth is confused: The word of the Lord comes unto us saying . . .

Too often, we are a "gentle people of prejudice," a loveable people who cannot see. "After all we are human—and so is selfishness." We think the "middle thoughts"—because the little thoughts do not interest us, and because the big thoughts have no easy answers. We want our way of life to remain as it is. We won't bother Nineveh—and we don't want Nineveh bothering us. We fear "outsiders," even if they are God's children; we don't trust God. We want to keep the way of life that we can "control," that we can manipulate to our advantage. In benevolent selfishness, we may be moving toward our doom. If we do not accept others, we cannot be accepted. If we do not save others, we cannot save ourselves.

As the Christian Church in the 20th Century, as Christians in an atomic age, will we discover our mission, the cause for which we exist? Will we move with God, or will we seek our own way? We have a subtle feeling of what God wants, but we do not want it—this is where our rebellion lies.

But we do not have to continue in rebellion. We can catch God's mind; we can discover all men as brothers, and march with God and man into a fresh unfolding of life—that moves throughout time, but finds its fulfillment beyond time and space.

God is going to win in history; and in the process He doesn't want to lose a single one of us—neither Nineveh, nor Jonah!

"And the word of the Lord came unto Jonah, saying . . ."

—R. G. Tuttle

Notice WNC Conference

Registration cards are slow in coming in for the Western North Carolina Evangelistic Mission to Ministers to be held at West Market Street Methodist Church, Greensboro, N. C., on January 13-14. All ministers who have not sent in their cards are asked to do so immediately.

Richard J. Crowder, *Secretary*
W.N.C. Board of Evangelism

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"One has learned the meaning of life only when he invests it in something that outlasts it." —William James

EDITORIALS

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Methodists Lagging In Conversions

According to a recent report by the director of the department of administration and organization of Methodism's Board of Evangelism, the Methodist Church is lagging behind other denominations in the matter of additions on profession of faith, and this is the fifth consecutive year this has happened. The decline is notable in every one of the six jurisdictions of the church. The report makes an appeal for Methodists everywhere to step up their evangelistic efforts.

Since every jurisdiction shows a decrease in number received on profession of faith during each of the past five years, we will not give the figures for the different jurisdictions, but simply say the report shows that in 1959 the combined number in the six jurisdictions on professoin of faith was 380,204; in 1960 it was 360,883; in 1961 it was 345,-118; in 1962 it was 340,937; and in 1963 it was 320,569. That makes a total of 59,635 fewer people received on profession of faith in 1963 than were received in 1959. And that in face of the fact that the total population has greatly increased during those years. Other denominations seem to show a steady increase while we Methodists must settle for a decrease. It is distressing to study some of the statistical tables of the various churches and see how many report no additions on profession of faith, or perhaps only a very few if any. Many of these churches give strong emphasis to building and other matters; they raise a lot of money; they have a good membership, and seem satisfied just to retain the status quo and maintain their local organization. But they seem to have lost the spiritual glow, and the willingness to carry the gospel to the homes of those who might be won. No matter what else we do, nothing can properly substitute for our lack of evangelistic fervor which sends us not only to the ends of the earth, but to the people of our own community with a warm and winsome message. We cannot depend upon revival meetings for our increase. Not many of the unchurched and unsaved are coming to the revival. We must go into the highways and hedges, into the homes and factories, into the stores and streets, and tell people of the saving gospel of our Christ.

While our North Carolina Methodism has been able to show some increase each year, it is far from what it should be. Many churches are not contributing to the total picture, but are drifting along, seemingly unmindful of the white harvest fields. Since we are now at the half-way mark of the conference year, we should show a healthy increase of new members on profession of faith. These last six months of this conference year should give special emphasis to the evangelistic work of the church, and if properly done, many thousands may yet be won to Christian faith and church membership before the year closes. This is our supreme task; let us work at it. Instead of bragging about our more than ten million members, let us be exerting our best efforts to win ten million more!

THEME FOR THE WEEK

"Set your affection on things above, not on things on this earth." —Col. 3:2

Americans Are Responsive

Many of us are inclined to be critical of people, and sometimes give the impression that we think all persons are selfish and hard and unsympathetic toward others less fortunate. But we have had an opportunity recently to realize that is an unjustified conclusion, and that people, given an opportunity, usually prove themselves to be more warm-hearted and responsive to need than we had thought.

Following the deaths of President Kennedy, Mr. J. D. Tippitt, the police officer in Dallas, and Lee Harvey Oswald, the accused gunman responsible for the other two deaths, the American public has demonstrated its concern in its attitude toward all three of the widows. It seems that everyone felt a personal loss in the passing of the President, and expressions of sympathy were extended to Mrs. Kennedy from many sources both in America and from around the world. Of course she is well-cared for financially and did not need that kind of assistance, but in the case of the other two much sympathy has been expressed as well as many material gifts received. In the case of Mrs. Tippitt we are told almost a half million dollars has been sent by those who wanted to help her assure the future of herself and her children. In the case of Mrs. Oswald nearly $25,000 has been received for the use of herself and two children.

Many of these gifts came from people who never knew either of these ladies, and had no direct ties with them, but who became interested in them because they felt there was a real need for assistance.

Quite a number of other instances could be cited where people have shared liberally with those in need to the tune of many thousands of dollars. Of course all of our eleemosynary institutions are supported by such liberality.

It has been proven over and over again through the years that when the American public becomes aware of a real need, they usually rise to the occasion. While this is not directly the work of the church, we believe it is indirectly an expression of the influence of the Christian religion upon the public conscience. Every good deed has its base in the heart of God. This is another indication that "man's extremity is God's opportunity." The healthy body, the intelligent mind, and the warm heart are invaluable assets. Let us always cultivate them.

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New Materials for Children Commended By Bishop Harmon

There is a general and wholesome interest in the lesson materials now being made ready for the Christian nurture of our children. It is important to know that orders for this literature should have gone to the Publishing House by January 5, 1964—a date designated as "C" day Each church may revise its order later in the spring or summer, but the initial estimate of amounts needed is due now so as to enable our Publishing House to print an adequate supply of these periodicals for the entire Church and avoid great waste.

I believe we are all pleased that we belong to a Church that is ready and able to launch such an extensive project in Christian education, marking out a much better correlated plan for the entire Church School Curriculum. Information has already gone to each church from the editors of these materials. Miss Louise Robinson, Conference Director of Children's Work, and Dr. Carl H. King, Executive Secretary, have made the introduction and use of these materials a major objective for the New Year.

I might write at considerable length about these materials, since I have been Chairman of the Curriculum Commitee of the Church for this quadrennium. Suffice it to say that I do commend both the new periodicals and the new quarter system. Our ministers, our local church commissions on education, and parents and children, who will be guided in teaching our children, ought to know of all these materials.

When we have our Evangelistic Mission to Ministers on January 13-14 in Greensboro, Dr. Lowell B. Hazzard, of Wesleyan Seminary in Washington, will be present at the instance of the Board of Education. Dr. Hazzard's expected message on "A Theology of Evangelism in Christian Education" is designed to give a better understanding of Theology and Evangelism in the new curriculum materials. While Evangelism is going to be our main note at this meeting in Greensboro, we do feel that, as Charles Wesley put it, "knowledge and vital piety" ought to be conjoined in all that we do.

All of which is to say: Get your orders in immediately, and be on hand in Greensboro for the 13th and 14th.

Nolan B. Harmon

—— Letters to the Editor ——

Dear Friends:

It doesn't seem but just a few months since we wrote our last letter to many of you, but the calendar says it has been twelve! We trust that the past year has brought many blessings to you, and that the year 1964 may do the same. We wish for each and all a very Happy New Year!

We thank many of you for your remembrance of us during the year, and especially at Christmas time. Your cards and letters are always appreciated.

We have had another rather busy year at the Kuna First Methodist Church, Kuna, Idaho, where I have been pastor for more than three years. Mrs. Shaver teaches a class of middle-aged men and women, works with the Woman's Society of Christian Service, and I do the preaching.

I am enjoying preaching more than ever. One regret that I have is the possibility of using them only once. I have never enjoyed having to put my sermons on the shelf after writing sermons as I do now.

This year marked my three score and ten, but if I felt any younger I think I should take up flying! It is also the fiftieth year as a minister since I was licensed to preach in 1913.

Our four children and seven grandchildren are all fine. David is back from Vietnam, and is now with his family in Kulleen, Texas. Eleanor and family are still in Longview, Texas; Joe is still in Boston, and Phyllis June and Al are in Southern California, where Al is in the U.S. Air Force. Pearl and I are enjoying little Pammy, who is now sixteen months old, and jabbering like a parrot, and running all over the place. She switches in her vocabulary from milk to "chichi," from hat to "boshi," and from ear to "mimi." She keeps us young in spirit, but sometimes tired in body.

Wish you could visit us here in Idaho. It's a wonderful place to live. Flowers, fruits, vegetables, beef, poultry, butter, eggs—and what have you!

We are still happy with our Japanese friends in this area, and are often called upon to serve them.

Love and best wishes to all of you from all of us.

The I. L. Shavers

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Dear Co-workers in His Mission Today:

Many of the Christian families of Pakistan will fill small earthen dishes with oil and place these dishes around the edges of the flat roofs of their homes. A small wick of cotton is lighted, and the outlines of the Christian homes can be seen across the little town of Khanewal where we lived for five years. If one were flying over in an airplane, he would see the lights and know where the Christians lived in the midst of large areas of darkness.

This custom is somewhat symbolic of the Christian communities in both Asia and Africa; they are situated in the midst of non-Christian religions and in cultures which sometimes place very little status value on Christians. In the midst, these men and women, boys and girls, and youth stand out as lights for Christ and His love for the world.

We will think about and pray for our many brothers and sisters there whom we will not see for several more months. We will miss the customary Christian greeting which all Christians give to one another on Christmas Day, "Burda Den Ap ko Mubark ho," which means, "May this Big Day be blessed for you." Yes, Christmas in Pakistan is called "Big Day" , , , not in the sense of big quantities of food, big Christmas trees, big parties or big gifts, but BIG in the sense that this is THE MOST IMPORTANT DAY IN HISTORY. The "Big" which they mean is in the spritual sense.

As we think of them at this time and realize that many of their needs are physical, we find this prayer meaningful. Will you pray it with us for the Christians of Pakistan and the people of the world who hunger and thirst:

Father of Love and Justice

They that are snared and entangled in the utter lack of things needful for the body set their minds upon Thee as they ought to do, but when they are deprived of the things which they so greatly desire, their hearts are cast down and quail for grief.

Have pity upon theim therefore, most merciful Father, and relieve their misery through Thy incredible riches, that, removing their urgent necessity, they may rise up to Thee in mind.

Thou, O Lord, providest enough for all men with Thy most bountiful hand. Give meat to the hungry and drink to the thirsty; comfort the sorrowful, cheer the dismayed and strengthen the weak; deliver the oppressed and give hope and courage to them that are out of heart.

Have mercy, O Lord, upon all forestallers, and upon all them that seek undue profits or unlawful gains. Turn Thou the hearts of them that live by cunning rather than by labor. **Teach us that we stand daily and wholly in need of one another. And give us grace by hand and mind to add our proper share to the common stock**; through Jesus Christ Our Lord.

(Queen Elizabeth I's Prayer Book)
Sixteenth Century

We want to thank each one of you for your participation with us in the work in Pakistan, and all of us, Mary, Max, Mary (7), Melanee (4), and Michael (6 months).

Yours in His Mission,
The Max Lowdermilks
Max, Mary, Mark, Melanee,
and Michael

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November 4, 1963

Editor North Carolina Christian Advocate:

"What Does Your Hospital Mean to You"

So many times we are inclined to want to criticize our hospitals and maybe we need to sometimes, but in this article I would like to praise one of our hospitals and commend it highly for its wonderful hospitality.

All of our hospitals are good but I recently spent five weeks in "Wesley Long Community Hospital" and I cannot praise it enough for the way they treated me with so much love and tender care. If it wasn't for the love and care and good treatment and the love of God I might not be at home today.

I would like to compare our hospitals to a certain extent to our churches and homes. We talk quite a bit about our fine churches with their stained glass windows and high steeples and I think we should. I go to church and thank God for our beautiful church.

We talk about our new homes with all their modern equipment and latest gadgets which we know make our work easier, but let's think for a few minutes. What makes our home, our churches, our hospitals? What is our church, is it just a building of brick and mortar and stained glass windows? No indeed, it takes the pastors, the teachers, the choir, the organist, the officers and the other organizations, but with all these the church is not complete without love, understanding, fellowship, compassion; working together with each other and God. "Lose those things and you have lost the church."

What is our home? What makes a home? Is it just a beautiful building with its picture windows and big columns? No, there are many beautiful houses that are not homes. A home is where a family lives, where there is love and understanding and compassion between a man and his wife and children, sharing with each other whatever might come. Parents teaching their children the importance of life, teaching them that their character is more important than the wealth of this world or stocks and bonds. Training them in the nurture and admonition of God. Take that away from the home and you have lost the home.

I know many houses that are equipped with all the modern conveniences but they are not homes because there is no love, the children are afraid and disturbed and feel no security at all. Talk to some of our juvenile delinquents and the young people who have strayed from the true way of life and most of them come from broken homes where there was no love. Their lives are full of fear and anxiety.

What is our hospital? Is it just a fine structure with all the beautiful surroundings? It may have the finest equipment any hospital can have such as the modern X-ray machines, radium setups, electrically equipped in every way, even the insulated coffee pots that keep the coffee steaming hot, and we should thank God for our modern advancements to help people get well, but remember that isn't all that makes a hospital what it ought to be. It takes understanding, doctors like Dr. Russell and John Lyday, Dr. Bradley, one of the finest kidney specialists. Dr. Reid and others who have God given talent. They consider their patient more than just a body lying there sick, and they realize that inside that body there is a life and that life is important, so important that God sent His Son into the world to die on the cross to save that life. Why shouldn't our doctors feel the same way?

Wesley Long Hospital is composed of nurses, nurses aids who are willing to do what they can and are permitted to do for their patients. The supervisors, Mrs. Fulp, Mrs. Taylor, and others were always there with a smile to see if you were receiving the right treatment. The gray ladies were so kind and helpful, the helpers who worked to keep your room nice and clean met you with a good morning, hope you are feeling better. The dietician, Mrs. Shaw, was one of the best, the meals were always good and nourishing.

My roommates were wonderful, my pastor, Rev. George Culbreth, was faithful, his visits meant so much to me; my friends were many and very thoughtful.

Last but not least, was my husband and family who were so faithful always there with a smile and a comforting word. My neighbor, Mrs. Jean Tomlin, kept the home fires burning. A better neighbor can't be found.

I have said all of this because these are the things that make your hospital what it is and these are the people that I found in Wesley Long Hospital that helped to make my stay there as pleasant as it possibly could be.

May God bless the doctors, nurses, nurses aids, and all the staff and may their lives be a blessing to others as they were to me.

Mrs. V. M. Gamble

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"Folks who never do any more than they get paid for, never get paid for any more than they do."—Selected.

Evangelistic Mission to Ministers In Greensboro January 13 and 14

The clergymen serving 1,150 congregations of the Western North Carolina Methodist Conference will gather in Greensboro January 13 and 14 for the annual Evangelistic Mission to Ministers in West Market Street Methodist Church.

The Board of Evangelism of the Conference, headed by the Rev. John R. Hamilton of Charlotte as president, has centered this program into small group experience sessions which will meet following spiritual uplifting sermons by two Conference ministers, a Methodist theological professor, and Bishop Nolan B. Harmon.

Dr. Lowell B. Hazzard, professor at Wesleyan Theological Seminary in Washington, D. C., will be featured for the dinner program the first day. Bishop Harmon will preach on the final day.

Dr. Robert G. Tuttle of Hickory, former superintendent of the Asheville District, will share first day preaching with the Rev. Douglas Corriher of High Point.

Dr. Tuttle will preach at 2:20 p. m. on "The Coming of the Holy Spirit in the Birth of the Church—The Biblical Event," and at 7:45 p. m. on "The Gift of The Holy Spirit in the Life of the Individual—The Biblical Event."

The Rev. Mr. Corriher will preach at 2:45 p. m. on "The Coming of the Holy Spirit in the Renewal of The Church" and at 8:15 p. m. on "The Gift of the Holy Spirit in the Life of the Individual—The Continuing Witness."

Dr. Hazzard's address is entitled, "A Theology of Evangelism in Christian Education." Bishop Harmon will give "A Personal Witness" as the lone speaker on the final day's program.

Registration is set for 11 a.m.-2 p.m opening day and the dinner period for 6 p.m. The final day will begin with Holy Communion at 8:30 a.m., the bishop will speak at 10:15 a.m. and adjournment will come at noon.

Group sharing periods have been set for 3:30 p.m. and 8:45 p.m. opening day and for 9:15 a.m. and 11 a.m. the final day.

The Rev. A. Mitchell Faulkner of Shelby, Conference secretary of evangelism, said of the meeting, "Sam Shoemaker (Episcopal rector) has said that we ministers are talked at by too many experts and that we do not talk enough to each other, share experiences, and pray together.

"Believing that if it is of God it cannot but bless us, and believing that our brethren are competent to 'test the spirits, whether they be of God' we have planned our Mission this year largely around small groups, sharing and praying together. We will be led by men of our own Conference who are experiencing in their own life new depths of grace and power, with only one speaker from outside our Conference."

Host pastor for the program will be Dr. Wilson O. Weldon. He was also host pastor last year when the meeting was held in Myers Park Methodist Church in Charlotte.



In Memoriam

MRS. RUBY TALLY CAUDLE

The Woman's Society of Christian Service, Mount Pleasant Methodist Church, Winston-Salem, North Carolina, wishes to pay tribute to the memory of Mrs. Ruby Tally Caudle, who passed away December 24, 1963.

At the time of her death she was President of the W.S.C.S. She was a charter member and a Life Member.

She loved the church and was ever faithful to it and supported it to the very last of her life on earth with her prayers, her presence, her gifts and her service.

We will forever cherish her association and her friendship with us.

Respectfully submitted,
Mrs. Hayes Cardwell, President
Woman's Society of Christian Service
Mount Pleasant Methodist Church
Winston-Salem, N. C.

December 30, 1963

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MILLARD C. DUNN

Whereas Almighty God in His providential wisdom has called to Himself our friend and beloved District Superintendent, Millard C. Dunn; the St. Paul Methodist Church of Maxton wishes to pay tribute to the evidence of Christian character which radiated from his life and hallowed his person.

Rev. Dunn was very devoted to his church, his home and his community. In the course of his labor, he earned a reputation as a conscientious Christian and churchman. His presence and participation at all meetings of the church was a certainty. He stood squarely in favor of every measure which promised to strengthen the church, and he labored with determination to see those measures achieved. In his charitable attitude, he was never proud and possessive regarding his office, but he continually sacrificed himself for the well-being of the Fayetteville District. His office was regarded as a holy calling which he filled with a sense of Christian Stewardship which befitted its dignity.

Mr. Dunn believed in daily Christian living and he moved among his fellow members with the tact and diplomacy of one who loves mankind.

We extend our love and sympathy to the family with sincere feeling that his influence will live on.

We mourn his passing and testify through this memorial of our indebtedness to him, and of our heartfelt appreciation of his Christian labors among us.

W. A. Webb,
C. C. Morrison,
Lolita E. Webb,
Committee

What Is Happening in Angola?

By Malcolm McVeigh and Others

(Editor's Note: Angola, the Portuguese colony in southwestern Africa has been a land in agony since March, 1961, when a rebellion broke out among African nationalists against Portuguese rule. For more than a year, Angola and its war were in headlines of world news. Then for 18 months only intermittent reports were received. In November and December of 1963, however, reports of the struggle began to appear more frequently in the world press, and the question of Portuguese colonial rule was once more before the United Nations. From the very beginning, the Methodists of Angola, both Africans and missionaries, have been in the midst of the fighting, because the revolt flared in Methodist territory. The story of the heroic struggle of the Angolan church to keep alive amidst terror and Portuguese oppression is known by American Methodists. However, no new information has been issued by the Methodist Board of Missions for almost a year. Both because a report is due and because new information has been received, this report has been issued by the Board. The Rev. Malcolm McVeigh, whose American home is Stanhope, N. J., was a missionary to Angola for four years and has kept in close touch with sources there since leaving in 1961. Another report comes from a Methodist source in Angola. Mr. McVeigh's report is first, then that of the source in Angola.)

In trying to understand the situation in which the church finds itself in Angola today, I went to the First Epistle of Peter for guidance. It is a letter written to those experiencing persecution and tells the Christians that as they face hardship with faith, they share the trials of Christ. Significantly, the letter is written to "the exiles of the dispersion in Pontus, Galatia, Cappadocia, Asia, and Bithynia."

The parallel to the Angolan church is very real. Perhaps the best word to describe the church in Angola today is the word *dispersion.* Anyone writing an epistle general to our Christian brethren there might well address it to "the exiles of the dispersion among the refugees in the Congo, in the bush of Northern Angola, in the prisons of Luanda and Southern Angola, among the students in Europe and America, and among those still in established churches in Malange."

It is impossible to comprehend the state of the Angolan church in these days without seeing it in the context of recent political events. Angola has for many years been characterized by unrest, an unrest directly related to the harsh practices, the police state methods and the refusal to change of the Portuguese Government. The rise of nationalism, which has resulted in the establishment of more than 30 independent countries in Africa since World War II, fanned the flames of unrest, and the people rose up and rebelled against the regime.

Tragically, violence became the order of the day in Angola, and it was practiced with deftness by both sides. Repression resulted in rebellion. Rebellion brought reprisals. From reprisals came refugees. Refugees fled from their villages in droves. After nearly three years, there are still thousands living in the deep forests of Northern Angola at near subsistence level. Refugees also flooded over the border into the Congo—250,000 of them, and reports from the refugee station near the border say that more appear every week.

The church was caught up in the course of events. Protestants, a group which even before at best was only tolerated, came in for special treatment. They were marked out as scapegoats for the ire of the Portuguese Government. The regional center at Dondo was taken over to quarter Portuguese troops. The social center in Luanda was completely destroyed. Churches throughout the Luanda region were burned and torn down. Many of our pastors and teachers were killed by Portuguese vigilante groups, others were imprisoned, still others fled their villages and are in hiding.

The Angolan church today is a contemporary Christian church in dispersion. It has suffered greatly. Yet the incredible thing is the courage of Christians in facing this bitter experience.

A recent letter from Angola stated that prob-

ably the greatest concentration of Protestant leadership in Angola today is located at the prison camp of Serpa Pinto in the south. While some have been discharged from prison, others have been held for more than two years without a public trial. Nevertheless, the church goes on even in prison. The same letter went on to state that there are probably more conversions being made in that prison than in any other place in the colony.

Sometime ago a man appeared at the mission station in Luanda. He was from a village fifty miles east of the city. Following the rebellion, all the churches in that area were torn down by Portuguese troops. The pastors either fled, or were imprisoned or killed. However, the people continued to meet as a congregation in spite of the fact that this was illegal. As he told the story, it became clear that the laymen had not only carried on but that new converts were being made. Then he produced some crumpled bills from his pockets, amounting to nearly $40 when it was counted. He said, "We have always contributed to the church. But now there was no pastor to pay. Now there was no building to repair. So we decided to send the money to Luanda."

Similar reports of the continuation of the church under seemingly impossible conditions are coming from refugee camps in the Congo and refugee villages built in the deep forests of Northern Angola. Andre Santos and Serafim de Sousa e Santos, students who trekked 52 days from Luanda to the Congo, and are now studying with many of their colleagues in America, reported that there were morning and evening prayers in nearly every village they passed.

One of the difficult things about describing the state of the church in Angola in these days is its complex character. Some areas have settled down to relative normality. This is notably true in the Malange region where the large mission station of Quessua and many village churches are still open. The church seems to have become accustomed to local harassment and is attempting to carry on as best it can. But fear of the future looms in every heart. One pastor from a village near Malange put it well:

"We have always heard of the great martyrs of the church, but it always seemed remote. Now it has become real for us as well. We don't yet know how many of us who are here today will be here tomorrow."

The church in Angola faces a severe test. The future is not yet certain. But present indications suggest that Christians there have dug deeper into the meaning of the Christian faith. They are suffering, but they are also witnessing, witnessing as they have never done before. They have come to know in a new way the truth of Paul's words: "For I am sure that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in creation will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord."

All of the Quessua station schools are more than filled again this year, all the way from the beginners to the Bible School. Some rural school restrictions have been lifted, so that more village requests may be satisfied, but we lack sufficient teachers to fill all demands. The station truck leaves each morning at 6:15 with some 40 students for the second "ciclo" of high school in our town of Malange. This added little job has fallen on this last male missionary left, but we have plans for a regular school bus and chauffeur to soon take over this daily task. Hopes are that by next year the station high school will be granted permission to handle its own upper grades of secondary education.

In late September, all the daily schedules were disrupted when the President of Portugal was in our "home town" for three days. The burg was decorated and shining better than any Christmas season with the green and red national colors. Each flag-carrying, sticker-plastered vehicle was "compelled" to bring in the countryside population. One overloaded pickup with 52 passengers was ditched, resulting in four instant deaths and 44 hospitalized, all for "the good of the nation." Banners and speeches kept reminding us that "Angola is Portugal," and there are *no* "Angolans" or "Africans"—all Portuguese.

The missionary efforts of the Church of Christ are continually handicapped when fellow brethren revolt against worshiping with those of another color. Our local dailies never fail to carry the headline pictures and stories of America's shameful racial happenings, serving as excellent propaganda and distraction. There in the "States" the racial conflicts and injustices have finally awakened and united the Christian churches, releasing the hidden testimony and force long overdue.

Another year has gone by without any annual conference being permitted. Not even conference-wide committee meetings could be held, along with restrictions on travel permits to members. A few pastors have been released from prison, while others were re-imprisoned during the President's stay in town. It's all so baffling when at the same time amnesty was granted scores of proven criminals. One's patience is strained, while a growing faith carries one over the humps and through the woods.



Shown here are some of the children who received the initial distribution of shoes from the Blue Ridge Methodist Service Program. Methodists across North Carolina have contributed more than $1,200 for purchase of the shoes, which are being given to needy children in certain areas of the North Wilkesboro District, where the Blue Ridge Service Program operates. The children examining their shoes in this picture are students at a school in Ashe County.

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Scholarships Available

Twenty scholarships, covering complete tuition costs, will be offered to public school teachers for in-service teacher education at Wesleyan's 1964 summer session.

Dr. Raymond Bauer, summer session director, in making the announcement, said the scholarships, valued from $65 to $125, are being offered in cooperation with the State Department of Public Instruction. Teachers may apply to renew their certificates or to take a course for professional enrichment.

Applicants for the six-week summer term may select one or two courses from the proposed offerings: Major American Romantics from the field of American Literature and upper-level courses in English literature, the U. S. in the 20th Century from the field of history, Orientation to the Theatre, Music Appreciation, Principles of Sociology, and possibly other courses yet to be added.

The summer session will begin on June 15 and conclude on July 28. Applicants for scholarships should write Dr. Raymond Bauer, director of summer session, North Carolina Wesleyan College, Rocky Mount, North Carolina.

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Crazy Quilt

Today when I was cleaning,
I found and did unfold
A crazy quilt that mother made
And put on my bed when cold.
Each scrap was like a picture,
For they all brought back to mind
The days long ago when the cloth was new,
Thus a picture in each scrap I'd find.
This dress was made for Sunday wear,
And I wore this one when I went to the fair;
In this Mom cooked and the preacher fed,
And she made this one the year I was wed.
In this dress many anxious hours she spent
During the war, because her baby boy went.
Now this one was made for his homecoming day,
So plain and neat, just a small floral spray.
A crazy quilt they call it,
But it makes good sense to me;
For each tiny scrap sewed by loving hands
Brings back tender memories, you see.

—Mary Taylor Mumford
Seaboard

Further Steps Toward Union of Methodists and United Brethren

Representatives of The Methodist Church and the Evangelical United Brethren Church have taken another step toward the proposed union of the two denominations.

The Methodist and EUB commissions on church union met jointly in Nashville, Tenn., Dec. 12-13 and reviewed and altered the plan-of-union draft that had been formulated by the two groups in a September meeting in Chicago.

The draft had been widely circulated for study and discussion. It was reviewed in the light of suggestions received from leaders of both churches.

A three-part plan of union evolved from the discussion. It will contain an historical statement, an enabling act, and a constitution.

The constitution, altered in a number of respects from the earlier draft, was put in final form for submission to the top governing bodies of the two denominations. The historical statement and the enabling act, which are to be submitted with the constitution, are expected to receive final approval by the joint commission in a meeting April 17, 1964, in Pittsburgh, Pa.

The plan of union goes for legislative action to the 1964 Methodist General Conference, which will convene April 26 in Pittsburg, and the 1966 EUB General Conference to be held in Wichita, Kan.

After approval by the two General Conferences, it would go simultaneously to the annual conferences of both denominations for ratification.

Union could take place by 1968, according to a timetable outlined by the commissions. No definite decision was made at this meeting on the final uniting procedure.

Charles C. Parlin, a New York attorney and secretary of the Methodist Commission on Church Union, discussed some of the alterations made here in the draft that had been circulated after the September meeting.

He stated that the provision for the appointment of district superintendents subject to the consent of the annual conference was eliminated and that a plan allowing each denomination to name its superintendents through its time-honored methods for up to 12 years after union would be included. This 12-year permissive rule also would apply, he said, to the manner of electing General and Jurisdictional Conference delegates and the operation of boards and agencies.

Inserted in the constitution was an item requiring each Jurisdictional Conference to elect a standing committee on the episcopacy. As is now the case with The Methodist Church, the committee would each quadrennium review the work of the bishops and pass on their character and official administration.

Among several other changes was one cutting the maximum number of General Conference delegates from 1,200 to 1,000.

Mr. Parlin said that the revised constitution would be mailed in early January to all Methodist General Conference delegates.

The entire preamble to the constitution is to be rewritten under the chairmanship of Dr. Paul Washburn, Naperville, Ill., member of the EUB commission.

The historical statement is to be prepared by Methodist Bishop Paul N. Garber, Richmond, Va., and EUB Bishop Paul Milhouse, Kansas City, Mo. Both were professors of church history before their election to the episcopacy.

Mr. Parlin will be in charge of drawing up the enabling act.

Each commission is hoping to employ a full-time administrator - coordinator soon. One of their responsibilities would be coordinating the voluminous work on a proposed Discipline for the new church, a detailed document that would not be acted upon by the General Conferences until after the plan of union had been adopted and ratified, said Mr. Parlin.

Conversations looking toward union have been held for the past eight years between the two denominations.

Current membership of The Methodist Church in the United States is 10,234,986. The EUB Church membership is 761,754.

The name of the proposed new denomination would be "The United Methodist Church."

The proposed constitution calls for a jurisdictional or regional set-up to the present plan of The Methodist Church.

The Central (Negro) Jurisdiction of the present Methodist Church in the U. S. would be continued for the time being, but The Methodist Church is on record as working toward the abolition of this jurisdiction. Churches and conferences of the Central Jurisdiction may be transferred to other regional jurisdictions through a voluntary plan designed to make possible the eventual dissolution of the racial jurisdiction.

A top-level General Council of Administration is proposed for the new denomination. It has a partial counterpart in The Methodist Church's Coordinating Council but would be in effect an interim administrative body serving between the quadrennial General Conferences.

A unique feature of the new church would be a Council on Ecumenical Affairs, which would "declare and work for the Church Universal, and interpret The United Methodist in the light of the New Testament, church history, and its relationship to ecumenical councils, agencies and movements."

The Methodist plan of electing and assigning bishops at the jurisdictional conferences would be followed.

The meeting of the two commissions on church union was held at the Methodist Board of Education buidling in Nashville. It was under the joint presidency of EUB Bishop Reuben H. Mueller, Indianapolis, and Methodist Bishop Glenn R. Phillips, Denver.



Plan of Episcopal Visitation for 1964 Annual Conferences

The plan of Episcopal Visitation, compiled by Bishop Paul Neff Garber, of Richmond, Virginia, for the Council of Bishops, schedules the 1964 sessions of Annual Conferences of The Methodist Church as follows: (It would be well for readers to preserve this list for future reference):

Central Jurisdiction	Date	Place	Bishop
Central Alabama	May 28-31	Birmingham, Ala.: St. Paul	Golden
Central West	May 27-31	St. Louis, Mo.: Union Memorial	Clair
Delaware	May 20-24	Philadelphia, Pa.: Tindley Temple	Love
East Tennessee	June 4- 7	Morristown, Tenn.: Morristown Jr. Coll.	Golden
Florida	June 2- 7	Daytona Beach, Fla.: Bethune-Cookman College	Harris
Georgia	May 12-17	Atlanta, Ga.: Kings Memorial	Harris
Lexington	June 10-14	Chicago, Ill.: St. Mark	Clair
Liuisiana	June 2- 7	Waveland, Miss.: Gulfside Assembly	Moore
Mississippi	May 21-24	Alexandria, La.: Newman-Alexandria	Golden
North Carolina	June 3- 7	Greensboro, N. C.: Bennett College	Love
South Carolina	May 19-24	Camden, S. C.: Camden Station	Harris
Southwest	June 4- 7	Oklahoma Cty, Okla.: Quayle	Clair
Tennessee	June 9-12	Memphis, Tenn.: Bethel	Golden
Texas	May 19-24	Houston, Texas: Trinity East	Moore
Upper Mississippi	May 14-17	Greenwood, Miss.: Decell	Golden
Washington	June 10-14	Baltimore, Md.: Morgan State College	Love
West Texas	May 13-17	Dallas, Texas: St. Paul	Clair
North Central Jurisdiction			
Central Illinois	June 14-18	Moline, Ill.: Augustana College	Voigt
Detroit	June 17-21	Andrian, Mich.: Dawson Auditorium, Andrian College	Reed
East Wisconsin	May 28-31	Racine, Wisc.: Christ	Alton
Indiana	June 17-21	Bloomington, Ind.: Aud., Ind. University	Raines
Michigan	June 10-14	Albion, Mich.: Goodrich Chapel, Albion College	Reed
Minnesota	June 10-14	St. Paul, Minn.: Hamline Church & Univ.	Nall
North Dakota	May 20-24	Grand Forks, N.D.: First	Garrison

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North Indiana	May 27-31	Mishawake, Ind.: First	Raines
North Iowa	June 14-18	Cedar Rapids, Iowa: St. Paul	Ensley
North-East Ohio	June 23-28	Lakeside, O.: Hoover Auditorium	Werner
Northwest Indiana	June 3- 7	Lafayette, Ind.: Loeb Aud. Purdue Uni.	Raines
Ohio	June 9-14	Lakeside, O.: Hoover Auditorium	Werner
Rock River	June 9-12	Chicago, Ill.: St. James	Brashares
South Dakota	June 10-14	Lead, S.D., Civic Auditorium	Garrison
South Illinois	May 31-June 4	Belleville, Ill.: Union	Voigt
South Iowa	June 21-25	Mount Pleasant, Iowa: Frst	Ensley
West Wisconsin	June 10-12	LaCrosse, Wisc.: St. Luke	Alton
Northeastern Jurisdction			
Baltimore	June 10-14	Washington, D. C.: American University	Lord
Central New York	June 17-20	Syracuse, N.Y.: First	Ward
Central Pensylvania	June 17-21	Williamport, Pa.: Lycoming College and Pine Street Church	Middleton
Genesee	June 3- 7	North Tonawanda, N.Y.: First	Ward
Maine	May 13-17	Calais, Me.: Knight Memorial	Mathews
Newark	June 3- 7	Madison, N.J.: Drew University	Wicke
New England	June 10-14	Amherst, Mass.: Wesley	Mathews
New England, Southern	June 17-21	Chatham, Mass.: Chatham	Mathews
New Hampshire	May 20-24	Hampton, N.H.: Hampton	Mathews
New Jersey	Sept. 16-20	Ocean City, N.J.: First	Corson
New York	June 9-14	Madison, N.J.: Drew University	Wicke
New York East	June 9-14	Madison, N.J.: Drew University	Wicke
Northern New York	May 13-17	Gouveneur, N.Y.: First	Ward
Peninsula	May 21-24	Wilmington, Del.: Aldersgate	Lord
Philadelpha	May 13-17	Philadelphia, Pa.: Arch Street	Corson
Puerto Rico Provisional	Jan. 29- Feb. 2	Rio Piedras, Puerto Rico: Univ. Church	Corson
Troy	May 20-24	Albany, N.Y.: Trinity	Wicke
West Virginia	June 8-12	Buckingham, W.Va.: Atkinson Chapel, W.Va. Wesleyan College	Holloway
Western Pennsylvania	May 31- June 4	Pittsburgh, Pa.: Soldiers and Sailors Memorial Hall & Univ. of Pitts.	Middleton
Wyoming	May 20-24	Wilkesbarre, Pa.: First	Corson
South Central Jursdiction			
Central Kansas	May 19-24	Hutchinson, Kans.: First Church and Convention Hall	Slater
Central Texas	June 2- 5	Fort Worth, Tex.: First	W. C. Martin
Indian Mission	June 4- 7	Andarko, Okla.: Indian Center	W. A. Smith
Kansas	June 1- 5	Topeka, Kans.: Highland Park	Slater
Ltte Rock	May 25-27	Hot Springs, Ark.: First	Pope
Louisiana	June 1- 5	Shreveport, La.: Centenary College	Walton
Missouri East	June 4- 7	Fayette, Mo.: Central College	Frank
Missouri West	May 26-29	Fayette, Mo.: Central College	Frank
Nebraska	June 2- 5	Scottsbluff, Neb.: First	Copeland
New Mexico	May 13-15	Albuquerque, N.M.: First	W. A. Smith
North Arkansas	June 1- 3	North Little Rock, Ark.: First	Pope
North Texas	May 26-29	Amarillo, Texas: Polk Street	W. C. Martin
Northwest Texas	May 25-29	Tulsa, Okla.: Boston Avenue	Galloway
Oklahoma	May 25-29	Dallas, Tex.: First	W. A. Smith
Rio Grande	May 19-22	Kerrville, Tex.: Mt. Wesley	P. E. Martin
Souhtwest Texas	May 18-22	San Antonio, Texas: Travis Park	Galloway
Texas	June 1- 5	Houston, Texas: First	P. E. Martin
Southeastern Jurisdiction			
Alabama-West Florida	May 26-29	Montgomery, Ala.: Huntingdon College	Hardin
Cuba		Date and place referred	Henley
Florida	June 3- 7	Lakeland, Fla.: Branscomb Mem. Aud.	Henley
Holston	June 3- 7	Chattanooga, Tenn.: Brainerd	Short
Kentucky	June 2- 5	Richmond, Ky.: Eastern State College	Gum
Louisville	May 26-29	Louisville, Ky.: Crescent Hill	Gum
Memphis	June 9-12	Jackson, Tenn.: First	Franklin
Mississippi	May 26-29	Gulfport, Miss.: First	Franklin
North Alabama	June 9-12	Birmingham, Ala.: Birmingham-Sou. Coll.	Harmon
North Carolina	June 22-25	Burlington, N. C.: Front Street	Garber
North Georgia	June 22-26	Atlanta, Ga.: Memorial, Emory Unversity	Smith
North Mississippi	June 2- 5	Jackson, Miss.: Millsaps College	Franklin
South Carolina	June 9-12	Lake Junaluska, N.C.: Stuart Auditorium	Hardin
South Georgia	June 8-12	Albany, Ga.: First	Smith
Tennessee	June 17-21	Nashville, Tenn.: Inglewood	Short
Virginia	June 8-11	Roanoke, Va.: American Theatre	Garber
Western North Carolina	June 3- 7	Lake Junaluska, N.C.: Stuart Auditorium	Harmon
Western Jurisdiction			
Alaska Mission	May 25-28	Anchorage, Alas.: Alaska Methodist Univ.	Grant
California-Nevada	June 9-14	Stockton, Cal.: U. of the Pacific	Tippett
Hawaii Mission	Feb. 19-23	Honolulu, Hawaii: Harris Memorial	Kennedy
Idaho	June 1- 5	Fayette, Idaho: First	Grant
Montana	June 23-28	Helena, Mont.: St. Paul	Phillips
Oregon	June 8-12	Salem, Ore.: Willamette U. & First	Grant
Pacific Japanese Provisional	May 21-24	San Francisco, Cal.: Pine Street	Tippett
Pacific Northwest	June 9-14	Tacoma, Wash.: U. of Puget Sound	Palmer
Rocky Mountain	June 8-12	Denver, Colo.: Bucktel Chapel, U. of Den.	Phillips
Southern California-Arizona	June 15-21	Redlands, Cal.: University of Redlands	Kennedy

Memorial Service Held For 'Builder of Churches'

A memorial service was held Sunday morning, December 15th at 10 o'clock in Love's Chapel Methodist Church for the late pastor of the Sylva Circuit, the Rev J. Carl Sorrells, who passed away November 6th in an Asheville hospital. The Cir-



Rev. J. Carl Sorrells

cuit is comprised of three churches, Love's Chapel, Wesley's Chapel and Wesleyanna

The Rev. Mr. Sorrells was in his eighth year as pastor of the Circuit.

The district superintendent, the Rev. Mark Q. Tuttle of Lake Junaluska, presided with the Rev. W. B. A. Culp, Sylva Methodist; the Rev. L. B. Hayes of Franklin and Robert Rogers, ministerial student at Western Carolina College, Cullowhee, participating. A solo, "I Believe," was sung by W. B. A. Culp, Jr., accompanied at the organ by Mrs. W. B. A. Culp.

Mr. Hayes gave the memorial address and made the memorial presentation to the churches by him and Mrs. Hayes of gold plated collection plates for Wesleyanna and an enlarged picture of Mr. Sorrells for Love's Chapel, in memory of Mr. Sorrells and in honor of Mrs. Sorrells.

Mr. Sorrells will be long remembered as a builder of churches as well as Christian character, having poineered the building of two modern brick buildings on the Circuit during his ministry, Love's Chapel and Wesleyanna.

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Watching People Win

I like ot watch the people win,
When they are winning things;
And always when I see them win,
My heart within me sings.

I like to watch the underdog
When he comes out on top;
But if again I'd see him fail,
My heart would almost stop.

I like to see the poor man win,
Who has so many needs;
But when I see the same man lose,
O how my heart then bleeds!

And yet I know they can't all win—
Always, in every race;
But how inspiring when I see
Bright hope in every face!

Ernest C. Durham

Cuban Methodists Give More With Stoppage of American Funds

Another indication that, despite a difficult climate and other discouraging factors, the Methodists of Cuba are determined to move forward in their mission to the Cuban people is to be found in a report received recently by the Methodist Board of Missions. The report tells of greatly increased giving by Cuban Methodists to the work of the church.

While in itself the news of increased stewardship is evidence of the Cuban Methodists' faith under adversity, it is necessary to know some background information to appreciate the full significance of the report.

Until July, 1963, it was possible for The Methodist Church in the U. S. to send funds to Cuba for Methodist work. As American Methodists continued their giving through World Service and Advance Specials for work in Cuba, the Board of Missions sent the funds through to Cuba for two main uses: pastoral salaries and expenses of the Union Theological Seminary at Matanzas.

In July, however, the U. S. Government decreed that any transfer of funds from the U. S. to Cuba was illegal. The ruling affected Methodist mission funds, as well as all others. The result: a suspension of American Methodist financial aid to Cuba. As soon as the decree was announced, the Board of Missions and other religious and secular agencies began what have been continuous efforts to have some leeway granted, so that funds can be transferred from the U. S. to Cuba under certain conditions.

The suspension of funds posed a serious problem for the Cuban church, struggling as it was already in a difficult and oppressive climate under Castro. The loss of American funds was followed shortly by the destructive Hurricane Flora, which devastated a large part of the island.

It was the response of the church in Cuba to accumulated disaster that spells out the depth of commitment of Cuban Methodism. In all six districts, the district superintendents issued an appeal to each local church for greatly increased giving, particularly for ministerial salaries. Goals were set for each church.

The initial response to the appeal was reported in the September issue of *El Evangelista Cubano*, the official publication of the Cuban Methodist Church. From that and other sources, it is known that the response to the appeal for increased giving has been overwhelming. A few examples, as reported by the Board of Missions:

1. The Oriente District in eastern Cuba was given an increase of 350 per cent for pastors' salaries. It is not known whether the district as a whole has fully met the new asking, but it is known that some churches which had not been meeting their earlier asking are now going above the new one. A church in the town of Holguin, for instance, was giving $10 a month and is now giving $25. The congregation in Baguanos, which had not been meeting its earlier goal of $61 a month, accepted a 100 per cent increase and has met it.

2. In the Camaguey District, the church at Violeta was given a goal of $100 a month and is meeting it, emphasizing tithing.

3. The Central District was asked for $800. This has been met, and probably $1,000 will be reached.

4. The smallest district, Occidental, has oversubscribed its goal of $600 a month.

Those figures, in the perspective of the situation in which the church exists in Cuba, is testimony to the commitment of Cuban Methodists to the cause of Christ. Added to the report in October of membership increase and of the church's decision to move forward with its "Plan of Advance," the latest report shows that the church is not only alive in Cuba but is taking seriously its responsibility to minister to the people of the island.

The Christ Child

There's a story in the Bible,
It's the prettiest of them all.
It's the story of the Christ Child
Born in a manger stall.

It's a very lovely story
It's strange and yet it's true
How a little baby came to earth
To save both me and you.

How he faced the wrath of Herod
And then the Pharisees
How he saved and healed the people
How they nailed him to the tree

And how, through all of this,
He showed them only love
And now, with open arms
He waits for us above.

You see, it's a very pretty story,
It's strange, and yet it's true
How a little baby came to earth
To save both me and you.

LARRY CRAIG, *Class of* 1964
Children's Home, Wnston-Salem, N. C.

South Carolina Methodists Honor Bishop Harmon

South Carolina Methodists honored their former bishop when they named a residence hall of their Methodist Home for Bishop Nolan B. Harmon of the Charlotte Area.

Bishop Harmon presided over the South Carolina Methodist Conference from 1956-60 and was instrumental in planning the $150,000 structure which was built in 1960.

Special ceremonies during which the residence hall took on the name of the Nolan B. Harmon Building were held January 6 at Orangeburg. Bishop Paul Hardin presiding bishop of the Columbia Area, who now leads South Carolina Methodism, delivered the principal address, discussing the Church's responsibility to the aged.

The Nolan B. Harmon Building contains 16 rooms for couples and individuals. It is constructed of brick, in low, modern architecture with two wings, extending east and north. There is also a large fellowship hall, kitchen, sewing room, sun porch and the apartment for the hostess.

Conferences On Discipleship

BY LEROY H. WALKER

The General Board of Evangelism announces three great Conferences on Discipleship for laymen and their wives. The first was January 3-5, 1964 at Lake Murray Lodge, Ardmore, Oklahoma. Each will begin Friday afternoon and conclude with Sunday dinner. Leaders for the Lake Murray Conference were Dr. James L. Robertson of Arlington, Va.; Dr. F. Olin Hunt of Raleigh, N. C. and the Rev. G. Byron Deshler of the Board of Evangelism, Nashville, Tenn.

The second Lay Conference on Discipleship will be at the Kenlake Hotel, Hardin, Ky., January 31-February 2, 1964. The leaders at the Kenlake Conference will be Dr. Robert N. DuBose of Spartanburg, S. C., Dr. Don R. Crocker of Mount Vernon, Ill. and the writer, Leroy H. Walker of the General Board of Evangelism.

The third Lay Conference on Discipleship will be at the Mountain View Hotel, Gatlinburg, Tenn., February 7-9, 1964. In addition to the writer who will direct the conference and serve as a leader, we will have Dr. Howard Whitaker of Winchester, Ky. and Dr. Don R. Crocker of Mount Vernon, Ill.

These Dicipleship Conferences are the successors to what were first called, "Conferences on Spiritual Birth and Growth." In 1964 each will be less of a lectureship or school of evangelism and more of a spiritual retreat, designed for spiritual renewal. After each address we will break up into groups of THE TWELVE to evaluate the address, and to spend time in sharing of concerns and spiritual experiences, in waiting silently before the Lord, and in seeking a renewal through the outpouring of the Holy Spirit.

This year a registration fee in the amount of five dollars ($5.00) is required and this should be sent to the Rev. G. Byron Deshler, 1908 Grand Avenue, Nashville, Tenn. 37203, for the Lake Murray Conference. and to the Rev. Leroy H. Walker at the same address for the other two conferences.

The approximate cost for the Lake Murray Conference, including meals, room and registration fee is $23.00.

The approximate cost for the same service at Kenlake is also $23.00.

There is a somewhat different arrangement for the commercial hotel at Gatlinburg and the total cost, covering registration, room, meals, tips, tax and incidentals is $25.34 each if two share a room; and $27.60 if a single room is desired.

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The Duke Divinity School Seminar for 1964

Following are the programs for the Duke Seminars to be held at First Methodist Church, Charlotte, January 20-21; and at Edenton Street Methodist Church, Raleigh, January 23-24. These seminars are made possible each year by the James A. Gray Fund of the Duke Divinity School.

Course leaders are Drs. Maguire, Oglesby and Hall, with Dr. W. Arthur Kale of the Divinity School representing Dean Cushman.

January 20-21—Charlotte, N. C.
First Methodist Church
Subject: "The Meaning of Salvation"
Program for the Charlotte Meeting
Monday, January 20

10:30 a.m. Devotions — Dr. Bowles
Welcome by Dean Cushman and Dr. Shore
11:00 a.m. Period I. "Deus Homo: the Saving Act," Dr. Maguire
12:30 p.m. Luncheon at the Church
2:00 p.m. Period II. "The Proclamation of Salvation," Dr. Hall
3:30 p.m. Intermission (Seminar members who have requested rooms should communicate with hostesses at this time)
4:30 p.m. Period III. "Salvation in an Age of Anxiety," Dr. Oglesby
6:15 p.m. Dinner at the Church
7:30 p.m. Period IV. "Pro Nobis: Being Saved," Dr. Maguire
9:00 p.m. Social Hour

Tuesday, January 21

9:15 a.m. Devotions — Mr. Robinson
9:30 a.m. Period V. "The Counselor's Role in Salvation," Dr. Oglesby
10:00 a.m. Period VI. Forum Discussion, with the three leaders
11:30 a.m. Period VII. "The Call to Salvation," Dr. Hall
12:30 p.m. Luncheon at the Church
Adjournment

January 23-24—Raleigh, N. C.
Subject: "The Meaning of Salvation"
Program for the Raleigh Meeting
Thursday, January 23

10:30 a.m. Devotions — Mr. Eubank
Welcome by Dr. Kale and Mr. Vick
11:00 a.m. Period I. "Deus Homo: the Saving Act," Dr. Maguire
12:30 p.m. Luncheon at the Church
2:00 p.m. Period II. "The Proclamation of Salvation," Dr. Hall
3:30 p.m. Intermssion (Seminar members who have requested rooms should communicate with hostesses at this time)
4:30 p.m. Period III. "Salvation in an Age of Anxiety," Dr. Oglesby
6:15 p.m. Dinner at the Church
7:30 p.m. Period IV. "Pro Nobis: Being Saved," Dr. Maguire
9:00 p.m. Social Hour

Friday, January 24

9:15 a.m. Devotions — Mr. Carruth
9:30 a.m. Period V. "The Counselor's Role in Salvation," Dr. Oglesby
10:30 a.m. Period VI. Forum Discussion, with the three leaders
11:30 a.m. Period VII. "The Call to Salvation," Dr. Hall
12:30 p.m. Luncheon at the Church
Adjournment

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One of the nation's largest commercial health insurance companies has a subscriber who is believed to be the oldest person in the U.S. to own a health insurance policy. He is a 121-year-old Florida storekeeper—and he's said to be in good health.



A NEW CAR PRESENTED TO EASTER FOR CHRISTMAS

Here is L. W. White, lay leader of Westview Church, Hickory, is presenting car keys to Oscar L. Easter, pastor of the church, to reveal at the morning worship service Sunday, December 22, 1963, that he has been presented with a new 1964 four-door Chevrolet car. Mr. Easter received the car from the congregation following the morning service as a wonderful Christmas surprise.

Changes in TRAFCO Staff Are Announced

The TRAFCO Executive Committee, meeting in Dallas recently, voted some changes in TRAFCO staff assignments that will be of interest to the many people who have been related to the placement, promotion, and utilization of Methodist and BFC television and radio programs.

As of January 1, 1964, Gene Carter will begin his work as Director of the New York TRAFCO office. Mr. Nelson Price will be the new Director of Radio and Television.

As Director of the New York TRAFCO office, Gene Carter will continue to be responsible for broadcasting network relationships, for BFC programming, for laison with Methodist and other denominational agencies in New York City, and for relationships with the New York entertainment industry. Letters should be addressed to: Dr. Gene W. Carter, Television, Radio and Film Commission, 475 Riverside Drive, Room 1755, New York, N. Y. 10027. Phone: (Code 212) 666-2584.

As Director of the Department of Radio Television, and General Services, Nelson Price will be responsible for all Nashville based radio and television programming (including placement, promotion, and utilization of *Breakthru, Talk Back,* and *The Way*), for broadcasting coverage of National Methodist meetings, for promotion of the Methodist Television-Radio Ministry Fund, and for TRAFCO public relations. You will reach Nelson at the TRAFCO headquarters in Nashville: Mr. Nelson Price, Television, Radio and Film Commission, 1525 McGavock Street, Nashville, Tenn. 37203. Phone: (Code 615) 242-3561.

President Abraham Lincoln and Bishop Matthew Simpson

Almost one century ago, Fresdient Abraham Lincoln was assassinated by the actor John Wilkes Booth. In the dark, tragic days of the Civil War, Lincoln had as a close friend Bishop Matthew Simpson (1811-1884), one of the six bishops of the Methodist Episcopal Church of the era.

Bishop Simpson was an eloquent speaker and soon became nationally known. He delivered many stirring speeches in the North. He gave his lecture "Our Country" at the Academy of Music in New York before the Presidential election of 1864, to a packed crowd, with considerable effect. *Harper's Weekly* reported that Demosthenes might have envied the scene.

An interesting footnote to history terminated the relationship of the President and bishop. On April 14, 1865. Lincoln was assassinated. He had never been a member of any church, although he regularly attended worship at both Springfield and Washington in the Presbyterian Church. He had written words of tribute for the service of Methodists in the war. Who, then, should speak the final words over the bier of the dead President? A decision was reached by the official family to invite Bishop Simpson, friend and close adviser.

When final rites were performed at Oak Ridge Cemetery, Springfield, Illinois, Bishop Simpson stood by the coffin and pronounced "an elequent and pathetic address," in part: "Chieftain, farewell! The nation mourns thee. . . . Statesmen shall study thy record and from it learn lessons of wisdom. Mute though thy lips be, yet they sti'l speak. Hushed is thy voice, but echoes of liberty are ringing through the world, and the sons of bondage listen with joy. Thou didst fall not for thyself. The assassin had no hate for thee. Our hearts were aimed at; our national life was sought. We crown thee as our martyr, and humanity enthrones thee as her triumphant son. Hero, Martyr, Friend, farewell!"

Church historian William Warren Sweet recorded this story in *Methodism in American History* (Chap. XIV).

—Grady L. Carroll

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I Remember Mama . . .

When I was a child of four or five I was standing beside my mother in the First Methodist Church of Clinton, N. C., on a beautiful Sunday morning. My father was the song leader and had announced a hymn for the congregation to sing. As I listened to the music, I was aware of my mother singing in such a manner as to attract my attention. It was her favorite hymn—"O That Will Be Glory For Me." I remember looking into her beautiful and radiant face as she sang. At that moment I was drawn closer to her and to God.

Consequently, at her funeral in 1962, the McGee Methodist Church Choir sang her favorite hymn — and I remembered Mama in a special way. It is always "glory for me" whenever I think of her as she sang on that Sunday morning so many years ago.

Donald I. Newman
St. Luke Methodist Church
Charlotte, N. C.

Woman's Activities

Woman's Society of Christian Service Observes Twenty-Fifth Anniversary

In 1940, when the Woman's Society of Christian Service was formed from woman's organizations of the several branches of Methodism, no one could foresee the tremendous impact which this united effort would make upon Christian missions around the world during the following twenty-five years.

It is most appropriate and significant, therefore, that the Woman's Division of Christian Service has designated January, 1964-June, 1966 as a time for the observance of the organization's twenty-fifth anniversary. Plans for the initial service for the launching of the observance, to be held on Sunday afternoon, January 19 at 4 o'clock at Buck Hill Falls, Pa., have been announced by Mrs. J. Fount Tillman and Miss Florence Little, president and treasurer, respectively, of the Woman's Division of Christian Service.

The Woman's Division, meeting in New York City last September adopted the following goals concerning the 25th Anniversary Observance:

That, based on the three major goals being projected in our new "Purpose," we work toward:

1—Growth in understanding and spiritual power;
2—Increase in knowledge of needs of the world; and
3—Sharing through witness and service in the out-reach of the church.

That Methodist women be challenged with the goal of 25 per cent increase in membership.

That each conference Woman's Society of Christian Service recruit by June, 1966 at least four women:

1 Deaconess
1 US-2
1 Overseas Regular Missionary
1 Overseas Special-term Missionary

and that the Deaconess and Regular Missionary be commissioned at the annual meeting of the conference Woman's Society of Christian Service.

That, in view of the growing needs of the program of the Woman's Division, we encourage each conference Woman's Society to increase its pledge giving during the next two and one-half years so that by 1965-66 this giving will show a 25 per cent increase in comparison with the pledge giving for 1962-63; and, further, that implementation plans be left to the individual conferences.

Mrs. Carl King, *President*
W. N. C. Conference WSCS

Mrs. H. C. Turlington, *President*
N. C. Conference WSCS

Mrs. E. K. McLarty, *Chairman*
Public Relations, W. N. C. Conference WSCS

Mary Gardner, *Chairman*
Public Relations, N. C. Conference WSCS

THE PENNY SERMON

The following message is given every year to the Men's Bible Class of Central Methodist Church, Asheville, on the Sunday before New Year's Day by Mr. F. C. Steedman, a faithful member and worker at Central. Mr. Steedman has been making this talk for several years now, and with it he gives a bright new penny to every member of the class.

This is the story of a penny. A lowly coin that is the least unit of exchange in our great country. You cannot buy much with it, but you cannot buy anything without using it, for nearly every purchase that you make involves the penny. When you have a penny change coming, hardly anyone fails to take it. For the very next purchase that you make no doubt will call for the exchange of a penny or two. So the penny is literally a part of our lives. We cannot do without it, but did you know that there is a sermon back of the penny? Each one of you has received a bright new penny today. This has been done so that you can take a real good look at it and see what we can find. On one side at the very top you will see the words, "In God We Trust." Did you realize that this phrase is even on our lowly penny? So at the beginning of our penny sermon we find words that no Christian can deny, and I am sure stands as the corner stone of our very existence as a nation today. "In God We Trust."

Then as we look again at our penny, we see the word, "Liberty." How precious is this to you? Is there anything in our lives that can be of more importance, for without liberty, America would sink into secondary significance in this world of constantly increasing pressures for achievement. Where liberty has been taken away, the freedom of worship of our God has vanished with it and an iron curtain has appeared. So the penny tells us that we have liberty, so preciously won by the founders of our nation.

Take another look on the same side and you will find a date. On this particular penny it is 1964. What does this signify? This is one of the most important acknowledgments that the whole world makes today, whether bond or free. For this means that 1964 years ago Christ was born into the world to completely overcome the age-old theory that "Might Makes Right" and to give to all mankind the new concept of "Peace on Eearth, Good Will to Men" and that the greatest emotion in earth is "Love." And a penny can always remind you that Christ's 1964th birthday has just been celebrated all over the world.

The head of Lincoln reminds us that while he was the first martyr among our presidents, that Christ too died on the cross that all men everywhere might have life and have it more abundantly. Your penny can always remind you of this fact.

Also you will see by referring again to your bright new penny that Lincoln is facing to the right. This should mean to us all that we should always do the right and turn our back on the wrong. Christ has told us how to distinguish between the right and the wrong way in the Sermon of the Mount when he said that "Strait is the gate and narrow is the way which leadeth unto life, but wide is the gate and broad is the way that leadeth to destruction."

On the reverse side we find "United States of America." The Apostle Paul bragged that he was a citizen of Rome which gave him great privileges in his day. But how much greater and far reaching is our world than Paul's. Our motto, "E Pluribus Unum," goes further to say that each of us is but a unit among millions, millions of Americans banded together to guarantee "Liberty for All." "One among Many." Your penny has millions of companions, but you are a child of God.

The memorial tells us further that we live

each day as a memorial to God, our Maker, and that our bodies are a temple in which He dwells. You can lose your penny, but a child of God is never lost.

"One Cent" can mean to each Christian that he is truly "One Sent" by God into the world to do a job, a job that no one else but he, himself, can do.

Your penny is round, like the world is round, which tells us Christ's great command was to go around the world and preach His Gospel to every living creature and that being a complete circle, we know that His kingdom shall have no end.

The new penny is bright and shiny, which tells us that we should let our "light so shine before men, that they may see our good works and glorify our Father who is in Heaven." You can put your penny in your pocket and no one can see it, but the light of God shines in each Christian's face where all can see. Also Christ said, "Behold, I make all things new, every man who believes on me, is a new creature and all old things have passed away."

Your penny is made of metal, and tells us that each of us should always be on his mettle, untarnished by the world and ready at all times to do his part. Your penny can only do small things like paying the tax on a purchase, but you can do great things for God if you will only let Him have His way.

The penny is the least unit of exchange that we have, which reminds us that Christ said that "The least shall be great and the great shall be small," and to be great, we must humble ourselves and become the servant of all.

Your penny can be important, for if you should happen to say, "I do not have a penny to my name," if you keep one, you will never be broke.

In the financial world today they tell us that we should invest our dollars and then the pennies of interest will pile up and take care of us in our old age. But God tells us that we should invest our lives, through faith in Him, and then our interest will pile up and take care of our souls through all eternity.

There are 12 months in this new year that we face, and 12 letters in "In God We Trust." So remember this in each month of the New Year. Moth and rust corrupt in the world and the bright new penny that you hold in your hand today will become dull and unattrative in time, but if you are a child of God, you can renew your faith each day that you live and be unspotted by the world.

I am sure that the designers of the penny had no thought of the various Biblical inferences that I have drawn from their extremely attractive handiwork, for I do not think that there is any other coin that is as beautiful as the bright and shiny new penny. But I am very sure that in His infinite wisdom God was very sure of the design with which He has fashioned each and every one of us.

For the Bible tells us that we are made in His image and in His likeness each and every one of us was created.

So keep this bright new penny to remind you of all these precious things that it can stand for, and remember each time that you handle it that Christ said, "Lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world."

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Strengthening Pastoral Charges

By Garland R. Stafford

Executive Secretary, W.N.C. Conference Commission on Town and Country Work

In a period of five years the Jonesboro District, North Arkansas Conference, has reduced the number of pastoral charges from 37 to 29 and, during the same period, made a dramatic increase both in pastors' salaries and the number of pastorates in the "upper brackets."

The story of this acihevement was told to the joint meeting of the Commission on Town and Country Work and the Commission on Minimum Salary of the Western North Carolina Conference on December 4 by the District Superintendent, Rev. A. N. Storey.

Mr. Storey stated that in the conference year 1957-1958 the Jonesboro District had the following charges and pastors' salaries:

2	Charges		$ 8300
2	"		6000
2	"		5300-5400
4	"		4500-4800
5	"	(stations)	4000-4200
1	"	(circuit)	4100
6	"	(stations)	3600-3900
1	"	(2 points)	3600
2	"	(stations)	3000
1	"	(station)	2400
1	"	(station)	900
9	"	(circuits)	below 3000
1	"	(station)	No salary
37			

In 1963-1964 the situation is as follows:

5	"		$8000 and above
10	"		6000-7200
7	"		5000-5800
4	"		4500-4800
1	"	(pastoral retired)	3900
2	"	(student pasterates)	3400
29			

What made the difference? Five years ago the district set some goals. These goals included an income of at least $4500 for every full-time minister, at $3000 for every student pastor, and a work load of from 300 to 600 members.

To reach these goals, churches have been arranged in pastoral charges that had greater numerical and financial strength. This has meant, for one thing, that some station churches have had other churches put with them to make the charges. This has been done usually with unanimous consent. The approach has been bold but not arbitrary.

In making these changes, Mr. Storev said, no churches have been abandoned and two new churches have been organized. He feels that the people are being served better in the new arrangemnt. It is clear that the pastors have a more adequate support.

In the discussion that followed his presentation it was noted that the average per member giving for pastor's support in the Western North Carolina Conference in 1962-1963 was $11.71. At this rate a charge of 400 members could pay a support of $4684. This falls far short of $6000 which many consider a minimum adequate support today.

It was noted, further, that 132 of the 142 pastoral charges receiving minimum salary funds in the W.N.C. Conference this year had fewer than 400 members. Six of these had less than 50 members.

These things seem to indicate that an adequate membership base is necessary if a charge is to be self-supporting.

An exhibit was presented showing that, in 1963-1964, 396 pastoral charges will pay $5000 or less for pastors' support. In the $5000-$6000 range there are only 150 charges. This means that the opportunity to advance beyond $5000 is very limited for 95 per cent of the pastors below this level.

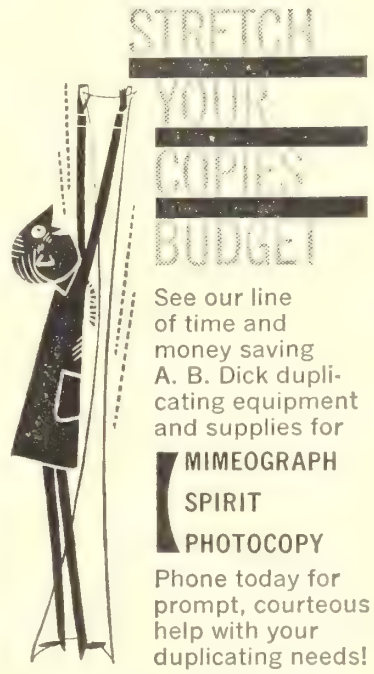
One of the important factors in these considerations is that a minister has a right to have a work load that will keep him fully employed and that will challenge his best endeavor. To do less is to belittle his calling.

Withal, what Mr. Storev had to say seemed very pertinent to the situation in the Western North Carolina Conference!

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By Mary Gardner

WHO SMASHED THE WINDOWS

It was a bitterly cold Sunday morning. As Mr. Stewart hurried toward the church he was thinking how glad he would be to get inside, out of the driving wind and sleet. A few minutes later, when he had opened the door and stepped inside he shivered and found the place icy cold. Entering the sanctuary, he found that, for the second time, every pane of glass on the north side of the church had been broken. Stones and bits of glass were scattered about the floors and pews. Looking at this senseless damage, and thinking of all the expense and hard work involved in making repairs again, the pastor felt angry and greatly distressed. Who could have done it? Some secret enemy deliberately trying to hinder the work of the Lord? Or just some thoughtless boy who enjoyed throwing stones at a target?

The last time it happened, Mr. Stewart had called in the police, but they, after much investigating and interviewing, had not found the culprit. This time he fell on his knees, asking God to show him how they could put an end to this wicked valdalism.

Soon, boys and girls were running into the building for Sunday School. They stopped and gasped in dismay when they saw the broken glass and felt the cold wind blowing through their lovely church. As some of the older boys helped the pastor clean up the dirt, it was decided that this time they would do their own detective work. At school, and in his own neighborhood, each of the boys was to make quiet inquiries and report back to Mr. Stewart.

By this means, it was not long before they had enough evidence to convince them that the culprit was an eleven-year-old boy named Mike Switch. Mr. Stewart asked the boys to say nothing about their findings but to pray for him as he would try to handle this difficult matter. Going to the address given him, he was not able to find Mike, but did have a talk with the boy's parents. He told them what had happened and why he was so certain that Mike had something to do with it. Mr. and Mrs. Switch became very angry. They told him what a good boy Mike had always been; how he had never needed punishment like other children; how the priest had chosen him to be an altar boy at the cathedral; and how very wicked were the boys who had brought this lying report.

Mr. Stewart's heart was heavy with a sense of defeat. He saw that he was getting nowhere with these people and might as well go home. However, he said, "I would not have come here without being sure about this matter, and we had hoped that you would pay something toward repairing the damages. However, we have no wish to quarrel with you, knowing that we ourselves were all guilty before God and desperately in need of a Saviour before God found us."

He went on to tell them of God's love; how He sent His Son into the world, not to condemn the world, but that the world through Him might be saved. He prayed for the Sfitch family, left a Gospel of John with them, and went on wearily home.

A week later he was preparing for a meeting of the boys' club one evening, when a strange boy entered the church. With hanging head, he introduced himself as Mike Switch, and holding out a twenty-dollar bill to the minister said:

"My dad got his pay tonight and sent me over here to give you this money. It is to pay for the windows I broke, and he wants to know what's the total damages."

Astonished, Mr. Stewart took the money offered to him and invited the unhappy boy to stay for the evening. Mike did stay; had a good time; liked the leader, and came back every week after that until the day when they were to have a father-and-son banquet. Right after school, he went to see Mr. Stewart to explain that it would be impossible for his dad to come; but the conversation went on for a long time and mostly concerned his own miserable life: It ended with Mike's kneeling down to cry to the Lord Jesus Christ to forgive his sin and cleanse his heart.

Rejoicing in the assurance of sins forgiven, Mike went home, and was back with his dad in time for supper.

That evening a visiting speaker showed slides of Mr. Switch's native land and told of his recent visit there. Mr. Switch enjoyed it and continued to come to the special meetings at the church on week nights.

On Sunday Mike's father came to the Sunday morning service for the first time, and sat down on the very front seat. Lovingly, the minister watched him during the service, and then at the end, asked whether there was anyone who would accept the Lord Jesus Christ as Saviour. Immediately Mr. Switch got to his feet, and with tears running down his face said, "I want to confess my sins, and get forgiveness from God like you and other people around here."

—*Sunday School Times*

RESOLUTIONS

I'm thinking up a lot of things
  I'd like to do this year,
I think I'd better write them down
  And keep them always near.
So that I'll not forget to be
  Kind to everyone,
And think of happy things to do
  And always quick to run.
To be a help to Mother,
  She needs me every day,
I hope she won't forget to call
  Even if I'm at play.
There's something I can always do
  That spreads from mile to mile,
I believe that you have guessed it,
  I can always wear a smile.

—*Clipped*

BIBLE QUIZ

1—Where in the Bible is the original version of the Ten Commandments?
2—Where is Jesus' interpretation of the Ten Commandments?
3—Where is the familiar version of the Lord's Prayer?
4—Where is another version of the Lord's Prayer, so little used that some people hardly know it exists?
5—Where is the most authoritative history of the early Christian Church in existence?

Answers To Last Week's Questions

1—Egypt (Genesis 42)
2—Damascus (Acts 9:3)
3—Nazarath (Acts 2:22; Luke 2:39)
4—Bethlehem (Luke 2:15)
5—The Land of Nod (Genesis 4:16)

Bored . . .!

Bored! How could that be?
With so many beautiful things to see!
God made them all, and gave us eyes
To see the wonders of earth and skies;
  And you are bored?
  Wake up, and look, and live,
For all this surely some thanks you give!

Bored! But why, my dear?
With so much of God to see and hear;
In birds, in flowers, in all of spring;
The beautiful hymns and songs to sing;
  And you are bored?
  Rise up, praise Him, our Lord and King!
For giving you ears and a voice to sing!

Bored? I cannot understand!
With blessings unendless at your command;
A Book to read, a friend to cheer;
With eyes to see, and ears to hear,
  And you are bored?
  Look up! His wonders are everywhere,
Keep close to God, there's never boredom there.

Mrs. C. R. L., Sr.

Sunday School Lesson

FOR JANUARY 19

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NICODEMUS, CAUTIOUS INQUIRER

Background Scripture: John 3:1-21; 7:40-52; 19:38-42
Lesson Scripture: John 3:1-15

Continuing our series of lessons on the general theme "When Persons Meet Christ, we have as the subject of this lesson, Nicodemus. Note the title of the lesson which describes him as the "cautious inquirer." The Abingdon Commentary characterizes him as "the *anxious* inquirer." This raises a question about Nicodemus: was he trying to test Jesus, to see whether he could be included within the circle of Judaism, or was he a real seeker after personal salvation?

The answer to our question may be found in the other references to Nicodemus in John's gospel which are cited above in the background Scripture. In John 7:40-52 there is related a scene in the temple area where the people are greatly impressed by Jesus' words, but the Jewish authorities are disturbed by his teachings. The temple police, who have been sent to arrest Jesus, are themselves impressed with him and, accordingly, refuse to make the arrest. They are quoted as saying "No man ever spake as this man speaks" (John 7:46). In the ensuing argument where the scribes point out that, according to the Scripture, the Messiah could not possibly come from Galilee, Nicodemus raises his voice in defense of Jesus with these words: "Does our law permit us to condemn unless we have first given him a hearing and learned the facts" (John 7:52, NEB). When the authorities heard this from Nicodemus they replied with the question: "Are you a Galilean, too?" This incident, while not proving Nicodemus to be an outright disciple, does indicate his attempt to get a fair-minded hearing for Jesus.

The other passage in which Nicodemus is mentioned, John 19:38-42, shows him, along with Joseph of Arimathea, claiming the body of the crucified Jesus from the Roman authorities and placing it in a tomb. Here again, we have no outright confession of discipleship, but we have to note that Nicodemus did more than the regular followers who "forsook him and fled."

And now we return to the interview which, according to the record took place at night. At this point it is necessary to explain that John's gospel (which is the only one of the four which records this event) contains much symbolic language. We notice how frequently Jesus hearer's mistake his meaning, taking his words literally rather than spiritually. An example of this is Jesus' discussion with the woman at the well (John 8:15) where the woman thinks that Jesus' reference to "living water" means she will no longer have the drudgery of drawing water from the well. With this in mind some scholars have supposed that "coming by night" meant the darkness of of Nicodemus' mind, rather than a time of day. Some who take the phrase literally have said that "coming by night" means that Nicodemus was a coward, who dared not be seen talking to Jesus in the broad light of day. Perhaps a fairer, and more common-sense view, is that the meeting was at night because of the pressure of the crowds upon Jesus at all hours of the day. This would mean that the evening hours would be the freest for him to have individual interviews.

All the above considerations are, of course, relatively unimportant when compared with the actual conversation of Jesus with this "anxious inquirer." What Nicodemus had trouble understanding was what William James referred to as "the seeming unreality of the spiritual life." Jesus used the figure of speech which compares the work of the spiritual with the wind, or breath (the Greek word for *spirit* and for *wind* is the same, "pneuma"). We can see the *effects* of the wind, but not the wind itself. On the day of Pentecost (see Acts 2) the coming of the Holy Spirit is compared to the "rushing of a mighty wind."

In his interview with Nicodemus Jesus seems to be telling him that he has not been sufficiently aware of the most important dimension of human experience, that is, the spiritual. It is the dimension that so easily eludes us, and yet it is the most important of our lives. St. Paul constantly makes reference to the difference between persons who seem to be motivated only by the temporal, and those who are moved by the spiritual. H. F. Rall, in his book "A Faith for Today," quotes Charles P. Steinmetz, the world's leading electrical engineer of the last generation, as replying to the question: "What line of research will see the greatest development in the next fifty years?" in the following terms: "I think the greatest discovery will be made along spiritual lines. Here is a force which history clearly teaches us has been the greatest power in the development of men and history. Yet we have been merely playing with it, and have never seriously studied it as we have the physical forces. Some day people will learn that material things do not bring happiness and are of little use in making men and women creative and powerful. Then the scientists of the world will turn their laboratories over to a study of God and the spiritual. When this day comes the world will see more advancement in one generation than it has seen in the past four."



On Sunday, December 15, Raeford Methodist Church presented the God and Country Award to two Boy Scouts. On the left front is Stephen Cox with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Cox. On the right is Ronald Morrison with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Morrison. Standing with the Scouts also are the Rev. R. E. L. Moser, pastor of the church, who made the presentation; Miss Ethelynde Ballance, the director of Christian Education, who worked with the boys; and the Scoutmaster, Mr. William Tanner. Both Ronnie and Stephen are active members of the Methodist Youth Fellowship. They sing in the youth choir, and are active in all phases of the church's program for youth.

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The Two Prayers

A poor man went to the temple to pray
Be merciful, Lord, was all he could say
But he bowed his head and closed his eyes
With never a glance toward the skies.
A rich man came at the very same time;
He was not sorry for any crime
As he looked across in high disdain
At the lowly beggar with his grime and stain.

"I thank thee, Lord," the rich man said
As he stood erect with upturned head,
"That I am not like that beggar there
With his grimy face and unkept hair;
I give a tithe of my all to thee,
I am better than he as the world can see."

The rich man left with a pompous stride,
And flipped a coin to the man, inside,
Who still bowed with his eyes cast low
From the presence of God he was loth to go.
He made his plea and was not denied,
By faith in God he was justified
But the poor rich man, as he left the Lord,
Had his arrogant pride as his one reward.

—Floyd S. Barrett

Dr. Sockman Jursidictional Conference Preacher

Dr. Ralph W. Sockman of New York City, pastor emeritus of Christ Church, Methodist, of New York City, will be the Conference Preacher for the quadrennial meeting of the Southeastern Methodist Jurisdiction July 8-12, 1964, at Lake Junaluska.

This announcement came from the College of Bishops of the Southeastern Jurisdiction, who met recently in Charlotte to discuss plans for the five-day Conference, and to attend to other matters of the Jurisdiction.

The Southeastern Jurisdiction meeting at Lake Junaluska will feature legislation and goals for the 1964-68 quadrennium and the election and consecration of several new bishops.

A featured speaker for the Conference will be Chaplain Charles E. Brown, Jr., chief of chaplains of the U. S. Navy. Bishop Eugene Frank, presiding bishop of the Missouri Methodist Area, will be the fraternal delegate from the Council of Bishops of The Methodist Church to the Jurisdictional Conference.

Bishop Frank, along with the eight active bishops of the Southeastern Jurisdiction, and the three retired bishops, will participate in all matters of the Conference, as well as the consecration of new bishops.

The Southeastern Methodist Jurisdiction consists of nine episcopal Areas in nine Southeastern states and Cuba. The College of Bishops reported that "It is not known at this time whether or not the Southeastern Jurisdiction will be entitled to a new Area, as the statistics which govern this matter will not be reported until a bit later."

"A new Area," the College of Bishops reported, "can be added if membership in the Jurisdiction has grown by 500,000 members or a major fraction thereof during the previous four years."

The nine episcopal Areas of the Jurisdiction include 17 conferences which meet annually. They have nearly three million members.

Complete plans for the meeting of the Southeastern Jurisdiction will be announced later by the College of Bishops.

Bishop Nolan B. Harmon, presiding bishop of the Charlotte Area, was host for the two-day meeting, December 14 and 15. Other active bishops attending included:

Bishop John Owen Smith, Atlanta Area; Bishop Paul Hardin, Jr., Columbia Area; Bishop Marvin A. Franklin, Jackson Area; Bishop James W. Henley, Jacksonville Area; Bishop Walter C. Gum, Louisville Area, Bishop Roy H. Short, Nashville Area; and Bishop Paul N. Garber, Richmond Area.

Bishop Costen J. Harrell of Decatur, Ga., retired, who formerly presided over the Charlotte Area, also attended. Unable to attend were two other retired bishops Bishop Arthur J. Moore, Atlanta, Ga., who formerly presided over the Atlanta Area, and Bishop Clare Purcell of Birmingham, Ala., who formerly presided over the Charlotte Area.

The Birmingham Area of the Southeastern Jurisdiction is shared by Bishop Harmon and Bishop Hardin. They were appointed to this leadership following the death, in January of 1961, of Bishop Bachman G. Hodge, who was the presiding bishop.

The states included in the Southeastern Jurisdiction are Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, Florida, Alabama, Mississippi, Kentucky, and Tennessee. Cuba is also a part of the Jurisdiction.

Methodists in these states are divided into these 17 annual conferences: Virginia and North Carolina, in the Richmond Area; Western North Carolina, Charlotte Area; South Carolina, Columbia Area; North Georgia and South Georgia, Atlanta Area; Florida and Cuba, Jacksonville Area; North Alabama and Alabama-West Florida, Birmingham Area; North Mississippi, Mississippi and Memphis, Jackson Area; Holston and Tennessee, Nashville Area; and Kentucky and Louisville, Louisville Area.



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Oak Summit Church in Special January Missions Program

Rev. Kenneth Johnson, pastor of O Summit Church, Winston-Salem, is co ducting a School of Missions at his chur during January at the evening services. snack supper is provided at a nominal pri and the program is presented by men different religious affiliation. On Sund night, January 5, a Protestant, Rev. Fr K. Macon, pastor of South Randolph Met odist charge, near Asheboro, and a form pastor of Union Church in Kathmand Nepal, was the speaker. On Sunday nig January 12, Father Jesse L. Creel, of t Catholic church, pastor of Our Lady Fatima Church, Winston-Salem, will be t speaker. Sunday night, January 19, Rab David H. Rose, Jr., of the Temple Emanu Winston-Salem, will speak, and on Sund night, January 26, Rev. Constantine Papp of the Eastern Orthodox Church, Winsto Salem, will be the speaker. All these m are prominent in the work of their parti ular religious affiliation, and some of the serve on the Mayor's Bi-racial Goodw Committee. The theme of the meetin will be "What Is Our Mission Today?"



A PRAYER FOR THE NEW YEAR

Let me be a little kinder,
Let me be a little blinder
To faults of those about me,
Let me praise a little more;
Let me be when I am weary
Just a little bit more cheery—
Let me serve a little better
Those that I am striving for.

Let me be a little braver
When temptation bids me waver.
Let me strive a little harder
To be all that I should be;
Let me be a little meeker
With the brother who is weaker,
Let me think more of my neighbor
And a little less of me.—Amen

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NEW SANCTUARY OF RACE STREET METHODIST CHURCH, STATESVILLE

The Formal Opening Service and Cornerstone Laying for the new sanctuary of Race Street Methodist Church of Statesville, was held Sunday, December 15th with Rev. Cecil G. Hefner, Statesville District Superintendent, bringing the message. The new sanctuary of Georgian colonial design has a seating capacity of 528. It also contains four class rooms, a choir room, pastor's study, secretary's office and connecting lounge, a large social hall with a new kitchen and pantry, four rest rooms, three utility closets and janitor's room. Built at a cost of $165,000.00 the interior contains wood laminated arches and beige brick walls. A large stained glass cross is featured over the altar. The cross is 17 feet long and 10 inches wide, was designed and crafted by the Laws Stained Glass Company using glass taken from the windows of the old sanctuary. Open house was held from 2:30 until 5:00 on Sunday afternoon, December 15th, with more than 500 visitors touring the building. Members of the Building Committee were Moody White, Chairman, N. L. Bo~gs, Earl Byers, Dwight Gaither, J. W. Holshouser, Clay Lackey and the pastor, Rev. John K. Miller.

CAROLINA BRIEFS

¶ Rev. and Mrs. Robert P. Bunch of Clyde, N. C., announce the birth of a daughter, Beth Carol, January 3, 1964. Mr. Bunch is the pastor of the Central Methodist Church of Clyde.

¶ Dr. Allen P. Brantley, executive director of the North Carolina Conference Commission on Christian Higher Education, will preach next Sunday, January 19, at Chestnut Street Methodist Church, Lumberton, of which Rev. R. C. Mooney is the pastor.

¶ Mrs. John H. Sills, mother of Rev. John R. Sills, who is pastor of Muir's Chapel, Greensboro, passed away Thursday, Jan. 2, in Cabarrus Hospital, Concord. Mrs. Sills lived in Kannapolis. Brother John Sills will have the sympathy of his many friends throughout the conference.

¶ Rev. R. Herman Nicholson, Superintendent of the Thomasville District, preached at First Methodist Church, Charlotte, last Sunday evening, and led in the second session of their study, "Our Mission Today." Mr. Nicholson formerly served as pastor of the Providence Church in Charlotte.

¶ The Rocky Mount District Conference will meet at the West Nash Methodist Church in Wilson Sunday afternoon, Jan. 26th. The Conference begins at 2:30 p.m. and will end at 5:30. All connectional men are invited to attend along with the ministers and laymen of the Rocky Mount District. Rev. J. W. Page is the District Superintendent.

¶ Dr. A. Purnell Bailey, superintendent of the Richmond district, will preach during Fayetteville District Conference, to be held at Methodist College, January 27. The conference begins at 10:00 a.m. Dr. Bailey will preach at the closing session around noon. Rev. Barney L. Davidson is the new district superintendent of the Fayetteville District.

¶ Dr. and Mrs. J. V. Early, Sr., of First Methodist Church, Rockingham, entertained at Open House at the parsonage on Sunday, December 22, 1963, in honor of Mr. and Mrs. J. Virgil Early, Jr., of Chapel Hill. Virgil is studving law at the University of North Carolina. Mrs. Early, Jr. is the former Anne Stallings of Smithfield. More than two hundred persons visited the parsonage during the afternoon.

¶ Rev. Horace E. Bolick, First Methodist Church, Marion, is devoting the month of January to a Church-wide School of Missions, sponsored by the Commission on Missions. Participating guests for the Sunday evening sessions are Rev. Boyce Huffstetler and Rev. Earl Haire, speaking to the adults of the Church on "Our Missions Today." In keeping with the Mission Study, Dr. Horace R. McSwain will preach at the 11:00 service on Sunday, January 19. Under capable leadership, the children and young people are sharing the study of "On the Rim of East Asia." Classes are from 5:00 p.m. to 6:15 p.m., followed by a snack supper in the fellowship hall and a period of fellowship and sharing.

¶ Bishop Nolan B. Harmon preached last Sunday morning at West Market Street Church, Greensboro, as a part of the church-wide emphasis on missions. Mrs. Harmon spoke to the Adult Fellowship meeting at 6:30 p.m., continuing the study "Our Mission Today."

¶ Rev. Vernon Tyson, pastor of Jonesboro Heights Methodist Church, Sanford, was the featured speaker on evangelism at the Richmond, Va., District Conference, held at Ginter Park Church, Richmond, last Thursday, January 9. Dr. A. Purnell Bailey is Superintendent of the Richmond District.

¶ Raeford Methodist Church recently completed carpeting and repainting the sanctuary, which adds to its beauty and worshipful atmosphere. The carpet was placed in memory of Mr. Crawford L. Thomas, Sr., who was a faithful member of the church for many years. Also a room in the hospital at the Methodist Home at Durham has been named in memory of Mr. Thomas, who was a trustee of the Home at the time of his death.

¶ Rev. Bill Andrews, missionary to Brazil spoke during the morning worship service at Broad Street Methodist Church, Mooresville, on Sunday, Jan. 5. Since June Dr. Charles Ratliff, missionary to Pakistan, and Rev. Don Turman, missionary to Malava, have spoken at Broad Street Church. Dr. Lewis Brinton, son of a msiisonary family to Katanga, spoke recently to the Methodist Men's Club of this church. Rev. Robert J. Goldston is pastor.

¶ Evangelistic services will be conducted at the Vanceboro Methodist Church January 19-26. The visiting preacher will be Dr. James D. Gibson, popularly known as the "Beloved Irish Evangelistic." He is approved and accredited by the Methodist church. Mr. Gibson holds the Bachelor of Arts degree, the Bachelor of Divinity and the Doctor of Divinity degrees as an academic background for his ministry. His travels taken him throughout the British Isles, Ireland, Canada, Mexico and many times over the United States. It is said that his evangelism is the kind that exalts Christ, challenges one's thinking and makes a constructive contribution to the ministry of the church. Rev. Alton S. Lancaster is pastor of the Vanceboro Church.

¶ The Editor was delighted to preach tc a splendid congregation at the Grifton Methodist Church last Sunday morning. It was our privilege to spend Satuday night in the home of the pastor, Rev. and Mrs. Wayne Wegwart and their charming children, Gordon, Leonard, and Margaret Ann. Mr. Wegwart's father from Huntington, West Virginia, was also visiting in the home. Grifton church is a good church, and they are making excellent progress. They have practically doubled the budget this year over last year. They are also growing in numbers. Four persons were received last Sunday, and two others were planning to join, but inclement weather conditions prevented their being present. The church has one of the most delightful parsonages to be found anywhere.

Bishop Harmon Is Busy Man

Bishop Nolan B. Harmon, presiding bishop of the Charlotte Methodist Area, headed for Cincinnati, Ohio Jan. 9 following a three-day meeting with the General Board of Education of The Methodist Church in Dallas, Tex.

January presents a full schedule for the bishop, who presides over Methodists of the Western North Carolina and North Alabama conferences.

He began the month by preaching in First Methodist in Birmingham, Ala., Jan. 5, and was honored Jan. 6 in Orangeburg, S. C., as a residence hall of the Methodist Home was named the Nolan B. Harmon Building as part of ceremonies marking the tenth anniversary of the Home.

Jan. 7-9 he was with the General Board of Education, and Jan. 10 met with the Coordinating Council of The Methodist Church in Cincinnati.

Jan. 12 Bishop Harmon preached in West Market Street Methodist Church in Greensboro where Dr. Wilson O. Weldon is pastor. Jan. 13 and 14 led the Evangelistic Mission to Ministers of the Conference in West Market Street Church.

The Western North Carolina Conference Cabinet met with the bishop the morning of Jan. 13 at West Market Street Church.

Jan. 19 Bishop Harmon will preach at 11 a.m. in Central Methodist Church of Mount Airy, where Dr. Frank Smathers is pastor.

Jan. 20 and 21 Bishop Harmon will participate in the Duke Divinity School Seminar in First Methodist Church, Charlotte.

On Jan. 23 he will join other bishops of The Methodist Church in a processional march during the convocation at Emory University in Atlanta, Ga.

On Jan. 28 and 29 the bishop will head the annual Spiritual Concord of the North Alabama Conference in First Methodist Church, Birmingham, an event similar to the Evangelistic Mission to Ministers of the Western North Carolina Conference.

New Bern District Conference Draws Large Attendance

The rains came, and so did the people! As everyone in eastern North Carolina knew.

Notwithstanding the fact that the rains came down heavily, Centenary Church, New Bern, was well filled last Sunday afternoon with between 500 and 600 Methodists attending the New Bern District Conference. We had wondered as we approached whether there would be a quorum, but were delighted to find the largest congregation we have seen lately at district conference anywhere. Rev. R. Grady Dawson, the District Superintendent, had a fine program arranged and everything proceeded on schedule. Reports were concise and to the point. It was an inspiration to be present. A fine chorus of young students from Methodist College, some 40 in number, under the direction of Mr. Alan M. Porter, teacher in the music department at the college, were present and sang several numbers. Every phase of the church program was lifted up by some one working in that particular field. It was a good conference.

Providence Church, Charlotte, Observes Tenth Anniversary

The Providence Methodist Church, Charlotte, of which the Rev. Dwight B. Mullis is the pastor, observed its tenth anniversary the past weekend. On Friday evening at 6:00 o'clock a dinner was served, cafeteria style, and 7:30 p.m. a service was held in the sanctuary at which Dr. Harry Denman was the speaker. On Sunday morning at the 11:00 o'clock service Dr. Mark Depp of Winston-Salem was the preacher of the day. The following facts give an insight into the beginning and development of this very fine church, which has become one of the leading churches in the Western North Carolina annual conference:



Providence Methodist Church

On November 29, 1953 Mr. and Mrs. Paul Ervin invited to their home on Sharon Lane various people living in the Sharon Lane-Providence Road area for the purpose of holding Sunday evening prayer meetings. The following persons were present: Mrs. Carol Chipley, Mr. E. L. Ervin, Mr. and Mrs. Paul R. Ervin, Mr. and Mrs. Henry C. Lentz, Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Yearwood, Mr. James Felts, Jr., Mr. Walter Smith, and Rev. Frank B. Jordan, District Superintendent of the Charlotte District of the Western North Carolina Conference. These prayer meetings were continued with the number of interested persons increasing. At the meeting on January 10, 1954, the group voted unanimously to organize a new Methodist church, and to request the Charlotte City Mission Society for its assistance, including the donation of the property at the corner of Sharon Lane and Providence Road. Persons present at the meeting, later becoming Charter Members of the new church were:

Mr. and Mrs. B. B. Brookshire, Mr. and Mrs. Guy L. Byerly, Jr., Mr. and Mrs. W. Franklin Brown, Mrs. W. Carol Chipley, Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Ervin, Mr. and Mrs. Paul R. Ervin, Mr. Robert L. Hines, Mr. and Mrs. James R. Felts, Jr., Mr. and Mrs. Robert E. Sleet, Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Stone, Mr. Henry C. Lentz, Mr. H. Berryman Jones, Mr. and Mrs. Dan Wolfe, Jr., Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Yearwood.

By August, 1954, plans had been completed and approved for the construction of a church including a sanctuary and church school building. The new structure was begun on October 3, 1954, at which groundbreaking ceremonies Bishop Costen J. Harrell of The Methodist Church presided, assisted by Rev. Paul W. Yount, Jr., who was completing his pastorate with the new church, Rev. R. Herman Nicholson, who had just been appointed as the new pastor of the church, and Rev. Frank B. Jordan, District Superintendent of the Charlotte District. On January 9, 1955, the first services were held in the new building. On the following Sunday, the church celebrated its first anniversary by presenting 181 certificates of Charter Membership.

In September of 1954, a lovely three bedroom brick parsonage was purchased at 2044 Ferncliff Road. Rev. R. Herman Nicholson and his family were the first to occupy the parsonage.

Mrs. Edwin L. Jones has served the church in a very loyal way from the beginning by decorating the church sanctuary each Sunday morning with beautiful flowers.

In October, 1957, Providence Church was honored by serving as host for a meeting of the Judicial Council of the Methodist Church. Mr. Paul Edvin is a member of this Council.

By 1958 the membership had paid for the original church structure costing $85,000.00 with furnishings, had purchased a church parsonage at a cost of an excess of $30,000.00, and had procured a nearby lot for $13,000.00. A campaign, conducted in late January and early February of 1958 to build a new Children's Building, was completely successful in that the amount pledged for this purpose exceeded $180,000.00. The cost of the building, furnishings, alterations on the original structure, parking lots, etc., came to about $225,000.

The church continues to grow. The membership now stands at 961. The Church School enrollment has now reached 1015.

Pastors who have served the church are: Paul W. Yount, Jr., R. Herman Nicholson, Aubert M. Smith, W. Douglas Corriher, and the present pastor, Dwight B. Mullis.

Other important events in the life of the church: the completion of the written program for the construction of new buildings by the Building Committee under the leadership of E. B. Stone as chairman; the hiring of the architect firm of Marsh & Hawkins for the drawing of the sanctuary; the firm of Ketchum, Inc., with T. Marshall Thompson as director, was employed to conduct a church building fund drive; Mr. George M. Ivey was chairman of this drive which secured pledges in the amount of $357,000. The ground breaking for the permanent sanctuary is planned for the spring of 1964!

Wilmington Minister To Visit Holy Land

The Rev. Cyrus B. Hutcherson, pastor of the Devon Park Methodist Church, will make a 21-day pilgrimage to the Holy Land in February.

The tour—by land, sea and air—is a surprise gift. It is to be financed by funds contributed by members of the Kentucky Methodist Conference where the Wilmington minister served as conference evangelist for 16 years.

"This is one of the greatest surprises of my ministry," the Rev. Mr. Hutcherson said when he was notified of the gift. "It will enable me to realize a lifelong desire."

Leaving the Port City in mid-February, the minister wil travel to New York by automobile where he will board a trans-Atlantic plane for Amsterdam and later Milan, Italy.

From Milan, he plans to travel by land to Genoa where he will board a ship for a cruise on the Mediterranean Sea to Cairo, Egypt where he will again board a plane, this time for Nazareth and Jerusalem.

Anxiously looking forward to the religious journey, the Rev. Mr. Hutcherson said, "This trip will take me to the land where the Son of Man was born, Bethlehem, and to Nazareth where he worked in a carpenter shop, and to Jerusalem where at the age of 12, he confronted the doctors."

The minister said he is especially looking forward to visiting Galilee and Jericho, "where some of the miracles of the Son of Man were witnessed."

A pilgrimage to "these Bibleland cities is the dream of every gospel minister," the Rev. Mr. Hutcherson said, "It is a journey I am looking forward to most anxiously."

Quickly recalling his friends in Kentucky who are making the trip possible, the minister said, "I only hope that I can repay their kindness by making this journey work for the Lord on my return."

The Devon Park pastor came to Wilmington in 1960 from Memphis, Tenn., where he had served five years in a pastorate post.

Prior to that time, he served in Kentucky pastorates and in the U. S. Armed Forces as a chaplain in World War II.

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Our Nation's Strength

The United States of America was founded upon faith in God, and it has relied upon His divine guidance through the years. This accounts for its unparalleled growth and development in the comparatively short period of its existence. Those who have occupied places of leadership and who have shaped its policies have for the most part been men of a deeply religious faith. Its constitution gave full expression to such deeply rooted principles, and its citizens have properly ascribed its marvelous development to Divine Providence. It is truly "One nation, under God, with liberty and justice for all." May it ever remain so.

This attitude and thought was expressed most amirably by President Lyndon Baines Johnson in the recent transition of administrative responsibility from our late beloved President John F. Kennedy to Mr. Johnson, when he said to the national congress on November 27:

"I need your help. I cannot bear this burden alone. I need the help of all **Americans** and all America."

"Those who test our courage will find it strong, and those who seek our friendship will find it honorable. We will demonstrate anew that the strong can be just in the use of strength; and the just can be strong in the defense of justice."

"The time has come for Americans of all races and creeds and political beliefs to understand and to respect one another. So let us put an end to the teaching and the preaching of hate and evil and violence. Let us turn away from the fanatics of the far left and the far right, from the apostles of bitterness and bigotry, from those defiant of law, and those who pour venom. into our Nation's bloodstream."

Again on November 28, when addressing the nation Mr. Johnson made a request for prayer when he said:

Let all who speak and all who teach and all who preach and all who publish and all who broadcast and all who read or listen—let them reflect upon their responsibilities to bind our wounds, to heal our sores, to make our society well and whole for the tasks ahead of us."

"Let us pray for His divine wisdom in banishing from our land any injustice or intolerance or oppression to any of our fellow Americans whatever their opinion, whatever the color of their skins—for God made all of us, not some of us, in His image. All of us, not just some of us, are His children."

"I ask that you remember your country and remember me each day in your prayers."

President Kennedy was a man of religious faith as was so well indicated in many of his public utterances, including his inaugural address, and in later appeals to the public to seek divine guidance in the affairs of state. It is re-assuring now to have Mr. Johnson assuming his responsibilities by himself seeking divine wisdom and requesting his fellow-Americans to remember him in their daily prayers. With the affairs of state in the hands of such men, we feel a note of security that cannot be had in any other way.

"God bless America; stand beside her, and guide her, through the night, with a light from above."

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THEME FOR THE WEEK

"I exhort, therefore, that, first of all, supplications, p r a y e r s, intercessions, and giving of thanks, be made for all men: for kings, and for all that are in authority; that we may lead a quiet and peaceful life in all godliness and honesty." —I Timothy 2:1, 2.

LETTERS

P.O. Box 3551, Salisbury
Southern Rhodesia, Africa
December 26, 1963

Dear Friends:

The following "Letter to the Editor" appeared in a daily newspaper, printed in Salisbury, Southern Rhodesia.

Isn't there some way people can be prevented from bringing up religion as far as Christmas is concerned? Jack Bell, Salisbury.

Never have I tried to think of Christmas without religion. After reading the question in the newspaper, I pondered the matter. A Christian cannot have an experience of Christmas without its involving a religious expression or thought process. A non-Christian can have a Christmas holiday, and he can experience some materialistic pleasures associated with that period on the calendar.

To those who have grown up in a Christian community, enjoying the material and spiritual benefits of the church, it is difficult to conceive a person being opposed to religion. However, CHRIST has not been made known to all men, not in America, not in Africa, not in all the world!"

The Methodist Church has made some progress since it started at Old Umtali Mission in 1896. Thousands pass through the portals of more than 200 schools each year. The pole and mud buildings, covered with straw do not deter the desire to learn. There is a Methodist congregation in each community where our church operates a school. There are not enough church buildings, but a tremendous extension program includes plans to erect many church buildings during the next several months. Local communities need help, but the people of Africa are working hard, and they'll do their part.

Your letters and various encouragements concerning this work have meant much to us. The children have done well during the preceding year, in spite of some illnesses which have caused much concren to the parents. On Christmas day they arose early, and enjoyed a meanngful Christmas, and the carols were sung by all of us. Even Martha (1 year) put her voice into the act. All Methodist missionaries of the Salisbury area gathered at Epworth Theological College for Christmas dinner, songs—and giving gifts.

Virginia has been taking care of children and teaching sewing and cooking to the women of Chisangano Church. Seavy has been busy in variuos phases of the church work, including visits to all areas of Southern Rhodesia where Methodism is at work.

During the coming year, we hope to see you.

Sincerely,
The Carrols

Seavy, Virginia, Carrie, Catherine, Wesley and Martha.

P. S. We shall leave Rhodesia the latter part of May, and we plan an extensive speaking itinerary, beginning in September, 1964. The schedule is being prepared by the New York office of the Board of Missions.

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Editor
N. C. Christian Advocate:

We have observed that when the subject of capital punishment is before a church body, there is little or no reference to the fact that God Himself established civil government, giving it as its highest prerogative the judicial taking of life for blood shed to the point of the loss of life itself to the victim (See Genesis 9:6).

Resolutions are thereupon adopted urging the abolition of capital punishment, notwithstanding the fact that this prerogative given to civil rulers is carried over into the New Testament without change (See Romans 13:3 and 4).

The sword in verse 4 is symbolic of civil authority, and the magistrate bears it for the protection of the law abiding and for the punishment of the evil doer. To assist, we have courts, juries, peace officers, jails, etc.

God instituted civil government hundreds of years before He gave the Ten Commandments. The commandment "Thou shalt not kill" applies to individuals in their relations to other individuals, as do all in the Decalogue. We cannot find anywhere in the New Testament that capital punishment has ever been annulled.

It is right and proper that persons accused of even the most heinous crimes be given the benefit of counsel and trial by jury, but how often following the commission of a fatal crime, sympathies turn from the victim and his family to the accused and his family. Maudlin sentiment too often displaces justice, and society frequently pays the penalty.

A. D. CLOSSON
(A layman in the local church at Weaverville)

Weaverville, N. C.

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Increased Membership

The Methodist Church on Taiwan had a remarkable membership increase of 25 per cent this year, according to reports reaching the Board of Missions.

A report on the Taiwan Conference's first session was sent by an old-hand at Methodist journalism, the Rev. Dr. Miron A. Morrill of Winfield, Kan., who has returned to Taiwan for three years as financial development officer of Soochow University. A former professor at Southwestern College and a religious journalist, Dr. Morrill served an earlier special missionary term on Taiwan from 1957 to 1960.

Bishop Richard C. Raines of Indianapolis, bishop of Taiwan and Hong Kong during 1963, presided at the conference and ordained two ministers. During his 17-day visit, Bishop Raines dedicated three new buildings at Wesley Girls High School and saw a new village for refugees.

Is The Church-Related College Today Christian?

BARRETT WILSON

The word is out that our Christian colleges today are not Christian! It must be a rumor, an idle tale; nevertheless the word is out. Laymen speak of it in the shelter of their homes and ministers show their concern as they huddle together for a meeting. Whether it is true or not, the word is out and its high time our college leadership dealt with such a public image as this!

A minister said to me, "My son will be ready for college next year. I'm in a dilemma. I don't know whether to send him to a state institution where he won't get any religion or send him to a church-related college *where he will likely lose the religion he has!*"

It would be interesting to know why he feels this way. Maybe it is because he went to a church college and came out with this impression. Possibly he has seen young people from his churches completely abandon their faith and the church after attending college? But should we blame the college here? *When is a college Christian?* Is it true that one brings away from college the faith that one brought with him to college? Is a Christian college supposed to nourish and strengthen the faith of its students as well as expand their knowledge and enlighten their minds? Should a teacher in a Christian college feel a responsibility for the Christian growth and maturity of his pupils? In its catalog one of our colleges hints at this by giving as one of its purposes the following: "to develop in students a Christian philosophy of life through a wholesome spiritual atmosphere; by encouraging worship and the study of the great litertature of the faith; *and by pervading all instruction with a reverent spirit of the Master.*" (High Point College).

It is clear that some of these "impressions" about our church colleges come through the witness of certain professors who teach in our training schools. One layman reported this incident which took place at a training school recently. A young person asked the professor a question about God speaking to us today. The professor answered, "Nonsense! God doesn't speak to us today!" "But," the youth replied anxiously, "what about the time I gave myself at the altar of my church?" The professor quickly retorted, "Could *I* have heard Him speak?" I do not know what happened to the young person, but I do know that the layman no longer attends trainings schools. It was this same professor, by the way, who later said, "Children shouldn't go to Sunday School. It takes the colleges four years to get that nonsense out of their heads."

Now we should not condemn all church-related colleges or even one college for what one man says, but by a *word* a man or a *college* is known! A learned man knows enough to say what he means and means what he says. What about the reports about the teachers who delight in giving their students the "shock-treatment" and upsetting their faith? It is one thing to want a student to rethink and deepen his faith; it is quite another to take a delight in destroying another's faith! What was the purpose in the mind of the teacher who said, "'Paul was a better Christian than Christ. Christ was not a Christian." Is this the proverbial "shock-treatment" or is it blasphemy or is it both?

We are living in a scientific age. We want our colleges to train our Christian youth so that they will be wise enough to cope with this generation. But this does not mean that we should worship at the shrine of the human intellect as one distinguished professor recently implied when he pounded on the lectern and shouted, "Intelligence is the thing! I tell you *intelligence is more important than consecration.*" Maybe we need to listen more than we do today to St. Paul when he said: "Be careful that nobody spoils your faith, through intellectualism or high-sounding nonsense. Such stuff is at best founded on men's ideas of the nature of the world and disregards Christ! Yet it is in Him that God gives a full and complete expression of Himself" (Col. 2:8, Phillips)



Bishop Nolan B. Harmon (second from right) is pictured in front of the residence hall named in his honor at the Methodist Home of the South Carolina Methodist Conference. The building is now known as the Nolan B. Harmon Building. Others in the picture (from left) are, the Rev. Cellis L. Woodard, superintendent of the Methodist Home at Orangeburg, S. C.; Dr. Lester L. Kingman, president of Spartanburg Junior College and chairman of the Board of the Home; and Bishop Paul Hardin, presiding bishop of the Columbia Area. The January sixth ceremony also marked the tenth anniversary of the founding of the Methodist Home.

The main question is, *when is a college Christian?* President J. Earl Moreland of Randolph Macon College in Ashland, Va., presented a "statement of goals" to his trustees. He gave four *qualifications* for a church-related college: 1. "that its administration, its overall direction, its trustees and recognized leaders believe in the church. This means that in their lives and labors they seek sincerely to reflect the point of view of the church. 2. that in its faculty are men who hold to and exemplify a Christian philosophy of life. It means that the members of the faculty should be imbued with Christian idealism, committed to that way of life which we call in our country, Christian. It is not infrequently true that the professor of biology, the professor of chemistry, the professor of physics, can present to students, authough indirectly, *the best exemplification of what a Christian philosophy of life really signifies.* 3. That the church-related college serves the church with which it is related. A few of those services are the following: (a) to train its future ministers; (b) to train its laity; (c) through its counseling program, to aid students day by day who are facing new issues and problems as they discover new truths and principles. The college works with the church through providing scholarships and aids for those who come from its church constituency to *study.* 4. That the administration and faculty of the college, with the aid of its finest and best students, must seek to have the campus permeated to fortify this fourth qualification: (a) the study of Biblical literature which is required; (b) chapel services that are well conducted by an able chaplain and are required; (c) a church on the campus that is available at all times for study and worship; (d) a religious work program; and (e) "lay services" of a wide variety which are provided through the chaplain and those who labor with him. . . ."

I attended a state institution. The closest I came to a course on religion was one term of Shakespeare! We had no chapel or beautiful church at the center of our campus—only a tall, square monument with a large clock on it! It was right after the war. I searched, as many of us returned soldiers did. I searched: Plato, Aristotle, Marcus Aurelius and finally, I found Christ! It might have been sooner on a Christian college campus. I wonder! Many of us are wondering!

I close with a story, changed a little from the original. A woman was being escorted through a church-related college campus. She was a prominent person and the president himself was giving her his best tour. He showed her with pride the new dormitories and the beautiful, new library. He just kept pointing up this and that and talking incessantly. Standing there in the middle of the campus, this wise woman interrupted him suddenly, sayng, "Young man, tell me. Has anyone been saved here lately?" A good question for the church today! And for the church-related college too!

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"You can't create social justice in a spiritual vacuum."—Beshop Matthew W. Clair.

Methodist Board Announces Missionary Needs For 1964

Ministers, educators, community development specialists, doctors, librarians, accountants, agriculturists, nurses, home economists—these are a few of the many types of workers which The Methodist Church needs to man its missionary posts in the United States and around the world during 1964.

The Methodist Board of Missions, on behalf of the whole Methodist Church, has announced its 1964 missionary personnel needs for career service at home and overseas. As in the past, the types of missionaries and deaconesses needed are many, and the qualifications for service are high.

In announcing the needs, the Board, through its Office of Missionary Personnel (Room 1466, 475 Riverside Drive, New York 10027), said:

"Missions are not a program which a Christian may or may not support, according to his inclinations, his pocketbook, or his other plans of life." They are not one of the activities of the church; they are its life and its reason for existence. This being true, many Christians are called to consider whether they should give their lives in full-time service in the church, including missionary service.

"The needs for new missionaries in 1964 are great, as they have been in the past. Younger churches around the world are calling for more missionary personnel with skills, preparation and experience for specific tasks. Men and couples are sought on a fairly definite schedule for work in the United States and abroad. The need for new women missionaries and deaconesses far outruns the supply."

In addition to listing specific needs for career missionaries at home and abroad, the Board is also presenting to The Methodist Church at large a variety of mission-related vocations in America which call for workers in ever greater numbers. These include many jobs under the Board itself and many others which are not under its direct supervision but are related to the Methodist home missions program. These vocational openings include: pastors for new suburban churches, inner-city churches and rural areas; teachers and administrators for schools; social workers; Goodwill Industry executives; doctors, nurses, and other medical and hospital personnel; workers with children and youth; directors of Christian education and many others. There are special opportunities for deaconesses in several of these fields.

Each year the variety of skills called for in overseas missionary service increases, so that many skills not needed 15 years ago have become standard openings for missionary service today. The Board said it would not be feasible to list all of the types of needs for 1964, but gave the following representative list:

Extension workers for village programs, community development specialists, agriculturists, home economists, social group workers, social case workers, dietitians directors of Christian education, journalists, educational administrators, nurses, medical technologists, accountants and ministers for several fields including rural and urban churches, church development and the ministry to students.

The calls for missionaries come from these 25 countries: Japan, India, Indonesia (Sumatra), the Philippines, West Pakistan, Korea, Burma, Bolivia, Okinawa, Algeria, Tunisia, Mexico, Peru, Argentina, Hong Kong, Taiwan, Chile, Brazil, Liberia, the Congo, Uruguay, Southern Rhodesia, Costa Rica, Malaysia (including Malaya and Sarawak), Nepal and Mozambique.

Despite the urgent need for new missionaries in 1964, those who apply must be able to meet the high standards for career Methodist missionary and deaconess service. According to the Board, these include:

1. Experience and knowledge of God through Jesus Christ. This should be shown through membership and active involvement in the church, preferably Methodist.

2. A conviction of the world's need for Christ and a genuine desire to share one's faith and to minister to the needs of others.

3. Good academic preparation: college graduation for all missionaries and deaconesses; professional or graduate training for some fields, such as the ministry, medicine, social work, and above average academic record.

4. Age between 23 and 35. This is standard though exceptions are made as indicated by circumstances, especially in the case of older, professionally qualified women.

5. Good physical, mental and emotional health, determined by medical examination and pschological appraisal.

6. At least a year's experience in the professional field in which the missionary expects to serve.

The Board's Office of Missionary Personnel, which previously released its list of special-term missionary opportunities for 1964, said that questions are often raised by interested persons about the relationship of missions to the Peace Corps and similar secular agencies for service. It quoted from an unofficial statement from a Missionary Personnel executive:

"Not all deeply committed Christian people today are convinced that the institutional church is the best channel for Christian witness. We in missionary personnel are ready to grant that real missionary activity may exist where the institutional church is unknown and that even where it is known many able Christians are doing real missionary work through secular agencies. We can understand that many Christians feel a true missionary vocation to choose the secular agency as their channel for witness. We do not hesitate to mention the Peace Corps. We believe both in the reality and the necessity of the lay witness in the world, of an effective Christian witness outside the structured forms of the institutional church.

"Nevertheless, we in missionary personnel believe that God created that community which is the church, including its institutional form and program, as His channel for mission. We believe that no person who feels a call to dedicate all or part of his working career to special Christian service has the right to choose the secular channel unless and until he has faced squarely the question as to whether God wishes him to choose the church."

Full details about all aspects of missionary and deaconess service are available from: Methodist Office of Missionary Personnel, Room 1466, 475 Riverside Drive, New York, N. Y. 10027.

Raindrops

This morning when the sun came up,
Showers had passed in the night,
The earth looked so refreshed and new,
It was a scene of delight.

Every needle on the pine trees
With crystal raindrops hung,
Glittering in the pale sunlight
Like Christmas baubles strung.

The stately Indian cedars
Were veiled in gossamer lace,
Bejeweled with silver droplets
In rare and exquste taste.

The flowers beamed wth gratitude,
And every blade of grass
Seemed tipped with a tiny prism
Of iridescent glass.

Thanks be to God for eyes to see
Thy beauty on every hand,
And for the raindrops, heaven-sent
To bless this verdant land.

—Viola Vick Braswell

Plan Mission to Alaska

A total of abuot 26 ministers and laymen will go to Alaska for a Methodist evangelistic mission Jan. 23 to Feb. 2.

The Rev. Dr. Lawrence L. Lacour and Harold L. Hermann, staff members of the Board of Evangelism, will direct the mission.

Dr. Lacour said that the Rev. Dr. Allen B. Rice of Philadelphia, executive secretary of the Section of Home Missions of the Board of Missions, had requested the Board of Evangelism to work with the Board of Missions in the endeavor.

Dr. Edens to Speak

Dr. A. Hollis Edens, former president of Duke University, will be the speaker for the annual David D. Jones service of remembrance to be held at Bennett College, Sunday, January 19, at 4 p.m. in Pfeiffer Chapel.

Dr. Edens is presently the executive director of the Mary Reynolds Babcock Foundation, Inc., of Winston-Salem.

Dr. Jones, a native of Greensboro, served as Bennett's president from the time it became a college for women in 1926 until a year before his death in 1956.

Rocky Mount MYF Rally

The Rocky Mount District Youth Rally will be held next Sunday, January 19, at First Church, Wilson from 2:55 to 4:45. There will be fellowship and devotionals, followed by welcome. Rosemary MYF will present a skit on the MYFund. Rev. Troy Barrett will present the North Carolina Conference European Caravan. Refreshments will be served. A fee of 25 cents for registration will be made. Delegates are asked to come early in order to register before three o'clock.

Mount Olive Church Launches Crusade of Progress

Mrs. S. B. Boyd

At a joint meeting of the Official Board and the Building Committee of the First Methodist Church, Mount Olive, December 11, 1963, it was voted to launch a crusade for a minimum goal of $80,000.00 for an addition to the present educational facilities. The plans call for a new Children's Building, a new Fellowship Hall and renovation of the present Educational Building. It is the objective of the Crusade of Progress to add to the present building so that the church may more adequately provide a better ministry through education, recreation and fellowship. The services of Rev. Forrest Reynolds of the Division of National Missions of the Board of Missions has been retained for this crusade. On January 26, Mr. Walter Burgess, architect, will present the building plans for congregational approval. The Executive Committee for the Crusade of Progress is as follows: General Chairman, Fred L. Meacham; Larger Gifts Chairman, Cecil J. Winstead; General Visitation Chairman, E. J. Pope.; Prayer Vigil Chairman, Clayton Summerlin; Publicity Chairman, Mrs. Shelton B. Boyd; Crusade Secretary, Mrs. Rethal Grimes.

January is church-wide mission study month at First Church. The study book, Our Mission Today, is being taught by Rev. Christian White each Sunday night during the month at 6:30 o'clock in the Fellowship Hall of the Educational Building. All adults and Senior High MYFers are attending.

Scholarship Awards at Pfeiffer

Fifty academic scholarships valued to $3.000 over four years will be awarded by Pfeiffer College to freshmen entering in the fall of 1964.

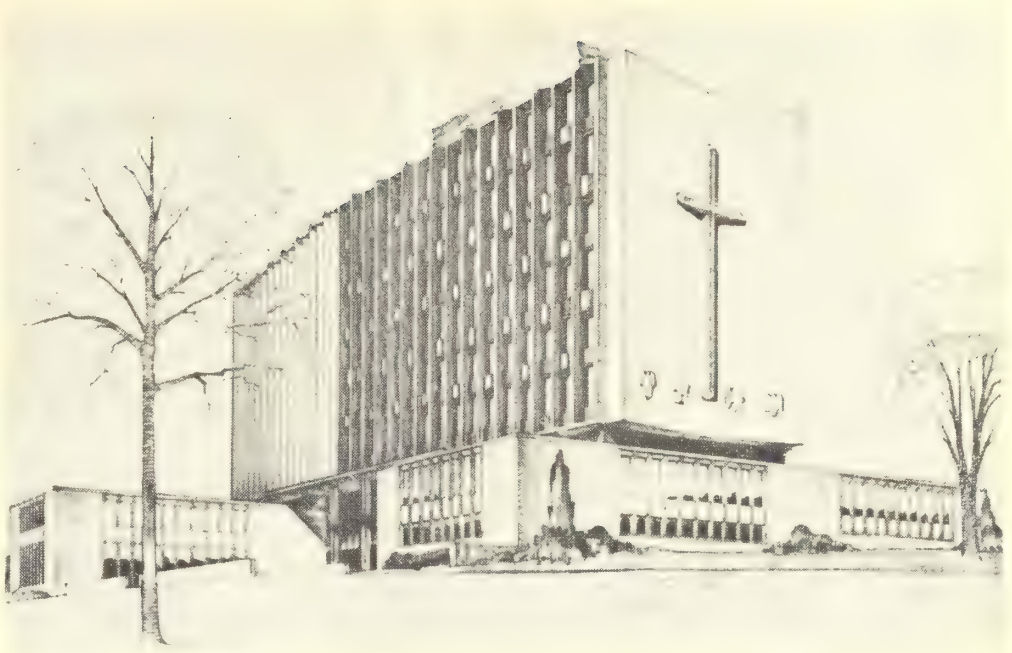
Dr. J. Lem Stokes, Pfeiffer President, said that the scholarship program was designed to recognize academic achievement and potential among high school students. Applications are still being received by the 800 student liberal arts college.

The awards cover study in areas of business, languages, teacher preparation, church music, social sciences, religion and the natural sciences as well as pre-professional areas.

President Stokes said that area high school guidance directors have details on the program. The awards are made on the basis of high school records, designated test scores and interviews.

"The college awards more than $100,000 in scholarships annually. We believe that prospective students who are interested in an academic program of excellence, the opportunity for personal attention from the faculty, and the possibility of developing personal interest will find this scholarship program especially interesting." Dr. Stokes said.

Information and application procedures may be obtained by writing the Chairman, Scholarship Committee, Pfeiffer College, Misenheimer, N. C. Awards will be announced in mid-winter and again in the spring.



This is the design approved for the new Methodist Building in Washington, on which work is expected to start this spring. The cross and symbols on the wall will join other Christian symbols along this section of Massachusetts Avenue—an eternal flame on the chapel at American University, the figure of Christ and a cruciform bell tower at Wesley Theological Seminary. Nearby also are the National Cathedral (Episcopal) and the projected national Presbyterian center, all on this "avenue of the embassies."

New Methodist Headquarters Building to Be Erected

Spring, 1964, should bring construction of a new Methodist headquarters building in Washington, D. C., officials expect, following District of Columbia approval of plans. The $3,500,000 structure will take about two years to complete. Necessary zoning changes were approved in November.

Bishop John Wesley Lord of Washington said it is hoped to break ground in the spring for the eight-story building. It will be a project of the Division of Temperance and General Welfare of the Board of Christian Social Concerns. Bishop Lord is division chairman.

The new structure will be some five miles northwest of the 40-year-old Methodist Building on Capitol Hill, also owned by the division. Its tenants are expected to include the several national and regional Methodist agencies in the present building, plus other church-related and inter-church agencies. Officials said some office space would be retained on Capitol Hill as long as possible.

The division will finance the building, according to Bishop Lord, and will amortize necessary loans out of income, with no call for extra funds from the churches. Construction fees and interest will raise the total cost to some $4,000,000.

The facade of the building on busy Massachusetts Avenue will feature a large stone cross, lighted at night, above four symbols depicting themes of the church's social witness.

The main floor will include a lobby, bookstore and some office space. The floor below will have meeting rooms, a restaurant, mail room and similar service facilities. This will be open to a landscaped area on the south side. Below will be parking for 42 cars, plus storage.

The six upper floors will be for offices. Some 83 per cent of the building's 150,000 square feet of floor space will be rentable. Construction is planned to give maximum flexibility of room arrangements. Officials said half of the six floors are already spoken for.

Exterior of the structure will be marbleized and natural stone, plus aluminum and extensive glass.

This will be the first construction in the Methodist Center, a 16-acre site at Massachusetts and Nebraska Avenues and adjacent to such Methodist institutions as American University, Wesley Theological Seminary and Metropolitan Memorial Methodist church. The site was acquired in 1957 by the former Board of Temperance and is now owned by the denomination.

The Wayside Pulpit

D. E. Earnhardt

Study to show yourself approved.
—II Timothy 2:15

A recent visitor told me that his wife had quit him and had taken the seven children back to Oregon to her mother. Besides, his own mother lay hard by the gates of death down in Florida and he wanted to borrow money so he could go down and comfort her. He had tried farming and the doggone rabbits et up all the cabbage and onions. The crows pecked holes in his cantaloupes, and buzzards killed his little pigs. On top of all that, his wife was one of these foolheaded women that would not live in the country. I gave him fifty cents for his visit and departure. He walked like a king on his way to buy another drink of liquor.

This man had made a habit of failure. It occurs to me in this New Year's season that we should resolve to make a habit of success.

Cherokee Methodists Approve New Development Plan

Cherokee Methodists have approved a physical and spiritual development plan designed to better serve the new industrial nature developing on and near this Indian reservation.

Dr. John Stroud, pastor for the Cherokee Methodist Center, said the plan included these features:

1. The training of leadership among Cherokee Methodists with the long-range goal of seeing a Cherokee as pastor to his people and a full member of the Western North Carolina Methodist Conference.

2. Construction of: a day nursery-kindergarten building, an annex to the sanctuary, a new parsonage with the present parsonage to be relocated and renovated for guests, and the building of a summer structure for the hundreds of church young people who visit the Center each year.

3. The securing of Work Camps to aid the Cherokee Methodist Church in the summer.

4. The taking of the Christian Gospel to the many Cherokees who are unable to reach the Center for worship and other activities.

5. And the goal by the Cherokee Methodists of working toward being self-supporting in their total financial program.

Dr. Stroud said there is much leadership potential among the Cherokee and he would like this turned toward Christian vocations, with emphasis upon the Methodist ministry.

Presently the Cherokee Methodist Center has 170 members. Dr. Stroud also serves a mission station, Big Cove, which has eight members. Dr. Stroud's plan is to bring Methodism to the Cherokees by establishing more chapels, or outpost Sunday schools, across the reservation.

"We once had five chapels," he said, "which were combined into this Methodist Center in 1951. When this was done we lost many members to other denominations who came in to serve the people in the areas we had left."

Now, Dr. Stroud said, The Methodist Church wants to return with the Gospel to the coves and mountains where many of the Cherokees live, but retain the Center as the central meeting place for all of the Cherokees.

The five chapels which Methodism once operated were served by local preachers, a Methodist term meaning laymen licensed to preach in a certain area.

The removal of Methodism to the Center hindered the church, Dr. Stroud said, since transportation to this new location was lacking. People began worshipping with the next closest denomination. "We lost about half of our membership when the program was centralized," he said.

The Center, since 1951, has been served by a clergyman who is a member of the Western North Carolina Conference. The Center is also served by a deaconess who is supported by the national Woman's Division of Christian Service. Miss Vera Falls presently is filling that post as a church and community worker—a person who combined her schedule by serving both the church and community.

Methodism came to the Cherokees in 1922 and when the Cherokees were moved westward during the "Trail of Tears" exodus, two Methodist missionaries went along. For those Cherokees who refused to go, and hid in the mountains, the Methodists appointed the Rev. Ulrich Keener as teacher for a mission school to serve them.

Although the present membership of the Center is only a fraction of that of the reservation's population of 4,000, the Center serves many more Cherokees through its program.

This is the idea behind the property expansion part of the development plan.

Industry has come to the Cherokees, presently two factories operate on the reservation, one producing Indian souvenirs and the other quilted materials. They employ about 300 persons, of which 70 percent are Cherokee.

Presently under construction is a furniture factory which will employ about 400, and just off the reservation will be a women's wear factory in which the Cherokees will work. When all four factories are operating, most of the work force from the reservation will be employed, Dr. Stroud said.

Cherokee Methodists feel the day nursery-kindergarten will serve those Cherokee children whose parents are working. The building will be located to the left of the present sanctuary-education building, on the spot where the parsonage now stands.

The parsonage will be moved next to the Keener Craft Shop and will serve church guests and summer groups who come to the Center. It would continue as a parsonage until a new parsonage is constructed. The new parsonage will be located on the vacant space to the rear of the present parsonage and to the left of the Service Center building.

The annex to the sanctuary will be in the rear and will provide space for Sunday school classes and the choir. "Our Sunday school attendance has outgrown our available space," Dr. Stroud said. Over 200 persons are now members of the Sunday school.

Each year hundreds of church young people come to the Center as part of a Christian tour of Methodist institutitions. Usually these are young people planning to go into fulltime church work. To serve them, the Center plans to construct a building with baths, toilets and. bunks.

Finally, the Center plans to secure Work Camps—young people who are devoting their summer vacations to work in national missions across the U. S. Dr. Stroud, who with his wife worked in Cuba with Cuban Methodists from 1943 until the evacuation, and then with Cubans in Florida, said he has used Work Camp groups with success for 25 years. He said they usually contain 12-20 college students who spend about two months with a mission project. He hopes to secure such a group for the summer of 1964.

Dr. Stroud said several Cherokee Methodist couples will serve this summer as host and hostess for touring groups and tourists who annually visit the Center by the thousands.

The annex to the sanctuary will be named the "Mary Jo Harding Annex" in honor of the wife of Harry Harding, business manager of the Center. The day nursery-kindergarten will be named the "Hornbuckle Day Nursery and Kindergarten" in honor of the late William Hornbuckle, a Cherokee who was a local Methodist preacher to the Cherokees.

Dr. Stroud said the Center plans to purchase a tractor to be used to plow gardens for Cherokee Methodists. "They are dependent quite a bit on their gardens for food." he said, "and by using the tractor we can help them get more food and a better balanced diet in their planting."

Dr. Stroud said the Cherokees are enthused about eventually having one of their own as pastor to serve them. And he said they are anxious to work toward being able to financially support their own program.

But, he said, before any progress in this area can be made, "the people must be taught stewardship of their talents and finances."

"The Indian wants the chance to earn his own way," Dr. Stroud said. "The better class of Indian doesn't want to be the object of charity. He must have the opportunity to earn, and this is what the industry here is providing."

"With the better economic opportunities here, more of the young Cherokees who are now trained off the reservation, will come back here to work."

Dr. Stroud said the Cherokee Methodists plan to hard-surface all roads on their five-acre Methodist Center location once the water and sewage construction work now underway on the reservation is completed.

Officials of the Cherokee Center Official Board which approved the plans are Thomas Queen, president; Mrs. Alex Catolster, secretary; Dr. Stroud and Miss Falls. The Board of Managers, which then approved the plans, includes Dr. Mark Tuttle of Lake Junaluska, superintendent of the Waynesville District which includes Cherokee, as president, and also: Dr. Horace McSwain of Statesville, Dr. M. Wilson Nesbitt of Durham, Mrs. Garland Stafford of Statesville, Mrs. James Fowler, Jr., of Lake Junaluska, Mrs. Frank Cogburn of Canton, Dr. Stroud, Miss Falls and these Cherokees—Mrs. George Owl, Mrs. Catolster, Saughe Youngbird and the Center's business manager, Mr. Harding.

The Building Committee for the development plan includes Dr. Stroud as chairman, Mr. Harding, Mr. Youngbird, Mr. Queen, Dr. Tuttle, Dr. McSwain and Miss Falls.

REDEEMING LOVE

Chrsit in His mercy
Came down from above
With unfailing pity
And undying love.

He willingly suffered
On the cross of shame
For sinners like me
Who believe on His Name.

The suffering and shame
That He bore on the tree
Belonged, oh sinner,
To both you and me.

Salvation is free
Since our debt Jesus paid
Free to all who accept
The sacrifice He made.

Jesus Christ's blood atoned
For humanity's sin
And it's only by faith
In Him we can win.

—Elizabeth West Johnson
High Point, N. C.

Bethesda Church Conducting Intensive Bible Study

An intensive study of the Bible was begun Sunday night, January 5, at Bethesda Methodist Church near Fairmont in Robeson County.

This Bible study is designed to continue over a period of three years, using the first three weeks of each month—totaling 936 hours in the study of the Bible.

"How the Bible Came to Be" along with a period of orientation comprised the first night's study. The method of teaching is lecture-group discussion. Deuteronomy is the book to be considered the next Sunday evening. The pastor, Rev. Paul G. Bunn, is the instructor in the course. He plans to present to his people a study of the Bible including its origins, its history, its translations and its content. Knowledge about the Bible and knowledge of the Bible are both important.

The desired result is a deeper appreciation of God's Holy Word along with a depth understanding in personal Christian living.

Mr. Bunn taught a similar course to the ministers of his district in Jadotville, Katanga, Africa.

DOES IT MATTER?

Does it matter whether we continue to give the bulk of our money through the Sunday School rather than through the Church? The minister thinks so and has stated his feelings in a sermon on "Our Pattern of Worship." His feelings are summarized in these statements.

The Sunday School is a fairly recent innovation, begun earlier than the day of Robert Raikes of England, but really put on the market by him in 1780. The Church of Christ dates back to the day of Pentecost when "they were all with one accord in one place." (Acts 2:1.)

The Sunday School has as its objective "to help persons" to an understanding of Jesus Christ and themselves; the Church has as its aim to move people to act upon their understanding.

To put it another way: The Sunday School has as its aim to teach us about God and His Self-disclosure in Jesus Christ; the Church has as its aim to lead persons into a corporate act of worship of this God unto whom we render thanks for His redeeming work in Jesus Christ. A part of this giving thanks is rendering unto God our tithes and offerings.

To give our money at Sunday School then appears to be payment for tuition. To give at Church is to **participate** in worship. It is a symbolic act, signifying that we are offering our lives in service to Christ even as He gave Himself freely for us.

To give at Sunday School is to fall into a minimum standard of giving, established for the most part by members of the particular class to which we belong; to give at Church is to run the risk of being motivated to give "my soul, my life, my all!"

To give at Sunday School is to feel security in the knowledge that I have given as much as the next fellow, therefore, feeling very smug about my sin; to give at Church is to acknowledge the providence of God, that He is the Giver of every good and perfect gift, and to further acknowledge that I am a sinner, entirely unworthy of these gifts.

To give at Sunday School thus becomes "playing house with God;" to give at Church is to grow up in the Lord.

To give at Sunday School evidently makes some people feel that they have already been to Church Sunday School was meant to be a substitute for faithful and regular attendance upon the hours of public worship.

To give at Sunday School is to take up time which is desperately needed for **good** instruction; to give at Church is to utilize the time in the order of worship set aside for that purpose.

To give at Sunday School is to maintain a "cultural lag." Once it was necessary to receive the offering during Sunday School since "preaching services" were conducted only once or twice a month. This is no longer the case, and we should rejoice that uor church now supports an ever-expanding ministry to its people.

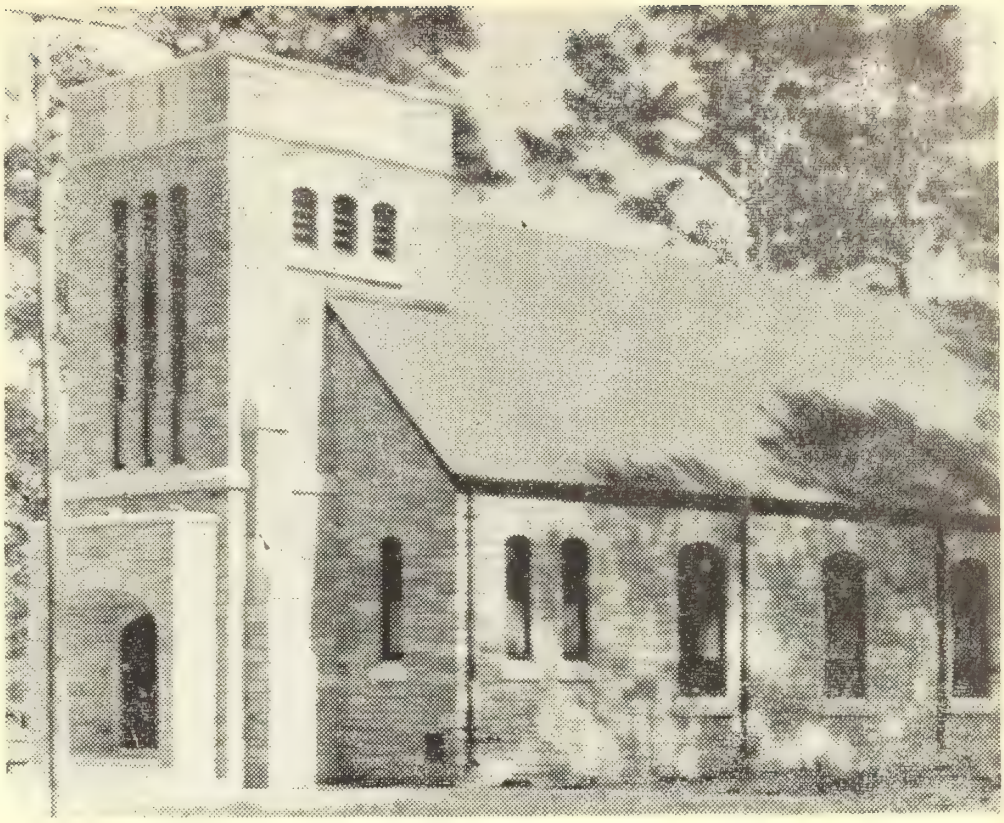
Giving at Sunday School is an impersonal way of paying "dues" to a church budget. Giving at Church becomes a personal thing between God and myself.

Giving at Sunday School then is to maintain the status quo. To give at Church is to shake us from mediocrity to a deeper trust in Him "from Whom all blessings flow."

Giving at Sunday School is to limit our loyalty to the confines of a classroom; giving at Church keeps us ever mindful that our loyalty and devotion are first and foremost to Christ.

Which way do you think is Scriptural? "It is a good thing to give thanks unto the Lord, and to sing praises unto Thy name, O Most High." (Psalm 92:1.)

WILBUR JACKSON, Pastor
Knightsdale Methodist Church



The Aurora Methodist Church

At Aurora, the community and Methodism grew up together. An account of the history of the Aurora Methodist church, printed in a program for the dedication of the present building in 1956, gives this interesting story:

"About a hundred years or so ago, Rev. W. H. Cunninggim came to this place from Lenoir County, North Carolina. At that time the community was truly a wilderness. Rev. Cunninggim surveyed roads, built bridges and did many other things to improve the village. Probably the greatest of his contributions was the organization of the Methodist Sunday School, from which has developed this present congregation. He called the place Aurora because it was a new light in the east. Another theory is that it was such a dark, dismal place that he thought if any place needed light this place did.

"In 1861, Rev. J. W. Litchfield came to Aurora, these two Methodist preachers guided the beginning congregation in building their first place of worship. This church was erected on land given by Mr. Cunninggim, with material from the members.

"This original building was twice enlarged, the second time a vestibule was added and a balcony where the Negro members of the community were welcome to worship.

"It is interesting to note that in those days musical instruments were few and seldom heard in the smaller churches. The preacher or some layman would raise the tune and the congregation joined in, often singing the hymns from memory. Shouting and praising God, was a religious experience which was not suppressed. The first musical instrument used was a melodeon which is a variety of small reed organ in which a suction bellows draws air inward through the reeds. Around 1894 the congregation purchased the first organ to be used for worship services.

"The membership continued to increase and soon the church building was not large enough to care for the needs of the growing community. In 1933 with the consolidation of the Methodist Church from the Small community, the people added an annex to the church to care for the growing Sunday School. Mr. Sneeden was pastor assigned here at that time.

In 1948 the Methodist Church at Bonnerton moved its membership here because the agricultural economy was undergoing changes. Rev. Graham Eubank pointed out the need and with the able assistance and encouragement of the laymen and women, our present church plant was started. Timber, planks, pews, the pulpit, the bell, and many other materials were used from the original church. Our pulpit Bible was one of the valuable possessions saved.

"As a church is made up of its members it is impossible to name any one who has done any particular thing. However, some shall be remembered for their generous contributions of time, money, prayers, and above all faithful service in doing their part, however large or small, in order that the work of our Lord may continue.

The Aurora Church has given two of its sons into the ministry: Rev. Harold G. Cuthrell, and Rev. Leon Stubbs, and two daughters, Miss Elizabeth Broome, who is a Director of Religious Education and Sarah Cuthrell, who is also preparing herself to enter this area of Christian service.

"This Church has, through the years, been something of a mother Church on the charge. Bonnerton, Small, Warren's Chapel, Campbell's Creek, and Hobucken are churches which have been or are still associated with the Aurora Charge. In preaching the Word of God in this area, we owe much to those early Methodist Circuit Riders and charge preachers, who, inspired by the Evangelistic Spirit of the Wesley Movement, have been largely responsible for the Christian attitudes and lives here today."

ST. MARY'S JUNIOR COLLEGE

RALEIGH, N. C.

A Junior College preceded by two years' preparatory work. Member of the Southern Association for over thirty years. All courses in Art, Expression and Music included in one general fee.

RICHARD G. STONE, President

The Thomasville District Conference

The Thomasville District Conference met at Bethesda Methodist Church on Sunday afternoon, January 5, at 2:30 p. m. Highlighting the conference was a sermon on "The Relevancy of the Gospel" by Dr. Hugh C. Stuntz, former President of Scarritt College and a Missionary to Chile; a message by the Reverend William Andrews, recently returned on furlough after fifteen years of missionary service in Brazil; and a personal testimony by the Reverend Floyd Berrier, a student pastor, on "My Call to Proclaim the Gospel." All three were implementing the theme of the conference chosen by the District Superintendent, the Reverend Herman Nicholson, "The Gospel Is Our Hope: the Proclamation of the Gospel Is Our Ministry."

The Reverend S. J. Starnes represented the *N. C. Christian Advocate*. Mr. Starnes gave a brief statement concerning the Advocate and encouraged its use by every Methodist.

Representing the Areas of Interest were: Evangelism, the Reverend R. T. Penry, Jr.; Christian Education and Promotion, the Reverend Barrett Wilson; Social Concerns and Institutional Service, the Reverend Kelly Brendle; and Missions, the Reverend Fletcher Andrews. The secretary of the Committee on Ministerial Qualifications, the Reverend Barrett Wilson, represented the committee and called for the district conference vote on candidates for license to preach, admission on trial, and renewal of license. Two young men were recommended for admission on trial to the Annual Conference. Robert L. Witty, Jr., and James Allen Hewitt. Four men were given license to preach: Reuben Alvin Essick, Bethesda Church; Taylor Vestal Howard, Advance Church; Richard Haas Pfohl, Midway Church; and Alvin Beall Pope, Welcome Church.

At the conclusion of the conference these men, their wives and their pastors stood at the chancel while the district superintendent charged each man with the authority to preach the gospel. Then all the ministers of the district joined the group at the altar in an act of consecration. The conference adjourned on this high note.

The ladies of Bethesda Methodist Church had prepared sandwiches, cake and coffee which the conference enjoyed upon adjournment at 5:30 p. m.

Shaw Gives Testimony

Groups which question civil defense as "a dangerous detour on the road to peace" are not for "peace at any price" but are supporting U. S. world goals, the Rev. Rodney Shaw of Washington declared in Washington, D. C.

He told a subcommittee of the Senate Armed Services Committee that "misrepresentation" of these groups by the Office of Civil Defense as "eager to dismantle all U.S. defenses and hand our country to the other side upon a silver platter . . . is a wholly false and slanderous allegation."

Shaw, a former army chaplain, is disarmament director for the Division of Peace and World Order of the Methodist Board of Christian Social Concerns.

In Memoriam

REV. A. L. G. STEPHENSON

Whereas, Brother A. L. G. Stephenson, deceased, was formerly Vice-President of the Roanoke Rapids-Weldon Ministerial Association;

Whereas, Brother Stephenson was a Methodist Minister, graduate of Duke University and of Candler School of Theology at Emory University;

Whereas, Brother Stephenson served with distinction and Christian humility as pastor of Gaston Methodist Church known as Shiloh;

Whereas, Brother Stephenson walked among us with becoming kindly Christian steps, affection for us all, and humility;

We, the Roanoke Rapids-Weldon Ministerial Association, do ask our Secretary to send a copy of this Memorial to Mrs. A. L. G. Stephenson, a copy to Rev. Jack Page, his superintendent; a copy to the Church of Shiloh; and also a copy to the North Carolina Christian Advocate, a copy to the Roanoke Rapids Herald, and a copy to the Roanoke News to be published.

Rev. R. L. Topping
Secertary-Treasurer
Ministerial Association

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MRS. HENRY W. GUNN

In the home-going of Mae Wrenn Gunn the Yanceyville Methodist Church has lost a valued and loyal member.

We mourn her passing but are grateful for having had her fellowship, love, loyalty and devoted service to our W.S.C.S. We shall miss her in our meetings as we come from time to time to turn our thoughts toward the heavenly award which she has already attained. Mrs. Gunn lived a beautiful Christian life and filled her position with modest dignity.

God's great out-of-doors and his matchless handiwork, sunsets, stars, landscapes, birds, trees, flowers were an ever new and engrossing pleasure in her life. She was a lovely woman and her goodness and charm were equalled in her every move.

In loving memory of Mrs. Henry W. Gunn we re-dedicate ourselves to the principles by which she lived and to the work of building God's kingdom on earth.

Committee
Mrs. T. J. Ham, Jr., Chm.
Mrs. H. H. Page
Mrs. Cary Watkins

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Bishop Lord Presides

Bishop John Wesley Lord of the Washington Area presided at the Dec. 22 candlelight memorial service, concluding a month of official national mourning for the late President John F. Kennedy. Bishop Lord is co-chairman of the Interreligious Committee on Race Relations in Washington, a bi-racial group which sponsored the service, which was nationally televised.

President Lyndon B. Johnson addressed thousands of persons holding flickering candles in the cold wind at the Lincoln Memorial. Before speaking, President Johnson lighted a candle from a large torch that had been lit by the eternal flame at President Kennedy's grave in nearby Arlington National Cemetery.

26 Methodists Complete Missionary Training

Seventy-six men and women from six Protestant denominations, more than one-third of them Methodist, completed five months of intensive preparation for Christian missionary service overseas December 19 at the Missionary Orientation Center, Stony Point, N.Y.

The 26 Methodists and their 50 fellow missionaries will go to several countries of Asia, Africa and Latin America to do a variety of jobs including agricultural demonstration, the ministry, nursing, teaching, social work, and radio and television work. The Methodists will serve in Argentina, Korea, Brazil, the Congo, Chile, India, Mexico, Taiwan and Bolivia.

The interdenominational Missionary Orientation Center is one of the very few institutions in the United States specifically for the training of overseas missionaries. Since the Center opened in 1961, the Methodist Board of Missions has sent virtually all of its overseas missionary candidates there for training. Other participating denominations are the Evangelical United Brethren Church, the Disciples of Christ, the Reformed Church in America, the United Church of Christ and the United Presbyterian Church in the U.S.A.

The program combines broad studies of world social and economic forces with the theology pertinent to the problems that missionaries will encounter on the field. An appreciation of the problems to be encountered in communicating Christianity to persons of different religions is experienced during confrontations with leaders of other faiths, such as Buddism and Islam. Emphasis is placed on community living. In living and working together as part of a Christian community, the missionaries are helped to better understand themselves and become more responsive to interpersonal relationships.

The Rev. Paul W. Yount, former missionary personnel executive of the Methodist Board of Missions, is acting director of the Missionary Orientation Center.

Pope Paul VI Wires American Methodists

The American secretary of the World Methodist Council has received a telegram from Pope Paul VI conveying "best wishes for peace and prosperity."

The leader of the Roman Catholic Church sent the message to Dr. Lee F. Tuttle of Lake Junaluska and New York City Jan. 5 as part of his historic pilgrimage to the Holy Land. The telegram, datelined Jerusalem, read:

"From the land sanctified by the life, death and resurrection of the Saviour, recalling the Christian and fraternal collaboration of your observers at the Second Vatican Council and assuring you of our prayers, we send you our best wishes for peace and prosperity. (Signed) Paulus PP VI."

Dr. Tuttle is in charge of assigning Methodist observers to sessions of the Vatican Council for The Methodist Church.

He is a member of the Western North Carolina Conference where he served both as pastor and district superintendent prior to being elected American secretary of the World Methodist Council in 1961.

Changes in Addresses n WNC Conference

The following changes in addresses since he Journal was printed have reached the ecretary's office for ministers in the West- rn North Carolina Conference. Any cor- ections should be sent to the secretary in rder that the official roll may be correct.

1. Traveling Preachers

mick, A. G., Greenville County Rehabili- ation Center, Simpsonville, S. C.
ndrews, W. E., Mount Ulla (while on furlough).
shе, D. W., Route 1, Box 91, Reidsville.
igham, W. O., 1211 Elwell Ave., Greens- boro (while on furlough).
alloway, J. R. High Point College, High Point.
amak, D. E., 107 Bollenger Ave., Greer, S. C.
ole, E. O. (deceased).
ornette, J. C. (deceased).
all, Thor, Duke Divinity School, Durham (new member).
eckard, C. L., 1540 Westbrook Circle, Gastonia.
iatt, J. S. (deceased).
ouck, G. F., 4737 Mount Pleasant Drive, Winston-Salem.
unter, R. A. (deceased).
ight, F. H., Box 608, Winston-Salem (new member).
irkpatrick, C. S. (deceased).
eftwich, M. E. (deceased).
oore, R. L., 202 Beverly Place, Greens- boro.
ollock, H. M., Hhd. 9th Logistical (B), APO 33, San Francisco, California.
owell, Hubert L. (deceased).
ayle, Paul R. (deceased).
udisill, G. W., 825 Wesley Drive, States- ville.
motherman, L. P., Jr., Route 1, 278B, Kannapolis.
Villiams, C. E. (deceased).
Villiams, E. V., Route 7, Cherry Street Ex- tension, Winston-Salem.

2. Probationers

illings, J. W., Box 81, Bonlee.
artin, C. F., Route 4, Albemarle.
cCleskey, J. L., Box 146, New London (new member—remove from supply)
mith, Elwood K. (transferred out).

3. Approved Supplies

orrells, J. C. (deceased).
Villiams, J.R. (deceased).

Supplies

utz, D. H., Box 43, West Cramerton Sta., Cramerton.

Fiftieth Anniversary Convocation at Candler School of Theology

Bishop F. Gerald Ensley of the Des Moines Area of The Methodist Church will speak Thursday morning of the Emory University Ministers' Week, January 23, on "The Church Responds Through an Educated Ministry," as a part of the Fiftieth Anniversary Convocation of the Candler School of Theology.

Dr. Robert F. Goheen, president of Princeton University, will speak Thursday morning on "Educational Progress Chal- nges the Church," and Dr. Glenn T. Sea- org, chairman of the Atomic Energy Com- ission, will speak Wednesday night on Scientific Advances Challenge the Church."

Methodist College Receives Gifts for New Library

Methodist College has recently received gifts totaling $45,000 from two national foundations.

The Mary Reynolds Babcock Foundation of Winston-Saem at their meeting in December of 1963 voted a grant of $30,000 to Methodist College to be applied to the library building, which is now under construction. The gift is to be paid over a two-year period beginning in 1964.

Earlier in 1963 the Kresge Foundation of Detroit, Michigan made a gift of $15,000 which was also directed toward the library.

In announcing these gifts Dr. L. Stacy Weaver, president of the college, said, "We appreciate this expression of interest in our program. These contributions will help us accomplish our goal of the completion of the library at the earliest possible date."

These gifts, along with the $100,000 gift earlier in the year from W. E. Horner of Sanford, trustee of the college are among the special gifts received by Methodist College in 1963 totaling more than $145,000.

Annual Concert at High Point College February 6, at 8:15

The High Point Junior League and High Point College will jointly present their annual concert this year on February 6 at 8:15 p.m. in the college's Memorial Auditorium.

This year's performance will feature the Winston-Salem Symphony Orchestra with 65 musicians under the baton of John Iuele.

Also featured will be a 150-voice chorus composed of the High Point College Choir, J. Fryhover, Department of Fine Arts, conductor; the Wesley Memorial Methodist Church Choir, Howard Coble, Minister of Music, conductor; and the Winston-Salem Singers' Guild, Richard Bloesch, conductor.

Iuele, now in his tenth year as conductor for the Winston-Salem Symphony Orchestra, will conduct the concert.

The concert will include "Overture to the Marriage of Figaro"—Mozart; "Symphony No. 5"—Shostakovitch, the contemporary Russion composer; "Te Diem" — Verdi; and "Songs of Destiny"—Brahms.

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Let's Put Joy In Religion

Let's put the joy in religion,
Let's all be happy and gay,
If we are true to the Saviour
Joybells will ring all the day.

Let's put the joy in religion
So that the wide world can see
All of the peace he has given
When from all sin we are free.

Let's put the joy in religion
Others will see and believe,
Find that the joybells start ringing
When they the Saviour receive.

Let's put the joy in religion
Let's have a smile when we pray,
Let the world know why we're happy:
Jesus is coming some day.

—Floyd S. Barrett

Book Reviews

"LET LIFE BE LIKE THIS"

"FAITH FACTOR" OF WORLD'S PEOPLE DESCRIBED IN NEW BOOK

Dr. Marcus Bach, Prentice-Hall, 224 pages, $4.95. Publication date: January 3, 1964.

Dr. Marcus Bach, author, lecturer, philosipher, expert in the world's religions and international traveler—has completed a book based on his recent trip around the world. In "Let Life Be Like This," which Prentice-Hall published on January 3rd, Dr. Bach affirms the "faith factor" of the world's peoples through the relation of true incidents that took place in the sixteen countries he visited.

The book is a reflection of Dr. Bach's life work, which in his words is "an interpretation of the things men live by, an attempt to see their likenesses and understand their differences, with a wish to discover how the first can be consolidated and the last resolved."

In each of the countries visited in the preparation of "Let Life Be Like This," Dr. Bach has looked to the great and the humble for an indication of the world's inspiring message of a binding faith in God.

In England, he interviewed a spiritualistic medium, However, in France, the author spoke personally with a blind man whose life was changed forever by a miracle occurring at the shrine of Lourdes.

In Portugal, Dr. Bach met an old man who was present on that day in October, 1917, when the Lady of Fatima re-appeared, before a crowd of 70,000, to the children who had first seen her.

From Europe, Dr. Bach traced the recurring "faith factor" to Africa, where he witnessed a voodoo-cult ceremony; to Japan, where a religious revival was taking place, to Jerusalem, where they walked the "Via Dolorosa" of Jesus' journey to Calvary.

In Burma, Malaya, Cambodia, India and Lebanon, the author talked with holy men of all faiths—Buddhist, Moslem, Hindu, Shinto. In the Soviet Union, he was present at an evangelical church service, and spoke to the congregation on the subject of America's desire for peace.

Back in the Western Hemisphere, Dr. Bach visited Canada and Mexico before returning home to the United States.

His conclusion: "Man must have something to believe, and that belief is the function of faith, a faith continually challenged by the alluring mystery of the unseen."

Dr. Marcus Bach is a professor in the School of Religion at the University of Iowa where he received his Ph.D. degree. He has spent considerable time in travel abroad in the interests of inter-religion and inter-cultural activities. Author of sixteen books and twenty plays, he is best known for his recent books: "Had You Been Born in Another Faith," "The Unity Way of Life," and "Make it an Adventure."



Woman's Activities

Korean Christians Eager to Learn

By Mary Gardner

"Fall is the nicest time of the year in Korea," Mrs. Euline Smith Weems, Methodist missionary to that country writes. "The weather is delightful and one tries to enjoy each day to the fullest for when winter comes it is a long cold spell for those of us who come from the South. There have not been as many pretty leaves as usual and our persimmon trees did not bear this year (they bear every other year) but the rice crop has been good and we are rejoicing with the farmers. During the past year I have known more hunger in Korea than in any other year since I have been here. As one drove along the road one could almost feel the joy of the farmer as they gathered the crops.

"The third Sunday in November is supposed to be Thanksgiving in Korea though the celebration varies from church to church —November 3 I worshipped in a village where the group had been a part of a circuit until last Annual Conference in March. They have a neat little church, a new parsonage and a full-time ordained pastor. The pulpit was framed overhead with a sunflower, sesame, bean, pea, red pepper and other plants not so common in America, with the dried fruits on them. Rice is the important gift; there were twenty-three bags, each containing two and a half bushels. They will keep enough for the pastor's family to eat during the year and use the proceeds from the rest in other ways. After the service I saw women bringing a big pan of beans and bread on their heads while they had a baby on the back. Everyone was invited to the feast which followed. It was a harvest day in other ways too as adults joined the church, some took their first step in Christian discipleship by becoming probationers, and others offered their children for baptism. Before the service was over we knelt at the Lord's table in humble thankfulness for the greatest gift of all, Jesus Chirst.

"Country girls who do not have an opportunity to continue their education generally are very anxious to learn. Last spring when the new pastors came to our district, fortunately for us, the wife of one knew how to knit on a machine. This is fashionable at this time and can be a cottage industry. She has taught girls from other congregations as well as those in her own group. Farming communities have no money in the summer so we helped them get machines while the price was lower and the girls had time to learn. Another problem has arisen, however. One pastor's wife thought this was a good time to supplement their income so she learned to knit and does it well but can't afford to keep yarn on hand to use when she receives orders for knitting. Yarn is not for sale in any of the villages near where she lives. We'll find a way to make it available for her and the others.

"Yem Chun County in Seoul East District is north of the 38th parallel (not in North Korea, of course). A Korean Bible woman works in the nine churches there. Since it is some distance from Seoul, where most district meetings are held, the Bible woman decided to have a meeting for pastors' wives and workers in the Woman's Missionary Society in one of the Yem Chun churches. Sixty came which we thought was a good crowd. Several speakers from Seoul went there for the day. It is something they will surely want to do again.

"This takes my thanks for all you do to make it possible for me to work in Korea. We appreciate the fact that once the appropriations are made for the year we can depend on receiving them regularly. In addition we have received some gifts through cash for supplies for Neighborly House. Some time ago we received money for a piano which is being played in the next room for kindergarten. The teachers and others are very proud of this gift and join me in saying 'thank you.' Recently we bought a record player with one of your gifts and have found many uses for it. We were delayed in getting the projector for use with various groups. At first I thought we could buy it in Seoul but the Head Resident at Neighborly House could not find anything that suited and in the end it was ordered from America. It has been shipped. We are grateful for your many kindnesses."

W. N. C. Conference

Mrs. E. K. McLarty

25th Anniversary Observance

The Woman's Division of Christian Service will hold the initial service for the launching of the 25th Anniversary Observance at Buck Hill Falls, Pennsylvania, on Sunday afternoon, January 19, 1964, at four o'clock. Even if your local group has not planned a special service to be held simultaneously, each individual should take it upon herself at that time to enter into a few moments of thanksgiving. *The Methist Woman* for January carries a spread and a Service of Observance. It also contains articles with suggestions in various lines of work that would be pertinent to the celebration.

Individual concern by members of the WSCS would indeed make this year a "prologue to a greater future." We can make this a time of renewal of our usefulness and consecrated efforts for fulfillment of the best purposes of the church.

Our Neighbors Are in Need!

This past week the mail carried an appeal from the North Wilkesboro District's Blue Ridge Methodist Service Program. This is an effort to furnish new shoes and good, used clothes to children and families in need in Wilkes and Ashe County.

The Director is the Rev. Arthur Pearce, and he announced the gift of 130 pairs of new shoes to as many children for their Christmas gift. Many more pairs are needed, and if you know of some individuals who might be interested in helping with a gift of money or of used clothing, please send their names to Rev. Pearce, P. O. Box 22, Hamptonville, N. C. Any suggestions you make will be treated as confidential. Shoes are needed for over 2,000 children, which means that help has to come more than at Christmas time if the winter cold is to be coped with. So a bit of help from many of us—whether it be the names of possible contributors, or a donation of our own—will answer the call for help for this portion of the depressed area of our state where it is needed most.

Brooks-Howell Residents Stay Busy

Christmas brought out a real proof report of the sharing Christmas spirit that pervades the lives of Brooks-Howell residents all during the year.

Several have been helping in the study programs of the WSCS in various churches; one attended the North Central Jurisdiction meeting of the WSCS and brought back a full report; other members have been participating in a study group on world problems, with special reports on the condition in Vietnam.

One of the residents with friends from Trinity Methodist Church has visited and carried New Testaments in large print to one of the nursing homes in the city. One is regularly teaching a Sunday School class.

In return, children of the French Broad Methodist Church brought potted plants to the residents in the infirmary at Brooks-Howell. The home librarian arranged a lecture on versions of the Bible in English and displayed various translations in other tongues. Girl Scouts gave a musical program and had favors for the dinner table at Thanksgiving. A Sunday School Teacher of Groce Methodist Church, Mr. William McMurray of the National Weather Bureau located in Asheville, gave an evening lecture on this field.

WSG Promotes its Mission Study

An insert in the January *Guild-O-Gram* gives a good sheet of suggestions for vitalizing the study "Changing City Challenges the Church." If you do not follow the suggestions therein, no doubt you will find your own imagination discovering fresh ways of presenting the material and of arousing interest. A Christian woman has to use her head *and* her heart if her church is to be really a part of the life that she lives from day to day—or a part of the life she is planning for those who come after her.

Brevard College Complimented By "State" Magazine

A recent write-up by W. W. Whitmire n *The State* magazine rated Brevard College as one of the fine church-related colleges in North Carolina.

In discussing the college's program, Mr. Whitmire stated, "Brevard College exists or the purpose of providing a two-year academic program primarily designed and administered for the qualified student who would benefit by a guided transition from high school work into college work, enabling him to continue his studies more effectively in a four-year college."

The article pointed out that, unlike many wo-year "community" colleges which offer a wide variety of courses, many of which ead to almost immediate employment, the Brevard College curriculum is basically what would be found the first two years in my good four-year college of liberal arts. t is designed to meet the transfer requirements set by four-year colleges and universities, to which at least 85 per cent of all Brevard students transfer.

To emphasize the value of the junior college program, it was noted that four-year colleges not only admit, but welcome, transfer students. Arnold L. Goren, Assistant Dean of Admission for New York University was quoted as saying, "It is our opinion that the transfer student is often a better academic risk than the freshman and college work requires."

Author Whitmire was high in his praise of the beautiful "Land of Waterfalls" and the town of Brevard in which the college is located. He felt that the scenic attractions available would appeal to the aesthetic senses of students who attended Brevard.

He further noted, that, in addition to the present adequate and functional physical plant, the college's building program, part of which has already been completed or is under way, will double the school's accommodations and offer the best of facilities.

Mr. Whitmire concluded by stating Brevard College's purpose, as explained to him by Dr. E. K. McLarty, president: "Committed to Christian concepts, it is dedicated to a way of life that instills in the student . . . a greater desire to become a more responsible and creative member of society. Any college, whatever its kind, does not have a right to exist unless it seeks to provide davanced education of superior worth and quality. Brevard, as a church-related college, is concerned with moral and spiritual values. And this is most important as higher education seems to become more and more secularized."

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More than 400 Wesley Foundation alumni and friends honored Bishop and Mrs. James C. Baker at Westwood Community Methodist Church, Los Angeles, and heard the founder of Methodism's campus ministry say that the greatest days are still ahead. The Westwood program climaxed a month-long series of special events sponsored by the Wesley Foundation at the University of California at Los Angeles in connection with the 50th anniversary of the movement.

National Council of Churches Announces Cincinnati Meeting

Christian unity, racial prejudice, technology, and the movies are among subjects which will come under close scrutiny when more than 2,000 Christian educators gather in Cincinnati, Ohio, for the annual meeting of the National Council of Churches' Division of Christian Education, February 7-13.

For one week Cincinnati will become the nation's focal point for both lay and ordained specialists in Christian education from nearly 50 Pretestant, Anglican, and Eastern Orthodox communions, all 50 states and Canada.

More than 80 speeches, panel discussions, plays, and films will be presented as experts in such areas as family life, higher education, audio - visual communication, children's and evaluate teaching practices, textbooks and other teaching aids.

A highlight of the conference will be the one plenary session at which all sections come together to hear Albert Whitehouse, a regional director of the United Steel Workers of America, speak on "The Christian and His World"—theme of the annual meeting for 1964.

The Rev. Dr. Gerald E. Knoff of New York City, executive secretary of the Division of Christian Education, said: "This year we return to Cincinnati where we had such successful meetings from 1953 through 1957. We assembled at the beginning of a new triennium of the National Council of Churches, full of promise, packed with problems, the General Assembly in Philadelphia having taken its place in history."

The Council's triennial General Assembly, Dec. 1-7, adopted the broadest racial program in its history — urging ten specific courses of action upon the churches—and issued a message to the churches highlighting race, technology, peace, and church unity. These concerns will be reflected in the Division's annual meeting when the Rev. Dr. Colin W. Williams speaks at the Division luncheon Feb. 13 on "Christian Unity—For What?"

How the racial problem is dealt with in the Protestant curriculum, possibly revealing undercurrents of prejudice, will be discussed bv the Dev. Dr. Bernhard Olsen in an address to editors of religious textbooks on Wednesday morning, February 12.

The mission of the church in today's industrial society will occupy confereee in the adult work section. Among featured speakers will be Stuart B. Coles of Toronto, Canada, secretary of lay studies, Board of Christian Education of the Presbyterian Church in Canada, and Robert P. Fisher of Williamstown, W. Va. Mr. Fisher will give the keynote lecture in this section, illustrating the changes wrought in society by technological advances, and together on a panel and in dialogue during the week, the Canadian church worker and the American industrialist will explore ways in which the church can witness in the face of these changes.

A traditional feature of the annual meeting of Christian educator is the audi-visual Christian education dinner, sponsored by the Division's Department of Audi-Visual and Broadcast Education. This year's dinner will be held Tuesday night, February 11, at the Netherland Hotel. The featured speaker will be Dr. Robert Wagner, professor of cinema at Ohio State University. The title of Dr. Wagner's talk is "The Film and American Culture."

Lt. David D. Holt Lost His Life In Air Tragedy

Many friends of Dr. and Mrs. D. D. Holt in the two North Carolina Conferences will sympathize with them in the tragic death of their son, Lt. David D. Holt, who was one of the nine men aboard the C-124 Globemaster when it went down in the Pacific while on a return trip from the Far East on January 1. Lt. David Holt was one of the pilots.

The plane disappeared the night of January 1 on the Wake Island-Hawaii leg of a flight from Japan to the United States mainland. It carried eight Air Force crewmen and a sailor escorting a body back to the United States for burial. The plane also carried 11 tons of cargo. No trace of the plane or its occupants has been found. The search, the greatest one ever made by air in the Pacific, came to a close at 8 p.m. January 9. At the height of the search, there were 69 aircraft specifically assigned to the search and on one day 46 planes were flying precise search patterns simultaneously.

Lt. David Holt was the son of Dr. and Mrs. D. D. Holt of Nashville, Tennessee, where Dr. Holt, who is a member of the North Carolina annual Conference, is the President of Scarritt College. Lt. Holt's wife, Mrs. Jean Ogburn Holt, is the daughter of Dr. and Mrs. H. H. Ogburn, of 1806 W. Market Street, Greensboro. It is understood that the young widow and her two-year-old child will reside for the present in Nashville, Tennessee.

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The annual meeting of the Board of Missions of the Methodist Church will be held in Buck Hill Falls, Pa., next week, January 21-24. New missionaries and deaconesses will be commissioned at the closing session. The Woman's Division is in session this week. The Advocate Editor plans to attend the Board meeting along with a number of others from North Carolina.

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By Mary Gardner

True Courage

A group of boys stood on the walk before a large drug store, pelting each other with snow-balls. In an unlucky moment the youngest sent his snow-ball spinning through the frosty air against the large plate-glass of the drug store's window. The crash terrified them all, but none so much as the little fellow who now stood pale and trembling, with startling eyes at the michief he had done.

"Won't old Kendrick be mad? Run, Ned! we won't tell. Run quick," said one of the boys.

"I can't," he gasped.

"Run, I tell you! He's coming! Coward! Why don't you run? I guess he wouldn't catch me!"

"No, I can't run! he faltered.

"Little stupid! He'll be caught! Not spunk enough to run away! Well, I've done all I can for him," muttered the older boy.

The door opened, an angry face appeared.

"Who did this?" came in fierce tones from the owner's lips. "Who did this, I say?" he shouted as no one answered.

The trembling, shrinking boy, drew near; the little delicate culprit faced the angry man and in tones of truth, replied, "I did it, sir."

"And dare you tell me of it?"

"I dare not deny it, sir; I dare not tell a lie."

The reply was unexpected. The stern man paused, he saw the pale cheek, the frightened eyes and the true courage, and his heart was touched.

"Come here, son. What's your name?"

"Edward Howe, sir. O what can I do to pay you? I'll do anything, only don't make my mother pay it, sir."

"Will you shovel my walk when the next snow falls?"

Ned's face was radiant as he answered. "All winter, sir. I'll do anything."

"Well, that's enough. Do you know why I let you off so easy? It's because you are not afraid to tell the truth. I like a boy that tells the truth always. When the next snow falls, be sure you come to see me."—*Sunday School Visitor*



COW TREES

Besides yielding fruit, there are other ways in which some trees do good. A celebrated traveler, whose name was Humbolt, gives an account of a tree which he saw in South America, and which he calls "the cow tree." These trees are so called because they take the place of cows in supplying the people with milk. How strange it seems to think of wooden cows, that yet can give real, good sweet milk! Humbolt describes one of these trees which he saw growing out of a rock. He says:

"It has large, woody roots. Its leaves are dry and leathery. For several months in the year no rain falls to moisten its leaves. Its branches look dry and dead; yet, as soon as the trunk is pierced, a sweet and nourishing milk flows out. The best time for milking this cow tree is at sunrise. Then the natives may be seen going out, with their bowls and calabashes, to milk these wooden cow trees. They make slits in the branches of the trees, and soon have their bowls filled with nice, fresh milk. Some drink it there on the spot, and others carry it home to their children."

Mr. Humbolt says he drank some of this strange milk. The smell was pleasant; the taste was sweet and it agreed with him. And when we think of the many benefits we receive from the trees, we may very well say that the trees praise God by the good they do us.

—*Nature's Wonders*

"SO DID NOT I"

Christian boys and girls should be able to say "So did not I," as they take a firm stand against wrong. If you can say them, put a check beside the following statements:

All the crowd was doing it, so I followed the gang.

The gang said, "A little white lie won't hurt," so I believed them.

They said, "Cheating occasionally is ok. if you don't do it all the time, it is an acceptble rule." I accepted their rule.

They said, "Keep quiet, even if you know the truth. You'll get in trouble if you speak out." So I kept quiet.

A VERSE TO WRITE AND REMEMBER

"We ought to o..... G..... rather than m.....

Act. 5:29

LIVING AS JESUS DID

O God, we are happy that Jesus lived!
He taught us how to treat our neighbors.
He taught us to be thoughtful of the words we use to one another.
He taught us that You are like a loving father.

Help us to remember the teachings of Jesus.
Help us to practice them every day so that our lives may show others how You want us to live. Amen.

Bible Quiz

1—What strong man who was betrayed by a woman had his eyes put out by the Philistines?
2—To what blind man did Jesus say, "Go thy way; thy faith has made thee whole?"
3—What man who became a Christian missionary was struck blind on his way to Damascus to persecute the Christians?
4—By what means did Jesus cure a man who was blind from birth?
5—What king had his eyes put out when taken prisoner by a king of Babylon?

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Answers to Last Week's Questions

1—Exodus 20
2—Matthew 5:17-48
3—Matthew 6:9
4—Luke 11:2
5—Book of Acts

Chuckles

A little boy was visiting a farm for the first time. He was taken out to see the lambs and finally built up enough courage to pat one. He was delighted. "Why," he cried "they make them out of blankets."

The Sunday School teacher gave a long talk on sin, prayer and asking forgiveness by praying. After she had finished talking she asked little Susie: "Now, Susie, what do we do before we ask the Lord to forgive us?"

"Sin," replied Susie.

A Reminder

We are misled by falsehood everywhere.
In vain we search for something to believe.
Mendacities assault us from the air;
The printed page can easily deceive.
And nature herself conspires to hide the light:
This solid stone is only atomic space;
The stars are ghosts that haunt the deceptive night;
And chemistry creates the body's grace.
Bewildered, we forget that we can kneel
Within the only shrine that Truth can call
Her own, the secret heart, where we can feel
His presence and hear His assuring voice that all
The disillusionment, and false report,
And worldly static never can distort.

—*Dr. Paul Mowbray Wheeler*
De Land, Fla.

Sunday School Lesson

FOR JANUARY 26

By RAYMOND A. SMITH

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Background Scripture: Mark 10:17-31; Luke 19:1-10

Lesson Scripture: Mark 10:17-22; Luke 19: 1-10

The events described in our lesson for today are reported to have occurred during the last journey of Jesus to Jerusalem. As it began to dawn upon his followers that a tragic fate awaited him in the capital city, those who were fearful began to fall away, while those who were faithful had to renew their courage in order to remain in the fellowship of his disciples.

In the course of this final journey we have the report of two weathy people with whom our Lord came into contact. One of these is Zaccheus, a publican, a sort of "get-rich-quick-anyway-you-can" sort of person. The other is evidently a man of outstanding character, probably from a well-to-do and pious family; yet one who was drawn to Jesus, and who wanted to be better than he was. Most of the material in this lesson will consist of character studies of these two wealthy men, and what their experience has to contribute to our understanding of Christian stewardship.

Let us first look at the man usually referred to as "the rich young ruler." For one thing, he is one of the few people mentioned in the New Testament whom Jesus is said to have "loved." Not that our Lord did not love all people, but there appear to have been those to whom he was especially attracted—and "Jesus looking upon him loved him." We notice also that Jesus invited him to join the circle of his followers. Notice how few were ever honored in this way. Frequently, Jesus made the way seem difficult, pointed out that "the foxes have holes, the birds of the air have nests, but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay his head."

This young man who now knew before Jesus must have come from a home which was not only well provided with this world's goods, but also a home where there was reverence for goodness and truth. He addressed Jesus as "Good Master," whereupon Jesus responded with the words "Why do you call *me* good? No one is good but God alone." This quotation is significant for the comparison of the religion *of* Jesus with the religion *about* Jesus.

Then follows the question about the way of achieving the good life. Being under the spell of a "religion of attainment," that is, a religion which laid the emphasis on "doing," this man wanted Jesus to tell him *one thing* which he could "do" to find the way of the perfect life. How true this is to our human tendencies. We would like a religion which allowed us to "check it off, and get it over with." There is a poem which begins with the line "Sometimes I wish that I might do just one great deed, and die." But the Christian faith is a "body and soul," day-by-day, year-by-year, commitment. It is a job never finished. But it is a faith that is not based on "doing," but rather on "being," and on accepting the fact that we are not to be judged entirely by what we do. Our good deeds will be done, of course, but not from the motive of storing up "merit." They will be done out of gratitude for the freely-given grace of God without which all our "righteousness," in the words of Paul, become "filthy rags."

And now we turn to the other rich man, Zacheus. "He was the chief tax collector, and was rich" says the record. Probably he was rich because he was the chief tax collector. Rome "farmed out" the tax-gathering business to the highest bidder. Thus a man might "bid in" the taxes for a certain area for a fixed sum, and then collect twice, or even three times as much, so when he had "paid off" the Romans he pocketed what remained. So the "publicans" were despised by the Romans with whom they worked, and hated by their fellow-Jews whom they cheated. It was such a man, in the person of Zaccheus, whom Jesus called to in the tree, saying, "make haste and come down; for I must stay at your house today."

Jesus' decision to dine with a publican was a hard thing for his followers to take. From their point of view Jesus was much too good to associate with such a reprobate as Zaccheus. Jesus, however, looked upon men not in terms of their present condition, but in terms of their possibilities. His reply was "The Son of Man is come to seek and to save that which was lost."

Zaccheus was so impressed with Jesus (no doubt especially because Jesus had shown concern for his soul) that he was moved, first, to repentance for the sins he had committed against his fellow citizens and against God: "Behold, Lord, the half of my goods I give to the poor; and if I have defrauded any one of anything, I restore it fourfold."

So we see in these stories two men, one of whom could not bring himself to become a disciple because it would mean too radical a change in his way of life; the other, with not so clear a record, willing to go "all out" in joyful commitment to Jesus' cause. But don't forget, the rich young ruler made a commitment too. He committed himself to a policy of neutrality with reference to Jesus. He would not oppose him, neither would he become his disciple. Perhaps, like many of us, he couldn't bear the thought of the radical change in his way of life that following Jesus would entail. So he turned away, wistfully to be sure, but nevertheless permanently, choosing the good rather than the best.

Spring Semester to Open at Pfeiffer College Jan. 27

Pfeiffer College's spring semester will open on Monday, January 27, with new students registering for classes on Saturday, January, 25.

Kenneth D. Holshouser, Director of Admissions and Registrar, said that new students could register for classes any day prior to January 25th. Dormitory students may move into their rooms on Saturday, January 25th. He urged students planning to enroll for the spring semester to register well in advance when possible.

Pfeiffer's Director of Admissions noted that dormitory space was available in men and women's residence halls. Complete information on admission procedures and requirements may be obtained from Holshouser's office.

Move Toward Autonomy

A call for a move toward independent, autonomous churches in the mission field, a new definition of the place of the missionary, a call for deeper stewardship by Asian Christians and an emphasis on the role of the laity as witnesses for Christ in the world —all these and more came out of the Asia consultation of The Methodist Church Nov. 22-Dec. 3 at Port Dickson, Malaya (Malaysia).

In a significant meeting, 150 leaders from Methodist and Methodist-related churches in Asia thought, talked and prayed together about the mission of the church in Asia and the future of Methodism in that vast continent. The majority of participants were from 14 Asian countries, which have Methodist and Methodist-related churches totaling 993,000 members.

The Asia Consultation was the third such consultation held in the last two years at the initiation of the Methodist Board of Missions. The others were in Africa in 1961 and in Latin America in 1962. In all cases, the purpose has been to determine what the mission and role of The Methodist Church should be in the area in which the consultation is held.

The majority of those at the Asia Consultation were the top leaders of Methodist and Methodist-related churches in Asia, including Methodist bishops and moderators of united churches. Sixteen persons from the Board of Missions, both board members and staff executives, attended from the U. S. To give a world perspective, Methodist leaders from Latin America and Africa attended, as well as representatives of the British Methodist Missionary Society and the Evangelical United Brethren Church.

The findings contain both statements of principles and specific recommendatons. It is important to note that in the case of the recommendations they are in no way binding rules or legislation in themselves. They are recommendations to the annual conferences and autonomous churches in Asia, to the Board of Missions and to the General Conference. Before any of the recommendations can be translated into policy or church law, they must be acted on by the Board of Missions or other proper bodies.

Brevard College Teachers Travel During Holidays

Two Brevard College faculty couples made good use of the college's Christian recess by journeying outside the States for a different kind of holiday.

Professor and Mrs. Gerhard Tauscher, teachers of German and English, flew via Luftansa Airlines to Hamburg, Germany, where they spent the holidays with his parents, the Rev. and Mrs. Rudolph Tauscher. Rev. Tauscher and his wife are currently on a one-year furlough from the Lutheran mission work in Orissa Province, India. Their next three-year period of service will be their last before retirement.

Rev. and Mrs. C. Edward Roy made the most of their holidays by participating in a week-long cruise from New York to Nassau aboard the S. S. Atlantic, and American Export Lines ship. Rev. Mr. Roy served as chaplain for the duration of the cruise.

State Conference For Methodist Student Movement

The State Methodist Student Movement will hold its annual meeting February 7-9 at Centenary Methodist Church, Winston-Salem. The theme is "If I Should Die Before I Live," which represents Christ's call and man's response. Rev. W. M. Wells, Jr., State Director, has furnished us with the program, and we are passing it on to our readers. This conference is sponsored by the Interconference Commission on College and University Religious Work of the Methodist Church, through the Methodist Student Movement of North Carolina. Mr. Wells says: "In a time when our own grey undirectedness makes death as much a consuming attitude as it is a biological fact, we gather at this conference to renew the strength of Christ's Call" to life, and to stimulate a burning desire among students to respond to this call, with a New Life, which is the church."

Rev. James M. Lawson, Jr., minister to Centenary Methodist Church, Memphis, Tenn., will be leader of the group. He is a graduate of Baldwin-Wallace College and Boston University and has attended Oberlin Graduate School of Thelogy and Vanderbilt Divinity School. His emphasis include preaching, leading thinking on Christian Social Concerns, and interpreting the Christian's vocation.

The total fee is $7.50, which includes program, banquet, other meals, room, insurance, and a travel equalization fund which will help those who come from the farthest schools.

The deadline for registration is January 15. Fill out the registration blank and send it with your check for $7.50 (payable to Methodist Student Conference) to Miss Jerry Johnson, MSM State Conference Registrar, Salem College, Box 244, Salem Station, Winston-Salem, N. C. 27108.

The Conference is open to college students and nursing students who participate in units of the MSM, College presidents and chaplains, WSCS District Secretaries of Student Work, pastors, and Interconference Commission members. Representatives of other denominations will be present, also.

There will be five response groups in each of the four seminar areas:

1. *Questions of Life* — (who am I? — where am I going?)
2. *Religious Respond*—(how major religions answer life's questions.)
3. *Areas of Concern*—(other areas in which quest for life enters.)
5. *Answers to Life Expressed in Action*—(some actions which express solutions to life's questions.)

The Interconference Commission is composed of pastors, laymen, women, District Superintendents, college professors, and students, the ICC sponsors the MSM of North Carolina. The ICC will be meeting at Centenary Church this weekend.

SCHEDULE

Friday, February 7

2:00- 5:00 Registration
4:30 Recreation
5:30 Supper
6:30 Introductions:
Address by Rev. Jim Lawson
7:30 Talkbacks (discussion of talik — student-led small groups)
8:30 Worship

Saturday, February 8

9:00 Worship
9:15 Address
10:00 Talkbacks
11:00-12:30 Business Session: Report on MSM Fund—Jim Smith
Election of Officers—
Eddie Roebuck
:00 Lunch
2:30 Seminars
5:30 Banquet
8:00 Drama

Sunday, February 9

9:00 Installation of Officers and Conference Evaluation
11:00 Worship (the end of the worship service is officially the close of the Conference)

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Christian education aims to help committed Christians become increasingly mature, since Christ not only saves but also teaches. Education includes the correction of relationships between persons, regardless of race, but this can be done better by interpersonal acquaintance than by indoctrination.—Leon M. Adkins.

A Word From Bishop F. Gerald Ensley

"I think we've called the attention of the church to what is our gravest problem, and you can't tell what will grow when you plant a seed."

In this way does the chairman of the church-wide "Bishops Mission on the Ministry"—Bishop F. Gerald Ensley of the Iowa Area—sum up the emphasis completed in December.

Upwards of 50,000 pastors and laymen attended the more than 60 sessions held on an annual conference or area basis. In several of the host churches late-comers had to stand during both morning and afternoon addresses by the visiting teams of three bishops.

As well as calling attention of the church to the need for more ministers, the Mission was intended to boost the morale of the current corps of pastors.

"I found this day reminding me that among the many blessings I have to be thankful for is being a part of the Christian ministry," one pastor said in his parish newsletter after the convocation in his conference.

Another wrote his bishop that he had been thinking of leaving the ministry, but the convocation he attended convinced him that he should not do so.

A side effect of the Mission cited by Bishop Ensley has been the "improved fellowship across jurisdictional lines."

In most cases, the team of visiting bishops in a given area was made up of men from another jurisdiction. A number of Central Jurisidction conferences met with a geographical jurisdiction annual conference, including in Tennessee where for the first time the entire membership of white and Negro annual conferences in that state met together.

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Evangelistic Mission to Ministers of WNC Conference

Notwithstanding the inclement weather conditions prevailing over the state the first of last week, several hundred ministers attended the annual Evangelistic Mission held at West Market Street Church, Greensboro, January 13-14. The meetings began Monday afternoon and closed Tuesday at noon. Several important addresses were delivered in which the spiritual life of the church was dealt with.

"The Christian Church today faces the same impossible task as did the early Christian Church in winning the world for Christ, but has the same Holy Spirit to aid it as did the first Christians in spreading the Gospel across the world," Dr. Robert Tuttle of Hickory told the clergymen.

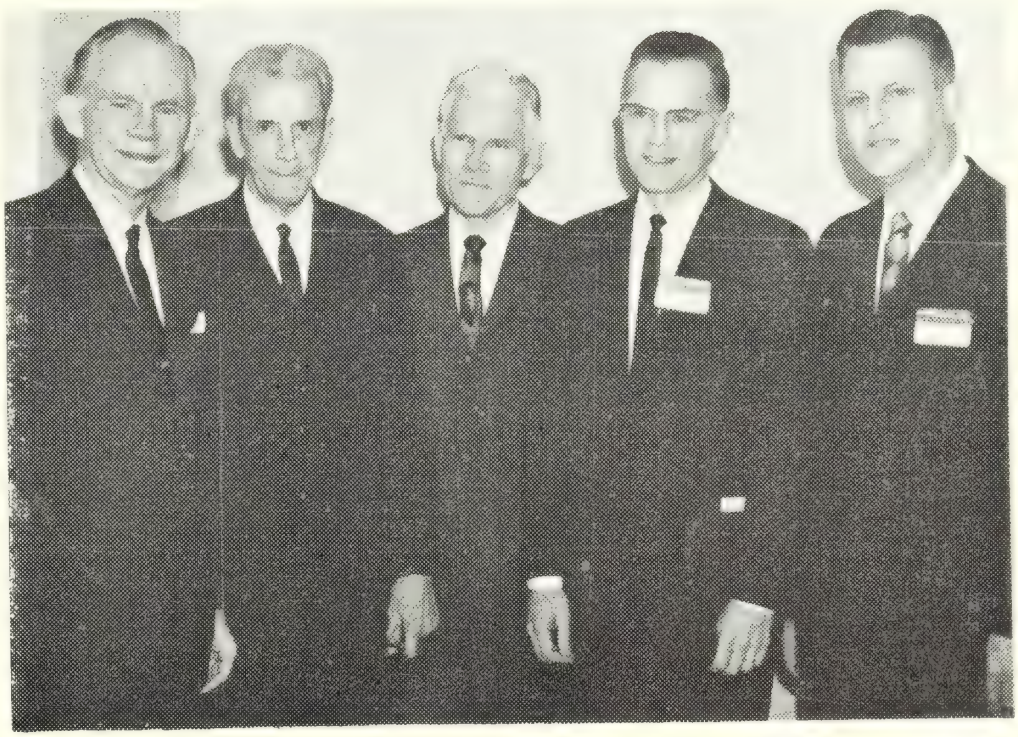
He was one of four speakers for the Evangelistic Mission to Ministers.

"The early Church faced an impossible situation," he said. "As men, they could not have conquered the inhospitable world in which they lived. But the Holy Spirit, as promised by Jesus Christ, made itself known to them at Pentecost, released them, gave them courage and continued to guide them in the establishment of the Christian movement."

"The Church today faces an impossible situation in which, as men, we know we cannot win and redeem a world in revolution," Dr. Tuttle said. "But deeply we know the same Holy Spirit which sustained, directed and empowered the early Church is available now, and as we allow God in Christ through the Holy Spirit once more to direct us as ministers and as laymen, God Himself will redeem His world."

"Today," Dr. Tuttle said, "we are facing the same situation where individuals have sought every means of release from frustrations, resentments and their guilt. The Church of Jesus Christ, through the ministry of preaching, through personal witnessing, through the fellowship of redemptive groups confronts man in his lostness with the power of God, love of Christ, through the experience of the Holy Spirit, and man comes alive.

"He is forgiven and knows it. He is released. A new life begins to develop and unfold in the fellowship of other Christians and God, and these persons, thus renewed, are sent out into the world involved with Christ in all of its suffering and lostness, and through Christ now living in them become a part of a healing and redemptive force which can bring a struggling and lost humanity to life."



Some of the Leaders in Evangelistic Mission. Left to right: Dr. Wilson O. Weldon, pastor of West Market Street Church; Bishop Nolan B. Harmon, presiding Bishop of Charlotte Area; Dr. Robert G. Tuttle, of Hickory, one of the speakers; Rev. Douglas Corriher, of High Point, one of the speakers; Rev. John R. Hamilton, of Charlotte, president of the Board of Evangelism, Western North Carolina Conference.

Rev. Douglas Corriher of High Point, another of the four speakers at the Evangelistic Mission punctured gloomy predictions of Methodist stagnation by telling his fellow preachers the Methodist Church has begun returning to the Christianity of the early Church.

"The Methodist Church, as one of the forms of the Church Universal, is beginning to be renewed, taking on the nature of the earliest church," he said. "A clear sign of this is the renewal appearance in churches of spiritual fellowship groups, variously named, but one common term to describe them is Koinonia—a Greek word meaning participating or sharing."

The Koinonia groups, the Rev. Mr. Corriher said, provide "face to face encounters of individuals seeking acceptance and a sense of belonging at a depth provided by no other groups in the world."

He gave these cautions to the local church when "such a movement for renewal begins:

1. "The church itself will do well to seek the coming of the Holy Spirit—His power, guidance—rather than to rush to organize groups. The Holy Spirit Himself structures the renewal movement. Groups of people cannot be set up as Koinonia groups by the act of man."

2. "When the Koinonia groups appear in a church, that church can help most by encouraging and making room for them. Great experimentation is going on in this field and room must be made, for people

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· CAROLINA BRIEFS ·

¶ Rev. James H. Bailey of the West Nash Church, Wilson, was chapel speaker at Louisburg College on January 8th.

¶ Mr. William T. Ratchford, associate minister of First Church, Charlotte, is this week attending a meeting of the General Board of Evangelism in Nashville, Tenn.

¶ Mrs. W. A. Barber of Lake Junaluska, is spending some time in Florida. Her address is 541 Second Ave., North, Naples, Fla. She will be there for about three months.

¶ Offerings taken for Race Relations Day in the Western North Carolina Conference should be sent immediately to Mr. Fred Russell, Treasurer, Box 1273, Charlotte, N. C.

¶ Dr. H. C. Sprinkle, Editor of *World Outlook*, will preach at Littlejohn Methodist Church, near Lenoir, Sunday, Jan. 26 at 11:00 a.m. The public is invited to attend.

¶ Dr. John R. Church of Winston-Salem will preach in revival services at Bloomfield Methodist Church, Macon, Ga., January 19-26. Rev. Tom Stroud is pastor of the church.

¶ Rev. Dr. A. Purnell Bailey, superintendent of the Richmond District, preached last week in revival services at Clayton, Raleigh District. Rev. J. Malloy Owen III, is pastor at Clayton.

¶ West Nash Methodist Church of Wilson is publishing a monthly newsletter with news about the church. Anyone interested in receiving a copy of the newsletter may write to Mrs. H. D. Ripley at 206 Raleigh Road, Wilson, N. C.

¶ Fairmont Methodist Church, Raleigh, Rev. John M. Cline pastor, will engage in revival services beginning Feb. 16. The visiting minister will be Rev. Arthur L. Thompson of Southern Pines, who farmerly served as pastor at Fairmont.

¶ Mr. Everette Clay, brother of Rev. G. W. Clay of China Grove, retired, died at the Caldwell County Hospital, Lenoir, Jan. 13, and was buried at Littlejohn Church Jan. 14. Rev. M. C. Ellerbe, pastor, conducting the service.

¶ Dr. Douglas M. Knight, president of Duke University, will speak at the annual meeting of the Greensboro Duke Alumni Association to be held at the Greensboro Country Club Thursday evening, January 23, beginning at 6:30. Mrs. Knight will accompany Dr. Knight.

¶ Rev. and Mrs. Paul Bunn announce the birth of their fourth child, a daughter, Paula Gray, born Sunday, January 12. Mr. Bunn is pastor of the Bethesda Methodist Church, near Fairmont in Robeson County. The Bethesda church is building a new education plant and remodeling the sanctuary at an outlay of some $118,000. The church also is planning to send the North Carolina CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE to every family. Mr. Bunn is in high favor with his people.

¶ The Goldsboro Area School for Christian Workers will be held Feb. 2-6, at St Paul Methodist Church, Goldsboro. Offering courses in the school as teachers will be Rev. Wesley Brogan, Rev. Bruce Pate, Rev. Leon Russell, Rev. Jack Crum, Dr. Ethel Tilley.

¶ The annual Winter Banquet of the Forsyth County Chapter of the High Point College Alumni Association was held in Winston-Salem Friday, January 17, at 6:30 p. m. in the dining room of the Goodwill Rehabilitation Center, Coliseum and Cherry Streets. Guest speaker was M. T. Lambeth, Superintendent of the Methodist Children's Home in Winston-Salem.

¶ Bishop Paul N. Garber, president of the Methodist Board of Education, presented a citation to Miss Mary Alice Jones at the annual Board meeting held in Dallas, Txeas on Tuesday, January 7. Miss Jones, connected for many years with the General Board of Education, has written several books, including "Tell Me About God," and companion books for Children. She is now retired.

¶ Mrs. W. R. Jessup of Asheboro has been employed by the Lay Personnel Committee of Central Methodist Church, Asheboro, as Director of Christian Education. She succeeds Mr. John W. Rierson, resigned. Mrs. Jessup will assume her duties February 1. She served as Director of Education at Central Church for several years prior to her marriage. Rev. N. Carson Williams, Jr., is pastor of Central Church.

¶ Rev. Roy Bell of Concord preached Sunday morning, January 12, at Mouzon Methodist Church in Charlotte. This was Mr. Bell's first appointmnet in 1943 when the church was in the process of being organized. It is now celebrating its 20th anniversary, and has grown to a membership of between seven and eight hundred, with a splendid church plant and an excellent parsonage. Rev. Dewey Smith is the present pastor.

¶ Rev. Joseph P. Bartak, D.D., retired member of the North Carolina Conference, and formerly superintendent of the Methodist Mission to Czechoslovakia and later a mission to Australia, is a patient in the W. A. Candler hospital in Savannah, Ga. Mr. Bartak was 76 years old December 26, 1963. He has been suffering from arthritis and a leg infection in recent months. Brother Bartak's many friends in the conference will be concerned about him and wish for him speedy relief.

¶ Friends of Rev. Sherrill B. Biggers, pastor of the Spindale Methodist Church, will regret to learn of his serious automobile accident suffered Monday, January 13, while on his way to attend the spiritual life meeting of the Western North Carolina Conference in Greensboro. We understand the wreck occurred near Statesville, and Mr. Biggers is in the Iredell Memorial Hospital in Statesville with multiple fractures of both legs and facial lacerations. While his condition is serious it is not believed to be fatal.

¶ The Elizabeth City District Conference was held Tuesday, Jan. 14 at First Methodist Church, Ahoskie. It is reported that the attendence was good and the conference was inspiration to those attending. Rev. Robert L. Jerome is the District Superintendent, and Rev. Robert E. Walston is pastor at Ahoskie.

¶ Rev. Dean Showengerdt preached at First Methodist Church, Charlotte, last Sunday night. Mr. and Mrs. Showengerdt are missionaries to Korea, and are supported by First Church. They were on their way to attend the meeting of the Board of Missions at Buck Hill Falls, Pa. A reception was held for them at the close of the evening service.

¶ Rev. R. E. Ward, retired Methodist minister of the Western North Carolina Conference, is being served by the very fine and adequate Wesley Nursing Center at the Methodist Home in Charlotte. Rev. Mr. Ward suffered a stroke at his home at Donnaha on December 16th, was taken to Watts Hospital, Durham, where he was a patient until coming to the Wesley Center January 9th. He is progressing nicely under the efficient care of Wesley Center's personnel. Mrs. Ward is residing in the Methodist Home, room 266.

¶ Both Rev. and Mrs. J. J. Miller of Gibsonville lost a parent prior to Christmas. Mrs. Miller's father, Mr. C. E. Henderson, of Spartanburg, S. C., died December 6. Funeral services were at Bethel Methodist Church, Spartanburg. Rev. Mr. Miller's mother, Mrs. Harriet E. Miller, died at Statesville December 22. Funeral services were held at Spartanburg, S. C., December 26. Mrs. Miller was also the mother of Mrs. C. E. Bruce, wife of Rev. C. E. Bruce, who is pastor of Fairgrove Methodist Church, at Conover.

¶ West Nash Methodist Church, Wilson, has been having the church-wide study course "Our Mission Today" in the month of January. Rev. James H. Bailey presented the first part of the study on January 5. Mrs. Tom Newbold presented the second part on January 12, and Mrs. Paul McCain presented the third part on January 19. Mrs. Robert Atkinson and Mrs. Joe Bland are teaching a children's study course at this same time. Each study is preceeded with a covered dish supper for the entire family. Special films have been ordered for both the children and adult courses.

¶ North Carolina Wesleyan College, Rocky Mount, is in need of a copy of "A Short History of the Methodists in the United States of America" by Jesse Lee. If any minister or layman has such a copy and woud be interested in donating it to the Library as a memorial, the college would be happy to receive it as such; if on the other hand, you wish to sell the volume, or know of any place where it can be purchased, the college would appreciate this information very much. It would assist our history and religion majors, and would be greatly appreciated, says Dr. Thomas A. Collins, president of the college. Anyone concerned is invited to correspond with Mr. Gray, Librarian, North Carolina Wesleyan College, Rocky Mount, N. C.

¶ Rev. Daniel Bowman has been appointed pastor of the Moncure charge in the Burlington District, succeeding Rev. Jack Crum, who is now connected with the North Carolina Council of Churches. Rev. Mr. Bowman comes to the Methodist Church from the Nazarene Church. He has recently served that church in Sanford.

¶ Second semester registration will be held at High Point College Monday and Tuesday, January 27 and 28, Nathaniel Yarborough, Registrar, has announced. On Monday, January 27, members of the faculty will hold registration in the gymnasium from 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. On Tuesday, January 28, faculty will be available in their offices for registration until 4:00 p.m. After a student has registered, course changes must have the approval of the Academic Dean. Classes will begin on Wednesday, January 29.

¶ A Layman's Workshop for the Methodist laymen of Stanly County was held last Sunday, Jan. 19, at Central Church, Albemarle. Mr. Robert M. Smith of Mount Airy, conference lay leader, spoke on "The Church Lay Leader;" Miss Mary Floyd, professor of Religion at Pfeiffer College, spoke on "The Place of the Lay Woman in the Methodist Church;" Mr. Edwin L. Jones, Jr., of the Providence Methodist Church, Charlotte, spoke on "Stewardship;" Mr. James Robinson of the Lilesville Methodist Church, spoke on "The Work of the Official Board;" and Mr. G. L. Goodson, Boger City Methodist Church, spoke on "Methodist Men."

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Forty-Seven Methodists On Evangelistic Mission to Alaska

Announcement has been made of the names of 47 Methodists, both ministers and laymen, who will go to the 49th state, Alaska, from other states for a Methodist evangelistic mission Jan. 23 to Feb. 2.

The announcement was made by the Rev. Dr. Lawrence L. Lacour, Nashville, director of the mission and a staff member of the General Board of Evangelism of The Methodist Church.

The Board of Evangelism is working with the Methodist Board of Missions in the endeavor.

Dr. Lacour said the mission will give major attention to visitation and group evangelism. Emphasis will be put on developing local church membership and winning new members.

Nearly twice as many are going on the mission as was oirginally anticipated, and Dr. Lacour said that because of this larger number it is expected that the missioners will help establish a new church at Sitka, Alaska. The church was only in the planning stage but is now an immediate possibility, he said.

The total of 47 missioners include several teams consisting of a minister and a layman from the same church.

Those from North Carolina include Mr. C. Doug Mayes, Charlotte; Rev. Robert H. Stamey, Charlotte; Rev. Boyce Huffstetler, Marion.

Memorial Service Planned For Lt. David Holt

First Lieutenant David Holt, son of President and Mrs. D. D. Holt of Scarritt College, was on the Air Force plane which disappeared over the Pacific Ocean Jan. 1. After the most intensive sea-air search ever made in the Pacific, no sign of the C-124 Globemaster has been found and all nine men aboard are believed dead.

A memorial service is being planned in Wightman Chapel, on the campus of Scarritt College, in mid-February.

The plane is believed to have crashed at sea between Wake Island and Honolulu. It was on a routine flight from Japan to Hawaii when the last radio signal was received. No trouble was reported.

Rear Admiral Charles A. Buchanan, Commander of the Hawaiian Sea Frontier, announced January 10 that the active phase of the search was over, but that all ships and planes between Wake Island and Hawaii have been alerted to watch for survivors.

Lt. Holt, 24 years old, was stationed at Hill Air Force Base, Ogden, Utah. His wife and daughter, Susan, were there at the time of the tragedy. They will move to Nashville shortly to await the birth of a second child. David was a graduate of Duke University with one year of law and was enrolled in Vanderbilt Law School when he joined the Air Force in 1961.

Dr. Holt is well known as a minister and speaker throughout Methodism. He has been pastor of First Methodist Church, Charlotteville, Centenary, Lynchburg, and Monumental, Portsmouth, all in Virginia, and Trinity at Durham, N. C. A member of the North Carolina Conference, he was formerly on the staff of the Methodist Board of Education in Nashville, and has been president of Scarritt since 1960. The Holts have another son, John, who is a senior at Duke University.

News Items From Love's Church, Walkertown

The Rev. O. N. Hutchinson, Jr., of Love's Church, was keynote speaker at the recent annual Convention of the Georgia Rehabilitation Association in Atanta. His address was on the convention's theme, "The Dignity fo Man."

Love's Church, Walkertown, has completed a successful campaign for a new educational wing to replace an old section of their present educational facilities. On a goal of $75,000 pledges and advance gifts totaled $78,50. $22,000 is in hand and it is hoped construction can begin by early 1965.

Love's Church, sought to enlist members of the church to join with the pastor in the plan of reading through the Bible together in 1964 beginning Jnauary 1st. Guidebooks were provided for tose committing themselves to this project at half-price with half of the cost being defrayed by the membership and Evangelism Commission out of their budgetary appropriation. 150 members committed themselves to this Bible-reading endeavor.

Human Relations Rally Held At Edenton Street Church

The Human Relations Rally, under the auspices of the Commission on Christian Social Concerns of the North Carolina Conference and held at Edenton Street Church, Raleigh, Thursday, January 16, was begun with a quiet moment of meditation, followed by the Hymn "Come Thou Almighty King." The invocation was given by Rev. Mark W. Lawrence. Rev. Charles Hubbard introduced Dr. H. Shelton Smith, who was the first speaker. Dr. Smith traced the movement of human relations for the past several years, indicating some of the obstacles encountered, and pointing to much progress made. Mrs. J. Herbert Waldrop was the soloist for the occasion. She sang beautifully songs which were oppropriate, being both instructive and inspirational. Dr. D. Trigg James, of Atlanta, Ga., who is secretary fo the Southeastern Jurisdictional Council of the Methodist Church, was introduced by Rev. O. L. Hathaway. Dr. James spoke of the Church and Human Relations, giving the outline of certain proposed legislation to be presented to the next General Conference, and explaining the present status of the movement. The morning session closed with discussion sessions, the laymen led by Dr. James, and the ministers group being moderated by Rev. Henry G. Ruark, with Rev. Robert W. Bradshaw, Rev. W. M. Horwad, and Rev. Jack Crum giving their experience in dealing with situations arising in their particular churches.

Luncheon hour was observed, and in the afternoon the session began with a song, a prayer by Rev. J. W. Page, scripture by Rev. Vernon Tyson, and a solo by Mrs. Waldrop. Rev. Graham Eubank introduced Bishop John Owen Smith of the Atlanta, Ga., Area, who was the final speaker of the day. Bishop Smith brought an inspiring message, surveying the situation, and pointing up the responsibility before the Christian church. His message was a challenge to the ministers and laymen to take their stand for human rights for every individual, and to lead the church in its effort to solve the problems before it. Several hundred ministers and laymen were in attendance at the meeting which, was closed with a prayer and the benediction by Rev. A. Kimsey King, associate pastor of the Edenton Street Church.

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EDITORIALS

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Let Us Be Sensible

Election years are times that should be characterized with serious and sober thinking and action. In a democracy it is necessary to have elections that people may express themselves in the operation of their government. If these privileges and responsibilities are exercised with intelligent purpose they may bring satisfaction to the electorate by bringing improvement to society.

Unfortunately, there are dangers lurking in the background of these election years. It is a tendency in some quarters to do some "mud-slinging;" in other instances tactics far from serious are engaged in to attract attention and win support for certain candidates. Even vile language is used by some in an effort to demonstrate enthusiasm. And these things are done at the expense of policies and principles. Already one Presidential candidate has stooped to the low and indecent practice of using indiscreet language over television while trying to build up interest in his campaign. One of the former Presidents seem to think it normal procedure to use indiscreet language on radio and television.

The unfortunate thing is that these men have the idea that their political aspirations and loyalties are the supreme matters and should have top billing. They claim to have the best interests of the people at heart, but they sometimes serve the forces of evil which are definitely against people's "best interests." The type of government we have will be determined by the kind of men we elect. We should be sure to place principle above personal ambition, and select men wth spiritual ideals and ability.

Between now and the coming primaries and elections many things will be said and done; there will be wide differences of opinion expressed; all sorts of appeals will be made to capture votes, and some of us may be confused. It would be a good policy if each of us would resolve now to keep ourselves clear from entangling alliances, and to use our best intelligence in resolving the problems with which we may be confronted, and seek to make the wisest possible decisions. But above all, let us so conduct ourselves as to keep our characters above reproach. The person with low moral ideals, who expresses it in vulgar or profane language, and who flings discretion to the four winds, should not be able to count on our support. Let us weigh the issues, measure the stature of the men, and use our best intelligence in making the choice.

THEME FOR THE WEEK

"Blow ye the trumpet in Zion, and sound an alarm in my holy mountain: let all the inhabitants of the land tremble; for the day of the Lord cometh, for it is nigh at hand."—Joel 2:1.

LETTERS

Dear Mr. Starnes:

I am interested in your editorial in the Advocate of January 9th, 1964, under the heading "Methodists Lagging in Conversions." I understand in many Methodist churches, after the pastors preach a very good sermon they close the services without extending a personal invitation for people to accept Christ. I think this is one of several reasons contributing to the lack of interest shown by some of the people. I believe that at every service a personal invitation should be extended for people to repent of their sins, and when sinners repent most of them are ready to join the church.

Best regards,
H. D. Andrews

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Dr. H. G. Allen, President
Western N. C. Conference Brotherhood
414 Summit Avenue
Statesville, N. C.

Dear Dr. Allen:

We were glad to have you at Mouzon Methodist Church, Charlotte, and to have you present the cause of the Brotherhood. As result of your visit we have had 35 new lay members join the Brotherhood. I think other laymen will join.

I want to thank you for enrolling me in the Brotherhood 20 years ago at a district conference during the noon hour. It has been a great joy to me to make a contribution each time a preacher member died. Over the years I have kept the assessment cards as mementos.

It was pleasing to know that you are such a close friend of our new pastor, Rev. Dewey Smith, whom we love so dearly.

Sincerely yours,
E. J. Bunch

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Dear Bro. Starnes:

Will you be so kind as to print a few lines in our fine paper in regard to my work as a retired minister in our conference.

I have been conducting revivals a good deal of the time since I retired a few years ago from Oak Summit Church in Winston-Salem. Since then I have conducted sixty-five revivals across the conference, two in N. C. Conference, one in Kentucky, one in South Carolina, one in Florida. Now I am slated for meetings in the spring, March 22, with Rev. D. D. Shelton, Sandy Ridge, N. C., and April 12 with Bro. Roy Steed near Durham, N. C. If any of my friends should need me for a meeting, last of April and May, I shall be happy to assist them.

I am now ready to slate anyone who may want me. I have conducted since conference meetings at the following places: at Edgefield, with Bro. Gayle Ford, who is a fine young minister and fine to work with; next revival was on Mars Hill work at Laurel Church, and next was at Teague's Chapel on Sandy Mush work; the fourth meeting was with Bro. Pearce at Hanes Grove in Yadkin County. All these meetings were wonderful, God blessed many souls, churches were greatly revived and many saved. All the pastors I assisted were fine to work with.

May God have all the glory for these wonderful experiences since conference.

Sincerely,
John H. Green

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Let's Clothe the Needy

"Do unto others as you would have them do unto you." Isn't this a great and marvelous thought? Wonderful to think about—hard to put into action. When we think of the courtesy and kindness we would like bestowed upon us, 'tis a fleshly thought hard to overcome. Doing things for our fellowman is so important; our lost is of least importance, that is, we should not despair if ill treated by man, for God is our sustainer.

We think of Paul as he said, "for I have learned, in whatsoever state I am, therewith to be content." Are we content, or are we constantly grappling? We should not be idle, but seeking wealth for this world's pleasures are so minute compared to "the laying up of treasurers in heaven." The treasures we lay up in heaven are everlasting even as we shall ever be with the Lord.

When I received a notice by mail from some of our good Methodists recently, saying that we have children in our own state, and not too far from our homes, who are without shoes; I wondered—will we respond? How can we do otherwise? "As you do it unto them—you do also unto me." We can make these children warm and comfortable. Let us do so. A little effort today—A warm child tomorrow!

—Mrs. Gaither Beroth

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Her Dream Comes True

"God, please make me a nurse. And please make me a good one!" This prayer of a small girl in Gettysburg, Ohio, a decade ago is being fulfilled as Sara Lou Newbauer is named "Miss Methodist Student Nurse of 1964."

Announcement of her selection was made Jan. 8 by Dr. Olin E. Oeschger of Evanston, Ill., general secretary of the Board of Hospitals and Homes.

Now a senior in the school of nursing at Christ Methodist Hospital, Cincinnati, Miss Newbauer won the nation-wide contest, which was open to high-ranking seniors from each of the 47 Methodist schools of nursing in the United States.

She will be honored at a banquet session of the National Association of Methodist Hospitals and Homes in St. Louis Jan. 29.

Calls for "Practicing Fact"

Bishop W. Ralph Ward of the Syracuse Area has issued a statement on "The Methodist Church and Race" in which he calls upon all Methodist churches and Methodist-related institutions to "make the official position of The Methodist Church the *practicing* fact." He also calls upon individuals to "take the declaration as a summons to personal cleansing and reform."

He quotes the action of the 1960 General Conference and a statement issued in November by the Council of Bishops, meeting in Detroit.

Board of Education Calls on Church to Reverse Trend

Expressing "shock and shame" at declining church school membership and attendance, the Board of Education of The Methodist Church in its annual meeting in Dallas, Texas, called on Methodist church members and leaders to take steps to reverse the trend.

The term "church school" refers to Sunday school and other educational activities of local churches.

The board, with headquarters in Nashville, Tenn., had its first meeting in Texas at the Sheraton-Dallas Hotel Jan. 7-9.

The call to increase church school membershpi and attendance came in a unanimously adopted resolution presented by a board member, Jim A. Egan, Muskogee, Oklahoma.

The resolution said in part:

"We earnestly petition the (Methodist) Councli of Bishops to make this a concern of the entire church, this Lenten season calling upon every local church to follow up every church school pupil lost from its rolls or habitually absent during the past year.

"We call the entire church to join in a carefully planned and comprehensive endeavor throughout the next (1964-68) quadrennium in behalf of increasing church school membership and attendance, and we commit the General Board of Education and the annual conference boards to the responsibility or providing leadership."

Membership in Methodist church schools now totals about 6,800,000.

The Rev. Dr. Leon M. Adkins, Nashville, general secretary of the board's Division of the Local Church, reported that from 1944 to 1959 the denomination agained steadily in church school membership but that from 1959 on there have been annual declines averaging about one per cent a year. Average attendance in Sunday school continued to gain through 1961, but the last two years have shown losses. "Especially alarming is the sharper drop last year in average church school attendance," said the board in the resolution.

"There is everywhere an indication of our nation's need for spiritual rebirth and moral renewal," the resolution declared. "We believe the teaching ministry of the church can and must do more, vastly more, in taking the gospel to the unreached and untaught multitudes increasing about us."

Miss Mary Alice Jones, Nashville, who retired in 1963 as director of Christian education of children for the board was honored and addressed the meeting. James F. Blair, Nashville, who is retiring as board treasurer, also was recognized for his service.

The board presented a certificate of appreciation to a retired Methodist minister, the Rev. Dr. Glenn Flinn, Georgetown, Texas, in recognition of his service to Christian education. Dr. Flinn was a pioneer in the work of the Methodist Student Movement and for more than 20 years was director of Methodist student work in Texas.

The presentation was made at a dinner at Southern Methodist University. The Rev. Dr. Albert C. Outler, a professor in SMU's Perkins School of Theology, was the speaker and told about the Vatican Council.

Bishop Paul N. Garber, Richmond, Va., board president, presided at the sessions at the Sheraton-Dallas.



Methodist College Students Listed in "Who's Who"

Eight members of the first senior class to be graduated at Methodist College in June, 1964, will be listed in the 1963-64 volume of *Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges.*

Students receiving this honor, from nominations made by the faculty of the college, were Betty Graham Bunce, Stedman; Samuel Reese Edwards, Jr., Betty Neill Guy, Ralph Finton Hoggard, Robert Herman Lapke, Louis Spilman, Jr., Francis Xenophon Stewart and William Alexander Wolfe, all of Fayetteville.

Announcement of the recognition was made during the chapel service at the college on Wednesday, January 15. In making the announcement Dr. Millard Burt, dean of the college, presented each of the recipients with a certificate of the award.

Criteria, established by the faculty, for nomination of these students were seniors with at least a 2:5 scholastic average who are expected to be graduated at the next commencement, leadership and participation in academic and student activities, and promise of future achievement.

Since the college did not have residence halls the first year, all the students listed are among commuting students, who make up approximatey 85 per cent of the first senior class.

Special Attention to Gambling

Special attention to problems of gambling is sought in the coming year's program of research grants, just announced by the Division of Temperance and General Welfare, Methodist Board of Christian Social Concerns.

For the third year, five grants of $750 each will be awarded for research projects related to the division's work. In addition to gambling, these include addiction, alcohol problems, sex and moral values, juvenile delinquency, crime and rehabilitation, mental health, medical care, the aging, population and planned parenthood, public safety, welfare policy and practice.

Applications for the 1964-65 academic year must be received by the division in Washington, D. C., by April 1, 1964, according to the Rev. Dr. Haskell Miller, director of research.

Those eligible must be graduate or postgraduate students in universities or seminaries, engaging in the research as a part of their studies.

High Point Professor To Judge Newspapers

Dr. Sam J. Underwood, chairman of the Department of English, High Point College, has been invited to be a member of the Board of Judges for Printed Newspapers to be judged in the 40th annual national contest sponsored by the Columbia University School of Journalism, college officials have announced.

Inviting Dr. Underwood to membership was Dr. Joseph M. Murphy, Director of the Columbia Scholastic Press Association of Columbia University.

Dr. Underwood, who has judged newspapers and yearbooks for the Columbia Scholastic Press Association for 15 years, will this year judge some 75-100 newspapers from high schools up to 3,000 population. These newspapers will be largely from high schools in the larger metropolitan areas of the United States.

"The purpose of the competition is to raise the level of journalistic writing in the United States, and publications of all types from schools of all sizes may be entered," stated Dr. Underwood. *The Apogee*, High Point College's literary magizine published for the first time last year. has been entered in its particular category. Dr. Charles E. Mounts is the advisor."

5,000 Teachers Wanted Overseas

Peace Corps has announced that it will need more than 5,000 teachers to fill its overseas teaching posts during 1964. Requests have come from 48 countries throughout Latin America, Africa and Asia. 3,000 are wanted for secondary schools, 1,000 for elementary and 500 for colleges and universities. An additional 500 are wanted for the fields of physical, vocational and adult education.

Many of these posts will be filled by experienced teachers since almost two-thirds of the larger school units in the U.S. have approved the granting of a two-year leave of absence to teachers desiring to serve overseas with Peace Corps.

Dean Monro of Harvard has characterized an overseas teaching experience with Peace Corps as not only being in the interest of the public welfare, but also that it is professionally "more valuable than a Rhodes Scholarship." Peace Corps advises that economically it is "$1,800 better than a Fulbright Fellowship."

Teachers desiring to secure one of these interesting posts at the end of the current school year should file an application at an early date. Full details and an application form may be secured by writing to Peace Corps, Division of Recruiting, Washington, D. C. 20525. Teachers planning to retire at the end of the current school year, if physically fit, are also invited to apply.

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LOOKING AHEAD

To help the world's hungry people feed themselves in the future, CARE delivers food to nourish school children while they get an education; to stake resettled farm families until their first crops come in; to pay villagers while they build roads and other facilities to increase commerce and earnings. Contributions to the CARE Food Crusade, New York 10016, help make such programs possible.

On A Wide Circuit

By W. W. Reid

IT'S THE WITNESSES THAT WIN THE VERDICT

My friend, John H. Ryder, a successful advertising executive and writer, who is also a deeply committed and witnessing Christian, said something the other day that so succinctly expresses an idea I have been trying to convey in this column that I am retelling it here.

"You may have the best lawyer in the country to press your case," he noted, "but it is the witnesses who will win it for you —or the lack of witnesses may lose it for you."

The application of Mr. Ryder's analogy to the life and work of the church—to the Christian faith itself—is, of course, obvious. The finest preacher in the town's best church and "boasting the finest choir—can never secure a verdict for Christ and His way from the "jury"—the people of the community and of the world who are judging the truth or falsity, the value or the uselessness, of the cause we are seeking to impress upon them. Only the *witnesses* those who in their very lives—in their deeds and actions—demonstrate and testify to the faith and its efficacy will secure from the jury a verdict favorable to the petitioner.

Each one of us who professes to be a follower and disciple of Chrest and who would speak a good word for the Way of Life he recommends is, consciously or unconsciously, witnessing *for* that Christ and that way or witnessing *against* that Christ and that way. People may well be unheeding to the words we say, but they will never forget the deeds we do. And if our words and our deeds are not in agreement with each other, the jury will not be swayed by words or protestations, or even by tears.

Any trial lawyer knows that his greatest asset is in a witness whose story, demeanor and actions are believed in by the jury. in the case of witnessing to Christianity—one's faith—this means that the actions of the witness must square with the words to which he gives voice. Any dichotomy here makes the witness worthless or worse. And who are to be the witnesses to the faith? Those who profess it—and that generally means the laymen in our churches. They, rather than their teachers and trained leaders (the ministers), must win the verdict for Christ—or it will not be won.

As a matter of fact, it is the quiet, ongoing, even undramatic, exponent of the faith. rather than the noisy and boisterous declaimer of his arguments, that wins the confidence of the jury. I myself have rarely been convinced of anything good by a shouting, pulpit-pounding preacher. Perhaps it grows out of unhappy parallel experience.

In my early twenties I was a newspaper reporter, and for some years my daily round included visits to a police court where all kinds of criminal cases (assault and battery to murder) had their first hearing. It did not take long to become acquainted with many lawyers (some of them dealing largely with petty and dubious cases), and their manner of presenting the cases of their clients, and indeed, something of the clients themselves. With some of the lawyers there was evident to even this cub reporter (and it must have been even more evident to the judge) the merit of many cases by the way the counsel disported himself. If you heard the lawyer berating his opponent's witness, yelling at him, trying to intimidate and frighten and silence him (or to make him shout back in anger), you soon concluded that that attorney had a poor case. You certainly felt inclined to place some credulity in the case made by an attorney in a reasoned and dispassionate manner, one who accepted quietly some points that seemed to go against him, and then returned with a witness whose believable testimony clinched his case.

Yes, the witness of a person living and practicing what he believes, and sees, and knows of Christ, and of the working of the Holy Spirit today, is the only effective evidence the jury of the races and nations can and will accept as genuine. The jury (and this jury cannot be tampered with) wants our living witness — and perhaps fewer words, written or spoken.

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When the Word Comes Alive

D. W. Charlton

A little girl who received a portion of scripture with the Christmas story asked: "Does it tell about the angels, the star and the baby?" The coming of Christ was central in the simplicity of a child. The spiritual significance of the occasion is often lost in its association with festivity, unbridled license and dissipation.

But many are aware that our world would suffer immeasurably if we lose the true meaning of Christmas. A brief address was once made to a group of students on: "I Dreamt that He Had Not Been Born." The clock was turned back, and the whole structure of civilization caved in. Woman had a lowly position, and there were no schools. Life was emptied of any real meaning. Suddenly the sleeper awakened. Then the relief! It was only a dream.

During the Advent season we affirm that Christ was born, and lived among us in human form, "Full of grace and truth." He took on the form of man, and lived amid the simple surroundings of the Galilean hills.

As the old song goes:

"He came down to earth from heaven
Who is God and Lord of all,
And his shelter was a stable,
And his cradle was a stall.
With the poor and mean and lowly
Lived on earth our Saviour holy."

Another thing, the ideal becomes real to us in the Person of Christ, and he speaks to us through symbols of words, pictures, statues.

Recall the famous statue of Christ in Copenhagen. Visitors from far and near came to view the image of Christ. A little boy who saw the disappointment written in the face of one man said: "Sir, you must come closer, kneel down at his feet and look into his face." By so doing the man saw the rare beauty and radiance on the face of Christ. We, too, may need a better view and a closer relationship with our living Lord.

Pictures in the home or on the walls of public buildings make a silent impact on our lives. We are told of a mother who visited her son in college and saw pictures on the walls of his room that displeased her. The mother made no comment, but in a few days the boy received from his mother a well known painting of Christ. In a subsequent visit the parent observed that the objectionable had come down. "With a portrait of Christ on the wall," said the boy, "the others were out of place." So the images around and the thoughts within weild their influence upon our lives.

Again, consider that the living word or life speaks more eloquently than words from our lips. As Paul wrote: "You yourselves are our letter of recommendation, known and read of all men."

"A familiar example you see is always the most effective way to define a thing," wrote Liston Pope. The word mother, for instance, is defined by Webster's dictionary as "a female parent." But when we think of the example of mother as we know best, the word touches the deeper emotions of the heart.

A man in his seventies, John Frederickson, attended worship services faithfully every Sunday, though he was stone deaf. "I like to be where God's people are," he remarked. "And I like to set a good example for others."

The well known hymn writer, Isaac Watts, was said to be "a bit of Christ." We, too, should show some resemblance to our living Lord.

Finally, love is at the heart of Christmas, for "God is love." A retired school teacher who taught in one of the worst sections of Baltimore, celebrated her eightieth birthday some time ago. She not only dispensed knowledge, but she molded character.

In the course of the years the students became doctors, ministers, lawyers, educators, skilled craftmen and technicians. Now, on the anniversary occasion, her former students came to pay tribute to their much loved teacher.

When a reporter asked her about the secret that made her work so rewarding, she replied: "I realized that I was ill prepared to teach. I had nothing to give but love." That is what Christ gave to our world.

The Word came alive in Christ and was full of grace, truth, and love.

Louisburg College Professor Gets Science Fellowship at UNC

Avery J. Dennis, professor of chemistry at Louisburg College, has been selected by the National Science Foundation for a Science Faculty Fellowship at the University of North Carolina at Chpael Hill.

The grant will be for a twelve-month period beginning in September 1964.

The purpose of these grants is to provide college and university science teachers with teaching experience at the collegiate level an opportunity to increase their competence as teachers.

Mr. Dennis will be engaged in advance course work and research leading toward the Ph.D. degree with a major in organic chemistry and a minor in analytical chemistry.

The grant will cover all educational expenses plus a matching salary for the twelve-month period.

A *cum laude* graduate of Louisburg College, he received the B.S. degree and the M.S. degree from North Carolina State of the University of North Carolina, Raleigh where he graduated with honors. He was also the recipient of the Merk Award for outstanding work in chemistry.

He is married to the former Jean Joyner of Louisburg and they have a daughter, Della Kay and a son Matthew Avery.

He is a member of the American Chemical Society, the American Association for the Advancement of Science, Sigma Xi, a scientific research fraternity, and Kappa Mu Epsilon. At Louisburg College he was a member of Phi Theta Kappa, a national honorary scholastic fraternity and Alpha Beta Gamma, chemistry fraternity.

Board Of Lay Activities Has New Staff Member

Charles P. Kellogg, a Cleveland, Ohio, high school teacher, has been named to the staff of the Board fo Lay Activities of the Methodist Church.

His election was announced December 10 by Dr. Robert G. Mayfield, general secretary of the board, which maintains its headquarters at 1200 Davis Street, Evanston.

Dr. Mayfield said that the 36-year-old teacher will assume his new position February 1 as assistant director of the board's Joint Section of Training and Communication.

Mr. Kellogg, who is currently serving as lay leader of the denomination's Lexington Conference, will be working primarily in the board's program of training laymen.

An active layman in St. Matthew's Church, Cleveland, the new staff man has served there as church lay leader and chairman of the Commission on Education and in several other capacities. The Lexington Conference elected him a lay delegate to the 1964 Central Jurisdictional Conference. His late father was for 40 years a pastor in the Lexington Conference.

Mr. Kellogg earned a bachelor of science degree from Wittenberg University, Springfield, Ohio, and has taken work toward his master's degree at Kent, Ohio, State University. He is presently employed as an instructor in the department of social studies in Glenville High School, Cleveland.

He and Mrs. Kellogg have three children: Brenda, 14; Sandra, 8; and Charles, Jr., 2.

Albemarle District Holds Vocations Conference Jan 26

The Methodist Youth of the Albemarle District, Anson, Stanly, and Union counties, will participate in a District Vocations Conference on Sunday, January 26. Pfeiffer College will be host to the meeting. The program will begin at 2:15 p.m. with fellowship singing. The conference will adjourn with a dedication.

There will be fourteen workshop groups available for the conference. They include: The Call to the Ministry; Director of Christian Education; Director of Church Music; Missions; Social Work; Public School Teaching; Nursing; Medicine; Dentistry; the Sciences; Business Administration; Secretarial Work; Law; and Engineering. Each youth will have the opportunity to go into two of these groups.

A special workshpo will be offered to Chairmen of the Local Committee on Vocations, Adult Counsellors, Parents, and Pastors. This will include instructions in guiding youth in making vocational choices. Resources and programs will be discussed with this group.

Refreshments will be sevred during a break between the two workshop groups. All youth of the Albemarle District are encouraged to attend.

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At its recent 97th Annual Session in Portland, Oregon, the National Grange called on the nation to marshal every material, phliosophical and spiritual defense against the world threat of totalitarianism.



New Stokesburg Methodist Church.

New Sanctuary Occupied By Stokesburg Church

In December, the new sanctuary and an educational wing of the Stokesburg Methodist Church, Walnut Cove, N. C., was completed with the first service being held on December 15 at 11:00 o'clock. The new church building which is the fourth building in succession in over one hundred years, and which carries the name of the original settlement of Walnut Cove, was designed by Fred Butner, Jr., Architect of Winston-Salem. It is a one story brick and masonry construction with a modified colonial style and consists of a sanctuary with a seating capacity of one hundred and seventy, five class rooms, a fellowship hall, kitchen and rest rooms.

A service for the laying of the cornerstone was held on November 17 at 11:00 o'clock with Dr. Frank Jordan, Superintendent of the Winston-Salem District, delivering the sermon and leading in the cornertsone ceremony. Miss Nannie Jones, church historian, presented a copper box containing articles of historical interest to the pastor, Rev. Edgar F. Pepper, Jr., who placed it in the cavity wall; Dr. Frank Jordan, Raymond Carpenter, Building Committee Chairman, and Fred Butner, Jr., Architect, symbolically spread mortar; and the stone was lifted in place by Alvis Hole, Building Contractor and W. C. Nelson, Jr. On that day, there were several persons present who remembered the fire of 1906 which destroyed the church, and the congregation was particularly honored by the presence of Rev. W. T. Albright who was in his second pastorate when the church burned and under whose leadership the present church was built which served our community for over fifty years.

The building program at Stokesburg is a part of a long range plan which is a commendation to the foresight and the faith of both the congregation and pastors who have served through the years. Under the administration of Rev. Worth B. Royals, the idea for a new church building took root; a new parsonage was built during the pastorate of Rev. Paul Cassell; and two financial campaigns were organized by Rev. Ralph E. Kayler, laying the groundwork for the new church building. The final stage in the building program will be that of adding another wing to the Educational Building.

Members af the Building Committee are as follows: Raymond Carpenter, chairman; Mrs. H. R. McPherson, treasurer; R. M. Green, secretary; Mrs. Carlton Dunlap, Dr. H. J. Fowler, Roy J. Gibson, James H. Mitchell, Harvey Rothrock, and Dr. T. E. Simpson.

In Memoriam

MRS. SALLIE MAY WOOD

On November 8, 1963, Mrs. Sallie May Wood, a dearly beloved and devoted member of the Spring Hope Gibson Memorial Methodist Church, passed on to join in even closer fellowship with the Master.

Members of the Woman's Society of Christian Service join with her many other friends in paying tribute to the memory of one who was greatly loved and will be sorely missed in her church and community.

MRS. ROSALYND F. STALLINGS,
President W. S. C. S.
Gibson Memorial Methodist Church

Dr. John Coleman Bennett Elected Union President

Dr. John Coleman Bennett, 61, noted Protestant theologian and prominent ecumenical leader, has been elected president of Union Theological Seminary in New York. Dean of the Seminary faculty since 1955 and acting president since last summer, he succeeds Dr. Henry Pitt Van Dusen, who retired in June and has been named to the school's newly-created traveling professorship. Inauguration ceremonies are expected to be held next spring for the new president, who is widely known for his association with ecumenical organizations, his efforts toward greater interfaith understanding and his comments as a speaker and author on religious, moral and social issues. A minister of the United Church of Christ, Dr. Bennett was educated at Union Seminary and Oxford University in England and holds several honorary degrees.

Duke Memorial Methodist Church Durham, Builds Educational Unit

By C. P. Morris

When Duke Memorial Methodist Church, Durham, N. C., occupies it new one-half million dollar Educational Building in July, 1964, or very soon thereafter, it will have reached a significant new milestone in the history of this great church. After many years of careful planning, it will have achieved its goal of providing educational facilities for the Christian nurture of its children, young people and adults, in keeping with the highest standards. The Board of Education of the North Carolina Conference is pleased to have had a part in this and would like to lift up this project as an illustration of how other churches may plan for their present and future educational needs. We are indebted to Rev. Robert W. Bradshaw, pastor, and Rev. W. Warren Bishop, associate pastor, the energetic and dedicated spiritual leaders of this church, for the basic information for this article and the accompaning picture.

It all began with the report of a "Survey Committee" to the Official Board of the church in 1961. Mr. Marshall T. Spears served as chairman of this committee to draw up a statement of present and future needs. After a careful analysis of crowded and inadequate facilities, especially for children, young people and young adults, the report called for the construction of a modern educational building to contain approximately 25,000 square feet of floor spcae and the complete renovation of the present Educational Buildings. The report stated, "Our generation has participated in a church program carried on in a physical plant planned and paid for by earlier generations. It is now time for us to consider doing something ourselves which we can both enjoy and use, and thereby be better able to serve our present and future membership."

As a result of this report appropriate committees were appointed to study the building needs and to make recommendations. The Commission on Education, under the guidance of Mrs. John M. Dozier, chairman; Mr. W. E. Whitford, church school superintendent; and Rev. E. Clifford Shoaf, then Minister of Education, was given the responsibility of studying the educational needs. Several fact-finding committees were appointed. Dr. Glenn S. Gothard of the General Board of Education of The Methodist Church was brought in for consultation. The staff of the Conference Board of Education was called upon for advice and assistance. After many months of careful study, the Commission presented a thirty-seven-page detailed report on "Space Usage and Building Needs." This report identified all the educational classes and groups at work in the church in terms of "(1) the nature of their program, (2) their size, enrollment and attendance, (3) their square footage requirements, and (4) their facilities and equipment needs." The report identified phases of the program that should be expanded, new programs that should be instituted, and the probable increase in enrollment and attendance that should be planned for. This detailed report provided the foundation for a program of renovation and building to meet the needs of the present and future generations to be undertaken a few years later.



Left to right: Dr. C. P. Morris, Executive Secretary, Board of Education, North Carolina Conference; Mr. T. S. Coble, Jr., Superintendent Adult Division, Duke Memorial Church, Durham; Rev. Robert W. Bradshaw, Pastor, Duke Memorial Church, Durham; Rev. W. Warren Bishop, Associate Pastor, Duke Memorial Church, Durham.

Subsequently a Building Committee with Dr. John Glasson as chairman and a Building Fund Committee wth Mr. John M. Dozier as chairman were appointed. The architectural firm of Harris and Pyne of Durham were employed to draw up preliminary and later detailed specifications, and a successful financial campaign was conducted. The cornerstone-laying ceremony for the new three story (29,400 square feet) Educational Building was held on October 13, 1963. The total cost of this expansion and improvement program, including the erection and equipping of the new building and the renovation of the two existing buildings will total approximately $535.000.

The new three story building will house the Children's Division in 13 large self-contained class rooms, fellowship hall, kitchen, parlor, a large multi-purpose room and one adult class room. The present educational building will be renovated to house the Senior High Department on the ground floor, the Administrative offices on the first floor and the Junior High Department on the second floor. The final stage of the building will be the renovation of the educational building located in back of the sanctuary to provide facilities for adult classes, the Scouting and the music programs of the church.

When this renovation and building program is completed, Duke Memorial Church will have educational facilities second to none in the North Carolnia Conference. We commend this church for careful planning and for adhering to the highest standards recommended by our General Board of Education. We hope other churches, large and small, planning to build new educational facilities will not only visit this church but will also take the time to study their needs and to make careful plans before undertaking their building program. We invite them to call upon the Conference Board of Education staff for assistance in the early stages of their planning.

The King of Love

The King of love is Christ our Lord,
To whom we lift our hearts in praise,
Who came to earth in Bethlehem
To save our souls and change our ways,
That we might live with Him in peace
Through fellowship that is sublime,
And serve Him well upon the earth
And wisely spend our years of time.

The King of love is always near
To cheer our hearts when sadness comes:
To give us strength when we are weak
And grace to live when test benumbs;
To keep us true when battles rage
And foes seem bent on our defeat;
To lift us up if we should fall
And bring us nearer to His feet.

The King of love—O bless His name—
He dwells among His people yet,
And as we celebrate His birth,
That day of days we don't forget;
For no one ever walked the earth
Who was so noble and so tall,
And yet so patient and so good
Till millions "crown Him Lord of all!"

The King of love makes happy homes
When we, through faith, invite Him in,
And say to Him, "Take over now
And save us from all strife and sin,
And keep us by Thy grace divine
As duty calls us here and there,
And bring us back from day to day
To family worship and to prayer."

The King of love is Prince of Peace,
And only Savior ever known;
The Lord of lords who reigns above
Upon His holy, snow-white throne;
But sweet in spirit He is here,
Although we cannot see His face,
Yet as we walk and talk with Him
We feel the richness of His grace.

Rev. Walter E. Ridenhour

Taylorsville, N. C.

Will Discuss Relations Between Church and State

For the first time a national study conference has been called by the National Council of Churches to examine the relations between church and state and such issues as recent decisions of the United States Supreme Court.

The unprecedented effort to search for an answer to the question whether organized religion and government should move closer together or farther apart will draw 450 delegates and 50 observers and consultants representing the main stream of America's religious life.

Among denominations appointing delegates to the conference, which will convene at the Deschler Hilton Hotel, Columbus, Ohio, from Feb. 4-7, are 17 Protestant, Anglican, and Orthodox member communions of the National Council and nine Proestant bodies not in the National Council.

For the second time in recent months, the Roman Catholic Church and the Jewish religious community will have officially appointed observers at a National Council of Churches event. At the invitation of the Council, the National Cathodlic Welfare Conference and the Synagogue Council of America will each be represented by 12 observers.

Mr. Kelley referred to the U. S. Supreme Court decision on school prayers and the passage by Congress of the college aid bill as indications that the relationship between church and state "is being re-defined in this decade." The forthcoming consultation, he said, is an effort on the part of the churches "to decide their stand and the direction which they think church-state relations shuold follow."

The difference between "the things that are Caesar's" and "the things that are God's" has persisted through 20 centuries of Chistian history, Mr. Kelley said.

"What that differense is, and what it implies for the conduct of human affairs, have been the source of bitter controversy between princes and prelates from Pope Gelasius I through the investiture struggle of feudal days to the recent decisions of the U. S. Supreme Court," the National Council executive stated.

Mr. Kelley pointed out that church-state relationships in the United States are unique in world history and a departure from the pattern in Europe from which most communions in this country have sprung.

The consultation, bringing together leading laymen and clergy, who are specialists in the field, is expected to develop a consensus which will aid the churches in deciding their stand in church-state issues. Consultation topics will come to grips with such matters as the tax exempt status of churches, aid to church-related institutions of higher education and welfare, and aspects of the civil rights struggle.

Chairman of the church-related consultation will be the Rev. Dr. Eugene Carson Blake, stated clerk of the United Presbyterian Church in the U. S. A. and a former president fo the National Council of Churches.

The key-note address will be given in the form of a sermon on the opening day of the conference, Tuesday, February 4, by the Rev. David C. Colwell, pastor of the First Congregational Church, Washington, D. C.

Other speakers during the week will include the Rev. Dr. Martin Marty of Chicago, associate editor of the interdenominational weekly *Christian Century*. Dr. Marty will compare church statements on church-state relationships with actual practices under the title "What our practices are preaching."

Dr. Ira Reid, professor of sociology at Haverford College, Pa., will present a paper on "Pluralism in an Urban Industrial Age," while the Rev. Dr. Paul Van Buren is to speak on "Secularism nad a State Religion." Dr. Van Buren is associate professor of theology at the Episcopal Theological Seminary of the Southwest, Austin, Texas.

In a major address, the Rev. Dr. Gerald Brauer, dean of the University of Chicago Divinity School, will speak on the church's responsibility in the modern state.

Delegates wlil work with a set of six study papers which were developed over the last two years in six preparatory commissions, meeting at intervals in different parts of the country. Headings of the study papers, indicative of content, are Christian Freedom and Religious Liberty; Christian Witness and Culture-Religion; Christian Vocation and Civic Life; Church, State, and Education; Church, State, and Welfare; Church, State, and Public Funds.

The Wayside Pulpit

D. E. Earnhardt

Things that accompany salvation. Heb. 6:9

One thing that goes along with this salvation is a changed emphasis. A preacher, trying to wring out a good sob story, asked the departing soul what had meant most to her on her long journey through life. She replied, "My vittles."

The church must call people to Godly sorrow. Not just because they got caught in what they were doing, but because they got caught in ideas that are prejudicial to other people. We have decried crying until there is crying need for more crying. It is true that we make a lot over people but our main task is to make people over. I know by the hundreds who have been warmed over and served fresh who do not know grace from grass. They think the things that accompany salvation are turning over a new leaf and hoping to do better by the church, after the next fishing season.

Reports on General Funds

Receipts in Methodist general funds for the first seven months of the current fiscal year were off in seven out of 11 columns as compared to a similar period last year.

This was indicated in a report issued by the Rev. Dr. Don A. Cooke, general secretary and treasurer of the Council on World Service and Finance, for the period from June 1, 1963, through Dec. 31, and made public Jan. 6.

World Service, with receipts totaling $6,221,547.87, was off 5.25 per cent, and drops in other funds ranged from 1.67 to 24.94 per cent. Gains were registered in all three categories of General Advance Specials and in the Fellowship of Suffering and Service.

Methodist Publishing House To Observe 175th Anniversary

The Methodist Publishing House, first of the agencies commissioned by the Methodist Church in America and one of the oldest of American businesses in terms of continuous service, will observe its 175th anniversary in 1964.

The Methodist Publishing House was established by the Methodist Church in the spring of 1789, just five years after the church was organized in America.

The administrative staff of the Publishing House, which has its headquarters in Nashville, Tenn., has been planning extensively for the past several months projects and special events which will commemorate the occasion.

Opening event of the celebration will be a dinner the evening of Jan. 27, 1964, at the Publishing House's central office building in Nashville.

Speaker for the dinner will be Bishop Paul Neff Garber, Richmond, Va., president of the Methodist Council of Bishops and president of the Board of Education of The Methodist Church. Formerly dean of the Duke University Divinity School, he is a church historian and author of "The Methodists Are One People."

Symbolically, about 175 persons are expected to attend the dinner, which will precede the regular quarterly meeting of the executive committee of the Methodist Board of Publication, to be held in Nashville the next day.

"Announcement will be made later of other anniversary events designed to recognize appropriately the past and present service of the Publishing House as an agency of the church," said Lovick Pierce Nashvlile, president and publisher.

Mr. Pierce said the Publishing House has grown in size and service until today its influence is felt around the world through the tracts, books, periodicals, church and church school supplies, church school publications, and other literature which come from its printing plants in Nashville and Cincinnati.

Bishop Smith Spoke to West Market Mission Group

Bishop John Owen Smith of Atlanta, spoke at the West Market Street Methodist Church, Greensboro, last Wednesday evening at the meeting sponsored by the Commission on Missions. It was a supper meeting, and was presided over by Mr. Phil Weaver, chairman of the Official Board of the church. Mr. Marshall Clegg, chairman of the Commission on Missions, stated the purpose of the meeting and gave the plans for the group. Dr. Wilson Weldon, pastor, introduced Bishop Smith.

Bishop Smith delivered a most interesting and inspiring message on the subject of missions, called attention of the audience to its importance and its urgency. He stressed three main points: First, we must become informed; second, we must become involved; and third, we must prepare to pay the price. The Bishop spoke with a passion, and his audience was strongly moved by his appeal. It was indeed a most interesting session to climax the church's period of missionary emphasis.

Louisburg College Gives Special Recognition

Robert John Versteeg, professor of religion and speech-dramatics and author of two books, was recognized at a special service during the chapel hour at Louisburg College on Wednesday, January 15. The service was sponsored by the Department of English and the Department of Religion.

President Cecil W. Robbins presented Mr. Versteeg a plaque reading: "Presented to Robert John Versteeg in recognition of contributions of the written word revealing truth through exposition that interprets and stories that vitalize. Louisburg College, January 15, 1964."

Author of "The Gracious Calling of the Lord" and "The Secret Life of the Good Samaritan," Mr. Versteeg came to Louisburg College in 1962 from a Methodist pastorate in Cleveland.

"The Gracious Calling of the Lord" published by the Abingdon Press in 1960, presents the dynamics of evangelism and raises two profound questions: (1) What does it mean to become a Christian? and (2) How does it happen?

"The Secret Life fo the Good Samaritan" also published by Abingdon in January, 1963, consists of nine modern parables.

During the service, the two books were reviewed by Rev. David Daniel, Mrs. Flora de Hart and Robert Butler. Excerpts were read by Rev. W. N. McDonald and Harold Smith.

Other participants in the service included Mrs. Elsa Yarborough, librarian, who read excerpts from "Our Reading Heritage" by T. V. Smith; Rev. V. E. Duncan; Thomas A. Patterson. Special music was presented by the Chapel Choir and soloist Dale Tingen of Woodsdale under the direction of Miss Sarah Fostor. Mrs. C. W. Robbins was organist.

Mr. Versteeg was named Seminarian Preacher of the Year in 1955 by *The Pulpit* magazine. He has written articles for the *Christian Advocate, Adult Student, Adult Teacher, Upper Room* and *Pulpit.*

Dr. Lacy Speaking In Florida

Dr. Creighton Lacy, Associate Professor of World Christianity at Duke Divinity School, is participating this week in the Florida Chain of Missions. This interdenominational program, now in its thirty-fourth year, brings to twenty cities across the state over a six-weeks period some thirty to forty mission "ambassadors" from many different parts of the world. They address church groups, schools and colleges, civic clubs, chain assemblies, and other organizations on behalf of various aspects of the Christian World Mission. Dr. Lacy, taking ten days between semesters at Duke, will be speaking at Jacksonville, Jacksonville Beach, Daytona Beach, DeLand, Sarasota, and Bradenton.

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A loan to help Methodist-related Rust College, Holly Springs, Miss., build two residence halls has been approved by the U. S. Housing and Home Finance Agency. The $600,000 will go into dormitories housing 96 men and 96 women.



Charles Hathcock, Bobby Lamp Get God and Country Award

The God and Country Award was presented to Explorer Scouts Bobby Lamp and Charles Hathcock during the worship services at Badin Methodist Church Sunday, January 12, 1964. They are presently members of Explorer Post 159, but they completed most of the requirements for their awards while members of Boy Scout Troop 42.

Bobby is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Lamp, and Charles is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Windsor Hathcock, both of Badin.

The God and Country Award is highly coveted Scouting Award which requires at least a year's study and service under the direction of the Scout's pastor. Bobby and Charles met regularly with their pastor, Rev. George E. Auman, for project assignments and review of their work. The studied the doctrines and history of thei church and posted maps which spotte mission stations around the world.

One of the highlights of their work wa a visit to the Stanly Rest Home, afte which they collected a station wagon loa of items that the residents of the Hom could use. Among the many projects th boys did were ushering during the regula worship service, folding bulletins, an painting a Sunday School room.

They are the first Scouts to receive thi award in the history of the Badin Scoutin program.

The Badin Scout Troop and Explore Post were present as a body for the pre sentation.

Bobby and Charles were presented fo their award by Scoutmaster Bob Hinkle an Explorer Advisor L. R. McKinney. Thei pastor explained the requirements for th God and Country Award and reviewed th work that the two Scouts had done.

Scoutmaster Hinkle and Explorer Advis or McKinney presented the medals to th boys' mothers who in turn pinned them o their sons. Each boy then presented hi mother with a lapel pin and his father wit a lapel button, miniature replicas of th larger medals.

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Newest guide for Methodists visitin Washington is a folder published by Unio Methodist Church, which cocupies th building it started in the congregation's firs year, 1846. The guide includes a map an photographs of Methodist headquarters an institutional buildings, as well as a director of national and conference agencies. Thoug started as a "West End" church, Union i now part of the downtown area.

I Met My God

I met God in His church today,
Head bowed, as the pastor prayed;
I felt His touch on my shoulder,
And a Voice said, "Be not afraid."

I sat with my God through the sermon,
He kept telling me, "All will be well,
A soul is saved, your prayers are heard,
The good news the angels tell."

I followed my God to the altar,
And while kneeling there by His side
My trembling heart grew quiet
Remembering for whom Jesus died.

Then the Voice came to me through the stillness,
"There is joy and peace untold
For the sinner saved. The angels rejoice
For the lost sheep returned to the fold."

Mrs. C. R. L., Sr.

Evangelistic Mission to Ministers Of WNC Conference

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nake their mistakes like adolescents in a ome."

3. Koinonia groups will want to share xperiences from church to church and hould submit to the tests of New Tesament truths, Methodist traditions and he best thinking of contemporary men f faith."

A new Methodist church school curriculum will tell the divine story of the Bible o children will more clearly understand he difference between sin and service to God.

Dr. Lowell B. Hazzard, theological professor at Wesley Seminary in Washington, D. C., told some 300 Methodist clergymen hat the new curriculum will be evangelistic in nature.

"Evangelism and Christian education ought to be one and the same," he said.

(We expect to carry Dr. Hazzard's address in an early issue of the Advocate for he benefit of all our readers.—Ed.).

Bishop Nolan B. Harmon gave the closing address at noon Tuesday in which he said: "I've always felt you can be a brother to your fellow men and at the same time an officer of the Church." The Bishop, who presides over the Charlotte Area, gave his personal testimony on the final day of the meeting.

"It's a great thing to be one of the brethren," the bishop said. "When they want you to preside at a conference, you preside; when they want you to go fishing with them, you go fishing."

But, he said, there is a "perfect, awful power" in the office of bishop, and he believes "God has His way of working out His own will."

Bishop Harmon said he is the fourth generation of a line of preachers in his family. His father moved from Mississippi to Texas when he was 14 years old. As the bishop grew he rejected calls to the ministry by clergymen during meetings he attended.

"I felt like doing something else than preaching," he said. For one thing, he wanted to be a "WMCA man in Brazil. I don't know why." But a clergyman to whom the bishop wrote for help in recommending him for the Brazilian post told the bishop instead to become "a preacher for Christ in the United States."

"That letter," said Bishop Harmon, "was the voice of God. I said, 'I'll do it' and everything opened up. Once I came to Christ the pages of the Bible opened up. When you follow Jesus Christ sincerely, all sorts of things become clear in your mind and work."

"Make your pastoral visit count, whether it is in the home or the office," the bishop advised. "Long after they've forgotten everything you've ever preached, they remember you've stayed with them, carried them to Christ, married them, baptized them, and were with them when Death's Angel was at the door."

He told the clergymen, "I believe in the intellectual strength of the Gospel, for the reason of faith that's in it. The more we can study, the better Gospel we will have and the better ministry we will have. We ought to use our minds. God has given us minds to use, we ought to use them."

"Faith," he said, "is not credence—faith is trust."

"If God wants us to be His ministers," Bishop Harmon said, "then when we do a ministerial act in His name, God is in it. God is in all things, working in you and through you."

The Evangelistic Mission to Ministers was sponsored by the Conference Board of Evangelism. The Rev. John Hamilton of Charlotte is president and the Rev. Mitchell Faulkner of Shelby is Conference secretary of evangelism.

The Rev. Mr. Hamilton said he felt the meeting had been a success and the small group sharing sessions had been particularly enjoyed by the clergymen as they testified to the workings of the Holy Spirit to each other.

He praised the speakers and said, "This kind of meeting met a definite and specific need for the ministers. It gives us a resuurgence and renewal of our faith, and strengthens and undergirds us in our carrying on the work—the total functions of the church and the ministry."

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To accept good advice is but to increase one's own ability. —Goethe

College Commission Executive To Visit High Point College

Dr. Gordon Sweet, executive secretary of the Commission on Colleges for the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools, will visit the High Point College campus January 27-28.

Dr. Sweet's visit is a follow-up to the official visitation last May, and will complete the Ten-year Self-study recently engaged in by High Point College.

Through this self-study, the administration and faculty of High Point College expected to learn their weaknesses and strengths and to increase their efficiency in relation to the goals of the college by making necessary changes where needed.

Completion of the self-study was followed by a visitation from the Southern Association, whereby the inspection team sought to determine whether High Point College is meeting all Southern Association standards and to check the self-study against the campus itself to make certain the analysis was complete and to determine how well the college has projected for the future.

Dr. Sweet's visit will follow up on recommendations made by the inspection team.

Calvary Church, Greensboro Planning to Re-locate

Calvary Methodist Church, Greensboro, voted last Sunday in a congregational meeting to accept an offer to sell their church property for cash. The church has purchased property for a new location on Freeman Mill Road. Plans are already drawn for the building, and the first unit construction will begin soon. They expect to vacate their present property by September first. Rev. Jesse G. Wilkinson is pastor of the Calvary Church, and is doing a good work.

It was the privilege of the Advocate Editor to preach last Sunday morning to a good congregation at Calvary.

Woman's Activities

Executive Board to Meet

Mrs. E. K. McLarty

Mrs. Carl H. King has notified the conference officers of the executive meeting which will be held January 23-25 at Pfeiffer College.

Committees which are scheduled to meet Thursday evening are the policy committee, program committee, the committee on nominations, the scholarship committee, the committee on rural work, and the finance committee.

Those who have not served as a conference officer before will need to be reminded that they must take their own bed linen and towls.

This is a great service the executive group does in meeting during this inclement month of the year to make sure that the work of the WSCS is being effectively continued in every possible way. We often fail to express gratitude for these habitual services which accompany the acceptance of a responsibility.

A Christmas Report from Algeria

Larry Sink, an A-3 at Constantine, Algeria, has written his friends a most interesting Christmas news letter.

He tells of the severe cold which is part of Algeria's winter and of the bitter poverty which makes it almost impossible for most Algerians to cope with the sickness that comes with inadequate housing facilities.

Despite that fact that Christianity means nothing to the vast majority of people, the boys' home now has 25 for whom it is caring. Six of these boys slept on the floor until beds could be purchased. And the requests for acceptance come from government officials, as well as the poor.

This little school and Christian haven is really in the midst of a nation that is Islamic and riddled with national problems and conflicts.

"Our work is not nearly finished," says Mr. Sink. "At the present time we are involved in projects of clothing, equipment, playing area for the boys, and general expenses. All of these are continuous and expensive elements of our work. . . I feel that the witness and service of the Christian church is needed more than ever here. We are in continuous need of your prayers and support."

"Please Note the Above"

It doesn't happen but once in a blue moon, but this week both the public relations chairman for the North Carolina Conference and for the Western North Carolina Conference sent in an identical release for the Southeastern Jurisdictional Conference.

Our wonderfully co-operative Editor of the Advocate called and gave us a chance to say something else in our portion of the page.

We wish we had had more to say, for we are sure that there is a wealth of interesting news concerning the work of the WSCS all over the conference. But we don't have notes on it!

We'd love to be a roving reporter, but we can't! Nobody has endowed the work to that extent, and unfortunately we haven't the extra time to wander about.

You've got a much cheaper solution if yuo'd just jot a few facts on paper and buy a five-cent stamp. We'd love to hear from you, and so would hundreds of others!

N. C. Conference

By Mary Gardner

N. C. Conference WSCS Delegates to Attend Meet

The twenty-fourth Annual Meeting of the Southeastern Jurisdiction Woman's Society of Christian Service, scheduled to be held February 10-12 at the Church Street Methodist Church, Knoxville, Tenn., is expected to attract some 500 delegates from the 16 Annual Conferences of nine southeastern states.

Theme of the meeting will be "Love to Become—Strength to Obey."

Among the speakers will be Mrs. J. Fount Tillman, Lewisburg, Tenn., president of the Woman's Division of Christian Service; Mrs. David J. Cathcart, Rockledge, Fla., immediate past president SE Jurisdiction WSCS; Dr. Flemmie P. Kittrell, WDCS representative at Congo Polytechnic Institute Home and Family Life and Home Economics Program, Leopoldville, Republic of Congo. Also, the Rev. Dr. Harold A. Bosley, pastor Christ Methodist Church, New York City; Mrs. Alvin B. Pfeiffer, Aurora, Ill., vice president, North American Area, World Federation of Methodist Woman; Miss Ruth Harris, New York City, director student work WDCD, and Mrs. L. C. Long, Nashville, Tenn., and Singapore, Malaysia, a member of the Woman's Division International Team.

The program will also feature a service of Holy Communion, with Bishop Roy H. Short, of Nashville, Tenn., giving the mediation; a dramatic sketch, "Who Is My Neighbor?" reports of officers and special music.

Mrs. E. L. Glossbrenner, Richmond, Va., is the organization's president.

Delegates from the N. C. Conference WSCS include Mrs. H. C. Turlington, Dunn, president; Mrs. Sam A. Dunn, Enfield, vice president; Mrs. Harold Mann, Sanford, treasurer; Mrs. J. W. Benson, Wilson, secretary of promotion; Mrs. C. H. Boyd, New Bern, secretary Wesleyan Service Guild, and Mrs. Harold Braswell, Whitakers, secretary missionary education and service. Reserve delegates are Mrs. J. Frank Hauser, Pittsboro, secretary literature; Miss Sarah McCracken, Durham, secretary missionary personnel; and Mrs. Joseph Smith Cary, chairman missionary education and service conference WSG.

WSG and Deaconesses Meet Feb. 8-10

Two other organizations will meet at the Church Street Methodist Church prior to the Woman's Society meeting. They are the SE Jurisdiction Wesleyan Service Guild, February 8-9, and the SE Jurisdiction Deaconess Association, Feb. 9-10.

The Wesleyan Service Guild, an auxiliary of the Woman's Society of Christian Service, is for employed Methodist women. Methodist deaconesses are licensed, consecrated and commissioned to serve The Methodist Church in any capacity not requiring full clergy rights.

Speakers for the Wesleyan Service Guild meeting include Dr. Gloria Wysner, faculty member of Garrett Theological Seminary, Evanston, Ill., and Dr. and Mrs. K. Deane Stout, Knoxville.

Dr. Wysner, a former missionary, is a member-at-large of the Woman's Division of Christian Service. Dr. and Mrs. Stout lived for two years in East Africa, teaching, living and working with the Africans.

Guild members will discuss the following topics: "Developing Spritual Growth," "Studying the Needs of the World and Recruitment," "Strengthening the Local Church," and "Improving Community, National and World Conditions."

Mrs. S. M. Harmon, Memphis, Tenn., is Jurisdiction secretary of the Wesleyan Service Guild.

Speakers for the Deaconess Association meeting include Miss Peggy Billings, Methodist Mission, Seoul, Korea, and Miss Thelma Stevens, New York City, executive secretary, Department of Christian Social Relations, Woman's Division of Christian Service.

Miss Betsy K. Ewing, Nashville, Tenn., is president of the Deaconess Association.

World Day of Prayer Slated

February 14 marks a significant day in the life of women in more than 145 countries around the world. It is the annual observance of the World Day of Prayer.

The service was originated by Mrs. Darwin R. James, who in 1887, as president of the Woman's Board of Missions of the Presbyterian Church, sent a call for a national day of prayer. The purpose of the observance is "to unite all Christian women in a bond of prayer and Christian fellowship with others around the world, and to take an offering interdenominational projects at home and abroad."

The theme for the 1964 observance is "Let Us Pray."

Program and other literature for the World Day of Prayer may be ordered from Literature Teadquarters, 7820 Reading Rd., Cincinnati, Ohio 45237. For details concerning available materials see the back of the January issue of *The Methodist Woman*.

Should Have No Hesitancy In Teaching Religion

California public schools should have no hesitency in teaching about religion, the State Board of Education has declared in a far-reaching policy statement.

Adopted at a Los Angeles meeting in December, the statement went on to urge teachers to make clear the contributions of religion to our civilization, through history, art and ethics.

Board member Methodist Bishop Gerald Kennedy prepared the declaration at the request of president Thomas Braden, Oceanside, Calif., newspaper publisher, to help clarify recent U. S. Supreme Court decisions on prayer and Bible reading in public schools.

The board stated emphatically that the court decision did not open the door to teaching secularistic and atheistic doctrine, or remove God from public education, thereby raising the rights of a minority over the rights of the majority.

"No teacher is at liberty to teach a point of view denying God any more than a teacher is at liberty to promote a particular religious sect.

"The objection of the Supreme Court was to religious service but Mr. Justice Clark makes it plain that the Bible is to be used as a reference book whenever it is appropriate. He says that you cannot study history without referring to the Bible nor can you study mankind without referring to religion. So while it is clearly unlawful to use the Bible in a devotional service in the schools, it is expected that the Bible shall be open to all students.

"Nor is there found in the decision any tendency to discount the importance of religion in general or of Christianity in particular. The Justices' opinions in this case (Abington School District versus Schempp) recognize the importance of religion and reflect a great respect for it. They are men who would not willingly weaken religion in any way nor substitute a godless philosophy for it."

In summary, the statement said that "while religious worship services are not to be held in the schools nor is any religious group to be given the right to promote its own beliefs over another, neither is the irreligious person given the right to promote his particular point of view. Christian parents, therefore are protected by law against any attempt to destroy or weaken their children's faith in their particular church. The religious faith of the majority is protected as well as the freedom of the minority.

"We want the children of California to be aware of the spiritual principles and the faith which undergird our way of life. We are confident that our teachers are competent to differentiate between teaching about religion and conducting a compulsory worship service.

"This point of view, we believe, is in accordance with the tradition handed down by our fathers and reaffirmed by the United States Supreme Court."

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Special taxes on motorists accounted for more than 26 per cent of all tax revenues collected by state governments during fiscal 1962, according to recent figures.



Mrs. Gladys Chory and Mrs. Lorene Everton's Primary Church School Class of the City Road Methodist Church in Elizabeth City, took Christmas cheer to one of the church's oldest mmebers, Mrs. Lennie O'Neal, seated holding the basket of fruit, carried by the cl ss.

N. C. Council of Churches State Pastors Conference

The State Pastors' Conference, sponsored by the N. C. Council of Churches and held in connection with its Annual Meeting, takes place Tuesday, January 28 in Hickory.

Featured speakers are Dr. Emerson W. Smith, Methodist Board of Social Concerns, Washington, D. C.; Dr. Pelham Wilder, professor of chemistry at Duke University; Dr. Samuel D. Proctor, president of A. & T. College, Greensboro; and Dr. Henry P. Van Dusen, president-emeritus, Union Theological Seminary, New York.

Dr. Smith and Dr. Wilder will address the group in the morning, the former speaking on "The Christian and Industry" and the latter on "The Confrontation of Science and Religion." Dr. Proctor speaks at lunch on the theme "Christianity and higher Education." In the afternoon, a panel of four leaders discusses "Evangelism and Church Enrollment." The panelists and their subjects are: Dr. Julian Hopkins, Baptist State Convention Director of Evangelism, Raleigh, "Mass Evangelism"; Dr. C. Freeman Heath, Director of Evangelism, N. C. Methodist Conference, Raleigh, "Visitation Evangelism"; the Rev. E. Eugene Kirkman, Highland Presbyterian Church, Winston-Salem, "Church Enrollment Through Membership Classes"; and the Rev. Beverly Cosby, Church of the Covenant, Lynchburg, Virginia, "The Cell-Type Church."

Dr. Van Dusen preaches at the evening worship service beginning at 8 p.m. on the subject "The People of God in a Nation Under God."

Registration is at 9:00 a.m. The morning addresses come at 10:15 and 11:20. All sessions will be held in the Corinth United Church of Christ, 150 Sixteenth Avenue, N. W. (1 block west of Highway 127), except the evening preaching service which will be in First Methodist Church, Third Avenue and 3rd Street N. E.

All ministers are invited to attend this Conference. There will be a registration fee of one dollar only, payable at the church.

Bible Communication Congress In Washington June 10-13

The first non-sectarian National Bible Communication Congress will be held in Washington, D. C., June 10 to 13, 1964, at the Sheraton Park Hotel.

This congress has been called by the Educational Communication Association for the purpose of bringing together recognized leaders in the Bible communication field with people interested in further understanding and appreciating the Bible, according to Miss Ella Harlee, ECA president.

The presentation of the Bible in various communication media such as television, radio, films, the printed word, and the arts will be included in the congress sessions.

Dr. Edward W. Bauman, National Bible Telecourses instructor, will conduct an intensive three-day Bible course on the Books of Colossians and Philemon.

Dr. Ralph Sockman, who for more than 30 years spoke on the *National Radio Pulpit* on the NBC Network, will be the speaker at the Bible Awards Banquet. Miss Harlee said that the program will also include a special concert of music inspired by the Bible, a full-length film on a Biblical theme and a Bible exhibit centered around historic Bibles. This exhibit will feature an audio-visual presentation of the latest developments in communication of Biblcial topics.

Dr. Harold Dudley of Washington, D. C., is chairman of the congress.

The congress is open to anyone who wishes to register. ECA members and high school and college students may register under a special classification. For detailed information, contact ECA, 1319 F Street, N.W., Washington, D. C., Phone 393-6267.

Bible Book of the Month Club Begun at Long's Chapel

A Bible Book of the Month Club has begun at Long's Chapel Methodist Church, Lake Junaluska. The pastor, Rev. James S. Bellamy, reports that 75 persons have already joined the club, now in its first month. The Bible Book of the Month Club is a systematic plan for reading the Bible completely through in three years.

Members and friends of the church have joined the Long's Chapel Bible Book of the Month Club by signing a promise to read certain portions of the Bible each month for the next three years. A Book of the Bible, plus selections from Psalms and Proverbs, are assigned each month. (In the case of the shorter books of the Bible, more than one book may be assigned for a month.)

There has been much interest in this helpful and logical plan of Bible reading. The Bible Book of the Month is briefly summarized and introduced each month in the church's monthly newsletter. The Gospel of Mark has been assigned as January's Book of the Month.

There is no membership fee to the club. Although monthly meetings may be held for group study, there are no required classes to attend. The club is open to all persons regardless of age. The only requirement to join is the promise to read the assignments as they are given out each month.



By Mary Gardner

Sally's White Page

"A clean, white page," said Sally, turning away from the snowy world outside her window. She sat down on the carpet to tie her shoes. "That's what the man called New Year's—'a clean, white page to begin on'."

"If you don't hurry up, your breakfast will be a clean, white cloth, with nothing at all to begin or end on," laughed her teasing brother George, overhearing her remark.

"I don't believe George ever thinks of such things," said Sally, but hastening her dressing nevertheless. "Now I want to do something really good—something first rate—to begin the clean, new page with."

But opportunities for wonderful deeds seemed very poor that morning. There were muffins for breakfast. Sally did not like muffins, or feel inclined to plan grand doings while she ate them. Then, before she had time to decide what she would do afterward, Mother asked her to take care of baby while she went to the kitchen for a little while.

"Must I take care of him today? Why Mother, it's New Year's! Exclaimed Sally, in an injured tone.

"Well, dear, we don't want poor little Puck to bump his nose or tumble down the stairs on that account, do we?" said Mohter, as she turned away to her duties downstairs.

She came back in an hour. Sally again stationed herself at the window and looked out sadly. So much of the morning gone, and nothing worth calling a beginning was made yet! She could not think of anything that she could do.

She tapped on the pane, and did not notice when Mother dropped the ball of yarn, and had difficulty, with the baby in her arms, to reach it again. Sally did not see when Mother had rocked the baby to sleep, and needed to have pillows arranged that she might lay him down.

Sally did not even notice when Mother left the room and returned, until she heard Mother saying," Sally, I want you to put on your hat and warm coat and carry this basket to Mrs. Hicks."

"Errands today?" Sally said unhappily.

"I promised her these things today, and she needs them. You are doing nothing, and everyone else is busy or away," answered Mother.

There was nothing more to be said, but there was certainly a pair of lagging, unwilling little feet that crossed the field, and reached the roadside.

There her brother George passed her.

"Hello," he called. "I should think from the looks of your face that you had begun your white page by a pretty big blot of crossness."

"A blot! Crossness!" Sally stood still on the snowy road to think about it. Then a sudden light came to her. How should anyone begin the New Year but by doing each duty faithfully as God sends it.?

It was a different face and step that went the rest of the way. When Sally reached home, she whispered, "I think I know what motto I want for my new page, Mother. I've blotted it dreadfully to begin with, though. It's the verse on my Sunday School card: 'Even Christ pleased not himself."

Free Will Baptist.

An Uninvited Guest

Eleven-year-old Jerry has a pigeon, two dogs and a pinto pony who likes pancakes and rolls for his evening meal.

In fact, there's no telling what Flash might eat if he got the chance and heaven knows he tried it one day.

Jerry's mother had told him it was all right to ride down to Mrs. Edward's house.

When he got there, a wonderful cooking aroma drifted out of the window of Mrs. Edwards' brand new kitchen—so new, in fact, the screen door had not yet been installed.

Flash walked through the kitchen door, Jerry pulling hard on his bridle. But Flash kept right on walking - straight into the kitchen.

Mrs. Edwards jumped about two feet off the floor, because it isn't often that anyone enters the house without knocking, especially a horse.

As soon as Jerry could turn him around, Flash left. Mrs. Edwards had not invited him to dinner.

Words

God took the golden sunlight
And the murmuring call of the sea.
He took the laugh of a child,
And the whispering of a breeze.
God took the hymns of the forest,
And the fleeting songs of the birds,
He placed them all together
And from them founded words.

-Author Unknown

Cross Out the Things a Jealous Boy or Girl Might Do:

1. Pick a quarrel
2. Pray thoughtfully
3. Hate
4. Say mean things
5. Forgive his enemies
6. "Sass" his parents and teachers
7. Be gentle and loving
8. Ask God for a strong faith

Write and Remember!

"I will take . . . . . to my . . . . . , that I s . . . . not with my t . . . . ." Psalms 39:1.

BIBLE QUIZ

1—According to Mosaic law, was any blind thing allowed to be used for sacrifice? Yes or No?
2—Who said: "Can the blind lead the blind?"
3—When Jesus touched the eyes of the two blind men, and healed them, saying, "See that no man know it," did they obey his command?
4—What was the name of the sorcerer whom Paul, in the name of the Lord, made blind, because of his evil ways?
5—What prophet called on the Lord to smite the Syrian attacking army with blindness?

Answers to Last Week's Questions

1—Samson (Judges 16:21)
2—Bartimeaus (Mark 10:46-52)
3—Saul (Paul) (Acts 9:8)
4—Anointed his eys with clay (John 9:6-7)
5—Zedekiah (Jeremiah 52:11)

He Was Our Pal

Our dear old dad, we've not forgot
And the work he did was an awful lot;
We often met him at the old farm gate
And toddled along 'til supper we ate.

He'd tell us kids to wash our faces
And gang around and take our places,
And asked each one to bow his head
'Til a thankful blessing he had said.

To be with him was a family treat;
Told our mom she was good and sweet;
Talked about things he'd done all day
And tried to listen to all we'd say.

When on Sundays for church he dressed
We all thought our dad was the best;
He always taught us things worth while
And he liked to see everyone smile.

Maybe he fussed a little now and then
But he urged us to grow up like men;
He was a pal, but he kept us in stride
And we all looked up to him with pride.

But a sadness befell us late one day
When the doctor said he had passed away;
And there will never be a finer guy
To reach that land beyond the sky.

He's now been gone for many a year
But we've often felt that he was near,
And kindly thoughts, we've always had
In our memories, of dear old dad.

—Thomas Smith

Sunday School Lesson

FOR FEBRUARY 2

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THE WOMAN OF SAMARIA

Background Schripture: John 4:1-42; Acts 8:4-25

Lesson Scripture: John 4:7-14; 28-29, 39-42

One of the most interesting interviews ever reported is the one which forms the subject of our lesson for today. The only other material which deals with the Evangelization of Samaria is found in Acts 8:4-25, where we have an account of the activities of some of Jesus' disciples in that area. None of the other three gospels refers to the matter, though Luke records Jesus' story of the good Samaritan.

The reader will wish to read at least the verses found in John 4:1-42. There are some very important parts of the story of Jesus' interview with the woman of Samaria that are not included in the material printed in our lesson booklets; such, for example, as the discussion on worship.

The antipathy between Jew and Samaritan had a long history. It is mentioned in the book of Nehemiah where the Samaritans are not permitted to have a share in the rebuilding of the temple. In 722 B.C. the North Kingdom (Israel) fell to the Assyrians who took away the best of the population and brought in people from distant parts of their empire to live there. These were non-Jewish, and it was their descendants whom Nehemiah insulted by refusing them the opportunity fo working on the second temple. The Samaritans built a temple of their own on Mt. Gerizim which had been destroyed by their Jewish opponents in 128 B.C. However, the Samaritans still considered the mountain sacred. That is why the Samaritan woman said "Our fathers worshipped on this mountain, but you Jews say the temple where God should be worshipped is in Jerusalem" (John 4:20). These historical facts may not have been known to some of those Jews and Samaritans who hated each other. We know that prejudice can be passed on from generation to generation without the reason for the prejudice being known. Some such unreasoned feeling is expressed in the old rhyme:

"I do not like thee, Dr. Fell,
The reason why I cannot tell;
But this one thinge I know full well,
I do not like thee, Dr. Fell."

The now famous conversation with the woman of Samaria took place "about the sixth hour," which would be high noon. The woman had come to get water from the well at a time of day when it was unlikely she would meet any one. Her reputation was bad and she did not wish to feel the condescending attitude of the other women of the village who usually came in the cool of the morning or late afternoon. Several unusual features of the story suggest themselves immediately. First, it was unusual for a religious teacher to speak to a woman, unless in the presence of others, (2) Jews did not speak to Samaritans, and finally, it was unheard of for a Jew to accept food or drink from the hands of one of this despised group. It is strange how careful "good people" are not to be seen in the company of disreputable people when Jesus went straight to persons in need, regardless of whether it was considered "the thing to do" or not.

We notice also that this woman became an active witness as soon as she realized who Jesus was. We are told that others in the nearby town wanted to see and hear Jesus because of the woman's testimony. All this goes to show that God can use the most unlikely people to forward his purpose in the world. A lay person who is alive with faith, and who can communicate it to others, is far superior to a priest who is only a time-server whose life has long since lost its Christian radiance. There are novelists, actors, business men, scientists, prefessional men, farmers, workers, and home-makers, and a host of other lay people, who are serving God effectively through their work today.

Gordon Baker, writing in the Wesley Quarterly, makes a strong picture of the redemptive fellowship we call the church. But in order to be really such a church he reminds us (1) that we have to go where the needy are (2) we have to accept people in love, even when they reject us and the Christ we adore (3) we have to believe sincerely in the things we say we believe in if we expect others to believe them because of our witness.

Much is heard in our time about the need of "accepting" people. Often the term is misunderstood. Some think that to "accept" a person means to give our unqualified approval to him no matter what his life may be like. Jesus accepted the woman of Samaria; that is, he was willing tc talk with her, to show interest in her as a human being, to accept a drink of water from her hands, to discuss her personal problems with her. All this doesn't mean he approved of her life in all respects. She sensed Jesus' interest in her welfare. This indication of his interest awoke new hope in her heart.

There is a story of a little boy whose illness and pain often made him hard to live with. One day a celebrated company of soldiers marched by the yard where he was plaving. He stood at attention and saluted. The captain halted the column and they saluted the little boy. When the soldiers had gone he was overcome with emotion and rushed into the house and said to his mother "The Grays saluted me, and I'll never be mean again."

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Experiences is something that teaches us that there's a small but important difference between keeping your chin up and sticking your neck out.





Roger Byers received the Eagle Award from the Boy Scouts of America on Friday, January 10, 1964 at the Court of Honor in Marion, N. C. Roger is a member of Troop 209 in West Marion, a junior at Marion High School, and is a member of Providence Methodist Church where he is president of the Methodist Youth Fellowship. Roger is the son of Rev and Mrs. Morris J. Byers, formerly of Caroleen, N. C., and now serving the Marion Circuit of The Methodist Church in the Marion District, WNC Conference. With Roger and his parents is Mr. Walter Early of West Marion, Scout Master of Troop 209.

New "Upper Room" Staff Member

Announcement has been made by the Rev. Dr. J. Manning Potts, editor of *The Upper Room*, of the election of the Rev. Williard Maurice King as an editorial associate on the staff of *The Upper Room*, interdenominational daily devotional guide published at Nashville.

The Rev. Mr. King, son of a Methodist minister, the Rev. J. L. King of Aberdeen, Mississippi, has been pastor of Metroploitan Methodisth Church in Montgomery, Alabama, since 1961. He is married and has a daughter two years old.

He has two brothers, both of whom are Methodist ministers.

Mr. King was formerly a Crusade Scholar. He was a member of the 1959 Methodist European Travel Seminar and Work Camp. He is a graduate of Mary Holmes Jr. College, Rust College, and Gammon Theological Seminary. He is missionary secretary of the Central Alabama Conference. For the past two years Mr. King served as director of Radio Station WRMA in Montgomery, Alabama.

Mr. King will assume his new duties as editorial associate February 1, 1964.

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College Today

(The message below was delivered at the Student Recognition service at Abernethy Memorial Methodist church, Newton, Sunday, December 29 by Jesse L. Cline, Jr., a student at Western Carolina College at Cullowhee).

If I were to ask each of you to give me your definition of college, I probably would get a different answer from each of you. Each of you has his own conception of what a college is and what going to college means. I think most people who have been to college would answer this question by saying that college is an awakening. College can be a renaissance in one's life. For the first time one becomes aware of himself and of the people around him. He learns with a sense of excitement his God given talents and abilities, and sometmes he learns with disappointment and discouragement his limitations.

As we all know, the main purpose of higher education in America is that of preparing one to successfully compete in today's world of work. Henry David Thoreau, in giving some advice on how to live life to it's fullest, once said, "simplify," "simplify," "simplify." Well, today, instead of hearing "simplify," "simplify," "simplify", we hear "specialize", "specialize", "specialize". The college curriculum is built around this one word. It's true that the student's first two years are spent getting off general requirements. For those students who haven't decided on a major, these wio years can be spent looking around. Inquiring into this or into that as a possible major field. By his junior year, however, the student must have decided upon a major. The junior and senior years are spent taking courses in the student's major field.

Waiting until one's junior year to select a major is not a good policy. For those of you who are in high school and are prospective college students, you should be selecting a major now. You should be planning your life's work, now. And above all, you should be preparing, now. Preparation for college and one's life work begins in high school. And in some fields such as music, drama, or any of the performing arts, one's preparation begins in the grammar grades. If one is planning to attend college he should be making the most of his high school years. He should be reading, listening to educators who can help him, and acquiring one of the most important tools in achieving success in college, that of good study habits. My school, having one of the highest flunkout rates in this state, study. So preparation should begin now, has listed as the No. 1 cause, inability to during the high school years.

As I mentioned before, college prepares us to compete in the world of work. Probably that is the main function. But to me college is so much more. For the person going off to college, it becomes a way of life, a home away from home. One's sense of values changes. You begin to open up. One begins to appreciate other people and their talents. Maybe for the first time one begins to feel that he's beginning to know what life is all about. He experiences life's joys and heartaches. He realizes that for the first time he's on his own. It is a great feeling to have and one which those of you who are planning to attend college should look forward to having. But with this feeling, should come the feeling of responsibility and resolution. Resolving to experience college in it's fullest and truest purpose.

I think you would be interested in knowing what the Methodist Church is doing for students at my school, Western Carolina College, in Cullowhee, N. C. The Methodist church in Cullowhee maintains a Wesley Foundation. It is located in the basement of the church and resembles very much the dining hall in our church. It is equipped with a stereo, card tables, ping pong tables, and various other means of recreation. Here students come to relax, converse over a cup of coffee, or have a good game of bridge. The church also maintains private study rooms for students and a library of religious materials which are very useful at times. The foundation stays open daily from 9 a.m. until 11:30 p.m.

The Methodist church in Cullowhee has a program in which each student of Wesley Foundation is assigned to a couple in the church. This couple becomes to student's parents away from home. The student can go to his adopted parents for help in solving any problems which may arise or any difficulties that he may encounter. The student's adopted parents usually take him out to dinner or invite him to their home at least once a month. My roommate was very lucky in that his adopted father was a dentist and he received a free cleaning job.

The students appreciate these services and to show their appreciation they keep the nursery for the Sunday services and do various other tasks which might help out.

College is truly a rewarding experience and those of you who are planning to attend college should look forward to it with a sense of excitement and a determined attitude. And for those of you who have never attended college, please believe the National Council on Higher Education when they say that college is America's best friend.

Jesse L. Cline, Jr.



RECENTLY PURCHASED PARSONAGE OF FIRST METHODIST CHURCH, TAYLORSVILLE

The property acquired during the summer of 1963 as a result of plans evolved during the ministry of the Rev. Raymond Wilkinson. Building and furnishings are valued at $25,000. It was occupied by the present pastor and family during September, 1963, and Open House was held recently. The brick veneer structure consists of den, dining room, kitchen, three bedrooms, living room, two and a half baths, and carport. Rev. Ralph Jacks is the pastor.

New Methodist Church Formed Near Archdale

A beautiful service of worship was held for a new Methodist congregation in southeast Archdale Sunday afternoon, January 5, 1964. The building is completed except for a few details. The Rev. Coy L. Brown, Jr., is the presiding minister and led the 3 o'clock service. He was aided by the choir from his Northwood Methodist Church which led the singing and presented an anthem under the direction of Mr. Jack Mowery.

The district superintendent, Dr. Ralph Taylor, read the declaration establishing the new worship center and brought to the large crowd in attendance inspirational remarks. He also introduced two guests who in turn spoke briefly. . . . Rev. Wilson Nesbitt, from Duke Endowment, Durham, N. C., and Mr. Glenn Lackey, from Statesville.

Expressions of gratitude were made to the Williams Florist for chancel flowers, to Harris Music Company for the loan of an organ and to many individuals for help in establishing the new church which will provide Sunday morning worship at 9:00 o'clock and church school each Sunday at 10:00 o'clock. All who wish to be affiliated are urged to attend and help select a name for the new congregation.

Notice

The WNCC Methodist Credit Union will hold its annual meeting Monday, January 27, at 2:30 in the Broad Street Methodist Church, Stateville, N. C. Members are urged to attend.

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Boy Scouts of America Celebrate 54th Anniversary

The Boy Scouts of America will observe Scout Week which celebrates the 54th Anniversary of the Boy Scouts of America—nationally, in 12 regions, and in 527 local Scout councils. The traditional dates are February 7 (Friday) through February 13 (Thursday). Special days will be.

February 7: *Uniform Day*—Scouts will wear their uniforms to school and will take part in special school programs.

February 8: *Anniversary Day*—All members of the Boy Scouts of America at 8:15 p.m. rededicate themselves to the ideals of Scouting.

Scout Sabbath—Scouts of Jewish faith will attend Scout Sabbath services.

February 9: *Scout Sunday*—Scouts will be encouraged to attend their own churches in uniform with their parents. Boy Scouts and Explorers often receive religious awards of their faith at these services.

The theme is *"Strengthen America . . . Scouting Can Make the Difference."* Joseph A. Brunton, Jr., Chief Scout Executive, says: "The Boy Scouts of America for 54 years has enjoyed success and public acclaim for its part in the training of American youth in character values, citizenship skills and attitudes, and physical fitness. Over these years we have grown and flourished because each of us involved has had a deep conviction of the worth of Scouting to boys and to America and because we resolved to act upon our convictions."

Twelve selected Boy Scouts and Explorers (one from each region) will present the annual report of the Boy Scouts of America to government, business, and industrial leaders in Washington, D. C., and New York City.

Representatives from local Scout councils will report to each of the 50 state governors.

Each local council will carry out its own Scout Week program. Every Cub Scout pack, Boy Scout troop and Explorer post will plan special activities including parent participation, presentation of advance awards, participation in religious services, and rededication to the Cub Scout Promise, the Boy Scout Oath, or the Explorer Code.

Statistics—*Membership*: Four million boys—one and a half million adults. *Scout Units*: 135,000 packs, troops, and Explorer units. *Chartered Institutions*: 90,000 religious, school, civic, and other local organizations hold charters to use the Scouting program.

The Boy Scouts of America has 12 geographic Regions. Within these are the 528 local councils. Administratively, these are divided into 2,800 districts, each with a full-time staff man to serve the 136,000 "units"—Cub Scout Packs, Boy Scout Troops, Explorer Posts. 3,300,000 boys 8 to 18 belong to these units, planned for and led by 1,400,000 adult volunteers, who employ 3,700 full-time professional Scouters.

The purpose is to use Scouting methods and program with boys for character building, citizenship training, physical fitness.

The Scout Oath says: "On my honor, I will do my best to do my duty to God and my country, and to obey the Scout Law; to help other people at all times; to keep myself physically strong, mentally awake and morally straight."

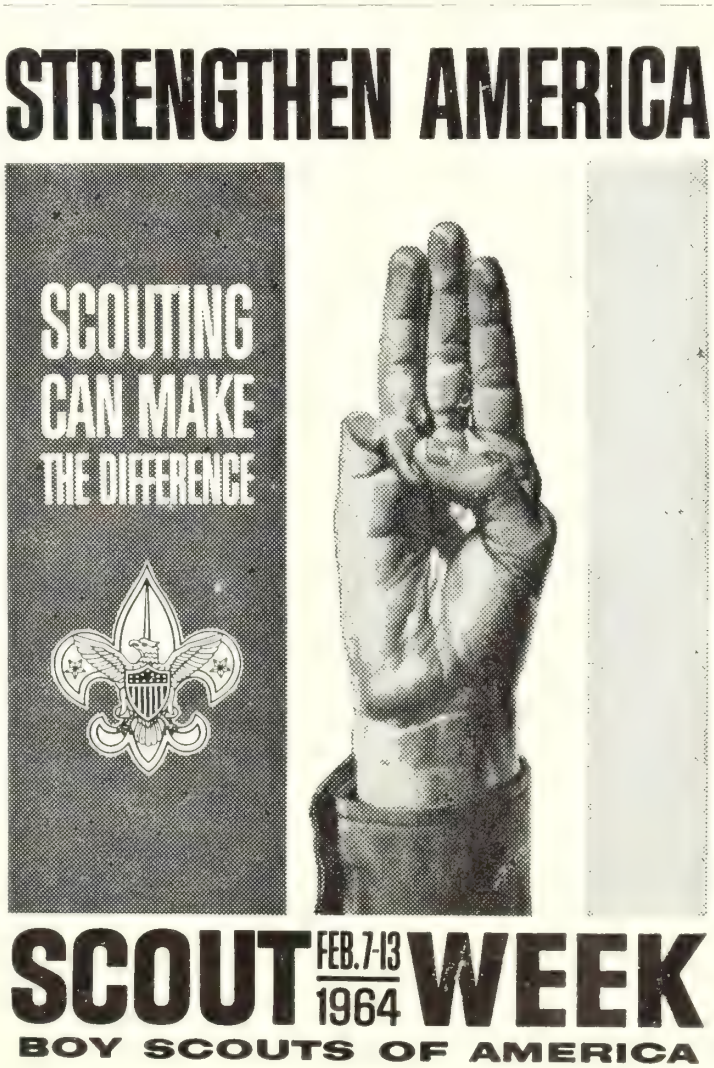
The Scout Law declares a Scout is: Trustworthy, Loyal, Helpful, Friendly, Courteous, Kind, Obedient, Cheerful, Thrifty, Brave, Clean, Reverent.

Cub Scouting is a home- and family-centered program for boys eight to ten. Boy Scouting is the road to fun and outdoor adventure for the maturing boy from 11 to 14 and beyond. Exploring meets the needs and desires of the high school age boy as he plans and carries out his own program.

The Boy Scouts of America was incorporated on February 8, 1910.

National President: Ellsworth H. Augustus, Cleveland, Ohio.

Chief Scout Executive: Joseph A. Brunton, Jr., New Brunswick, New Jersey.



CAROLINA BRIEFS

¶ Green Street Methodist Church, Winston-Salem, will observe Methodist Men's Ladies' Night, February 4 at 6:30. Rev. Hamilton is the pastor.

¶ Dr. Kenneth W. Clark, professor of New Testament language and literature at Duke, was one of the speakers at the Iowa pastors' school last week.

¶ Dr. Harry Denman of Nashville, Tenn., will preach at a District Layman's Rally for the Albemarle District, to be held in Central Methodist Church, Monroe, Feb. 9, at the evening service.

¶ Dr. Creighton Lacy, associate professor of World Christianity at Duke Divinity Shcool, will be among the 30 to 40 Mission Ambassadors speaking in some 20 cities during the current six weeks "Chain of Missions" in Florida.

¶ Bishop Ralph E. Dodge, of the Southern Rhodesia Methodist Conference, left Salisbury January 18 for a series of meetings overseas. He will spend the month of February in Europe, and March and April in the United States, returning to Southern Rhodesia on May 10th.

¶ The Burlington District Conference was held last Sunday afternoon at the Methodist Church in Mebane. It was well attended. Dr. T. B. Hough, superintendent, was in charge. Representatives of the various institutions were present. The reports showed progress in the work of the church.

¶ Dr. W. Perry Crouch was installed as the new general secretary-treasurer of the Baptist State Convention in a meeting held in Raleigh Monday, January 20. He succeeds Dr. Douglas Branch, who lost his life in January 1963 in an automobile accident.

¶ Dr. Wilson O. Weldon, pastor of West Market Street Church, Greensboro, on invitation from Bishop Nolan B. Harmon, spoke Tuesday and Wednesday of this week to the ministers of the North Alabama Conference at their annual Spiritual Concord.

¶ Central Methodist Church of Shelby, of which Rev. A. Mitchell Faulkner is pastor, dedicated the new organ console at the morning service last Sunday. The console is in loving memory of the late Clyde R. and Bess Gardner Hoey, and is the gift of their children. The Hoeys were active members of the Central Church.

¶ An announcement over the signature of Ralph E. Dodge, president, says: "Representatives of all Protestant churches in Southern Rhodesia are invited to meet in Gwelo to form a National Council of Churches. The meeting, sponsored by the Southern Rhodesia Christian Conference, will be presided over by the Bishop of Matabeleland, the Rt. Rev. K. J. F. Skelton. All Protestant churches, independent or denominational, are being invited to send three delegates to the all day meeting on May 1st."

¶ Rev. Barney L. Davidson, newly appointed superintendent of the Fayetteville District, directed the Fayetteville Conference in its meeting last Monday morning, held at Methodist College, Fayetteville. The pastors reports and the spirit of the messages by visitors representing various agencies of the church, were encouraging. Dr. A. Purnell Bailey of Richmond, Va., preached at the noon hour.

¶ Dr. Cecil W. Robbins, President of Louisburg College, will be the guest speaker at the Long Memorial Methodist Church, Roxboro, N. C. on Sunday, February 2, at the 11 o'clock morning worship service. The pastor of Long Memorial, the Rev. Kermit R. Wheeler, will be representing the North Carolina Conference Board of Hospitals and Homes at the National Association of Hospitals and Homes in St. Louis, Mo.

¶ The Avocate Editor preached at the First Methodist Church, Graham, last Sunday morning, and attended the district conference of the Burlington District, held at Mebane, in the afternoon. Rev. Langill Watson, pastor at Graham, is in fine favor with his people. The church is looking forward to the erection of their sanctuary as the completion of their building program. Their first unit of the new program was completed a few years ago, and affords fine educational facilities, as well as the temporary sanctuary.

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Attending Hospitals and Homes Meeting in St. Louis

On January 28-30, Rev. Joseph F. Coble, superintendent and minister of the Methodist Retirement Home, will be accompanied by Mr. J. H. Brintle, business manager of the Home, to the annual 1964 Convention of the National Association of Methodist Hospitals and Homes meeting at the Sheraton-Jefferson Hotel in St. Louis, Missouri. Deelgates to this convention will come from the 263 institutions and homes affiliated with the Board of Hospitals and Homes of The Methodist Church. These church affiliated institutions report a total of 41,554 beds and include 132 homes for older persons and 49 agencies for children. In 1963 these ministered to 1,687,881 persons.

Mr. Coble and Mr. Brintle will participate in the Retirement Home Section, where on Wednesday morning Mr. Coble will present a paper on "The Role of the Church in Retirement Care," under the general heading, "The Church and the Home for the Aging."

Today there are 18 million persons in the United States over 65 and this segment of our population is increasing at the net rate of over 1,000 per day. There is an ever grwoing need for more of our senior citizens to be cared for in homes like The Motheodist Retirement Homes in Durham.

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Don't waste yourself in rejection, nor bark against the bad, but chant the beauty of the good. Emerson

Christian Training Schools Resume on Feb. 2

The Western North Carolina Methodist Conference will resume its Christian training schools Feb. 2-6 with Central Methodist Church, Concord, leading off the schedule.

To follow will be the:

Charlotte District Training School, Feb. 9-13, in First Church, Charlotte; Kannapolis Area Training School, Feb. 16-20, in Trinity Methodist Church, Kannapolis; Gaston County Training School, March 1-5, in First Church, Gastonia; Union County Training School, March 1-5, in Central Church, Monroe; Rockingham County Training School, March 8-12, in First Church, Reidsville; Anson County Training School, March 8-12, in First Church, Wadesboro; and Lexington Area Training School, March 8-12, in First Church, Lexington.

Here are the courses, instructors, school officials and participating churches for the Concord Area Training School, with classes meeting 7:30-9:30 p.m. Feb. 2-6;

"Understanding the Bible," Dr. William G. Echols, University of Alabama; "What it means to be a Christian," the Rev. George Robinson, States; "Understanding Youth," Mrs. E. H. Ould of Roanoke, Va.; "Life and Mission of the Church," Dr. R. Herman Nicholson of Thmoasville; and "Young Adult Work in the Church," the Rev. Courtney Ross, Elkin.

School officials—The Rev. Roy Bell, director; Mrs. Torbert Brewer, texts; and Joe McEachern, treasurer.

Participating churches — Concord: Ann Street, Center, Central, Epworth, Forest Hil, Harmony, Kerr Street and Westford; Concord Circuit, Center Grove, Bethel, Mount Olivet, Midland, Roberta, Rocky Ridge, Mount Pleasant and Locust-Oakboro.

These training schools are co-sponsored by the Conference Board of Education, Dr. Carl H. King, executive secretary, and by the local participating churches.

Four From Charlotte to Attend Hospitals and Homes Meet

The Methodist Home for the Aging of Charlotte will be represented at the 1964 annual convention of the National Association of Methodist Hospitals and Homes Jan. 28-30 in St. Louis, Mo., by four persons.

Sheduled to make the trip for the Home are Mr. and Mrs. Willard S. Farrow, the administrator and his wife; the Rev. Ted S. Hoffman, chaplain; and W. Donald Penley, administrative assistant in charge of the Wesley Nursing Center.

The Rev. Mr. Hoffman will attend the Chaplain's Section, while the other representatives will attend all sessions of the Homes for Older Persons Section.

Tom Lambeth, superintendent of the Children's Home of Winston-Salem, is president-elect for the new year, of the National Association of Methodist Hospitals and Homes.

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A $480,000 loan has been granted Lycoming College, Williamsport, Pa., by the U. S. Housing and Home Finance Agency, to finance construction of a residence for 146 women students.

Women Hold Balance of Power In Today's World — Brown

In today's world, women hold the balance between order and chaos in the economic and political fields, as well as in the social and religious fields, the chief executive of women's work in The Methodist Church said last week.

Speaking to the national organization of Methodist women, Mrs. Porter Brown, New York, and other women executives reported on the place of women in America and around the world. They made their reports at the annual meeting of the Woman's Division of Christian Service, which represents almost 1,800,000 Methodist women throughout the United States. The Woman's Division is one of four divisions of the Methodist Board of Missions, which met at Buck Hill Falls, Pa., January 21-24.

Mrs. Brown, general secretary of the Woman's Division, said that "when we consider the role of women in today's world, the responsibility is staggering. And when we consider the role of Christian women, it is humbling as well as staggering." By the sheer weight of numbers, women can control an election, and by the fact of greater life span, they control an increasing percentage of the money in America, she added.

"By their numbers, they could control the program and the policy of the church," she said. "The question is not whether women have an opportunity to mold today's world; it is rather whether women are willing to assume the responsibility that is theirs. The Woman's Division is giving increasing thought to how it can help women assume their rightful places among the laity of a church called of God to witness in an age as perilous as any since the first century."

The place of women in society was put in worldwide perspective by another executive of the Woman's Division, Miss Marian Derby, New York, associate general secretary of the Division for mission work overseas. She said that women have played an important part in bringing independence in many new nations of Africa and Asia, and that it is important that women be trained for places of leadership in these new nations.

Christian colleges, training schools for Christian wrokers and seminaries in many countries have been opened to women and have provided leaders both in the church and in secular life, Miss Derby said. Now new ways must be found to encourage young women to study in the increasing number of state universities and to use other educational facilities available to them.

That the Woman's Division is seeking to play its part in training women leaders in new nations was pointed out by Dr. Clara French, New York, executive secretary of the Division for Southeast Asia and China. She reported:

"Within the last four years, there has been a special effort to seek out young women and train them for special needs in the church. Where possible, this is being done in Asia. Funds from the Woman's Division are used for such training. At present three Chinese women from Sarawak (now part of Malaysia) are studying in Taiwan, a Chinese woman from Indonesia is studying in Manila and an Iban woman in Sarawak is one of the few women among her people studying nursing."

A call for immediate revision of the McCarran-Walter Immigration Act by Congress was reaffirmed by the Woman's Division of Christian Service.

"If immigration legislation is to express important principles, it must be based on both a consideration of the world's needs and of the ability of the United States to assimilate these people into a prosperous economy," the statement said.

The Woman's Division made its statement in regard to the McCarran-Walter Act as part of a paper on American foreign policy entitled "Some Essentials of Foreign Policy in the Mid-Sixties." The paper called for adpotion of four board goals in American foreign policy, stating that the "ultimate aim of a foreign policy ready to deal effectively and creatively with a world like ours must be no less than fulfillment of the Biblical prophecy: "They shall beat their swords into plowshares and their spears into pruning hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation; neither shall they know war any more.'"

The four goals listed by the Woman's Division are: "1. Commitment to utilizing all means available—tried and untried—to resolve tensions and misunderstandings and effect reconciliation between peoples. 2. Staunch and intelligent support of the United Nations. 3. Acceptance of the principle that the world cannot continue to live half ill-fed and half over-fed. 4. Achievement of human dignity in larger freedom."

Under each of the broad goals, the Woman's Division spelled-out more specific objectives toward which American foreign policy should be directed.

In regard to closing the widening gap between the rich nations and the poor nations, the Division recommended: Flexibility in adjusting trade and development policies on a world basis; support of the Decade of Development proposed to the U.N. by President Eisenhower; increased international cooperation.

In regard to achieving human dignity in larger freedom, the Division said: "The world has been slow to recognize the connection between peace and the access of all people to basic human rights. As responsible people are beginning to understand that human dignity is essential to the whole structure of a world at peace, we see four specific tasks to be done.

"First and most important, equal access to rights and privileges must be established quickly in our own country. Second, we must use every opportunity to make it clear that we are deeply concerned with the world struggle for human rights. The third step is to continue to make clear that the principle of self-determination of nations is important. Fourth, it is important for the U.S. to change the image given to the world by our immigration laws."

In addition to outlining foreign policy goals, the Woman's Division called on Methodist women to keep informed about issues and to encourage, support and promote appropriate legislation and national policy through all available channels directed toward building a peaceful world.

The Woman's Division adopted the paper on foreign policy on recommendation of its Department of Christian Social Relations.

Bishop Harmon's Schedule For February

Bishop Nolan B. Harmon will participate in meetings in both of his annual conferences during February in addition to attending national Methodist board meetings.

Feb. 2 the bishop is scheduled to preach in Woodlawn Methodist Church, Birmingham, Ala., and the next day he will meet with the North Alabama Conference Cabinet as well as leading the chapel service at Howard College, both in Birmingham.

Feb 4 he will meet the North Alabama Conference Board of Education, at First Church, Birmingham.

Feb. 15 the bishop will meet with the national Board of Christian Social Concerns in Tempa, Fla. This will be a six-day session.

He will return to Charlotte Feb. 23 to preach in St. Andrew's Methodist Church where the Rev. Robert J. Ralls is pastor.

Feb. 24 he will participate in the annual meeting of the Methodist Information Commission at High Point College. Holt McPherson of High Point is chairman and the bishop is on overall charge as this is his episcopal Area Information Office.

Feb. 25 the bishop will lead a Spiritual Retreat for Wives and Ministers of the Thomasville District, and Feb. 26 he will speak during the meeting of the weekly YMCA Bible Study Group in Charlotte.

On Feb. 27 Bishop Harmon will lead the chapel service at Pfeiffer College, Misenheimer, and Feb. 28 he will attend the third annual God and Country Scout Award Banquet of the Charlotte Methodist District.

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EDITORIALS

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Race Relations Sunday

Again on Sunday, February 9, churches throughout Methodism will be observing Race Relations Sunday. This is the traditional time when churches give their people an opportunity to make a special offer for Race Relations. The money is used to strengthen the Negro colleges. Offerings from the North Carolina Conference go to Paine College, Augusta, Ga., and from the Western North Carolina Conference to Bennett College, Greensboro. Both of these are fine institutions and are doing an excellent work. They deserve the support of all who are interested in rendering a worthwhile service. It is hoped that the offerings this year will exceed those of other years. Whatever amount is received should be remitted at once for the Western North Carolina Conference, to Mr. Fred Russell, Treasurer, Charlotte, N. C.; and for the North Carolina Conference, to Mr. Marvin J. Cowell, Treasurer, Box 10955, Raleigh, N. C.

Now Is The Time

We again call attention of our ministers and laymen to the subscription campaign for the North Carolina Christian Advocate. It is essential that we do this each year in order to keep our list up to par. We are grateful for the several thousands of new subscriptions sent in during July and August. But the unfortunate thing is that these subscriptions have a way of expiring. So we must constantly urge renewals as well as new subscriptions.

There is no argument about the advisability of the church paper going into every Methodist home. It should. And it can be put there with just a little effort on the part of our ministers and laymen. Don't forget, it belongs to you. The ministers are our agents. One of our district directors, in his report to the District Conference recently indicated that he had thought he could not secure a number of subscriptions that would qualify his church to receive a special rate, until he tried, and found that it could be done much easier than he thought! And that is the experience of others who have really tried.

One of our bishops in conversation with the editor a few nights ago said he considered four things necessary for every Christian home: "The Bible, the church paper, grace at meals, and the influence of the church. These make a very influential quartet, but there is something definitely missing when anyone of them is disregarded. In this time of serious tension and reckless liberalism, a visit from the church through the church paper is a steadying symbol of the Faith."

Brethren, let's get behind this subscription campaign and increase our number beyond what it is at present. A little effort now will pay large dividends in the help it brings to the individual and through him to the church. This is the one time of the year when we must see that our church paper goes into our homes.

THEME FOR THE WEEK

"Be ye therefore perfect, even as your Father in heaven is perfect."—Matt. 5:48.

Methodist Church Makes Progress in Missions

It would seem impossible for one to attend the great missionary meetings of The Methodist Church, such as the annual meeting of the General Board held in Buck Hill Falls, Pa., and not have one's spiritual horizon enlarged, and one's sympathetic interest deepened. Here one gets an overall picture of the program of the church in its missionary outreach, and comes in contact with many of those responsible for its operation and those who administer the program on the mission field.

Bishop Richard C. Raines, president, presided at the opening of the Board meeting January 21, and conducted the devotions. Bishop Herbert Welch, 101 years of age, led the prayer. Introductions of special guests were made, followed by the presentation of some one hundred or more of the administrators and missionaries representing Africa, South America, Southern Asia, Southeast Asia, and the North American continent.

A large part of the time this year was consumed in presenting and studying the proposed new structure plan which embraces the work of the section on National Missions, World Missions, and the Woman's Division. The plan is designed to coordinate the work of the three divisions in a closer unity.

According to the report of the treasurer, Dr. A. A. Almand, the Methodist Church, through its Board of Missions, has had its highest income ever for mission work at home and overseas during fiscal 1963, the amount being $34,418,592. While this amount seems large, when it is broken down to the per capita member it is only a little more than five cents a week. While we rejoice in any progress made, it seems the great Methodist Church can hardly boast of its achievements in the light of this pitifully small average contribution. If Methodists should really take their responsibilities in this field seriously, it would be astounding the amount they could and would raise for this worthy cause.

Around 600 persons, representing all sections of the country as well as foreign lands, attended the annual meeting. More of the plans and decisions will be revealed as they become apparent following the annual meeting.

Buck Hill Falls, located in the beautiful mountain section of northern Pennsylvania, is about 75 miles west of Newark, N. J. The board has met here many times, and the local surroundings are conductive to a fine fellowship as well as affording an ideal place for this kind of gathering.

Bishop William C. Martin reminded the group in one of his devotion periods that we stand in the succession of a long line of those who have had the mission work of the church at heart through the years. It is a thrill to be a part of this group and to feel the urge to further the cause of missions in its outreach across the world of today. Dr. Almand said in his financial report: "Missionary outreach is the primary reason of the church's existence. It is truly the work of the whole church—every member, every child of God. It can be done by most persons only in terms of dollars dispatched in lieu of the individual, but the dollars accomplish the purpose and truly represent the person whose toil and sweat produced them. They are dedicated dollars; without them missionary work would wither."

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Former Vice-President Nixon To Address Pfeiffer College Group

Former Vice-President Richard M. Nixon has accepted an invitation to address a Pfeiffer College Convocation program on Monday, February 3.

Dr. J. Lem Stokes II, college president, said that Nixon would speak at 10 a.m. to the college's 829 students and 65 faculty members in Mitchell Gymnasium. He will be introduced by Milton Rose, New York City, a trustee of the college.

Nixon and Rose are members of the New York law firm of Mudge, Stern, Baldwin and Todd.

The former vice-president will also talk informally with student groups at the Methodist liberal arts college. Rose, executive officer of the Gustavus and Louise Pfeiffer Research Foundation, will address the college faculty during the visit.

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Two new publications which are important to the program of missions in the local church have just come from the press. Published by the Board of Missions, New York, they are the 1964 Prayer Calendar and a National Missions Road Atlas.

Dr. Blake Reports on Methodist Work in Africa

The crucial problem confronting the Christian church in Africa is how to communicate the gospel in a continent of acute change. This has been the case for many years but it was more of a problem last year, according to a report to the Methodist Board of Missions at Buck Hill Falls, Pa., January 21.

Speaking to 600 persons at the Board's annual meeting, the Rev. Dr. C. Melvin Blake, New York, stated that because of tremendous changes and revolution in Africa in recent years churches have been required to re-evaluate and alter tactics and methods which have been successful over the years. Dr. Blake, who is executive secretary for Africa of the Board's Division of World's Missions, said that old programs have had to be cast aside and replaced by new ones, pointing out that in the last five years alone 24 new nations have been born and that much of the change throughout the continent can be traced to Christianity.

The Methodist Church has mission work in eight African countries, incuding two in north Africa, Algeria and Tunisia. In contrast to work in other African countries, Dr. Blake said, there is little in Algeria or Tunisia in the way of numerical results of missionary effort. "The church as such is practically non-existent in these two Muslim areas. The act of evangelizing is limited to living a Christian life among people who do not know Christ. Rather than take the initiative in approaching people, it is necessary to live for Christ and wait for a question which will afford an opportunity to share with others the meaning of Christ for one's life."

"Throughout the long eight years of the bloody war for independence in Algeria, which ended in 1962, The Methodist Church worked to carry on its ministry to the people of that strife-torn land. Today, as a result, there exists a genuine feeling of warmth and goodwill toward The Methodist Church in Algeria, in spite of the deep-seated hostility between the Algerians and many Europeans. Three mission stations closed since 1958 have been reopened in the mountains of Great Kabylia in north central Algeria, Dr. Blake reported.

In the troubled Congo, Dr. Blake said, many of the evacuated missionaries have returned, and there is now an atmosphere of relative stability in which much of the work of the church has been resumed. To help fill the vacuum of trained leadership, The Methodist Church in cooperation with other Protestant societies has founded the Congo Polytechnic Institute. He said the goal of the Institute is to train 17,000 Congolese in agriculture, home economics, pre-university studies, secretarial and business fields, mechanics, trades, medicine and other areas of study. The plan is to be carried out during a five-year period at 22 centers spread throughout the Congo.

In the atmosphere of disorder and rapid change that spread over Congo during the months that followed independence, the church kept functioning, Dr. Blake stated, as it always does even in time of crisis.

"But at least some conditions have improved, Dr. Blake said. "There are considerably fewer arrests now than previously. The indiscriminate killing on the part of Portuguese vigilantes has ceased as the military forces have taken control. There has been a noticeable decrease in the number of Africans conscripted to work under government auspices. However, abuses still occur that according to law are not allowed.

"The work of the Protestant church remains curtailed and difficult in many areas in Angola. The Portuguese government has obviously decided to cut off missionaries that leave by not granting permission to return. In 1961 there were 256 Protestant missionaries in Angola, but now there are only 148. The Methodist missionary staff has been reduced from 35 to five.

"In spite of the hardships, however, and the absence of American missionaries, African church leaders have risen to assume responsibilities. Africans have taken over as directors of schools. The only district superintendents that remain in Angola are Africans. In several instances, in the absence of pastors, laymen have taken over and are tending to the spiritual needs of the people."

Southern Rhodesia, a land of 3,500,000 Africans and 230,000 whites where tensions have been building is deep in political and economic crisis and has become one of the most segregated countries in Africa, Dr. Blake declared. It is there that Methodism has its largest missionary enterprise and the greatest number of missionaries on assignment.

Although there are difficulties, frictions and opposition, the church continues to grow and minister to the needs of the people, he said. There has never been such an interest in the Christian church on the part of young people as at the present time.

In Southeast Africa, Dr. Blake said, Methodism's biggest work is in Mozambique, the Portuguese colony that claims to be a multiracial society. Traditionally it has been more difficult for missionaries in Mozambique to work freely than in Angola, he said, but since the uprising in Angola three years ago, this may no longer be true. He added: "Restriction on Methodist work in Mozambique has been mostly due to closer ties between government and the Roman Ctaholic Church. But even here The Methodist Church, through its medical and health services and theological training, has seen moments of success and visible signs that the church is moving forward."

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Interest in New Series

Methodists have at least two reasons to be interested in the new series of Bible lectures, beginning Sunday, Feb. 2, on the NBC-TV program, *Frontiers of Faith*, according to officials of the Television, Radio and Film Commission (TRAFCO).

The Methodist Church is directly involved in the development of content, format and promotion of the programs. The Rev. Dr. Gene W. Carter, recently elected to head TRAFCO's new office in New York City, is chairman of the National Council of Churches' *Frontiers of Faith* Committee. Methodists through TRAFCO contribute $10,000 to the support of *Frontiers of Faith* from the World Service Special TV-Radio Ministry Fund.

Over 400 Attend Workshops In Albemarle District

Over 400 laymen have attended a series of three workshops held during January in the Albemarle Methodist District.

District Lay Leader W. Bryan Moore of Wadesboro said the laymen were enthusiastic about both the principal speakers and the discussion groups.

The first subdistrict workshop was held Jan. 10 in First Methodist Church, Wadesboro with Stanford R. Brookshire, mayor of Charotte, as principal speaker. He talked about, "The Role of the Layman in His Church."

Two workshop sessions followed with these men leading discussions on these topics:

Evangelism, Charles J. Henderson of Charlotte; Stewardship, Tom M. Little of Wadesboro; Work of the Official Board, James V. Roberson of Lilesville; and Lay Speaking, J. Nelson Gibson, Jr.

Two days later the Union County Subdistrict Workshop was held in Central Methodist Church, Monroe. Like the first workshop, which was an afternoon session.

Bryan Moore of Wadesboro, the district lay leader, spoke on, "The Role of the Layman in His Church." Two workshop sessions followed, with these leaders discussing these topics:

Stewardship, Paul Ervin of Charlotte; Lay Speaking, Walter Love, Jr., of Monroe; Evangelism, Charles J. Henderson of Charlotte; and Work of the Official Board, W. H. Rooker of Monroe.

The final workshop was held Jan. 19. This was the Stanly County Laymen's Workshop in Central Methodist Church, Albemarle, also an afternoon session.

Walter F. Anderson, director of the North Carolina Bureau of Investigation, was principal speaker and he talked about, "Spiritual Endowment for Nuclear Age Living."

Again two workshop sessions were held. Here are the leaders and topics:

The Church Lay Leader, Robert M. Smith of Mount Airy, lay leader of the Western North Carolina Conference; The Place of the Lay Woman in The Methodist Church, Miss Mary F. Floyd of Pfeiffer College; Stewardship, Edwin L. Jones, Jr., of Charlotte; The Work of the Official Board, James Roberson of Lilesville; and Methodist Men, G. L. Goodson of Lincolnton.

Dr. W. Jackson Huneycutt, superintendent of the Albemarle District, assisted with the workshops.

India's Research Center

The task of developing India's first American studies research center has been assigned by the U. S. State Department to Dr. Joseph Schiffman of Methodist-related Dickinson College. Dr. Schiffman, chairman of the English department, was to leave Jan. 15 for Hyderabad, to provide a research library, provide fellowships, publish scholary works, conduct seminars of American and Indian scholars and provide facilities for Indian scholars who have completed advanced work in the U. S. or need further work before seeking such study.

Marion District Ministers Hold Monthly Meeting

The Marion District held its monthly ministers' meeting at Spindale on January 20. Earl Gibson presided.

N. L. Oliver had the devotional. Mrs. Sherril Biggers informed us by letter concerning the condition of her husband, who was in an automobile accident while enroute to the evangelistic rally at Greensboro. She said Sherril is in high spirits. He is in Iredell Memorial Hospital in Statesville. In a gesture of brotherly affection, the ministers received an offering of $17.00 for Sherril.

Boyce Huffstetler requested prayer for the "Mission to Alaska," of which he will be a participant. Boyce said they will establish a church at Sitka, Alaska. Dr. Nelson asked Boyce to bring to our attention a particular project relevant to Alaska University.

Earl Brendall reminded us of the value of the N. C. CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE and urged its emphasis in January. Edgar Nease pointed to the approaching Lenten season as the "Season of Production" in membership and evangelism. Earl Haire reported wide participation across the district in the Churchwide School of Missions.

The president read a letter from Mrs. Nelson in which she expressed thanks to the ministers and wives for the Christmas gift. Dr. Nelson reminded the ministers to review goals and objectives for the year and distributed directories for the fourth quarterly conferences.

The meeting was dismissed with prayer by J. Max Brandon, Sr.

Father and Son Both Honored In Atlanta Housing Project

Bowen Homes, the name of a new 650-unit public housing project built by the Atlanta Housing Authority, commemorates two distinguished Georgia Methodists.

They are the late Dr. J. W. E. Bowen, first president of Gammon Theological Seminary and his son, the late Bishop J. W. E. Bowen, Jr., who administered the Atlantic Coast Area of the Central Jurisdiction from 1948 to 1960.

The senior of the honored churchmen was the first member of his race to earn the Ph.D. from Boston University. He served on the Gammon faculty 40 years.

His son, Bishop Bowen, educated at Wesleyan and Harvard Universities, divided his earlier career between college teaching, the pastorate and district superintendency. In 1944 he became editor of the *Central Christian Advoctae*. He was elected to the episcopacy in 1948. His widow, Mrs. Margaret Davis Bowen of Atlanta, is a leader in religious and civic activities.

Bowen Homes, which will be ready for occupancy in February, include family units varying in size from one to five bedrooms. Some of the apartments have been designed for the elderly, with ramps, low tubs with safety bars and wide doors for wheel chairs.

The large playground of Bowen Homes will be shared with a new school soon to be built.

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Skill and confidence are an unconquered army. — Herbert



Shown above is Mr. Thomas C. Hoyle, Sr., of Greensboro, together with his son, Mr. Thomas C. Hoyle, Jr., and also Dr. Wilson O. Weldon, who is pastor of West Market Street Methodist Church, and is president of the Methodist Board of Publication, and Rev. S. J. Starnes, editor of the NORTH CAROLINA CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE.

T. C. Hoyle, Sr., Has Served Long on Board of Publication

Mr. Thomas C. Hoyle, Sr., is 96 years old, and has served as a member of the Methodist Board of Publication for almost sixty years. He was a member of the board before the two Advocates were consolidated in 1919. Formerly the *Raleigh Christian Advocate* was the official publication of the North Carolina Annual Conference, and was published in Raleigh. *The North Carolina Christian Advocate* was the official organ of the Western North Carolina Annual Conference, and was published in Greensboro. Mr. Hoyle, a layman of the Western North Carolina Conference and a member of its Board of Publication, and Dr. W. P. Few, then president of Trinity College, and a layman of the North Carolina Conference, holding a like position, were both active and instrumental in bringing about the consolidation of the two conference papers to create one official organ of Methodism in the state.

Mr. Hoyle, because of advanced age and impaired hearing, has asked to be relieved of the position he has held so long and filled so well. The board, however, did not want to sever its ties with him, so it elected him as an honorary member for life, and nominated his son, Mr. Thomas C. Hoyle, Jr., to fill the position of his father on the board.

Mr. Hoyle was born in Mecklenburg County, Virginia, where his father, a Methodist preacher, served in the Virginia Conference. Later, in 1871, the father transferred to the North Carolina Conference, when the conference embraced the entire state, and served churches in this conference. He was pastor of the Methodist Church at Maxton when he died in 1891.

Mr. Hoyle was married May 23, 1906, to Miss Lucy Welfrey, who still lives. They reside at 2319 Walker Avenue, Greensboro. Mr. and Mrs. Hoyle reared three children, two sons, Mr. Thomas C. Hoyle, Jr., and Mr. Lawrence T. Hoyle, both of whom are associated with their father in the practice of law in Greensboro; and Mrs. Henry J. Underwood, who lives in Clinton, N. C. Mr. Hoyle has six grandsons, two of whom are graduates of Duke University. He has served with distinction for many years as a member of the Board of Publication of the Methodist Church in the state, and has given much time and effort to its work, serving for a number of years as its secretary.

Although the years keep adding up, Mr. Hoyle retains a clear mind and pursues an active life. He shows up at his office every day, and some of the younger of the law firm which he heads say he is often there ahead of them. As an evidence of his vitality, he has argued four cases before the supreme court of North Carolina since his ninetieth birthday, and one case since he was ninety-three. He is an active member and regular attendant at Bethel Church and Sunday school in Greensboro. He also teaches a class in the church school. His pastor, Rev. G. E. White, says he is a very active and effective member of the church, and engages in responsive readings, reciting the Creed, and singing such hymns as he knows. Of course his seeing is not as clear as at one time.

The Methodist Board of Publication will have to operate a long time before it can match the length and quality of service that has been rendered by Mr. Thomas C. Hoyle, Sr.

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The Rev. Emerson W. Smith of Washington will return to New England in late January to become executive secretary of the Council of Churches of Greater Springfield, Mass. For the past six years he has been a national Methodist staff worker in the field of economic life. His successor here has not been announced.

Interesting Methodist Matters

The Rev. Dr. John M. Vayhinger, professor of pastoral psychology and counseling at Garrett Theological Seminary, Evanston, Ill., has accepted a similar position at Iliff School of Theology, Denver, Colo.

"The ability of the church to keep up with its young people the acid test not only of its readiness for renewal but even of its capacity for survival."

—The Rev. Dr. Eugene L. Smith

A downtown service bureau to aid people in critical need has been organized by eight central city Methodist churches in Los Angeles. Operating from historic First Church, the bureau is an expansion of a similar program begun by First Church.

Bishop Ralph W. Ward of the Syracuse Area and the Roman Catholic and Protestant Episcopal bishops of the same general region issued a joint Christmas message, which received wide publicity in the Syracuse papers.

The Rev. Sam R. Dodson, Jr., pastor of Calvary Methodist Church, Nashville, Tenn., has been named by Gov. Frank G. Clement as chairman of the new 21-member Tennessee Commission on Human Relations.

Methodist-related Boston University has received a gift of one million dollars from a one-time Baltimore orphan for its School of Theology. President Harold C. Case said that Mr. and Mrs. Albert V. Danielson of Wellesley Hills, Mass., directed that the funds be used to endow the Danielson Center for Pastoral Care and Counseling.

Four prominent laymen in Wesley Church in Singapore, Malaysia, were honored recently on Singapore's National Day. The church lay leader, Chew Kia Song, was given the Public Service Star.—George Ang and Dr. Ng Wah Hing received the Public Administration Medal. Goh Sin Ee was given the Administrative Medal.

The Rev. Dr. Clarence T. R. Nelson, pastor of the Scott Memorial Methodist Church, Detroit, has been reelected national chairman of Operation Freedom—a nonprofit charitable organization organized to raise money to help Negroes who are being boycotted and harassed because of their attempts to register to vote.

American University, Washington, D. C., is sharing a U. S. Public Health Service grant of $62,000 to prepare a television course to teach lip reading to the hard of hearing. The series will be produced by Washington's educational station, WETA-TV, which shares in the grant and which may make the program available nationwide.

Members of eight Boy Scout troops sponsored by Methodist churches were among those cited by the National Court of Honor during 1963 for prompt response and cool-headed handling of emergency situations. Two were awarded certificates for heroism and six certificates of merit. Three involved rescues from drowning, two were connected with fire, two with health crises and one with threatened electrocution.

The next biennial convocation of the National Fellowship of Methodist Musicians will be held at Salem College, Winston-Salem, N. C. Aug 4-11, 1965, it was announced following a recent NaFOMM Council meeting in Nashville, Tenn.

An interacial Senior Citizens Residency was dedicated in Indianapolis, Ind., Jan. 15. Among those sharing in the dedicatory service were Bishop Matthew W. Clair, Jr., of St. Louis, Bishop Richard C. Raines of the Indiana Area, and Dr. Olin E. Oeschger of Evainston, Ill., general secretary of the Board of Hospitals and Homes.

Book Reviews

"LIVING WITH MYSELF: A GUIDE FOR YOUNG ADULTS"

Dr. William E. Hulme, Prentice-Hall, 158 pages, $2.95. Publication Date: January 10, 1964.

NEW BOOK SEES PREVENTION AS KEY TO SOLVING AMERICA'S GROWING TEENAGE PROBLEM

Dropouts. . . Delinquents . . . Drug Addicts —These words leap from the pages of newspapers and from the speakers of radio and TV sets across the country—focusing on one of the most serious problems facing our society today—the wayward teenager.

Psychologists, educators, parents and clergy are searching for the lever that will turn the course of this growing segment of teenage America along more productive lines.

Many possible solutions are offered—rehabilitation programs, parent education clinics and stricter disciplinary and law enforcement measures, among others.

There are also those, however, who are alarmed by the current trend to "Close the barn door after the horse has been stolen." They believe that the teenage problem must be prevented, not cured.

Dr. William E. Hulme, a man who has been engaged in the counseling of teenagesrs for many years, suggests a possible preventive approach to the problem.

In addition to his duties as Professor of Theology and Pastoral Counseling at Dubuque's Wartburg Theological Seminary, he conducts a monthly column in **One**, the Lutheran youth magazine. He has authored two books directed at his young audience—"Face Your Life With Confidence" and "God, Sex and Youth"—both of which have enjoyed wide acceptance and readership among teenagers.

In "Living With Myself: A Guide For Young Adults," a new book published by Prentice-Hall on January 10th, Dr. Hulme suggests that the most realistic form of prevention may be one introduced by the teenager, himself.

Dr. Hulme's aim in writing "Living With Myself," is to help remove the berriers erected by escapism, defeatism and hostility—the attitudes that the author feels are all too prevalent in man's dealing with his fellowmen.

"Christianity," Dr. Hulme advises, "is the good news about healing at this deeper level. The way in which this good news is realized, however, is not something that happens to us just once. Actually it occurs again and again, for the way of realizing the good news is also the way we grow as persons."

Course in Pastoral Care

A course in Pastoral Care will be conducted at the John Umstead Hospital, Butner, N. C. March 2 through May 6.

Rev. Orion Hutchinson of Walkertown is chairman of a subcommittee of the Conference Board of Christian Social Concerns on "The Church and Mental Illness."

These classes are designed specially for full-time pastors on the church field. There are no specific educational prerequisites. Applications are accepted in the order in which they are received.

The session begins at noon on Monday, March 2, and ends at noon on Wednesday, May 6. Classes are held two full days per week each Monday noon through Wednesday noon. The pastor is away from his church field only one full day per week.

The cost of the course is $30 for the term. This includes room and linens for the two nights per week in the staff dormitory. Meals are available in the hospital cafeteria for approximately $1 per day.

The aim of this course is to offer to active pastors an opportunity to gain, through supervised practice in a clinical environment, a better understanding of: (1) People, (2) The problems of mental illness, and (3) of ministering to the ill and their families.

Weekly lectures are given by members of the hospital staff relating to emotional development, and emotional disorders, treatment, and pastoral care.

Each participant is assigned responsibilities as chaplain to specific patients or groups of paients. A portion of each day is spent in visiting with these patients.

Seminars are conducted daily for group discussions and study of the problems of ministering to the ill.

One regular period is established for individual supervision each week with each participant.

A reasonable amount of assigned reading in the fields of pastoral care and mental health is expected.

Applications should be made to: W. F. Askins, Chaplain, John Umstead Hospital, Butner, N. C.

Enrollment is necessarily limited to a small number in each group.

John Umstead Hospital operates under the North Carolina Department of Mental Health for the special care and treatment of people suffering from emotional difficulties. It serves the 21 central counties of North Carolina and currently accommodates approximately 1800 patients.

Butner is also the location of other institutions, including Murdoch Center, a state institution for the treatment of mentally retarded persons; North Carolina Alcoholic Rehabilitation Center, a treatment center for voluntary alcoholic patients; North Carolina Rehabilitation Center for the Blind; and Umstead Youth Center, a unit for the rehabilitation of first offenders.

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Charles P. Kellog, a Cleveland (Ohio) high school teacher and lay leader of the Lexington Conference, has been named to the staff of the General Board of Lay Activities, Evanston, Ill. Dr. Robert G. Mayfield, general secretary of the board, said that he will be assistant director of the Board's Joint Section of Training and Communication.

New Images for Town and Country Methodism

By Harold S. Huff

(Editor's Note: Dr Huff is the director of the Department of Town and Country Work of the Division of National Missions, Methodist Board of Missions, with offices in Philadelphia, Pa. This article originally appeared in the "Bulletin" of the Methodist Rural Fellowship.)

Just about everyone who addresses church groups (particularly town and country groups) speaks of change as a fact of this day and age. Adjustment to, meeting the challenge of, the study of and planning strategy for change are among the favorite topics of speakers at workshops and conferences—myself included. But the attention given to changing times and parish circumstances is not a matter of personal whim. We are concerned to deal with the demanding facts of the times with their resulting effects upon people's lives and upon our churches.

Because of changing facts, factors and forces, the town and country church movement is changing also. Program emphases are different from a generation ago. The image of the church in town and country is different. Purposes, goals and strategies are different—just as the social, economic and cultural factors are different.

Town and country work is in the midst of a new day. New and more demanding challenges are with us. Look at the old images of the town and country church.

1. The little one-room country church beside the road is not fulfilling Christ's mission. These are the churches which are dying and closing. This over-sentimentalized image is indeed and literally a horse-and-buggy symbol! Most of these small churches were established when horse-and-buggy travel was a measure of distance and when horse-and-buggy psychology prevailed in community thought and action.

2. The pastoral scene of the cattle grazing in the field speaks of another day now past when town and country was synonymous with agriculture as the way of country life. General thinking followed the formula: rural equals agriculture equals town and country.

3. The city with its smokestacks in the distance, with no middle ground between the country church beside the road and the distant metropolitan steeple, is not a general fact. The middle ground between country and city is now the most challenging territory for town and country, as it is for the city.

What is needed? What are the up-to-date elements? Perhaps we could begin by visualizing new elements.

1. We see a modern church plant that provides adequately for worship, education, community and world service to a large enough parish area to generate power for program accomplishments. Today this type of town and country church is partly fact and partly a need yet to be accomplished. If the church in town and country is to fulfill her mission for Christ, such a church must replace the "little brown church in the vale." The need is not just for new architecture but the architecture ought to express a new and vital and enlarged church life which not only ingathers the community for worship and praise but has an outreach to the community in significant service.

2. Town and country and city are merging, with large areas already homogenized as the rural-urban fringe, where modern mechanized agriculture share the economy with small industry, distributive business and large housing developments of modern residences. The machine has not displaced the cow, nor has the factory displaced agricultural production from the field and orchard, but the machine and its function is more nearly a key to the social and etconomic development of the countryside than is the animal. The modern and the future town and country community is more nearly characterized by mechanization and technoligical developments. We must symbolize the necessary balance between nature and natural resources with man-made and mechanized use of these resources.

3. Modern transportation and communication, factors in the high mobility of large portions of our population, make possible a reorganization of church life into far more creative and productive parish groupings for Christ's mission. The telephone, electric power, mass media and new highway systems have shrunk our town and country world to the place where cooperation and interdependence are absolutely essential as replacement for individuality, independence and detachment. The "connectionalism," which is traditional in Methodism, begins to take on a more significant meaning as we contemplate these interrelated social changes now in our midst.

But still the question, how do we symbolize the new town and country movement? Because the scene is far more complex, more diversified than formerly, the task is not a simple one. All of us must keep foremost in our personal image the fact that the changeless Christ walks in the midst of this changing scene and patiently awaits the changing church which He would claim as His own. May our efforts entirely be gven to affecting these changes to the end that these churches, every one, become the Church with which He is pleased.



Oakview Methodist parsonage, High Point. To be dedicated Sunday, Feb. 9, by Dr. Ralph Taylor, High Point district superintendent. The parsonage was paid for in fourteen months after the pastor and his family moved in. The building committee consisted of Booth Reed, Mr. and Mrs. David Waggoner, Rachel Oakley, and Clay Brown.

Charlotte District MYF Holds Hootenanny

The Charlotte District Council of the Methodist Youth Fellowship sponsored a Hootenanny for its members Saturday, Jan. 25, in Myers Park Methodist Church.

Jimmy Kilgo of Television Station WEOC-TV was master of ceremonies and the list of performers was headed by the "Towners."

The yuong people of Myers Park Church served refreshments.

The Rev. Don Bridger, pastor of Mount Zion Methodist Church in Cornelius, was in charge as Charlotte District director of youth. Dale Browncombe is president of the District MYF Council. He is a member of Myers Park Church.

The District MYF Council will hold a major rally for Methodist youth during the spring. Date, location and speaker will be announced later.

Education Executive Secretaries Meet in Atlanta

C. P. Morris, Executive Secretary of the Board of Education of the North Carolina Conference, attended a meeting of the Association of Executive Secretaries of the Southeastern Jurisdiction in Atlanta, Ga., January 21-22. The purpose of this meeting was to hear a report of a Policy Committee of which Mr. Morris is chairman, and to formulate plans for Jurisdiction leadership training enterprises.

Mr. Morris will be in Nashville, Tenn. January 31 and February 1 for a meeting of an Exploratory Committee of the General Board of Education studying ways and means of increasing Church School membership and attendance.

Great concern was expressed by the General Board of Education meeting in Dallas, Texas, recently, for the decline in Church School membership and attendance throughout the Nation. It is expected that a program of action will be recommended to the General Conference of the Methodist Church meeting in Pittsburgh, Pa., April 26-May 6.

On March 1st Mr. Morris will go to Nashville, Tenn., for a consultation on Youth Training Enterprises Outside Annual Conferences. This meeting has been called by the Council on Youth Work of the Division of the Local Church, General Board of Education to explore such questions as "Under what circumstances and for what reasons is it valid for youth and adult workers to meet outside the Annual Conference?" Dr. Edward O. Moe of the University of Utah will be the consultant.

Transfer Seven Churches

The transfer of seven Negro churches into the Kansas Conference has been announced by Bishop Eugene Slater of the Kansas Area and by Bishop Matthew W. Clair, Jr., of the St. Louis Area.

These churches now take their place with the other 359 Methodist churches of the Kansas Conference in the eastern one-third of the state. They follow the example of Quayle Memorial Church, Salina, which last summer was the first Negro church in that section to join a geographical jurisdiction.

Bishop Slater saw in the move "another opportunity to validate the claim that 'the Methodists are one people'."

Conference May Be Asked for Larger Pastoral Charges

The Western North Carolina Methodist Conference may be asked to approve legislation which would assure each head pastor of being appointed to a congregation or congregations totaling 400 or more members.

The Commission on Town and Country Work, holding its mid-year meeting in Statesville recently presented its "Proposed Objectives for the New Quadrennium" (1964-68), headed by the proposal that:

"The Western North Carolina Conference should set as a goal the arrangement of the churches into pastoral charges in order that every pastoral charge have a minimum of 400 members, as soon as possible."

The Western North Carolina Conference has 266,000 members in about 1,150 congregations. They are placed in 647 charges (a charge is one of more church served by a head minister).

The Rev. Garland R. Stafford of Statesville, executive secretary of the Commissoin, said the objectives will undergo further study and will be acted upon during the spring meeting of the Commission. If approved, they would be presented for ratification by delegates to the annual meeting of the Conference June 3-7, 1964, at Lake Junaluska.

The proposal for a pastoral charge size stated that "studies have indicated that a pastoral charge should have at least 400 members to be an effective, efficient unit of work."

The proposal further pointed out that giving a clergyman a minimum of 400 members "will mean better pastoral supervision for more of our people. It will mean, also, a more adequate support of the pastors. . . . It is not inconceivable that salaries of circuit pastors (those serving more than one church) can be in the upper brackets."

"Larger circuits," the proposal continues, "might be served with a staff ministry as are our larger station charges (one church served by one minister). Along with this, for the pastor, would come a sense of joy and achievement that comes from challenging opportunities for service."

The Commission, in its objectives, is urging creation of more Group Ministry organizations. The Group Ministry in Methodism is a fellowship of congregations in a particular area combining programs so all can have the benefit of workshops, speakers, plans and programs which might normally be available at one or two of the churches.

"Churches, particularly small congregations," the proposal states, "find a wider fellowship and a larger service when they cooperate with other churches in their area to do things together for Christ's Kingdom none of them could do alone. The strength of the group becomes the strength of each church.

"Therefore, pastoral charges in a natural area should cooperate on a voluntary basis to minister as a group to their whole area. The Group Ministry being the most adaptable and useable pattern, should be used generally over the Conference."

The Town and Country Commission plans to offer its services in working with small groups to develop skills. The Commission will provide workshops on program planning, working with small groups and statistical methodist and interpretation when invited. Specialists in the particular fields would head the workshops.

Keynote speaker for the Dec. 3 meeting was Dr. A. N. Storey, superintendent of the Jonesboro Methodist District of the North Arkansas Conference. Some of his thoughts to the Commission members included:

"Every Methodist Church should have an efficient minister, and every minister should have an adequate income. Every church, regardless of size, should have a sanctuary that is worshipful as well as a fellowship hall in which there are classrooms. Every church ought to have a service every Sunday.

Dr. Storey said the idea of lay speakers is a good one when the "lay speaker works with the pastor and the district superintendent and goes where he is needed." He said many lay speakers preached just to hear themselves talk.

Others on the program included Robert M. Smith of Mount Airy, chairman of the Commission on Minimum Slaary and lay leader of the Western North Carolina Conference; and Dr. M. Wilson Nesbitt, Jr., of Duke University Divinity School, representing the Duke Foundation.

Also present for the meeting were Bishop Nolan B. Harmon, presiding bishop of the Charlotte Methodist Area; Dr. Horace McSwain of Statesville, executive secretary of the Board of Missions; and Dr. Carl H. King of Statesville, executive secretary of the Board of Education.

The Rev. Everett H. Lowman of Charlotte, chairman of the Commission on Town and Country Work.

PLYMOUTH DOES IT!

The W.S.C.S. of Plymouth is the first to complete a subscription campaign for the N. C. CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE and meet its quota. The ladies secured 61 subscriptions and earned $30.50 for their society.

If Plymouth Can, You Can! Let's Go!

Tributes to Late President

The tributes of three Methodist bishops to the late President Kennedy have been inserted in the *Congressional Record* by U. S. Sen. George McGovern of South Dakota. In presenting the statements by Bishop Edwni R. Garrison of the Dakotas Area, Bishop John Wesley Lord of Washington Area and Bishop James K. Mathews of Boston Area, the senator called them "some of the most thoughtful statements made" and expressed himself as "proud of the leaders of my church" for these tributes.

Methodist Teens Spark Yule Cheer at Hospital

Methodist teenagers of this area learned this week they have a lot of friends as well as critics when news media were challenged to give as much space and time to one of the young people's holiday acts of kindness and thoughtfulness as is ordinarily given to the misdeeds of the teenagers.

A spokesman for a group of grateful parents issued the following statement as 1963 approached an end:

"What the young people of Robeson subdistrict of Methodist Youth Fellowship did during the Christmas season, almost went unnoticed even by those of us who are most appreciative.

"Without any suggestion from their elders, and without any fanfare, these youngsters raised money and arranged both a carol sing and the presentation of some gift for all patients in the children's ward of Southeastern General Hospital.

"If they had broken into a store, their misbehavior probably would have made the front pages, therefore it seems to us they should be given credit for their demonstration of civic responsibility, and we hope all news media will spread the word that many of our teenagers are good, wholesome, and thoughtful citizens.

—*Robeson Co. Enterprise*

Dr. Gross Will Retire

The Rev. Dr. John O. Gross, Nashville, Tenn., general secretary of the Division of Higher Education of the Board of Education, announced at the board's annual meeting in Dallas, Texas, his approaching retirement.

The board, meeting Jan. 7-9, requested Dr. Gross to remain in his position unitl the incoming board for The Methodist Church's 1964-68 quadrennium elects his successor. The board will be organized for the new quadrennium within three months after the last quadrennial Jurisdictional Conference adjourns this summer.

Dr. Gross will be 70 July 9. He has been in his present position 23 years and in the Methodist ministry 48 years. His service includes two college presidencies—Union College, Barbourville, Ky., and Simpson College, Indianola, Iowa.

Methodist Church Response to Report on Smoking

Response by The Methodist Church to the Surgeon General's committee report on smoking and health should be "to translate the Gospel into special ministries" to those involved, according to a national church official in this field.

The Rev. Dr. Dale White, director of program for the Division of Temperance and General Welfare, spoke for the division's staff in urging that the church initiate programs for those who wish to quit smoking, plan youth programs to discourage a decision to smoke, support remedial actions by government agencies and retain the Methodist restrictions against ministers' smoking.

In a separate statement, Bishop John Wesley Lord of Washington, chairman of the division, commended the Surgeon General and his committee "for the thoroughness of the study and for the courage to present forthrightly and unanimously the results obtained." He added, "I earnestly miplore the parents of our nation to protect their children from the ghastly results of the smoking habit."

Dr. White reminded that the Board of Christian Social Concerns a year ago adopted a study paper on the use of tobacco which recommended support of public policies which do not encourage smoking by young people and which would aim at economic adjustments "to make us less dependent upon the tobacco industry," and of church policies to encourage abstinence.

It was expected that this year's board meeting, Feb. 17-20 in Tampa, Fla., will renew its consideration of the statement and issue in the light of the national committee report.

In his statement, White asks whether the church can ignore as a moral or religious issue that "cigarette smoking is a major contributory factor in a high proportion" of thousands of deaths. He holds that since "prevention is the key to diseases stemming from social practices" and since prevention "can be accomplished only by attitude formation and moral persuasion," the church is vital because it "is still a key institution in shaping attitudes."

He also declared that "the best alternative to any fleeting and illusory comfort offered by chemical indulgence" is to be found in "the love of Christ embodied in redemptive community, expressed in worship, study, Christian discipline and pastoral care and counseling."

Feeling that federal legislation further regulating tobacco production and use is unlikely to pass now he said, "strong public support at this time could give a clear mandate to the regulatory agencies to take firm action."

As to the requirements for ministers, White holds that "to give an implied blessing to ministerial smoking even as many laymen are struggling to quit smoking would seem the height of social indifference." He urges rather that the *Discipline* make clear "the theological basis for including abstinence from smoking as part of a more inclusive rule of life" for ministers, as well as self-inquiry by ministers who smoke.

The *Discipline*, as voted by the 1960 General Conference, requires ministerial candidates to give a "satisfactory answer to the question: "Are you willing to make a complete dedication of yourself to the highest ideals of the Christian ministry with respect to purity of life in body, in mind, and in spirit, and to bear witness thereto by abstinence from all indulgences, including tobacco, which may injure your influence?"

Elimination of the mention of tobacco, the only item specifically cited in the question to candidates, has been sought several times, and there have been indications that another attempt would be made at the 1964 General Conference. The question was revised slightly in 1960 by changing the wording from ". . . abstinence from the use of tobacco and other indulgences. . ."

The *Discipline* statement regarding tobacco was augmented by the 1960 General Conference to urge Methodists "to abstain from the use of tobacco in all its forms," based on earlier reports of a smoking-cancer relationship. This was added to the reminder already given Methodists "that the principle of right example must be considered in regard to the use of tobacco."





MILLBROOK METHODIST CHURCH, RALEIGH, TO HAVE PARSONAGE OPEN HOUSE

The members of the Millbrook Methodist Church in Raleigh, have recently completed a lovely new parsonage. The house, with completely new furnishings is valued at $26,500. It is located at 1211 Fairfax Drive in Fairfax Hills, one of Raleigh's newest residential sections. The ground was broken for the parsonage in August and was completed for occupancy in October. The church also this year, completed a $100,000 renovation of its sanctuary and education building. Open House will be held Sunday, February 2, from 3 to 6 p.m. The pastor is the Rev. Jack L. Hunter.

Cole Memorial Approves Remodeling Plans

The congregation of Cole Memorial Methodist Church in Derita has approved plans for $30,000 worth of remodeling and renovation of its buildings.

The Rev. Everett Lowman, pastor, said the membership Sunday, Jan. 19, voted approval of plans for:

Air conditioning the sanctuary, securing new pews and chancel furniture, getting a new carpet, light fixtures and for general renovation work.

Also for upgrading the wiring and fixtures, walls, floors and ceilings in the educational building.

The work will also include a covered walkway from the sanctuary to the educational building and the paving of a large portion of the parking area.

Concert to Be Presented at High Point College

The second annual concert sponsored jointly by the High Point Junior League and High Point College will be presented February 6 at 8:15 p.m. in the college's Memorial Auditoruim, Mrs. Robert Cross, concernt chairman, announced.

A highlight in High Point cultural and social life, the concert will be performed by the Winston-Salem Symphony Orchestra, John Iuele, conductor, with a massed chorus of 150 voices composed of the Wesley Memorial Chancel Choir, directed by Howard Coble, minister of music, Wesley Memorial Methodist Church; the High Point College Chapel Choir, directed by J. Fryhover, Department of Fine Arts; and Singers Guild of Wintson-Salem, directed by Richard Bloesch.

Assisting Mrs. Cross on concert arrangements are Mrs. Ray Montgomery, tickets; Mrs. L. E. Boyles, Jr., treasurer; and Mr. Z. Melnikov, concert coordinator. Also working with Mrs. Cross on the Junior League Community Arts Committee are Mrs. Albert Hart, Mrs. Bradley Dozier, Mrs. William Blanton, Jr., and Mrs. Jake Froelich. Coordinating with High Point College are Mr. Fryhover and Dr. Wendell M. Patton, High Point College president.

"I am especially enthusiastic about the program this year," states Mrs. Cross. "The music is exciting and has a great appeal for people of all ages."

The concert will include "Overture to the Marriage of Figaro," Mozart; "Symphony No. 5," Shostakovitch, the contemporary Russian composer; "Te Diem," Verdi; and "Songs of Destiny," Brahms.

Study Tour of Latin America

An official study tour of Latin America by the Methodist Dviision of Peace and World Order has been announced for July 14 to Aug. 14 of this year. The air trip to Mexico, Bolivia, Peru, Ecuador, Chile, Brazil, Argentina, Venezuela and Puerto Rico will feature conferences with political leaders, educators and churchmen and visits to several church, welfare and government projects to see the area's problems and development. Director will be Herman Will, Jr., who heads this division of the Board of Christian Social Concerns.

Methodists Gave $34,418,592 For Missions in 1963

The Methodist Church, through its Board of Missions, had its highest income ever for mission work at home and overseas during fiscal 1963, but 1963 disbursements were slightly below those for fiscal 1962, the record year. During 1963, the per-member contribution of Methodists to missions remained about what it has been for the last few years, slightly more than a nickel a week.

That general review of the financial picture of the Methodist Board of Missions during fiscal 1963 was given to the Board at its annual meeting in Buck Hill Falls, Pa., January 21. The Rev. Dr. Ashton A. Almand, New York, presented to about 600 persons the composite financial report of the Board and its four divisions—Division of World Missions, Division of National Missions, Woman's Division of Christian Service, and Joint Section of Education and Cultivation. Dr. Almand, who is the treasurer of the Board and of the World Division, reported on the financial picture during fiscal 1963, which includes the 12 months ending May 31, 1963.

Total income for the Board and its divisions last year was a record $34,418,592, Dr. Almand said, while total disbursements were $33,639,770. Of the expenditures, 84 per cent went for mission work in the United States and 48 countries overseas. The percentages of disbursements in various categories, as given by Dr. Almand, were: Overseas mission work—50.6 per cent, or $17,011,862; home missions work—33.4 per cent, or $11,232,272; administration—8.0 per cent; education and cultivation—4.8 per cent; contingencies, reserves and miscellaneous—3.2 per cent.

As in past years, by far the largest part of 1963 income, $29,612,372, was from funds representing the missionary giving of 10,234,986 Methodists, Dr. Almand said. Other receipts were from income on investments, bequests and other sources.

"There was a substantial gain in the missionary giving of Methodists in 1963 over 1962, and for that the Board is grateful to many faithful church members," Dr. Almand said. "However, the actual per-member increase in missionary giving last year was only three cents. In 1963 the average Methodist gave $2.82 for missions, while in 1962 the figure was $2.79. For both years, this represents an average Methodist missionary contribution of a little more than five cents a week."

The total disbursements for 1963 were about $1,156.000 below the corresponding total for 1962, Dr. Almand said. Total income for the Board and its divisions for 1963 was $1,977,000 greater than the income for 1962.

The giving of almost 1,800,000 Methodist women on an annual pledge through Woman's Societies of Christian Service and Wesleyan Service Guilds continued, as in past years, to be the single largest source of missionary income in 1963, Dr. Almand said. In 1963 giving from that source was $10,214,255, or 29.7 per cent of total Board income. It represented an increase of $249,255 over the amount from the same source in 1962.

The second largest source of Board income in 1963 was from the Advance, a special financial program whereby Methodists churches, church groups and individuals support missionaries and mission projects of their own choosing. Dr. Almand said that income from the Advance was $8,597,936, or 25.0 per cent of all Board income for 1963. That amount was a gain of $717,936 over the income from the Advance in 1962. The increase was almost ten times as large as the increase the previous year, $75,000.

The third largest source of Board income in 1963 was from World Service, a national benevolence to which Methodist churches give on a quota basis and which is considered the financial "lifeline" of 16 national Methodist agencies. With 59 cents of each World Service dollar earmarked for missions, the Board received $7,921,685 from that source in 1963, Dr. Almand said. That amount accounted for 23.0 per cent of Board income and was only $87,685 more than World Service provided to the Board in 1962.

The Board and its divisions received smaller amount for mission work from other sources in 1963, Dr. Almand said. Among those were: $2,308,075 from income on investments and loans: $1,158,839 from "supply gifts" (money given by Methodist women to buy supplies for mission institutions and projects); $626,306 from the Call to Prayer and Self-Denial offering taken in Woman's Societies in October, and $582,535 from bequests.

Of the financial report, Dr. Almand said: "Missionary outreach is the primary reason for the church's existence. It is truly the work of the whole church—every member, every child of God. It can be done by most persons only in terms of dollars dispatched in lieu of the individual, but the dollars accomplish the purpose and truy represent the person whose toil and sweat produced them. They are dedicated dollars; without them missionary work wuold wither."

LETTERS

METHODIST CONFERENCE CALLS FOR CONSTITUTIONAL TALKS

Another Southern Rhodesian church body has expressed its concern over the current political situation prevailing in the country and has issued an appeal for constitutional talks aimed at securing a more representative government.

In a report released today the Committee on Christian Social Concerns of the Methodist Conference of Southern Rhodesia states its belief that the Federation of Rhodesia and Nyasaland failed "primarily because it did not have the support of a majority of its own citizens. We are deeply disturbed, therefore, at the renewed efforts to establish an independent Southern Rhodesia under the present constitution which we are convinced does not have the support of a majority of the people of this country."

The statement went on to say, "It is our prayer that we will turn from the follies and futilities of the past before it is too late, remove the frustrations that have influenced the nationalist split, and begin sincerely working together for a government of the people, by the people, and for the people."

To achieve this the church body appealed for the convening of a constitutional convention which would have the participation of Africa nationalists and which would make provisions for a universal adult franchise. "It is our firm conviction that a responsible government is a responsive government—responsive to the will of the people."

Seavy A. Carroll

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Southern Rhodesia, Africa

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The following article, signed by Rev. Lee Barnett, pastor, and Rev. Reginald J. Cooke, associate pastor of Burkhead Methodist Church, Winston-Salem, has been sent to Senators and Representatives in Washington:

To Our Representatives in Washington, D. C.:

We, the undersigned, are members and friends of Burkhead Methodist Church.

We have a two-fold purpose in sending this message. First, we want to assure you that we are among the vast majority of Americans who believe that all we have in this Country of value has its foundation in a faith in God.

These atheistic tendencies which would remove from our coins our Nation's Motto, delete the words "Under God" from the Pledge of Allegiance to our Flag, and banish chaplains from our Armed Services are disturbing; in that they are inroads on the very foundations of our Country. We want you to know that there are multipled millions of us who still believe our Constitution means "freedom of religion" and not "freedom from religion"—

Second, we humbly petition you to do all in your power to see that bills of this nature are given no favorable consideration.

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LETTER FROM BISHOP HAGEN

This letter goes as usual to all our friends in U.S.A., Great Britain, Canada and also to friends in other parts of the world—East and West. We assure you that we enjoy the fellowship we have with you. Our greeting also is sent to all our Scandinavian missionaries to Foreign Fields. We are proud of you! Once in a while to try to write personal letters to you, so we will try to do even now. But this is sent to remind you that we pray for you and that we hope the New Year 1964 will be successful for you and your work. May I also mention that this newsletter goes to all American exchange students we know are in Europa this year. They are not all Methodist, but that are all good young people and we send them our most hearty greetings.

Ruth and Odd Hagen.

Visiting Bishops

We can report a growing spirit of optimism. We have these later years got two new churches and we are planning to raise a Folk High School. We have got splendid help from several churches in U.S.A. You will help us finish what we have started—will you not? Beside the fact mentioned in our last newsletter, that the Sunday School is growing, are we happy to report that Youth work is going well, especially what we call the Young Home-movement and the Scout movement.

Finland

Two special news from Finland should be mentional. The O.S. home for aged people was dedicated September 22. It is very modern and practical and can easily receive 100 lodgers. The home is Methodist-related.

We are working hard to find a better strategy for our church work in Finland. Very important is the building of new churches. The new church in Tampere still needs some financial help. The Swedish youth in Finland have bought a new Youth Center and need some help. Best of all is we can report that we have had growth in membership every year since 1950.

Woman's Activities

Southeastern Jurisdiction WSG to Meet

By Mary Gardner

Principal speakers for the Annual Meeting of the Southeastern Jurisdiction Wesleyan Servcie Guild, scheduled for February 8-9 at the Church Street Methodist Church, Knoxville, Tenn., will be Dr. Gloria Wysner, of Evanston, Ill., and Dr. and Mrs. K. Dean Stout, of Knoxville.

A former missionary, Dr. Wysner is currently serving as a member-at-large of the Woman's Division of Christian Service and a member of the faculty of Garrett Theological Seminary in Evanston. Dr. and Mrs. Stout lived for two years in East Africa, teaching, living and working with the natives.

Guild members will discuss the topcis, "Developing Spiritual Growth," "Studying the Needs of the World and Recruitment," "Strengthening the Local Church," and "Improving Community, National and World Conditions."

Mrs. S. M. Harmon, Memphis, Tenn., is Jurisdiction secretary of Wesleyan Service Guild.

Mrs. C. H. Boyd, New Bern, secretary N. C. Conference WSG is N. C. Conference's delegate to the meeting. Mrs. Joseph W. Smith, Cary, conference chairman of missionary education and service, is the conference Guild's reserve delegate.

The Southeastern Jurisdiction Deaconess Association will convene at the Church Street Methodist Church, Knoxville, Tenn., February 9-10.

Speakers for the annual meeting will include Miss Peggy Billings, missionary to Korea, and Miss Thelma Stevens, New York City, executive secretary, Department of Christian Social Relations, Woman's Division of Christian Service.

Miss Betsy K. Swing, Nashville, Tenn., is president of the Deaconess Association.

Maynard-McDougall Memorial Hospital

The Maynard-McDougall Memorial Hospital is the only hospital in the Seward Peninsula, a radius of approximately 500 air miles. It was founded more than fifty years ago as a clinic for the Eskimos, but assumed responsibility for the whole community in 1918 when Nome was left without a hospital. It has a 29 beds, six bassinets capacity.

In 1921 a surplus building of Fort Davis became Maynard Columbus Hospital. This building was destroyed by fire in 1948. The Woman's Division of Christian Service immediately made plans for a modern hospital. Local funds came from the estate of "Cappy" McDaugall, a Nome druggist, The territory of Alaska contributed funds and provided space within the hospital for a public health center. The Woman's Division provided the balance, necessarily a large sum.

The hospital, like all Woman's Division medical institutions, seeks not only to cure physical illnesses, but also to lessen the tensions of a society in transition.

Nome is an important mission field. The population is transient, three-quarters are people of mixed blood whose means of support are seasonal. These people greatly need the church with its various servcies, including medical work. —*Medical Work, Department of Work in Home Fields WDCS.*

W. N. C. Conference

Mrs. E. K. McLarty

Twenty-third Annual Report, 1963

Frequently the annual report of an organization is received and carefully placed on the shelf where it can be "referred to." The reference usually ends in being a periodic dusting until it is no longer a volume of immediate worth. Then out it goes.

This is a plea for careful examination of the WSCS annual report. Personalities and strong, contributing individuals begin to stand out. The size of the work carried on in this conference begins to gain proper focus. Our relationship to the even larger intent of The Methodist Church and our part in it becomes both clear and inspiring. New areas of work which have been hidden from a purely local eye's view begin to appear, and desires to enlarge our efforts or knowledge grow strong.

What Kind of World Will Your Children Know?

One of the provocative sections in the January issue of *The Methodist Woman* is that on children's work. It opens with the question "What kind of world will our children know if it continues to revolve in change and confusion?'

The article points out that one way to "Increase in Knowledge of Needs of the World" would be to develop a ministry to children outside the church, a new frontier to our present program within the church.

In developing this idea, suggestions are made to study the children in the community in which one lives who are never touched by the church; to study the particular needs of children living in crowded communities or cities where a climate of support, love, and encouragement has to be created; to know and to understand these cultures of the world which are being intermingled more and more with our own, to appreciate their achievements and their dreams for improvement.

The future of the whole world is our future and that of our children. Understanding can result more quickly from reading, discussing, traveling, and teaching.

A Good Book to Read

A book that has recently come to our attention is "To Light a Candle," by Welthy H. Fisher. This is the life story of a remarkable woman, now in her eighties, who began a village literacy program in India. Those who read it will discover a strong and interesting personality, new insights into the mission work of the church, and the accomplishments of dedicated people who never lost the ability to "live, laugh, and love."

Troutman Honors WSCS

First Church in Troutman honored the members of its Woman's Society on Sunday, January 19, when the pastor, Rev. G. G. Adams, Jr., read the names of the past presidents for the past twenty-five years and asked those present to go forward and stand at the chancel. The congregation stood for a moment in appreciation of their leadership.

Members of the congregation who have served since 1939 are: Mrs. John Wesley Ervin, Mrs. Ira L. Clodfelter, Mrs. Betty Hollifield, Mrs. S. Otha Whitener, Mrs. Daniel Boone, Mrs. Mildred Sherrill, and Mrs. Mary Moorefield. Mrs. Whitener is currently serving as president for the second term.

Three other former presidents now have their church membership elsewhere: Mrs. L. E. Blanton at Broad Street, in Statesville; Mrs. Velma Deaton at Wesley Chapel, Route 1, Troutman; and Mrs. Roger W. Tucker, at Centenary in Greensboro, where her husband is pastor.

Mr. Adams stated the goals set the Woman's Division as a part of the 25th anniversary and urged the members of the local Woman's Society to strive to meet these goals in the coming months.

Brogden WSCS Celebrates Fifth Anniversary

The Woman's Society of the Brogden Methodist Church celebrated its fifth anniversary with a dinner meeting at Wilber's Restaurant in Goldsboro Sunday evening, January 19.

Mrs. Earl Edwards, president of the local society, presided over the meeting. Rev. P. C. Yelverton, pastor of the Brogden Church, offered the invocation. Mrs. David Jones, spiritual life secretary, gave the devotional. Guest speaker for the occasion was Mr. Elmer Lienemann, director of Arts and Crafts at Seymour Johnson Air Force Base, and choir director at the church. Mr. Lienemann presented an interesting and informative lecture on "The Significance of the Ecumenical Council to the Protestant Church."

Guests at the event were the husbands of the society members, Rev. and Mrs. J. L. Hood of Pink Hill, Miss Clyde Minshew of Fremont, Mr. and Mrs. L. Ray Jordan fo Richlands, and Mrs. Elmer Lienemann. A total of 33 were present. Rev. Hood, who was first pastor of Brogden Church, gave the benediction at the close of the meeting.

Four Elected to Membership In Methodist Hall of Fame

Four persons have been selected to receive membership in the Methodist Hall of Fame in Philanthropy, it was announced here today by Dr. Olin E. Oeschger, general secretary of The Methodist Church's Board of Hospitals and Homes.

Those chosen for the 1964 awards are: Mrs. Howard L. May, 6538 Alexander Dr., Clayton, Mo.; Mrs. Daisy H. Stocking, 682 Second Ave., Daytona Beach, Fla.; Elmer Frasier, Boulder, Colo.; Ralph L. Jester, 944 43rd Street, Des Moines, Iowa.

The citations will be presented Jan. 29 in St. Louis at the annual convention of the National Association of Methodist Hospitals and Homes. The meeting will be held Jan. 28-30 in the Sheraton-Jefferson hotel. Presenting the memberships in the Hall of Fame in Philanthropy will be Bishop Fred G. Holloway of Charleston, W. Va., president of the church's Board of Hospitals and Homes.

The Hall of Fame in Philanthropy was established in 1949 as a method of honoring outstanding contributors of time, service and money to Methodist health and welfare institutions. It is not required that honorees be members of The Methodist Church. They are chosen on the basis of their contributions to Methodist institutions regardless of their relgious affiliations.

This year, for the first time, one of the awards is being given to a Negro, Mrs. Daisy H. Stocking of Daytona Beach, Fla. She is being honored for an outstanding life of service, which includes work during the past 18 years as the unpaid administrator of the Mother Hunt Orphanage, a home for Negro children at Daytona Beach.

A career as a registered nurse and as teacher of nurses preceded Mrs. Stocking's service in the child welfare field. She is the wife of a physician and the mother of two physicians. Her service in the church and community are widely recognized and respected in Daytona Beach.

Mrs. Howard L. May is a graduate social worker who studied at Vassar, Washington University and New York University. After her marriage, Mrs. May made the transition from professional social work at the Washington University Clinic to volunteer service in the same agency. This was the start of a long career which has made her "one of the most willing, diversified and capable volunteers in St. Louis," according to the citation. She is being honored especially for her work for the Methodist Children's Home of Missouri in St. Louis, on the board of which she served for many years, including 12 years as treasurer and five years as president.

Elmer Frasier, a cattle and grain man from Rocky Mountains, is being honored for his outstanding leadership in establishing services for older persons. During the past 10 years, Frasier has seen the transformation of his modern cattle ranch in Boulder, Colo., into Frasier Meadows community, which includes Mountainview Methodist Church, a recreation park and lake, and Frasier Meadows Manor, a Methodist retirement home. Land for these facilities, as well as for a public school, was donated by Frasier. A leader in other community services, he is known as a modest man who says in response to expressions of admiration, "Why, shucks! Any old cowboy can see what must be done."

Ralph L. Jester, a Des Moines real estate executive, is being honored for his unusual interest and service related to Methodist hospitals. He was the prime mover behind the growth and development of Iowa Methodist Hospital in Des Moines. According to the citation, he is largely responsible for the development of the Rochester (Minn.) Methodist Hospital, now involved in major expansion from the former Colonial Hospital. He has been a member of the General Board of Hospitals and Homes of The Methodist Church for 12 years. As a member of the national board, he has been actively interested in the work of all Methodist hospitals, homes for children, and homes for older persons—more than 250 institutions in the United States.



MRS. H. L. MAY



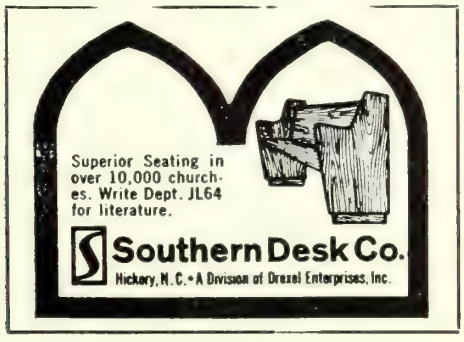
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ELMER FRASIER



Recreation Workshop Opens at West Market Street on Feb. 7

There's no telling what might happen at the Social Rrecreation Workshop of the Western North Carolina Conference this year, but you can rest assured the program will be the best every presented.

This is the feeling of the Board of Education of the Conference which is presenting the Feb. 7-8 event in West Market Street Methodist Church, Greensboro.

In past years the workshop has featured subjects with instructors. Those attending selected a subject, attended all sessions, and then returned to local churches to teach that subject.

Under the guidance of the Rev. R. Harold Hipps of Nashville, Tenn., director of Recreation and Arts, Staff of the Division of Local Church, national Board of Education, The Methodist Church, changes have been made.

The Rev. Mr. Hipps has been the director of this workshop in the past as the former minister of education for West Market Street Church. He went with the national Board of Education the fall of 1963 and developed this new idea.

It calls for a gathering of all present into a huge roundtable where the former subjects will be presented, discussed and participated in.

The Rev. Paul Duckwall of Statesville, director of youth and adult work for the Western North Carolina Conference, said he wouldn't be surprised to see a Hootenanny the opening night. Other Conference Board of Education staffers who will head the workshop staff are the Rev. Thomas S. Lee, Jr., of Statesville, director of Junior High Work and camping; and Miss Louise Robinson of Statesville, director of Children's Work.

The Rev. Bill Jordan and his wife, Rose Marie, director of music and organist, respectively, of West Market Street Church, round out the excellent staff of instructors.

There's a registration deadline of Jan. 31 and a limit fo 150 persons has been announced for the workshop.

The brochure for the workshop states that "The major purpose of this workshop is to explore the nature of effective social recreation leadership and to present a philosophy of group leadership as well as to provide a wide variety of program materials which may be employed with various kinds of church groups for fellowship and recreational life."

The workshpo is planned for youth and adults with lay or professional interest in the use of recreation in the church. Since this workshop is being planned as a progressive, unified experience, only persons who can be present for the full time will be registered.

The schedule calls for registration Feb. 7 from 5-6:30 p.m.; supper and orientation 6:30-7:30 p.m., and the first workshop session 7:30-10:30 p.m. Feb. 8 there will be a 9 a.m.-12:15 p.m. workshop, lunch, a 1:30-5 p.m. workshop, supper and a sharing conclusion, and adjournment at 7 p.m.

Set Race Relations Sunday

Race Relations Sunday will be observed by Methodist churches across the nation Feb. 9.

On that day, members of the church will seek to promote better relations between the races, and they will try to raise $1,000,000 for 12 Methodist-related Negro collges and one student center.

A service of worship for the annual observance has been prepared by the Rev. Charles L. Carrington, minister of Brooks Memorial Church, Jamaica, N. Y.



By Mary Gardner

THE WAY

"Can you baby-sit for us this afternoon, Elizabeth?"

Elizabeth's eyes shone. "I'll ask Susan, but I know she'll let me."

There was nothing Elizabeth liked better than to baby-sit at minister's house. They had a darling one-year-old baby and a lovely home where Elizabeth was allowed to turn on the television, read their books, and get what she wanted from the refrigerator when she was hungry, just as if she really lived there. Now she ran in quickly to ask Susan while the minister waited.

Susan was Elizabeth's grown-up sister, who was trying hard to take their mother's place in the home and care for their father, the two little boys and Elizabeth. Elizabeth was thirteen. She had always been a happy child until three months ago when her mother had been stricken with a sudden illness and, in spite of all the doctors could do and the prayers of the many who loved her, God had taken her to be with Him.

Elizabeth had felt that her heart would break. She missed her mother so much, and she hardened her heart against God who failed to answer her prayers and had allowed her to suffer this great loss. She had always been a deeply religious child and had tried to love God and be good. Now she felt that God was cruel and she did not want to pray to Him or to go to church. She kept asking, "Why?" "Why?" The minister had talked to her and tried to comfort her and to assure her of God's continuing love, but Elizabeth said, "if He loves me and had to do this to me, He could make me understand why."

Yet, because the minister and his wife were kind to her and because she had come to love their baby since having him in her care so much, she was always glad when they asked her to baby-sit.

Of course Susan was willing for her to go, and soon Elizabeth was ready and went off in the car with the minister.

On the way he spoke to her gravely, "Elizabeth, I noticed that when we said the Lord's Prayer in your class this morning, you did not bow your head or pray with us."

"I won't say, 'Thy will be done'," Elizabeth said stubbornly. "You say it was God's will to take my mother. Why? I needed her more than He did."

"If you love God, Elizabeth, you must trust Him to do what is best."

Elizabeth looked straight at him. "I don't love God any more," she told him.

The minster sighed. "But God still loves you, my child, and He will find a way to make you understand."

When they went into the house, the baby began to smile as soon as he saw Elizabeth and he toddled as fast as his little legs would carry him into her arms. "I do love this baby, Elizabeth said," and hugged him.

The baby's mother came over and put her arms around both of them.

"I'm so glad you could come, Elizabeth. I hate having to leave the baby today because he is just a bit sick. The doctor left some medicine for him, and it is very important that he have it on time. At two-thirty. I've measured it out here in this plastic cup—with orange juice."

"He'll probably fight you," the minister's wife said doubtfully. "He hates all medicine—this medicine especially."

"I can manage," Elizabeth said confidently.

The very first thing the baby's mother asked when she and the minister got home several hours later, was whether the baby had taken his medicine.

Elizabeth said, "Yes, Mrs. Arnold, I gave it to him just as you said and I saw that he got all of it."

Elizabeth seemed unusually quiet and thoughtful, so Mrs. Arnold wondered if anything had gone wrong.

"Did he give you a hard time?" she asked.

"He certainly did," Elizabeth said soberly. "He tried to slap it out of my hands and kept shutting his mouth and turning his head and kicking. I took him on my lap and tried to explain to him why he had to have it."

"He's a little young for that," said the minister, amused.

"Finally I got him between my knees, held his hands and made him swallow. I'm afraid I had to be a little rough with him, but he did get his medicine."

"Good," said the minister's wife. "That's the only way. He has a will of his own, that young man."

"He wouldn't have a thing to do with me for the longest time afterward. He cried and cried, and he looked at me as if he thought I had been mean to him on purpose."

"He'll get over it," the minister said, "so don't worry."

"Do you think," Elizabeth asked, "that this is the way God took to show me?"

The minister looked at her keenly. He saw that her lips were trembling, and he put him arm around her.

"What do you mean, Elizabeth?" he asked gently.

"Well, it suddenly came to me while I was trying to make the baby understand that there was a reason for the bitter medicine. I've been sitting here thinking about it ever since."

"Thinking what, Elizabeth?"

She said slowly. "There is no way that I could make the baby understand—no way at all. I love him and he loves me, but he had to trust me, too."

The tears were running down Elizabeth's cheeks now, but she smiled through them, a sad brave little smile. "About my mother—maybe, like the baby, I am not able to understand; and it isn't God's fault any more than it was my fault that the baby couldn't understand me. I just have to trust Him, because He is so far above me that there just isn't any way to make me understand."

"I think He has found a way, Elizabeth," the minister said, reverently. "Let's thank Him."

A Thank You Psalm

The Lord is with me, I know when I look about me;
He gives me parents, brothers and sisters,
My prayers are short, but thankful. I thank Him for good, for rest, for love.
I have so much to be thankful for.
I will praise the Lord.

Nancy Ward (age 10)
Manteo, N. C.

BIBLE QUIZ
Missionary Quiz

1—Who was the first Old Testament missionary?
2—What was the msisionary command of Jesus?
3—What was the "call from Macedonia?"
4—Who answered that call?
5—What did the Jews call all people but themselves?

Answers to Last Week's Questions

1—No (Deuteronomy 15:21)
2—Jesus (Luke 6:39)
3—No. They spread his fame in all the country (Matthew 9:31)
4—Elymas (Acts 13:8-11)
5—Elisha (II Kings 6:18)

Sunday School Lesson

FOR FEBRUARY 9

By RAYMOND A. SMITH

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PETER, JAMES AND JOHN

Background Scripture: Matthew 4:18-22; 17:1-13; Mark 3:16-17; 14:32-42; Luke 8:49-56; Acts 4:13; 12:1-3.

Lesson Scripture: Matthew 4:18-22; Matthew 17:1-2; Mark 14:32-33, 37-38.

It will be noted that we have a number of separate sections of Scripture in our lesson materials for today. This is because the biographical material on the men who constituted "The inner circle" of Jesus' followers (Peter, James and John) is scattered through the Gospels and the Acts of the Apostles. Perhaps the best treatment of these wuold be to consider each section as a picture of these men in various relationships to Jesus.

The first section (Matthew 4:18-22) gives us an account of the enlistment of these men in the cause of Jesus. The incident recorded here may give the reader the impression that, upon first acquaintance with Jesus these men immediately identified themselves with his mission. Actually, the story does not say this was their *first* contact with him. We have some evidence that the situation was otherwise. In John 1:35-42 we are told that they were already being influenced by John the Baptist, Jesus' cousin, who certainly would have referred to Jesus in his conversations with them. Then too, reports must have come to them about Jesus' sermon at Nazareth and the near-riot that it produced. Doubtless also word had been spread about his teaching in the Temple at Jerusalem, since there were always visitors there from many parts of the realm.

When these men "left all" and became disciples of a wandering teacher, they left more than a few boats, and fishing nets. There is reason to surmise that they were men of substantial means whose fishing fleets brought in more than enough to support the several famileis involved in the business, How, indeed, would their families now be supported? How would they themselves fare in this new venture of "fishing for men"? The only explanation we can advance for their action is that they were men whose lives embracel another dimension than that of business. They must have been concerned men; that is, men who were looking for new evidences of God's purpose and power in their somwhat commonplace world.

Our second picture is one of Jesus and these three men on what we might today refer to as a "spiritual life retreat." At this time they saw a vision of the great men of their faith; Moses through whose ministry the nation was created, and Elijah, through whose powerful dedication it had been saved from Baalism. Ultimately, however, they saw no one "but Jesus only," signifying the fact that he was to supplant even Mosen and Elijah as the Leader of his people. So delightful and satisfying was this experience on the Mount of Transfiguration that Peter, James and John wanted to make their permanent home there. But Jesus, not having forgotten the needs of the multitudes, had to call them back into the hard ways of human service.

The third scene is in the Garden of Gethsemane, a scene that the three men would doubtless have preferred to forget. While their Lord wrestled in agonizing prayer, "being distressed and troubled," the disciples slept. How often has it been true that those whom God needs have been found asleep! Will we be awakened only by the crashing of worlds about us? And yet how understanding and patient was Jesus with them: "the spirit indeed is willing but the flesh is weak." In that saying our Lord wrote a short spiritual biography, not alone of the three friends who had deserted him, but of every human being that ever was, or who will ever be, born into this world.

Our final picture records the death of James, the first of the disciples to become a martyr (Acts 12:1-3). Tradition tells us that all of the twelve (with the possible exception of John) likewise died a martyr's death. Not a bad record for men who often seemed weak and wavering!

What we see here in the life of Peter, James and John is an increasing understanding of who Jesus was. But more importantly, a growing *commitment* and *dedication*. Read the accounts in Acts of the work of these men and see how they had grown (see Acts 4:5-20, 2:14-36, 5:17-32 for example of Peter's ministry). So it is not enough just to understand. We have to join what a current writer has called "The Company of the Committed;" for these are the only ones to whom the world can look for help in bringing about the changes that are so desperately needed if the best in our civilization is to be saved. To achieve these things will involve suffering, as it did in the case of Jesus and his disciples. But, if we are to suffer, let us suffer for something glorious. In the words of Fenelon: "We suffer, yet do not allow the mission of suffering to be accomplished in us. I pray the Lord that we may none of us fall into that torpid state in which our crosses do us no good."



Educators Elect Anderson

Exploration of the prospects for Methodist higher education, of the means of training good teachers and of the work by anticipated co-workers of the future featured the annual meeting Jan. 12-13 of the National Association of Schools and Collges of The Methodist Church.

Representing some 125 of the church's 136 schools, the delegates chose Dr. Hurst Anderson of American University, Washington, D. C., as their 1964 president and Rev. Dr. William J. Scarborough president of Baker University, Baldwin, Kansas, as vice president. The Rev. Dr. Ralph W. Decker of Nashville will continue as secretary-treasurer. Retiring president is Dr. Law Sone, president of Texas Wesleyan College, Fort Worth.

Two New Churches Are Open in High Point District

Two Methodist congregations of the High Point District are worshipping in new buildings following special ceremonies of Jan. 5.

Dr. Ralph Taylor, superintendent of the High Point District, preached sermons



Congregation of Legend Park Church



East Archdale Methodist Church

which opened church structures for the Legend Park and East Archdale congregations.

The Legend Park congregation is worshipping in a building containing a 150-seat chapel, with four classrooms, rest rooms and utility room. The structure stands on a four-acre site.

For the opening services at this church the Rev. B. E. Bass, pastor of the Legend Park-Bower Circuit, presided. Dr. Taylor led the organization of the church ceremony, assisted by the Rev. A. Gleen Lackey of Statesville.

The Rev. Mr. Lackey is director of Church Extension for the Western North Carolina Conference and is in charge of the Conference Builders Club.

Funds from the Conference Builders Club, the Randolph County Mission Society and the Conference Board of Missions aided in construction of the church building.

An overflow audience came to opening ceremonies of East Archdale Church, in Archdale the afternoon of Jan. 5. This congregation is yet to be organized, but is worshipping in the new building.

Dr. Taylor preached the sermon while the Rev. Coy Brown presided. Assisting during the service were the Rev. Mr. Lackey and Dr. M. Wilson Nesbitt, Jr., of Duke University Divinity School.

This is a combination worship and fellowship building, with six classrooms, a kitchen and the fellowship-chapel combination which will seat 150 persons. The building is on a four-acre plot of church property.

This congregation is being helped by funds from the Conference Builders Club, the High Point Area District Mission Society and the Conference Board of Missions.

Social Recreation Workshop In Greensboro February 7-8

The annual Social Recreation Workship fo the Western North Carolina Methodist Conference will be held Feb. 7 and 8 this year in West Market Street Methodist Church, Greensboro, N. C.

Registrations are now open, and information and registration blanks can be secured by writing Miss Louise Robinson, registrar, Recreation Workshop, P. O. Box 749, Statesville, N. C.

The workshop is a leadership training enterprise of the Children's, Youth, and Adult Departments of the Conference Board of Education, headed by Dr. Carl H. King as executive secretary.

Workshop emphasis this year is to explore the nature of effective social recreaction leadership and to present a philosophy of group leadership as well as to provide a wide variety of program materials which may be employed with various kinds ot church groups for fellowship and recreational life.

Deadline for registration is Jan. 31, and workshop leaders stress that "since the workshop is planned as a prgoressive, unified experience only persons who can be present for the full time of the workshop will be registered."

Further details about the workshop, including the names of the leaders, will be announced in a later issue of "The North Carolina CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE."

Pfeiffer Announces Interview Dates

The Pfeiffer College Scholarship Committee has announced seven interview dates in February and March for its freshmen Academic Scholarship. The dates are on Saturdays; February 1, 8, 15, 22, March 7, 14 and 21.

The college offers 50 competitive scholarships valued to $3,000 over four years to entering freshmen. Basis for awards includes high school record, test scores and a general and a personal interview. The college awards $100,000 in scholraships yearly.

Application and information on the awards may be secured from K. D. Holshouser, Chairman, Scholarship Committee, Misenheimer, N. C.

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The Wayside Pulpit

D. E. EARNHARDT

To the fainthearted there is a lion in the path—Prov. 26:13

The lion of old age is in the path. When I was thirteen I thought Mary was the prettiest girl in school. She thought I was the ugliest boy. Age has come and neither of us is pretty but we are pretty much alike. I was more active at 16 than I am at seventy—I could jump up and down. Now I am content to stay down.

The lion of poverty is in the path. They overcome this by talking stocks and bonds until the preacher comes around and then they talk stalks and beans. Those birds that have two cars and a boat have three ways of being killed. I am poor but I am alive.

The lion of superstition is in the path. Be a specialist in the Ten Commandments and the Beatitudes and you will not have to be crazy to be good.

Marion District Has Workshop In Practical Theology

Fifteen ministers of the Marion District met at Rutherfordton on January 21 for a day of sharing and discussion concerning practical aspects of the Methodist ministry. Dr. Fletcher Nelson said some of the younger ministers of the district requested this assistance. The resourceful D.S. set up the opportunity, saying at the monthly ministers' meeting on January 20, "This will be no command performance. If you feel you need the help, then come!"

Dr. Nelson led the opening devotional. John Barnes of the Drexel Charge shared his ideas about Holy Communion; William Sides presented his thuoghts on visitation; Teague Hipps on baptism, Joe Ervin on the wedding, and Earl Brendall on the funeral.

The discussions were lively, and many expressed genuine interest in other sessions in the future.

Program Blueprint Approved

A blueprint for a four-year program for The Methodist Church was approved in Cincinnati Jan. 10 at a joint meeting of four top-level councils of the denomination. Final approval will be sought at the 1964 General Conference, which opens its quadrennial session in Pittsburgh, Pa., April 26.

Bishop Roy H. Short, Nashville, Tenn., chairman of the Coordinating Council's program committee, presented the proposals, which would involve each participating congregation in a self-appraisal program, use of a study book on "One Witness in One World," community-wide action, and a Neighborhood-1 program, involving members pledging themselves to give a year of voluntary service in helping to establish new congregations or working in missions or outpost church schools.

If adopted at Pittsburg, the plan calls for employment of a director of the Quadrennial Program, who would have staff relationship to the Commission on Promotion and Cultivation, Evanston, Ill.

Colleges Receive Grants

A grant of $1,000 has been awarded to the Merner Library, Pfeiffer College, by the Association of College and Research Libraries.

Mrs. Velma Huie, college librarian, said that Pfeiffer was one of 64 colleges out of 280 applicants selected for grants by the Amercian Library Association.

The grant will be used for the purchase of a National Union Catalog by the Pfeiffer Library. The program of grants is financed by a number of leading American corporations and foundations. It is designed to improve the quality of library service to higher education.

Other North Carolina institutions receiving grants under the program included Atlantic Christian and Bennett.



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St. Paul Church, Goldsboro, Launches Building Program

Shown above is the new building and renovation plan of the St. Paul Church, Goldsboro. The church recently conducted a fund-raising campaign, under the direction of Dr. Tom L. Williams from the Department of Finance and Field Service of the Board of Missions. The goal set was $200,000. The amount pledged and raised was $230,000. It is the plan to begin construction of the new education facilities within the next few weeks. The new building will house the church school from birth to the seventh grade in school, plus space for older adults on the ground floor, plus a fellowship hall, kitchen, and church parlor. The present education building and sanctuary will be renovated. Some six years ago one of St. Paul's members left a sizeable sum of money to be used in the building program. This will be added to the pledges. It is estimated the complete building and renovation job will cost some $300,000. Rev. N. W. Grant is pastor of St. Paul Church.

CAROLINA BRIEFS

¶ Bishop John Owen Smith of the Atlanta, Ga., Area, will preach in revival services at the First Methodist Church, Asheboro, beginning February 23. Dr. Charles D. White is the pastor.

¶ Dr. Ansley C. Moore, president of St. Andrews Presbyterian college at Laurinburg will lead in the School of Prayer at First Methodist Church, Laurinburg, February 5, 6, 7. Rev. Dermont J. Reid is pastor at Laurinburg.

¶ Revival servcies will be held at the Ann Street Methodist Church, Concord, Feb. 23-27, with Rev. J. W. Braxton of Kannapolis, as the preacher. The song leader will be Cosmo Peche of Concord. Rev. C. Moody Smith is the pastor.

¶ The Charlotte District Christian Workers' School will be held February 9-13 at First Methodist Church, Charlotte. Both morning and evening sessions will be held. Nineteen courses will be offered in the evening sessions and two in the morning sessions.

¶ Scotland Neck Methodist Church held a reception to honor their new pastor and his wife, Rev. and Mrs. Emerson M. Thompson, Jr., last Sunday from 5:00 to 5:30 p.m. Mr. Thompson was recently assigned to Scotland Neck, following Rev. W. W. Sherman, who went to Havelock.

¶ The Wesley Church of the South Camden charge has just completed $5,000 improvement program to sanctuary. Members and friends of the church recently donated new pews and these along with a new wall-to-wall carpet have been installed the church. These additions add to the beauty and comfort of the sanctuary. Rev. J. A. Williams is the pastor.

¶ The Rev. C. Freeman Heath, director of evangelism of the North Carolina Conference, will lead a "Sunday for Evangelism" at Four Oaks Methodist Church, next Sunday, February 9. He will speak to the combined adult church school classes at 10:00 a.m., preach at 11:00 a.m., and lead workshops at 3:00 to 5:00 p.m. Rev. Rev. Everett Eason is the pastor at Four Oaks.

¶ The annual Methodist Student Conference will be held at Centenary Methodist Church, Winston-Salem, February 7-9. The banquet will be held at Centenary church Saturday, February 8, at 5:30 p.m. with the Rev. James Lawson as speaker. Reservations for the banquet and any other meals should be made. Cost of banquet ticket is $1.00. Rev. W. M. Wells, Jr., is State Director of the Methodist Student Movement.

¶ Dr. D. Trigg James has invited the Rev. C. Freeman Heath, the Director of Evangelism of the North Carolina Conference to conduct one of the workshops on evangelism for the Southeastern Jurisdiction during the Candler Camp Meeting at Lake Junaluska August 16-21. Workshops will be held each day following the preaching services. These will be designed for chairmen of local church commissions on evangelism.

¶ Revival services will be held at the Methodist Church in Wallace, N. C., February 9-14 at 7:30 each day. Rev. Robert Poulk, pastor of the Salem church in Goldsboro, will be the visiting preacher. Rev. Wallace Kirby is the pastor at Wallace.

¶ The Durham District Conference will be held Thursday, February 6, beginning at 9:30 a.m. at Concord Church, five miles north of Roxboro on Highway 57. Rev. O. L. Hathaway, the district superintendent, will be in charge and will direct the program.

¶ The Editor and wife drove to Raleigh last Saturday evening and spent the night with Rev. and Mrs. C. Freeman Heath. On Sunday morning the four of us drove to Clinton, where it was a pleasure for the Editor to preach at First Methodist Church, of which Dr. J. E. Garlington is the popular pastor. Fellowship with the Garlingtons is always a pleasant experience. After lunch we drove to Wilmington and attended the Wilmington District Conference beginning at 2:30 at Sunset Park Methodist Church. Having served that fine congregation for four delightful years it was naturally a thrill to be back and see so many of our friends. Rev. J. C. P. Brown, the pastor, is doing a great work at Sunset Park. Rev. Clyde Boggs, District Superintendent, directed the affairs of the conference in a statesman like manner, and the reports of the conference indicated that Wilmington District is on the march.

Rev. Thomas B. Stockton Is 'Young Man of the Year'

The Rev. Tom Stockton was named Reidsville's Young Man of the Year Friday night, January 24, and was presented the Distinguished Service Award by the Junior Chamber of Commerce at its annual DSA-Bosses Night Banquet at the Elks Lodge.

W. B. Apple, Jr., director and a past president of the Jaycees, presented the DSA plaque to Mr. Stockton who "has made his wark both in the community and in the hearts of its citizens."

Rev. Mr. Stockton is a native of Winston-Salem, where he attended public schools. He was graduated from Davidson College, did graduate work at Duke University and studied one year at Cambridge, England. He came to Reidsville four years ago as pastor of First Methodist Church.

He is president of the Reidsville and Greensboro District Ministerial Association, institutional representative for Boy Scout Troop 89, director of the Youth Program for the Greensboro District of The Methodist Church, and is a member of the Kiwanis Club.

In 1962 Mr. Stockton was a member of the Evangelistic Mission to Brazil. He was the only minister chosen from North Carolina and was one of 30 selected in the United States.

Rev. Mr. Stockton is married to the former Jean Stevens and they have two children, List and Tommy.

Annual Meeting Held By WNCC Methodist Credit Union

The WNCC Methodist Credit Union held its sixth annual meeting in the Broad Street Methodist Church of Statesville on January 27, 1964.

This historical statistics in the report of President Worth Sweet indicated the steady and remarkable growth experienced by this organization since its birth. Since the time of the first annual meeting in January of 1958, the membership has increased from 114 members to a present membership of 538. The assets of the institution have grown from $17,737.18 at that first meeting to a total of $300,639.71 as of December 31, 1963.

The report of the treasurer for the year of 1963 confirmed the facts of the president's report and gave detailed statistics showing that the Credit Union members now have shares valued at $282,053.82, on which they received dividends at the rate of 5% during 1963, totaling $11,823.86. The Reserve Fund amounts to $10,838.00 and the Undivided Profits total $7,747.89. Anyone desiring a copy fo the treasurer's statistical report should write for it to Rev. Wm. W. Blanton of Mocksville, N. C.

The officers for the year of 1964 were duly elected. They are as follows: *Directors:* Worth Sweet, Wm. W. Blanton, Ivon L. Roberts, and Clegg W. Avett. John Jordan, Rollin Gibbs, and Cecil Hefner are also members of the Board of Directors.

Supervisory Committee: Everette H. Lowman, John W. Hoyle, Jr., and John Carper.

Credit Committee: W. B. A. Culp, LeRoy Scott, and Courtney B. Ross.

The outlook for the year of 1964 is good, and we expect the Credit Union to experience excellent growth in both membership and financial gains. We invite inquiries from those who are interested in making investments for insurance benefits and liberal dividends, or those who can use loans provided by the Credit Union. Address such inquiries to: WNCC Methodist Credit Union, Ivon L. Roberts, Treas., Lake Junaluska, N. C.

Louisburg Homecoming

Homecoming activities at Louisburg College are being planned for Saturday, Feb. 8, according to Miss Ruth Cooke, chairman of the Alumni Events Committee.

Events will begin with registration and an informal social hour from 4 to 5 o'clock in the Faculty Parlor of the Main Building.

The dinner hour for alumni is scheduled for 5 p.m. At 6 p.m. the annual business meeting of the Alumni Association will be held in the Benjamin N. Duke College Union with President Raymond A. Stone of Raleigh presiding.

A big attraction for the day will be the Alumni-Junior Varsity basketball game scheduled for 6:30 in the Holton Gymnasium. The Alumni team, to be composed of 14 players from 1956 to 1959, will be coached by William S. Ariail of Greensboro, coach at Louisburg during these years.

The 1964 Homecoming Queen will be selected and crowned at the half-time of the Louisburg Hurricanes—Danville Technical Institute game to begin at 8 p.m. Eleven groups on the campus are sponsoring candidates for the Queen.

Bishop Harmon Releases Schedule Through July

Bishop Nolan B. Harmon, presiding bishop of the Charlotte Methodist Area, released his schedule of activities through July 12, 1964.

The bishop presides over the Western North Carolina and North Alabama annual conferences.

The schedule shows busy activity in both conferences as well as work with national boards.

A feature of the schedule occurs in July when the bishop delivers a major address to the delegates to the quadrennial meeting of the Southeastern Methodist Jurisdiction, meeting July 8-12 at Lake Junaluska.

The bishop will speak on "Looking Ahead for the Quadrennium" on July 11, and the following night will give the ordination sermon for the newly-elected bishops.

Here is the schedule, starting with the current listings:

Feb. 2, Woodlawn Methodist Church, Birmingham, Ala., Dr. Wallace W. Lovett, pastor.

Feb. 3, North Alabama Conference Cabinet meeting, Tutwiler Hotel, Birmingham, Ala., 10 a.m., Chapel Service, Howard College, Birmingham, Ala.

Feb. 4, North Alabama Conference Board of Education, First Church, Birmingham.

Feb. 188-19, Board of Christian Social Concerns, Tampa, Fla., giving devotions.

Feb. 23, St. Andrew's Methodist Church, Charlotte. The Rev. Robert J. Ralls, pastor.

Feb. 24, Commission on Methodist Information, High Point College, High Point, N. C.

Feb. 25, Spiritual Retreat for Wives of Ministers, Thomasville District.

Feb. 26, Speaker for YMCA Bible Study Group, Charlotte.

Feb. 27, Chapel Service, Pfeiffer College, Misenheimer, N. C.

March 1, Odell Memorial Methodist Church, Bessemer City, N. C., the Rev. James A. Allen, pastor; 3 p.m., Dedication of church school building, Rehobeth Methoodist Church, Polkton, N. C.; Charge, the Rev. John C. Kendrick, pastor.

March 5-6, Meeting of executive committee, Southeastern Jurisdictional Council, Fayetteville, N. C.

March 8, First Methodist Church, Granite Falls,, N. C., the Rev. Ray F. Swink, pastor.

March 15, Centenary Methodist Church, Greensboro, N. C., the Rev. Roger W. Tucker, pastor.

March 27, Highlands Methodist Church, Birmingham, Ala., Dr. Guy B. McGowan, pastor.

March 23-27, Preaching Holy Week services at Highlands Church, Birmingham, Ala.

March 29, Christ Methodist Church, Charlotte, N. C., the Rev. Robert W. Walters.

April 3-7, In the Tuscaloosa District, North Alabama Conference.

April 12, Tryon Methodist Church, Tryon, N. C., the Rev. Frank B. Cook, pastor, with the bishop dedicating the church; 3 p.m. Skyland Methodist Church, Skyland, N .C., the Rev. Robert T. Young, pastor, where the bishop will dedicate the educational building.

April 17-25, Meeting of Council of Bishops, Pittsburgh, Pa.

April 19, Preach in a church to be assigned in Pittsburgh, Pa.

April 26-May 9, General Conference of The Methodist Church, Pittsburgh, Pa.

May 14-16, Meeting of Western North Carolina Conference Cabinet, Charlotte, N. C.

May 17, Trinity Methodist Church, Kannapolis, N. C., the Rev. J. W. Braxton, pastor, with the bishop dedicating the church.

May 18-20, Meeting of the Western North Carolina Conference Cabinet, Charlotte.

May 21-22, Meeting of Curriculum Committee, The Methodist Church, Nashville, Tenn., including dinner in honor of Bishop Harmon, chairman of the committee.

May 24-31, Cabinet meetings, Western North Carolina and North Alabama conferences.

June 3-7, Annual meeting Western North Carolina Conference, Lake Junaluska, N. C.

June 9-12, Annual meeting North Alabama Conference, Birmingham - Southern College, Birmingham, Ala.

June 21, Cashiers Methodist Church, Highlands, N. C., the Rev. James M. Thurman, pastor.

June 288, First Methodist Church, Conover, N. C., the Rev. Russell N. Burson, pastor.

July 2-5, Lawyers Conference, Lake Junaluska.

July 8-12, Quadrennial meeting of Southeastern Jurisdictional Conference, Lake Junaluska.

July 11, Address to Southeastern Jurisdictional Conference: "Looking Ahead for the Quadrennium."

July 12, (evening)—Ordination sermon for newly-elected bishops.

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Rev. Samuel Russell Ward Died January 27

The Rev. Samuel Russell Ward, 69, a retired merchant and minister of Route 1, Madison, died at his home Monday, January 27. He was born in Stokes County December 6, 1894. He was a member of Delta Methodist Church of Route 1, Sandy Ridge, a past Sunday school superintendent and officer of that church and for the past 15 years has been pastor of Mount Carmel Methodist Church at Stokesdale, and also was pastor of Eagle Falls Methodist Church near Wentworth.

Funeral services were held at 2 p.m. Wednesday, January 29, at Delta Methodist Church, by the Rev. A. D. Shelton, pastor, and the Rev. Foster Loflin, the Rev. D. O. Wright, the Rev. S. G. Strader, the Rev. Arthur Reid, and the Rev. Archie Frye. Burial was in the Ward family cemetery on Route 1, Sandy Ridge.

Surviving are his wife, Mrs. Julia Ann Lemmons Ward; two daughters, Mrs. David Dodson of Route 1, Madison, and Mrs. Cecil Wilkins of Lawsonville; one foster daughter, Mrs. Jim Steele of Walnut Cove; two sons, Andrew Ward of Route 1, Sandy Ridge, and Avery Ward of Route 1, Madison; 10 grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; one sister, Mrs. S. A. Wall of Stoneville; three brothers, Ralph Ward of Route 1, Sandy Ridge, and W. T. and J. G. Ward of High Point.

Bethany WSCS, Steadman Charge Observes 34th Anniversary

The January meeting of the Woman's Society of Christian Service of Bethany Methodist church, Stedman, Route One, was held at the home of president, Mrs. Alene Autry. It was of special interest to four of its members as they celebrated the 34th anniversay of the society.

A program entitled "Prayer" was presented by Mrs. Magdalene Williams.

Those present who were on the original role of eleve were Mrs. Annie Geddie, Mrs. Lina Hall, Miss Retta Royal and Mrs. W. C. Royal. The first meeting was held in the home of Mrs. Annie Geddie.

It was on Sunday, January 19, 1930, that a Ladies Aid Soceity was organized at the church, under the leadership of Rev. C. H. Caviness, pastor. The first officers were: President, Mrs. T. R. Britt (now Mrs. Tom Hayes); vice-president, Miss Retta Royal; Secretry, Mrs. Miss Dossie Gainey, (deceased); Assistant secretary, Mrs. C. F. Autry (deceased); Treasurer, Mrs. W. Garland Gainey. Mrs. Gainey and Mrs. Britt played a significant role in the organization.

In the year 956 with encouragement and leadership from Mrs. Dorothy Harrell, wife of Rev. Haywood L. Harrell, pastor, the members began discussing the renaming or changing over of the Ladies Aid Society to the Woman's Society of Christian Service.

On June 19, 1956, the first meeting as the Woman's Society of Christian Service was held in the home of Mrs. Addie Matthews under the guidance of the following officers: President, Mrs. Raymond Rayol, vice-president, Miss Juanita Royal (now Mrs. G. W. Horne, Jr.); secretary, Mrs. W. C. Royal, and Treasurer Mrs. Wanda McMillan, assistant secretary, Mrs. Helen Williams.

The observance of the 34th anniversary was shared with the two oldest members, Mrs. Annie Geddie and Mrs. Lina Hall, who celebrated birthdays in the month of January. The honorees extinguished the lighted candles on the decorative birthday cake after which the hostess served cake, ice cream, coffee, and hot chocolate.

The meeting adjourned to meet with Mrs. F. J. Duplissey on February 18, 1964.

Mrs. Alene Autry, *President*
Mrs. Juanita Horne, *Secretary*

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High Point College is making plans to lay out the "welcome mat" for returning alumni during Homecoming day, Saturday, February 8, Dale Brown, Alumni Executive Secretary, announces. A full day of activities has been planned beginning with registration of guests at 11:00 a.m.

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EDITORIALS

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Race Relations Sunday Offers An Opportunity

Sunday, February 9, will be observed as Race Relations Sunday in The Methodist Church. It is a day when special attention should be given to the matter of establishing better relations between people of different races who live together in the same communities as well as those that unite all mankind around the world.

It is gratifying to note that much progress has been made and is being made in this matter. Of course there is always the matter of overcoming prejudice and adjusting to rightful attitudes as revealed in our study of the scriptures. Preceding the Civil War there was a strong feeling against emancipation on the part of some, but looking back now in the light of Christian ideals no one would want to revert to the status of slavery for any race or group. Since men are created in the image of God with the same rights and privileges the Christian ethic demands that each should be so treated.

Especially is it true in the South that where the spirit of brotherhood prevails and is practiced the races live together in mutual helpfulness. Each realizes that its interests are involved, and that one is dependent upon the other. No group should assume a superior or self-righteous attitude at the expense of other groups. Each individual must make his or her place in society by a proper application of intelligence, frugality, and commitment to the highest ideals and practices. This is also true of the races. In a moral democracy rights and privileges are not inherited but are achieved. Position is secured not by race but by reason; not by class but by character. This is being demonstrated over and over as individuals and groups take advantage of and apply themselves to the highest ideals.

While progress has been made, it has been all too slow. It is time for all of us to take the long look and measure our actions in terms of what the future demands. We are all potential children of the King of Kings and Lord of Lords. Let us prove our principles by our practices.

This is also a time when the stronger have an opportunity to help the weaker. Offerings will be received to be used in providing better educational facilities for, and thereby developing better citizens, in the minority and underprivileged groups.

THEME FOR THE WEEK

"And Abram said unto Lot, Let there be no strife, I pray thee, between me and thee, and between my herdmen and thy herdmen; for we be brethren."—Gen. 13:8.

Report on Fayetteville District Conference

The 1964 session of the Fayetteville District Conference was held at Methodist College, Fayetteville, N. C., on January 27. The Conference convened at 10:00 a.m., and adjourned at 1:10 p.m. The new District Superintendent, the Rev. Barney L. Davidson, presided, and the Rev. T. R. Jenkins acted as secretary.

After a devotional period led by the Rev. J. Paul Edwards, the Conference moved on into the business of the day.

Following the presentation of the major causes of the church, two important items of interest were dealt with:

1. Approval was given by the Conference, upon recommendation of the district trustees, to sell the present district parsonage and either buy a suitable house already built or purchase a lot and build a suitable home for the District Superintendent.

2. Upon recommendation of the Committee on Ministerial Qualifications:

The Conference renewed local preacher's license for Thomas S. Yow, III, Ethelynde Ballance, Gary O'Brien Bowen, William Curtis Currie, John Edward Fair, Harold Eugene Garris, Ray Earle Haney, Charles K. McAdams, Kirk McNeill, Sherwood Nance, C. G. Piner, Walter Smith, William L. Bumgardner, Thomas L. White.

Recommended to Conference Board for Approved Supply Relation—William Kirk McNeill.

Recommended to Conference Board for continuance as Approved Supply relation—G. L. Edge, Daniel J. Nau, F. M. Thomas, Jack Hunter, Lynn Buttorff, Gary H. Brigman, William Thomas, Thomas R. McKay, W. P. Hodge, D. L. Moody, Jr., John K. Ormond, L. R. Davidson, Clay Morgan, David K. Norris.

Recommended to Conference Board—Jack M. Hunter for Local Elders' Orders and Admission on Trial; William Paul Hodge for Local Deacons' Orders; Thomas Ray McKay for Admission on Trial; Clay Johnson Morgan for Admission on Trial (contingent upon completion of Course of Study); Fred Falls, Jr., Admission on trial.

The Conference closed with a very inspirational sermon by Dr. A. Purnell Bailey of the Virginia Annual Conference.

T. R. JENKINS, *Secretary*

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LETTERS

Dear Mr. Starnes:

I enjoy reading the Advocate, especially the letters from readers and hope that you can find room for these comments. Having united with the Methodist Church in early manhood more than forty years ago I have tried to serve the church loyally in many ways including; steward, Sunday school teacher, local preacher and delegate to the annual conference. I consider these positions as honors as well as privileges and feel that I have been helped more than the church. Being composed of human beings, our church as well as others is subject to error. Is it not true that we have drifted away from some of the good old-fashioned doctrines of our forefathers which stressed the need for repentance, brotherhood and Godly living? It seems that too much worldliness has crept into our modern churches. Now we emphasize raising money and securing more members. These matters are important but do they deserve fiirst place? Is it necessary for our conference boards to increase the amounts requested from each local church each year? Some of our churches are burdened with heavy debts for new building and additions. According to the conference journal certain boards paid out thousands of dollars in traveling expenses of their members last year. When one pleads for economy these days, it is like one howling in the wilderness. This applies to church, state or national spending.

Is the Almighty pleased with us when we build churches costing up to a million dollars, pay our preachers princly salaries running into five figures annually and live in luxury while millions of people in other parts of the world starve to death each year and many others go to bed hungry each night?

Of course we are doing something in the way of relief and missions, but very little in proportion to the money we spend at home. Statistics show that our church is near the bottom of the list of contributions of different denominations for world services. Have we forgotten that we are in a real sense, our brothers keeper?

James S. Morgan
Hickory, N. C.

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Dear Sir:

In reference to Barrett Wilson's recent article "Is the Church-Related College Today Christian?" it seems that Barrett has raised some pertinent questions that need to be continually asked. For the most part, our colleges do have specific Christian goals, but there are many reports that this is not always true.

When the underlying purpose of a Church college ceases to be the molding of lives that are Christ centered, then the motif for that college ceases to exist. Bishop Gerald Kennedy, speaking last summer at Lake Junaluska, pointed out the danger of our Church colleges becoming nothing more than "pale replicas" of state colleges. Bishop Kennedy stated that a Church college loses its purpose for existence when it makes its "gates so wide" that it ceases to be specifically Christian.

In visiting some of our mission schools in South America, it seemed that they were often concerned purely for "education for education sake" alone, with little concern for leading the student to an involvement in the Christian life. There are some uncontrollable reasons for this in the past. However, in the temptation to be critical of the work in these mission schools, we first had to ask the question as to whether the purpose for our Church colleges in the USA is any more specifically spiritually oriented than in South America.

I am thankful that the majority of our college personnel are dedicated Christian men and women who are deeply concerned for the spiritual nurture of the students. However, let us continue to ask the question raised by Barrett Wilson, lest colleges ever lose their reason for existence.

Sincerely,
Thomas B. Stockton

Board of Missions Votes Sweeping Changes in Structural Organization

The Methodist Board of Missions, the largest board of the 10,234,000-member Methodist Church, voted in its annual meeting at Buck Hill Falls, Pa., January 24, a sweeping re-organization of its structure. The new blueprint is designed to unify the administrative and promotional work of Methodist missions in the United States and 48 countries overseas. The Board has an annual budget of $34,000,000 and about 5,000 missionaries and other employees around the world. It has headquarters at the Interchurch Center in New York City.

With Bishop Richard C. Raines, Indianapolis, Ind., Board president, in the chair, the Board voted 84 to 7 to approve a plan of reorganization submitted by a special Structure Committee, which has been at work for a year. The new plan represents the first reorganization of the Board since it was formed in 1940 following Methodist reunion.

The overwheiming vote of approval followed three days of hearings and discussions, marked by many questions and sharp debate. The Board's executive committee had approvel the plan in principle in September.

Before the new plan can take effect, however, it must be submitted to the quadrennial Methodist General Conference, which will meet April 26 in Pittsburg, Pa. The General Conference will consider the plan and, if it approves, will incorporate the revised structure into the *Discipline*, the basic body of church law for Methodists. If the General Conference turns the plan down, the action of the Board will be nullified, and the changes in structure will not be made.

The new structure is intended to adapt the worldwide Methodist missionary program to the changing world conditions and new opportunity.

The major provisions of the new plan are:

1. For the first time, there will be one general secretary for the Board. Heretofore the top administration has been divided among four general secretaries of equal rank. The single general secretary will supervise the 125 staff executives of the Board, and will correlate and unify the total program of the Board and its units in conformity with the policies of the Board.

2. The top staff executives, in addition to the general secretary, will be four associte general secretaries, one each for the Division of World Missions, the Division of National Missions, the Woman's Division of Christian Service and the Joint Commission (formerly section) of Education and Cultivation. The plan gurantees that at least two of the five top positions must be held by women.

3. The administration of Methodist mission work at home and overseas is to be unified by replacing the present dual administration by general dviisions of the Board and the Woman's Division of Christian Service with a single administration. Specifically, in relation to Methodism's 48 overseas mission fields, this means merging the present Division of World Missions and the Department of Work in Foreign Fields of the Woman's Division into a new division, the name of which will still be the Division of World Missions. The merger means that there will be only one administrator for each mission field, instead of two as at present (one board secretary for Africa, for example, instead of two).

Similarly the present of National Missions and the Department of Work in Home Fields of the Woman's Division are to be merged into a new home missions division, still to be called the Division of National Missions. As in the case of overseas work, there will be only one principal administrator for each home mission field or area of work, instead of two as at present (one principal administrator for city mission work, for example, instead two as at present). The extensive work of the National Division will include church extension, city work, health and welfare institutions, mission schools, town-and-country work, church architecture, capital funds crusades, Goodwill Industries, community centers, research and survey, children's homes and mission work among minority groups.

4. There will be unity in missionary education, cultivation and promotion in Methodist churches in the United States under the new plan, as the number of approaches from the board to the local church will be drastically reduced and duplication of program in various fields will be ended. For example, there will no longer be two editorial departments in the Board, one for the general church and one for the Woman's Division; there will be only one. The same unification will be true for audio-visuals, missionary education and speakers' bureaus. Where there are now two of each in the Board, there will be only one under the plan.

The Advance Departments (missionary fund-raising units) of the Divisions of National and World Missions will be merged into one department, which will make a united appeal for Advance (mission) funds. At present, the two departments make separate and sometimes competing appeals for funds.

All of the educational and promotional work, including the Advance, will be combined under the reorganized Joint Commission on Education and Cultivation.

5. There will be one treasurer for the Board, instead of the present four treasurers, with the single treasurer charged with implementation of board financial policies.

6. There will continue to be a Woman's Division of Christian Service. It will have as its major functions the building of program for local Woman's Societies of Christian Service, the training of women for leadership in the church, and the development of an active program of Christian social relations (in such fields as race, world peace, etc.). The Woman's Division will continue to receive funds from local Woman's Societies and will allocate the funds to the World and National Missions for ex-

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Front row, left to right—Rev. Linwood Blackburn, purchasing agent Board of Missions, New York City; Rev. Forrest Hedden, Finance and Field Service, Philadalphia; Mr. Gordon L. Wilson, Board Member, Statesville. Second row—l to r. Rev. Jack Cooke, New Orleans; Mrs. Jack Cooke, formerly of Durham; Rev. Charles Reichard, Brevard; Third row—l to r. Dr. Henry C. Sprinkle, Editor World Outlook, New York; Rev. S. J. Starnes, Editor N. C. Christian Advocate, Greensboro; Mrs. Dorothy Hayes, Department of Religion, High Point College; Rev. Lewistine McCoy, Executive Secretary of the Joint Department of Missionary Personnel of the Board of Missions, New York; Mrs. Lewistine McCoy, New York; Mrs. Henry C. Sprinkle, New York. Standing—l. to r.—Dr. Horace McSwain, Executive Secretary, Board of Missions Western North Carolina Conference, Statesville; Bishop Edgar A. Love, Resident Bishop North Carolina Conference Central Jurisdiction; Miss Lorena Kelly, missionary to the Congo, Mooresville; Mrs. Gordon L. Wilson, Statesville, Mrs. W. Jasper Smith, Rocky Mount; Mr. W. Jasper Smith, Comptroller, N. C. Wesleyan College, Rocky Mount, N. C.



By Mary Gardner

MISFIT

Dave Young sat down at his desk and looked around the room. There were 31 fellow fifth-graders—and not one friend. He could see Jess' desk. Up until Friday Jess had been his friend. But Jess moved clear across the state, and his desk looked as empty as David felt. He was the loneliest boy in the world.

Dave tried to do the fractions Miss Smith put on the board, but his thoughts kept following Jess. Had they reached their new home in time for Jess to register in his new school? Would he like it? The empty seat! If Jess were in it now, he and Dave would have exchanged at least a dozen messages in their secret code. Dave caught Mike's glance. Mike sat just two seats behind where Jess had been. Mike grinned. David returned to his paper with a frown. Mike didn't have to look so happy about Jess moving, did he?

The morning dragged on. At noon Dave picked up his lunch bag. Mike stood next to him in line. "Jess get off?" he asked.

"Yes," Dave answered shortly. Mike was sure trying to rub it in—about Dave being alone now. Mike saw Jess get off—he lived in the same block.

The boys usually gathered for their lunches under the willow tree. Dave moved away and sat down on a bench by the school building. He didn't want anyone to mention Jess — not today. Dave took a bite of his sandwich. Peanut butter and jelly, his favorite. Today it tasted dry. He rewrapped his lunch and dropped it in a trash can. He could see his little sister eating with her group of friends, laughing and talking. Lucky Debbie to have friends.

Dave watched the fellows in his class gather for their regular noon baseball game. With Jess, he'd been the first out on the field. Now Mike looked over at him and Dave turned away. They did not want him to play, he knew.

After school Dave pedaled his bike home slowly. Now what to do?

"Cookies and milk?" asked Mom when he walked into the house.

Dave shook his head, his face was a picture of gloom.

"Why not work on your tree house?" suggested Mom. "Or there's the plane Dad brought you Friday.

His DC-7! He hadn't even opened it. But he'd never worked on a model alone. There'd always been Jess. He wandered out into the yard and looked at the oak tree. The tree house was just half finished. He could almost hear Jess' voice when they'd first started it. No, he didn't want to work on that alone, either. Dave went to his room and sat glumly on the edge of his bed, his glance searching the room for something to do. There didn't seem to be a thing.

At supper time, Dave took his place at the table glumly. He saw Dad look at him, a question in his eyes. "It can't be that bad, son," Dad said. "Cheer up."

"He's a hermit," offered Debbie. "At school he ate all by himself."

"Why don't you mind your business?" Dave flared at his sister.

"Children." Mother's voice was stern. She faced Dave. "I know you miss Jess," she said, "but you must make an effort." Make an effort for what? Had Mom had a best friend since the first day of kindergarten—only to have that friend move?

"Listen, son," Dad said. "We know you miss Jess. But now that he's moved you'll have to make new friends. And remember to make a friend, you have to be a friend."

Dave pushed at the mashed potatoes on his plate. He couldn't answer past the lump in his throat.

"I'll, I'll be all right."

But as the week went by and the days dragged on, Dave wasn't "all right." He kept on being the lonesomest boy in the world. Sometimes he thought he couldn't get through another day.

There was one noon hour Dave remembered with a sort of horror. Debbie, in her determination to help, insisted he turn the rope so she and her friends could jump. "You're not doing anything else," she insisted.

Dave knew how persistent Debbie could get, so reluctantly he joined the group and turned the rope. He hoped his embarrassment in being in a girl's game didn't show.

The boys in his class were playing baseball again. He watched as he turned. Mike, in a wild run after a fly, hurtled toward him. He bumped into Dave.

"Watch it, clumsy," Mike said. Then seeing who it was he added, "Sissy."

Dave felt the blood rush to his face. His fist clenched, and he would have swung, only Mike had run off. That was the last of jump rope.

Saturday's mail brought a letter from Jess. It wasn't a long letter—just a few scrawled lines. He was having fun, the new school was swell. "How's the DC-7?" he asked. "Who's helping you with your tree house?" Dave put the letter aside. He couldn't answer it until he had something to say.

(To be continued)

A Praise Psalm

Praise the Lord, who made heaven and earth and all that is therein.
Praise the Lord!
Give thanks for His love which endures forever.
Praise the Lord!
Give thanks for Jesus Christ who died for our sins.
For all these things we praise Thee, O Lord!

Lynn Green, age 9
Manteo, N. C.

BIBLE QUIZ

Missionary Quiz

1—Who was the first Gentile convert? (Peter converted him.)
2—What woman was the first European convert?
3—What book in the Bible could be called the "Book of Missions?"
4—Who backed Paul's missionary ventures?
5—Who accompanied Paul on his first missionary journey?

Answers to Last Week's Questions

1—Jonah (Book of Jonah)
2—Matthew 28:19-20
3—"Come over and help us." (Acts 16:9)
4—Paul, Silas, Timothy, and Luke. (Acts 16:10, 19; 17:15)
5—Gentiles

Just For Fun

When two-year-old Hunter's mother was putting up screens for the summer, a large Japanese hornet flew through an open window. Hunter's mother told him what it was and that it might sting.

That night, Hunter told his father about the "big red horn."

No, he had seen a hornet, his father explained.

Later, as his mother was putting him to bed she asked what song he'd like to sing that night.

"Little Jack Hornet," said Hunter.

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Bart, age 6, took on an important job recently. He caddied for his father.

When they came home from the golf course, Bart had news for his four-year-old neighbor.

"If you can get your father interested in golf," he told him, "you can go with him and be his cavity."





First Methodist Church, Thomasville, held a "note burning ceremony" at the morning worship service Sunday, January 19, celebrating the final payment on the church building loan of $118,362.17. From left to right in foreground: The Rev. Kelly Brendle, pastor; Walter Lofftin, Mrs. Grace Ragan, only surviving charter member; Mr. and Mrs. Bill Jarrett, Building Fund Secretary and Treasurer; and L. Roy Hughes, lay leader and Official Board Chairman.

First Methodist Church, Thomasville, Burns Note

First Methodist Church celebrated the final payment on its church building Sunday, January 19, at the morning service. The original loan totaled $118,362.17. The mortgage, which was to run for ten years, was paid in full four years ahead of schedule.

The church was organized under the pastorate of the Rev. H. L. Suits in 1907. The first building was erected in the 300 block of Taylor Street. The new edifice was begun, and nearly completed, under the leadership of the Rev. Glen Lanier. The Rev. Orion N. Hutchinson, Jr., was appointed pastor in June of 1957, and the congregtaion moved into the new building in November of the same year. The Rev. Kelly C. Brendle was appointed pastor in June of 1962.

In December of 1962 the church launched a final campaign to completey retire the church indebtedness of $47,443.02 in thirteen months. The goal was "Debt free in '63. More for others in '64." A total of $916.06 was needed on the final Sunday of 1963 to achieve the first part of this goal. However, the congregation went over the top by raising $1,386.06.

The Dedication Service of the new $212,956 structure will be held on the church's 57th anniversary, May 24, 1964. The Rev. Glen Lanier will preach the dedication sermon.

In reaching this goal, the pastor remarked: "First Methodist Church of Thomasville stands on the threshold of a new day. We have accomplished the first part of our goal: "Debt free in '63." The unachieved part, "More for others in $64," lies before us. The great challenge we now face is to transfer the energy that we have put into our Building Fund into missions. Truly our church has a great missionary opportunity, and I am confident that we will eventually do as much for others as we do for ourselves."

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Economy is half the battle of life; it is not so hard to earn money, as to spend it well. —Charles H. Spurgeon

IN MEMORIAM

MRS. LALER GABRIEL LIPPARD

We, the members of the Woman's Society of Christian Service of Mt. Pleasant Church, wish to pay tribute to one of our number, Mrs. Laler Gabriel Lippard, who passed away August 18, 1963.

The great sense of loss we feel, as we miss the loveliness of her patient and devoted personality, is mingled with joy and thankfulness. We are joyful for the assurance of her happiness in a painless eternity. We are thankful for the priilege of knowing and loving one who showed such great devotion to duty in her home, her church, and her community. In her quiet, yet forceful way, she was truly a good ambassador.

Our prayer is, that all who knew Mrs. Lippard here, may be strengthened in faith and hope, and more dedicated to add many more stepping stones to the ones she so faithfully laid, in building a pathway to lead others to the Eternal City.

Respectfully submitted by:
Mrs. Ralph Drum, President
Miss Yvonne Drum, Sec. & Treas.
Mrs. Janie B. Killian,
Sec. of Local Church Activities

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GLENN RAYMOND WARD

On December the 19th, 1964, the Highland Methodist Church in High Point lost its most beloved senior member in the person of Mr. Glenn Raymond Ward. Mr. Ward was a charter member of Highland Methodist Church. He was also a charter member of the Official Board. At his death he was serving as the Chairman of the Commission on Stewardship and Finance. Mr. Ward was affectionately known to his friends, loved his church and was ever faithful to it and supported it to the very last of his life on earth, with his prayers, his presence, his gifts and his service.

Mr. Ward was a graduate of State College. Some years ago he retired as the Superintendent of the Highland Mills. Mr. Ward took his position seriously, His thoughts and ideas were always welcomed and respected. We will certainly miss him in our church activities, but his memory will always be present with us.

We express our love and sympathy to the family, and may God's comforting spirit ever be with you.

RESOLUTION IN MEMORY OF MRS. J. FRANK SPRUILL

Whereas, it has been the will of Almighty God to remove from us Mrs. J. Frank Spruill, who has been a most valued memoer of the First Methodist Church and ever active in its affairs, and

Whereas, Mrs. J. Frank Spruill has served the First Methodist Church throughout the years loyally, generously and unselfishly and ffor many years was Dircetor of Christian Education of this church and her faithful Christian Service and leadership has been an inspiration to the youth and aged of our church, and

Whereas, over the years she furnished, unselfishly, Christian leadership and guidance of the First Methodist Church and departed this life in full enjoyment of thes talents and qualities which had caused her to be so highly esteemed by all who knew her, and

Whereas, the First Methodist Church is grieved at its great loss and will miss her warm personality and intense devotion to the many and varied activities.

Now, therefore, be it resolved, that the Official Board and the entire membership of the First Methodist Church, of Lexington, North Carolina, wish to use this media for paying tribute to the life she lived here on this earth and do hereby pay our respects and record our expression of sincere [illegible] during loss and our sense of gratitude that we have been privileged to know and work with Mrs. Spruill who has served faithfully and loyally and exemplified the better things of life.

Be it further resolved, that we hereby extend our deepest sympathy to her immediate family and other relatives, and it is ordered that this resolution be spread upon the minutes of the Church and that a copy be sent to the family, to The Dispatch, and to the North Carolina Christian Advocate.

C. A. Erickson
Mrs. C. Ray McCrary
Dr. D. C. McWhorter
Byron W. Wilkinson, Jr.
Resolution Committee

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There is no true security for the individual except as he finds it in the security of all.

—Edwin Markham

North Carolinians Commissioned At Buck Hill Falls

Miss Bernice M. Ballance, 203 South Layton Avenue, Dunn, N. C., was among 23 persons who were commissioned missionaries and deaconesses of The Methodist Church January 24 at Buck Hill Falls, Pa.

Miss Ballance, who was commissioned a deaconess, will continue her work as director of Christian education at the Divine Street Methodist Church in Dunn.



Miss Bernice M. Ballance

Born in Lake Landing, N. C., Miss Ballance attended East Carolina College at Greenville and Scarritt College, Nashville, Tenn. She graduated from the latter school in 1954 with a bachelor of arts degree in town and country church work. From 1954 to 1956, she was a town and country church worker in the Good Neighbor Methodist Parish near Sheridan, N. Y. For the last seven years, she has been director of Christian education at the Divine Street Methodist Church, where she is also a member.

Miss Edna Mae Ridley, Pittsboro, N. C., shown here—was also commissioned during the Buck Hill Falls meeting.

Miss Ridley, who was commissioned a deaconess, will continue her teaching and counseling work at a Methodist mission school in South Carolina.



Miss Edna Mae Ridley

Born in Union Mills, N. C., Miss Ridley attended Paine College, Augusta, Ga., and graduated in 1963 with a bachelor of arts degree. While in college, she was assistant to the house director of one of the dormitories. Since September, 1963, she has been on the teaching and counseling staff of the Boylan-Haven-Mather Accademy, Camden, S. C., a mission school sponsored by the Woman's Division of Christian Service of the Methodist Board of Missions. Before going to college, Miss Ridley had a career of several years as a beautician in Pittsboro.

The commissioning service is the climax of the week long annual meeting of the Methodist Board of Missions. They will do a variety of missionary tasks including social work, teaching in mission schools, Christian education, church development, medical technology, town and country church work, music and overseas relief work. Bishop Richard C. Raines, Indianapolis, Ind., president of the Board of Missions, commissioned the new missionaries and deaconesses.

Temperance Movement

One of the tragedies of our time is the moral ineptitude of religious denominations in not arousing public opinion to the increasing menace of the liquor traffic. We have unlimited ineffective discussions on moral issues of a general nature that never get down to cases. But directly the liquor barons who fatten their pocketbooks on the sale of alcoholic beverages without conscience or regard for the harm that is done are likely to be brought into the limelight, the psychological obstacle of fear turns off the thunder of the wrath of God. Religious assemblies pass resolutions that have no effect. There is no protest of any importance over the advocacy of alcoholic drinks reaching into homes through TV, radio and magazines. Children are conditioned for alcohol by the carelessness of thoughtless parents, and no counter instruction is given. No wonder modern Christianity seems to have lost its moral influence. This and other evils related to the sins of the flesh become accepted through want of opposition or correction. Only empty heads could conceive that this unchallenged allowance of evil will not ultimately penetrate and destroy churches, and ultimately the church. Whereas, if only the moral forces of our Christian faith were brought into effective unity, positions of moral firmness could be taken and the liquor traffic could be restrained by law. May God's power and blessing rest upon those who will raise a standard against the current social and individual corruption.

—*The Watchman Examiner*

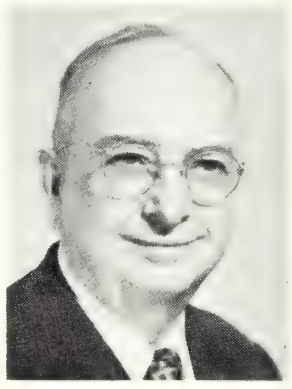
Rev. Sherrill Biggers Is Improving

Friends of Rev. Sherrill Biggers, who was seriously injured in an automobile accident January 13, will be glad to know he is improving. A note from Mrs. Biggers to the editor of the Advocate says he is still in the Iredell Memorial Hospital at Statesville, but is recovering rapidly. We are glad to learn that his injuries were not as severe as was first feared.

Mrs. Biggers wants their many friends across the conference to know that they are deeply grateful for the many expressions of concern they have received, assuring them of their prayers during this experience.

Ivey Talmadge Poole—1891-196

The passing of Ivey Talmadge Poole December 17, 1963, removed from th membership of the North Carolina Confer ence a good man who with dignity an dedication had given a long and effectiv ministry to the North Carolina Conference



Ivey Talmadge Poole

He was born in Burke County, near Mor ganton, August 26, 1891, the son of Willian Poole and Susan Connelly Poole. He gradu ated from Rutherford College in 1911 an from Trinity Colege in 1915. He joined th Conference in 1915 and retired in 195 after 42 years of service.

Just to review the appointments Brothe Poole served gives a tremendous impres sion of the influence he had upon the con gregations he served. His first appointmen was McKendree Circuit, his last was War saw Circuit; in between were the following charges: North and South Rocky Mount Aurora, St. Paul Circuit, Stantonsburg Jonesboro, Yanceyville, Northampton, Jack sonville-Richlands, Swepsonville, Bailey Vance, and Benson. In serving these four teen charges he had been pastor of more than fifty rural churches. Because of his outstanding leadership in his Conference he was elected a delegate to the Genera and Jurisdictional Conference of The Meth odist Church in 1947, being at that time the second rural minister in the history of the North Carolina Conference to be elected to the General Conference, and the only rural minister that ever headed the Genera Conference Delegation. In all the charges he served he either constructed new church buildings or made major repairs and en largements of the old buildings.

After his retirement in 1957, because of failing health, he resided at 1302 North Duke Street, Durham. His first marriage was to the former Ethel Donahue who died in 1926. He next married the former Louise Godwin of Smithfield, Va., who survives. Other survivors are two daughters, Mrs. G. W. Guthrie of Graham, and Mrs. Frank C. Gorham of Springfield, Va.; also, a son, I. Talmadge Poole of Durham. After coming to Durham the family affiliated with the Duke Memorial Church, and funeral services were conducted there by the pastor, Rev. Robert W. Bradshaw, assisted by Rev. O. L. Hathaway, District Superintendent fo the Durham District.

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Zions Herald, oldest Methodist magazine in the country, celebrated its 140th anniversary Nov. 25, 1963. Published in Boston by the Boston Wesleyan Association, the magazine is edited by Warren Carberg.

Brevard College Student Attends Missions Seminar

Mario Dell Amico, a Brevard College sophomore, spent the week of January 27 attending an M.S.M. Citizenship Seminar in New York City and Washington, D. C. The seminar, which focused on revolutionary tendencies in Brazil and Chili, was sponsored by the General Board of Missions of The Methodist Church.

Dell Amico and other Latin American students representing tomorrow's Latin American leadership, were asked to participate in this seminar as a means of furthering good relationships between the United States and Latin American counitries.

Most of the New York meetings were held at the United Nations. The students heard discussions on problems in Latin America, and they met with the ambassadors from Chili and Brazil. One lecture which the group attended was given at Columbia University.

In Washington, D. C., the Latin American students had the opportunity of talking with senators and congressmen representing the areas where the students are presently in school. Mr. Dell Amico met with Congressman Taylor of North Carloina. He also had a conference with Secretary of State Dean Rusk's assistant in Latin American Affairs.

The coordinator of the Board of Missions seminar was Dr. Ronald M. Schreider, Professor of Law and Government for the Institute of Latin American Studies at Columbia University.

Dell Amico, who plans to enter High Point College after graduation from Brevard, came to this country with his mother, who is presently in Miami. His father, a professional engineer, has been detained by the Cuban government.

Leaders Comment on Smoking

Response by The Methodist Church to the Surgeon General's committee report on smoking and health be "to translate the gospel into special ministries" to those involved, according to a national church official in this field.

The Rev. Dale White, director of program for the Division of Temperance and General Welfare, spoke for the division's staff in urging that the church initiate programs for those who wish to quit smoking, plan youth programs to discourage a decision to smoke, support remedial actions by government agencies and retain the Methodist restrictions against ministers' smoking.

In a separate statement, Bishop John Wesley Lord of Washington, chairman of the division, commended the Surgeon General and his committee and urged parents "to protect their children from the ghastly results of the smoking habit."

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Pictured left to right are the Rev. Boyce Huffstetler of East Marion, and C. Doug Mayes and the Rev. Robert Stamey of Charlotte.

Three From WNC Conference on Evangelistic Mission to Alaska

Two clergymen and a layman from the Western North Carolina Methodist Conference have joined 44 other Methodists from across the U. S. in an all-day evangelistic mission to Alaska.

The Rev. Robert H. Stamey, pastor of Hawthorne Lane Methodist Church in Charlotte, and one of his laymen, C. Doug Mayes, and the Rev. Boyce Huffstetler, pastor of East Marion Methodist Church, are representing the Conference.

The mission will cover the period Jan. 23-Feb. 2 and is in charge of Dr. Lawrence L. Lacour, staff member of the General Board of Evangelism of The Methodist Church.

The Board of Missions and the Board of Evangelism are cooperating in this endeavor.

Dr. Lacour said the mission will give major attention to visitation and group evangelism. Emphasis will be on developing local church membership and winning new members.

The Rev. Mr. Stamey and Mr. Mayes will visit with the Rev. Jack Miller who is stationed at Homer, Alaska on the Kenai Peninsula. This clergyman serves three congregations: First Church in Homer, Anchor Point and Seldovia, all within 100 miles of Anchorage.

The Charlotteans will be flying with the Rev. Mr. Miller as he wings his plane 40 miles across a bay to visit his congregations.

Homer is a growing community of 2,000 peope; Seldovia is a fishing village whose population jumps 500 in the winter to 1,000 in the summer.

Anchor Point is a homesteader community and the log-constructed Methodist church there was built by these homesteaders.

The Rev. Huffstetler will go with five other clergymen to Sitka, a sizeable Alaskan community about 100 miles south of Juneau, which has no Methodist church. These six will work towards starting a Methodist congregation before they leave for the U. S.

Mr. Mayes, the lone layman in the Western North Carolina Conference group, is the teacher for the popular "Fellowship Class" at Hawthorne Lane Church. He is an announcer for Television Station WBTV and also for its AM-FM radio station.

He will be broadcasting about the Alaskan trip weekly over his radio show, "At Large," using interviews with the people he meets and works with. He is a member of his church's Official Board and is active in the lay visitation program.

Methodism has jumped 65 per cent in Alaska during the past four years. The Methodist Church, a leader in education among Christian denominations, established Alaska University at Anchorage in 1960.

Mr. Pearce Expresses Gratitude For Response to Service Program

The Blue Ridge Methodist Service program, headed by Rev. Arthur B. Pearce, and working largely in the bounds of the North Wilkesboro district, has received a fine response from the churches and indiviuas of the state. Rev. Mr. Pearce expresses thanks for the clothing, shoes, socks, and money with which to buy new shoes. Many youngsters have benefitted by this hearty response who might otherwise have suffered a great deal.

Individual acknowledgement will be made to the donors as rapidly as possible. Hundreds of letters, inquiries, and the business of distribution have delayed these answers.

It is very gratifying, says Mr. Pearce, that many needy children are being furnished with these necessities of new shoes and socks through the generosity of many Methodists and friends. A full report will be made through the North Carolina CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE at a later date.

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Christian Social Concerns To Meet February 17-21

Proposals for legislation by the 1964 Methodist General Conference will dominate the annual meeting of the General Board of Christian Social Concerns, Feb. 17-21 in Tampa, Fla.

The board is expected to make recommendations to the quadrennial General Conference for policy statements in such areas as race relations, international affairs, church-state relations and use of alcohol and tobacco. It also will propose revisions to up-date the denomination's Social Creed.

Meetings of the 90-member board will be at the Causeway Inn in Tampa, under chairmanship of Bishop F. Gerald Ensley of Des Moines, Iowa. Three devisions of the agency will begin their meetings Feb. 16, according to the Rev. A. Dudley Ward, general secretary.

Principal speakers for the meeting will include Bishop Ensley, as keynoter, Monday evening; the Rev. Kenneth of London, secretary of Christian citizenship, The Methodist Church of Great Britain, Tuesday evening; U. S. Sen. George McGovern of South Dakota, on international affairs, Thursday evening; Bishop Kenneth W. Copeland of Omaha, Nebraska, closing address, Friday noon.

Major reports concerning the proposed merger of the Central (Negro) jurisdiction and the church's geographic jurisdiction will be made Wednesday noon by Edwin L. Jones, Charlotte, N. C., representing the Commission on Interjurisdictional Relations, and Dr. W. Astor Kirk, Washington, D. C., representing the Central Jurisdiction Study Committee.

Devotional leaders will be Bishop Nolan B. Harmon of Charlotte and Bishop Matthew W. Clair, Jr., of St. Louis.

High Point College Gets National Distinction

The High Point College Interfraternity Council has received a national award for Summa Cum Laude Scholarship among the six national fraternities on the campus, Richard McDowell, Interfraternity Council president, has announced.

The award was presented by the National Interfraternity Conference in New York and was accompanied by a plaque.

"Only 35 colleges all over the nation earned this award," said McDowell, "with nearly 300 colleges participating."

The award is presented annually to those colleges at which all fraternity chapters exceed the all men's average scholastically.

National fraternities on the High Point College campus are Lambda Chi Alpha, Theta Chi, Delta Sigma Phi Epsilon, Tau Kappa Epsilon, and Pi Kappa Alpha.



NEW MEMBERS, Charlotte Home for the Aging, February 1963-January 21, 1964: Front row, left to right: Miss Lewis Dull, Mrs. Mary I. Duncan, Miss Mary Lee Chapman, Mrs. W. I. Pitts, Miss Emma Walker, Mrs. Janie K. Sanders, Mrs. J. E. Faulkner. Second row: Mr. James C. Bunch, Mrs. Ellen J. Lefler, Mrs. Mary H. Gelbach, Mrs. R. M. Andrews, Miss Marie J. Andersen, Mrs. Adelaid Z. Farrow, Miss Lois Nixon, Mrs. Leona B. Porter, Mrs. Elise S. Sifford, Miss Estelle Wolfe. Third row: Mrs. J. B. Sory, Mrs. Mamie H. Boyles, Mrs. H. C. Vaughn, Mr. H. C. Vaughn, Mrs. George H. Woolley, Mr. George H. Woolley, Mrs. H. M. Shadle, Rev. H. M. Shadle, Mr. Ed. R. Candler, Mr. T. Byron Goode. Absent when picture was made: Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Foster, Mrs. May M. Little, Miss Dorothy E. Meyer, Mrs. R. E. Ward. —(Photo by the Rev. Ted Huffman)

Methodist Home in Charlotte Honors New Guests

It was "Freshman Night" at the Methodist Home for the Aging in Charlotte and the newcomers during the past year were the honored guests.

"This was our largest class," said Willard S. Farrow, administrator, who had the task of remembering 32 men and women in order that he might introduce them. He got an "A."

Members of the Home gathered in the recreation hall for this annual social highlight of the season. The program opened with color slides of the year in review and members watched themselves in many activities which characterized this finest of Homes in the nation.

The "freshmen" then gathered for their formal portrait with the Rev. Ted Hoffmann and John Lambert doing the honors. The Rev. Mr. Hoffmann is chaplain for the Home and Mr. Lambert is assistant administrator for the Home along with W. Donald Penley, who was present for the event.

The members enjoyed pie and ice cream and had an enjoyable time talking over the day's and past year's events.

Dress, of course, was formal and a reception at the White House couldn't have produced a more glamourous array of gowns and suits. Mrs. G. G. Adams and Mrs. John Lambert were in charge of the program.

Stony Hill Methodist Church Charters Methodist Men's Club

On Monday evening, following a covered-dish supper in the Fellowship Hall, James V. Roberson of Lilesville presented the charter, organizing a Men's Club at the Stony Hill Church. Mr. Roberson, associate layleader for the Albemarle District, and postmaster in Lilesville, challenged the group with a very inspirational talk. Devotions were conducted by Jack Ingram. The charter, containing forty names, was accepted by the president of the group, John Wyatt. Other officers elected are: Robert Johnson, vice-president; T. S. Stoker, treasurer; Joe Ingram, secretary; and Hal Ingram, reporter. The club will meet monthly. Stony Hill Church is a part of the Albemarle Methodist Circuit.

Comments on New Law

Most Methodist schools probably will take advantage of a new law permitting federal grants to church-related colleges, the Rev. Dr. John O. Gross, Nashville, Tenn., said.

Dr. Gross, general secretary of the Division of Higher Education of the Board of Education, spoke at the board's annual meeting in Dallas Texas, Jan. 7-9.

"Though The Methodist Church has made no formal declaration on the question of federal aid to non-public school," said Dr. Gross, "it is not likely that there will be opposition unless there is a threat of some sort of central control."

"Most Methodist schools will take advantage of this bill and will call upon the church, alumni, and friends, for additional funds to match the federal grants," he said. The new bill was signed Dec. 16 by President Johnson.

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Sunday School Lesson

FOR FEBRUARY 16

By RAYMOND A. SMITH
Head, Department of Religious Education
Greensboro College

A MAN MADE WHOLE

:ground Scripture: Luke 8:22-39, Matthew 8:23-27, 28-34

on Schipture: Luke 8:26-39

he background Scripture, cited above, show that Jesus was not only Lord of :nal nature, but he was also Lord of inner nature. He stilled the storm on lee, and he stilled the storms of emotion :h had torn a man apart and rendered helpless to function as a normal human g. That, in brief, is what the story is ıg to us in today's lesson.

'e could use a lot of space in discussing geographical location of the incident, value of the herd of swine that were and other such items, but let us try ick to the center of this revealing story, man that was made whole.

'hen we read the gospels we recognize nce that we are moving in a world re the belief in demons is almost uni- il. Furthermore, it was to the work of e evil spirits that much illness was at- ted. And so it was with the Gerasene oniac. Not only did his friends and ives believe he was "possessed" by e harmful spirits, but the man himself ently believed it, and seemed powerless o anything about it. Being in this state, vas living alone in a cave just off the that skirted the Sea of Galilee.

mehow this man had heard of Jesus, when the Master stepped out of the onto the shore he was there to meet Jesus had already proved that his est in people was not limited by race, l or any other condition. This being we are not surprised that he greeted the in a friendly way, accepted him as a n and proceeded to effect the cure changed his entire outlook on life. Here, e suggested above, our Lord showed he was Lord of the deep recesses of soul as well as of the storm that a while before had so filled his disciples terror.

s soon as Jesus completed the cure the red man asked to join the band of eling diciples. Jesus instead knew that could serve best by returning to his e community "clothed and in his right il." His reward and healthy condition ld be a powerful witness among rela- and acquaintances of the healing er of Jesus. We might remark here there are many of us who may wish nd some great and dramatic way of ng God. But for most of us the most rtant thing we can do is to make our ess effective every day among those whom we live. This may seem com-



Douglas Loman received the Eagle Award at the Rutherford District Court of Honor, Tuesday, January 14, 1964 held at the First Methodist Church of Forest City. Standing with Douglas are his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Lowman, his sister, Julia, and pastor, Rev. M. Teague Hipps. Douglas also received the God and Country Award last August through his work in First Church with Mr. Hipps. Douglas is a member of Troop 121, Forest City, which is sponsored by the Methodist Men of the Church. His father, Wayne, serves as Scoutmaster.

monplace, but it is not. No eloquence is so great as the eloquence of a clear and dedicated life. A great speech may thrill us for a little while, but it is generally forgotten and we return to the workaday world. If we find there some man or woman whose life illustrates the fine principles we heard about, then we are more inclined to believe they are true. In this way the humble and lowly servant of Christ becomes a living document of the faith.

In our concern to discuss the central thought of the lesson we have overlooked a marignal but very important group connected with the story. These are the citizens of Gadara, where the incident of the healing occurred. We are told (see verse 35) that when "they came and found the man from whom the demons had gone, sitting at the feet of Jesus, clothed and in his right mind; *they were afraid.*" How revealing this is of the attitude of many who fear the savation of God! We say we want to see justice done for all men. We talk about it. We may even pray for it, as when we pray "thy Kingdom come." But how do we respond to those fearless servants of God who try to put the teachings of Christ into practice? Sometimes we are like the Christian saint of old who confessed that he once prayed *"O Lord, make me pure, but not yet."* Sometimes we try to make these Christian idealists look silly by comparing their puny efforts to the mountainous mass of evil in the world, thus forgetting the teachings of our Lord who never sold faith short, but said "If you have faith as a mustard seed you can move mountains."

Perhaps a prayerful consideration of the truths set forth in our lesson Scriptures may lead us not only to see again the healing power of Christ in nature and in man. They may also help us to be more willing to accept the world we have been praying for.

Bible Society Establishes Record

An all time record of 1,362,420 Bibles, Testaments and portions of the Bible in 70 languages were distributed to the people of New York City in 1963 by the agents and volunteers of the New York Bible Society. The announcement was made by Mr. Robert F. Nelson, president of the society, at its 54th annual meeting held January 21st at the Bible House, 5 East 48th Street in Manhattan.

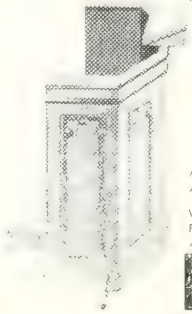
Various unique projects were part of the Society's program for the year. One thousand large Bible verse posters were placed in subway stations each month reaching approximately 175,000,000 viewers over 30 days. A special telephone number, PL 5-5500, was in service around the clock with daily inspirational Bible readings.

The Society was founded in 1809 to provide Bibles for people in New York City and is supported by gifts from individuals and churches.

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Two former missionaries to Japan—the Rev. Dr. Charles W. Inlehart, 83, and Miss Caroline Packham, 72—were married in New York recently by 101-year-old Bishop Herbert Welch, under whom they had served in Japan.

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Woman's Activities

Plan Now For August 3-7

MRS. E. K. MCLARTY

It isn't too early to make summer plans, and as you do, be sure to put a ring around the 3-7 August, 1964! If you are interested in making the study progrma of the WSCS really go in '64, you will surely want to attend the School of Missions which the Western North Carolina Conference will hold at that time.

Mrs. Ray S. Lowder will be dean of the school, and she has set a goal and expressed it in slogan fashion:

Every society represented!
Be informed!
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Mrs. Lowder writes: "Anytime you have ADVOCATE space, please 'plug' the School of Missions. We are working and planning for our best school to be held at Pfeiffer College. . . . It is hard to believe, but we have been promised the airconditioned dining room will be ready for us. Won't the women love that! The study courses and instructors are excellent."

More definite program material will come out later, but start planning now to attend. The hot weather didn't deter about 300 women last year! We can and should do even better than that, enrolling at least 500!

The Family—A Spending Unti

The above heading in a recent copy of *The Methodist Woman* would certainly catch the eye of all of us in these days of sales, income tax returns (and with luck, refunds!), drives, pledges, school bills, licenses, and a hundred other demands that January and February make.

The study of Graybeal's book, "The Christian Family and Its Money," offers fine criteria for both giving and spending. A special filmstrip recommended by Theressa Hoover is *Dollars, Sense and Choices* which is available at Cokesbury. "The number of *dollars* is not as important as is the *sense* we bring to the *choices* we make in spending." Or again, Dr. David Graybeal says, "Giving is our freest action because, in contrast to other economic actions, we can establish our goals and fix our own deadlines as we will, and we can change our plans in light of our daily reassessments of the situations."

As a Christian family we need to consider what we give to and for what purpose. We certainly need to discuss and understand the spending the church does and what our giving should be in this area. We need to study the uses to which the money is put that goes into our WSCS work, so that we may have a better understanding of its disbursement. (Study Mrs. Chandler's report in the annual report of the WSCS; and then see if you really know what each listing of receipts is and if you could explain its use to someone else!)

Women Confront A New Age

As you look over *The Methodist Woman* for January, do read carefully the article by Georgia Harkness. It is the last in a series of articles from the National Seminar, held on the campus of the University of Puget Sound, Tacoma, last summer. The article lists the directives to be found in our Christian faith. . then the guidelines for strategy to be used in each of the areas discussed.

The final paragraph of the presentation is: "An ancient proverb states, 'Whatsoever thine hand findeth to do, do it with thy might.' Thsi, in brief, sums up the responsibilities of the Methodist woman in the new age."

N. C. Conference

BY MARY GARDNER

Conference WSCS Committee Plans Meetings

Plans for the twenty-fourth Annual Meeting of the N. C. Conference Woman's Society of Christian Service, the conference-wide Spiritual Retreat, and the conference School of Missions and Christian Service were high on the agenda of the mid-year meeting of the conference society's executive committee, held at the Methodist Home for Children, January 21-22. Mrs. H. C. Turlington, president, presided.

Mrs. Sam A. Dunn, vice president announced the three principal speakers for the Annual Meeting to be held at Jarvis Memorial Methodist Church, Greenville, March 17-19. They are Dr. Tracy Jones, associate general secretary Division of World Missions of the general Board of Missions; Miss Dorothy McConnell, editor *World Outlook*, and Mr. Dennis Dutton, crusade scholar at Duke University.

The annual conference-wide Spiritual Retreat, under the direction of Mrs. J. E. Sponenberg, secretary of Spiritual Life, will be held at Louisburg College, June 3-4, with Mrs. Milton Randolph, head of the Family Worship Department of *The Upper Room*, as the leader.

The instructors for the four study courses and the leader for the Bible Huor for the School of Missions and Christian Service have been secured, according to Mrs. Harold Braswell, secretary of missionary education and service. The school will be held at 10-13. Mrs. Braswell also told the committee that the pattern for the 1964 fall district educational seminars will take the form of workshops, with the district vice chai as chairman of the planning committe

The treasurer, Mrs. Harold Mann, ported a $385.58 increase in giving d the first six months of the current co ence year over the same period 196 She cited the need for emphasis Special Memberships.

Mrs. Sponenberg reported increase several facets of the Spiritual Life prog Reports were also heard from all other cers, district presidents and comm chairmen, and from the Rev. James H director of the Methodist Student Ce East Carolina College, Greenville, and Martha Schlabach, the conference's worker in the Pembroke area. Miss W Ballard, a student at Pfeiffer College, recipient of a scholarship from the N Conference WSCS, also spoke briefly.

Recommendations from the finance mittee, presented by Mrs. Mann, adopted by the committee, incuded ar nual contribution of 15 dollars by the ference society to retain membershi the N. C. Council of Women's Orga tions; defray expenses of 10 delegate the World Affairs conference to be he Chapel Hill, March 12; underwrite expenses of five delegates to the Ar Leadership Training Workshop to b session July 13-17 at Chapel Hill; D the Love Offering at the Annual Me toward scholarships for the wives of s Southern Rhodesian students who are st ing in this country. Also, underwrite penses of two Wesleyan Service Guid gates to the Southeastern Jurisdiction Annual Meeting in Knoxville, Tenn., 8-9; subsidize the expenses of the di secretaries of student work in the am of $7.50 each for the Methodist Stu Movement Conference to convene at tenary Methodist Church, Winston-S Feb. 7-9; underwrite the remaining ex ses of the audio-visual aid seminar at Junaluska, August 7-14; pay the trave penses of the rural worker, Miss Schla to the Annual Meeting of the Southea Jurisdiction WSCS, and underwrite th penses of the conference secretary of y work to the convocation at Perdue versity in July.

In other action delegates to the W Affairs Conference were elected. They Mrs. L. H. Lane, Mrs. J. E. Davis, H. W. Doub, Mrs. J. E. Sponenberg, J. S. Hiatt, Jr., Mrs. John Wooten, M. M. Person, Mrs. T. S. Newbold, John Crawford, Mrs. Robert Johnson, Harold Mann, Mrs. H. C. Turlington.

Mrs. James Auman, conference secr of children's work was elected a dele to the audio-visual aid seminar at Lake J luska.

Mrs. J. E. Sponenberg led the three m tations.

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he Rev. Dr. Jack S. Wilkes, mayor of
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said, "is our best hope." He declared
"the church is watching us today, and
have the opportunity to demonstrate
The Methodist Church is ready to
e forward."
ishop Raines, before calling for the vote
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go together."
commenting on the new plan, Bishop
es said: "This plan provides for fuller
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Board.
The new structure has been drawn up
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even the chief criterion involved in re-
cturing."



GROUND BREAKING CEREMONIES FOR BETHPAGE PARSONAGE, KANNAPOLIS

Shown left to right: L. M. Cress, Sr., Charge Lay Leader; Mrs. T. J. Thompson, representing the WSCS; Mr. C. H. Hall, oldest active member of congregation; Odell Stamey, Building Committee Chairman; Henry F. Flowers, Pastor. Ceremony held on January 19, at 2:30 in the afternoon. Members of the congregation were present. Parsonage will have four bedrooms, living room, dining room, kitchen, den, study, two-car garage, utility room, full basement One unique feature will be an altar room which will be used for private devotions, counseling, special prayer, and parsonage weddings. Cost has been estimated at $26,000. C. T. Walker of Kannapolis is contractor, and construction is under way. Completion is expected in spring.

High Point College Holds Summer Service Seminar

The Student Christian Association at High Point College held a Summer Service Seminar in the Student Center Wednesday, February 5 from 2-5 p.m.

Representatives from camps, hospitals, various church organizations, and the Peace Corps were on hand to give students information regarding summer employment.

Representing the Commission on Town and Country Work was Rev. Garlnad R. Stafford, Statesville; the Board of Christian Education, H. Davis Yeuell, Richmond, Va.; Camp Tekoa, Rev. Tom Lee, Statesville; Experiment in International Living, Dr. Walt Hudgins, High Point; Camp Winaukee, Dale Brown, High Point; Dorothy Dix Hospital Institutional Services, Miss Patricia Hall, Greensboro; National Council of the Episcopal Church, Rev. William F. O'Neal, Solumbia, S. C.; the North Carolina Conference of the Methodist Church, Rev. John H. Sutton, Jr., Raleigh; the National Council of Churches, Mrs. Jean L. Powers, New York City; the Peace Corps, Bernard H. Thomas, Lexington; Morgan Memorial Camp, Bill Richards, High Point; and the American Friends Service Committee, Richard Ramsey, High Point.

Materials from some 18 other organizations were also available to students.

Following the seminar, representatives were honored with a dinner in the private dining room at the College Cafeteria.

Coordinating the program was Rickie W. Mills, son of Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Mills of Newton. Mills is a junior at the college.

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WNC Group Building Church in Costa Rica

Fourteen Christian men and women have gone to San Jose, Costa Rica, Feb. 2-16 to build a church for a suburban Methodist congregation. Most of the group are Methodists.

This is the second such venture by clergymen and laymen of the Western North Carolina Methodist Conference in the past two years. In the fall of 1962 four men went to San Juan, Puerto Rico, to build a church for the Methodist congregation located in a slum area.

This group of 14 men and women will build a concrete block and wood, two-story structure for the Hatillo Methodist Church in San Jose. Methodist leaders of Costa Rica say the area where the congregation worships offers the best site for Methodist work in the entire nation.

Among the 14 are four clergymen, three women and seven laymen.

Odell Owens, Jr., of Etowah made the trip to Puerto Rico. The others are going for the first time. In most cases, the men and women are paying their own way. A few are being helped financially by their congregations.

Dr. N. M. Harrison of High Point, who organized the Puerto Rico tour, was also organizer for this tour, but suffered a heart attack recently and the Rev. William B. Bobbitt, Jr., associate minister of Myers Park Methodist Church, Charlotte, is now serving as tour coordinator.

The "professional" builders on the trip include Mr. Owens, a brick mason, Raymond W. Miller of Canton, a carpenter, and Joseph B. Forrest of Charlotte, an engineer. The others will add "manual labor knowhow" to the project.

Hatillo Methodist Church is located in a government housing community in the suburbs of San Jose, about 4,000 feet above sea level. The Rev. Herbert Tavenner, U.S. Methodist missionary to Costa Rica, is making arrangements for the project with the Latin American Methodists.

The U.S. group assembled in Miami for the trip Feb. 2 and arrived that same day in Costa Rica at 10:40 a.m. (Costa Rica time). At 3 p.m. that day the ground-breaking ceremony for the project was held.

Monday, Feb. 3, material arrived with which to build the church. The ground floor will be on concrete block, and the second floor will be of wood.

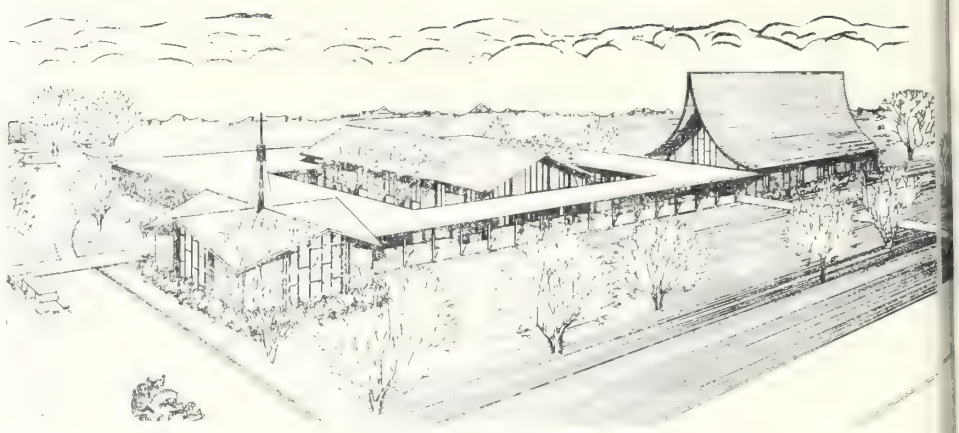
The group will remain two weeks, getting the construction to the stage where the local congregation can finish the work.

A trip by ten Western North Carolina Conference clergymen and laymen to Puerto Rico in February of 1962 has been the spring board for these church building projects by volunteer men and women of the Conference.

Dr. Horace McSwain of Statesville, executive secretary of the Conference Board of Missions, headed the group of ten who went into Puerto Rico for a weekend to see Methodism in action in this U.S. possession. They went into the mountains, the rural areas, and finally into the slums of San Juan.

It was here they worshipped in a small church whose building was being destroyed by termites and soggy groups. Dr. Harrison

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Sketch of the proposed College Village Church, High Point.

College Village to Build New Church

The congregation of College Village Methodist Church, High Point, has announced that it will build a new church at 1501 Lexington Avenue.

College Village Church was ogranized in July of 1960 with Rev. Dan Stowe as first pastor. Since that time the congregation has been meeting in the Northeast Junior High School. The church enrollment totals 110 with a church school of 130.

A dwelling on the church property has been used as a meeting place of the Methodist Youth Fellowship, Official Board, Woman's Society and for evening services. The church site has also been the scene of several fund raising sessions.

With the assistance of the Board of Missions of the Western North Carolina Conference, and the High Point District Missions Society, the congregation has bought and paid for the property at a cost of $27,500. Also purchased was the parsonage at 1201 Terrell Drive.

The church plant will be erected in three stages, with the first unit consisting of a multi-purpose Fellowship Hall, 14 classrooms, including a pastor's study, and kitchen facilities. An early spring date is planned for begnining construction.

Ultimate plans call for a church plant containing 23 classrooms, a social hall, kitchen facilities, library and choir room, offices, sanctuary and chapel. The area will also include two parking areas plus a playground and recreation area.

The week of January 19-22 were the dates for the Financial Crusade for the Building Fund. Directing the crusade was Rev. Rollin P. Gibbs, director of field service and finance for the Western North Carolina Conference Board of Missions. The congregation hoped to raise $30,000 toward the first unit.

The week began with the morning worship service on Sunday, Jan. 19. Rev. Gibbs brought a most inspiring and challenging sermon which set the spirit for the entire week. A dedication service was held for all crusade personnel. 100 per cent of the workers were present.

On Monday night, Jan. 20, the Forward Step Banquet was held in the Montlieu Methodist Church Fellowship Hall. 96 members were present. Pledges at the banquet totaled $28,604. This amount included individual pledges and those of organizations within the church. This was a ho happy occasion for the church.

On Tuesday night, Jan. 21, Vis Teams met at Montieu Church and af meal together, went out into the commu to visit members of the church who unable to attend the Forward Step quet. A total of $3,825 was receive cash and pledges from these visits. brings the total to $32,429. Yet to be tacted are several families in the churc well as members out of town and i ested friends of the congregation.

The general chairman for the crusac Jesse Lowe. G. L. Stroud is special chairman. Paul Edwards is serving as m of the crusade. Mrs. R. L. Hoover, Brown, and W. E. Simmons, Jr., are t captains. Honorary chairman is J. T. M gan.

The WSCS prepared the meal for banquet and the Workers Dinner, Mrs. Nadine Stroud as chairman. Build Fund treasurer is Bill Clinard. Pastor of church is Rev. Kelley R. Jones.

Montlieu Methodist Church has assis the new church in its first building crusa by maknig space available for the crus offices, and Fellowship Hall for the banc and workers meals. College Village is t indebted and grateful to Montlieu Chu and their fine minister, Rev. Glen Leni

Even in face of temporary and limi facilities the College Village Church been able to carry on a full church progr and ministry. However, the slogan for Buliding Fund Crusade reads, "Fr Dreams to Reality." College Vill Church is now ready to make that transiti

Plan New Time Schedule

A new time schedule for launching Methodist Men Second Mile Crusade, extended program of Christian outrea for organized men of The Methodist Chur has been established. This has been nounced by Dr. Robert G. Mayfield, g eral secretary of the General Board of L Actvities, Evanston, Ill.

As now scheduled, the first annual pled night for local Methodist Men units is be held in October, 1965. This is the tar date for the climax of the first year's parti pation in the Crusade. In earlier plannir it had been hoped that the Crusade could launched this year, but it became clear th a longer period of preparation was nec sary, Dr. Mayfield said.

Council Looks Ahead

Proposals calling for a four-year study of The Methodist Church's general boards and the establishment of a Publciations Policy Committee were adopted by the Coordinating Council at its meeting in Cincinnati Jan. 7-9. Bishop Edwin R. Garrison of Aberdeen, S. D., council president, presided.

The proposals adopted by the 36-member council will be sent on to the 1964 General Conference, for consideration at its quadrennial assembly opening in Pittsburgh April 26.

If approved there, the four-year study would be undertaken by the council in an effort to "simplify the structure and functioning of the general agencies." The proposed Publications Policy Committee would carry out "a continuing consultation between all publishers and editors" of church-wide publications, suggesting steps for redesigning or combining publications and minimizing unnecessary duplication and overlapping of content and emphasis.

Women Approve Merger Plan

The Woman's Division of Christian Service on Jan. 17 approved a plan under which two Methodist institutions in Kansas City, Mo.—National College and Saint Paul School of Theology, Methodist—would be merged to form a new institution for training church workers on the graduate level. It would be located on the present National College campus.

The division, which has a majority of members on the board of trustees of National College and which contributes annually to the school's budget, unanimously approved a merger plan worked out by a joint college-seminary committee. The plan must be approved by the Saint Paul board of trustees before it can become effective.

The effect of the plan would be to end all undergraudate education at National College and to begin a graduate program in church-related vocations with the seminary.

WNC Group Building Church

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organized a group of volunteer to return and build this congregation a new church on higher ground, and protected from termites. Influenza reduced the group eight to four at departture, but their work succeeded.

Here is the list of those on the present trip, home towns, and churches:

Rev. and Mrs. William B. Bobbitt, Jr., Mr. and Mrs. James T. Knotts, Joseph P. Forrest and Frank Watson, all of Myers Park Methodist Church, Charlotte; David Hill, Myers Park Baptist Church, Charlotte; the Rev. H. C. Clinard, Laboratory-Lander's Chapel Circuit, Lincolnton; the Rev. Edward Cochran, North Davidson Methodist Charge, near Winston-Salem.

Raymond W. Miller, Morning Star Methodist Church, Canton; Odell Owens, Jr., Etowah Methodist Church, Etowah; John Avery Scism, Kings Mountain (who attends the Myers Park Methodist Young Adult Fellowship); and Mrs. A. F. Berrier, Canaan Methodist Church, Winston-Salem, Ross Mayes, New Salem Methodist Church, Rt. 5, Statesville.



Dr. Mary Alice Jones, well known Christian educator and author of religious books for children, receives citation from Bishop Paul Neff Garber of Richmond, at session honoring her during the annual meeting of the General Board of Education. Dr. Jones retired last year as director of the Board's department of Christian education of children. The circulation of her books totals nearly 20,000,000 copies.

Dr. Mary Alice Jones Honored By General Board of Education

Dr. Mary Alice Jones was cited for "unusually productive and faithful" service to the church by the General Board of Education at its annual meeting January 7-9 in Dallas.

Dr. Jones, who retired last june as director of the Department of Christian Education of Children in the Division of the Local Church, was honored in an evening session at which she was the featured speaker. Bishop Paul Neff Garber, president of the board, presented her with a plaque expressing the board's deep appreciation and gratitude for her long and distinguished career in Christian education.

The text of citation:

"In Appreciation of Mary Alice Jones

"Scholar, author, student of theology, church executive, interdenominational leader, interpreter of the Christian faith to children, unfailing friend, so say her colleagues in the Methodist Board of Education. So testify the generations of children touched by her ministry, maturing in discipleship through her witness to the Christian faith.

"As a high school junior she studied 'The Pupil and the Teacher,' by Luther A. Weigle, and entered at once what proved to be her life vocation in the Christian nurture of children. From Texas, Northwestern, and Yale Universities came earned degrees of bachelor, master, and doctor as a teacher of the Christian faith. She has been visiting professor in many universities, seminaries, and colleges, incldng Northwestern, Iliff, Garrett, Yale, Union, Syracuse, and Scarritt College. She has served with distinction in pastors' and leadership schools, in White House Conferences, National and World Conferences on Christian Education and most recently in the multidenominational Cooperative Curriculum Project.

"Her insight, skill, and tireless devotion have been evidenced as a conference director of children's work, editor of children's publications, director of children's work in the International Council of Religious Education, children's book editor for Rand McNally and Company, and from 1951 to 1963 director of Chanristian education of children in the Methodist Board of Education.

"In person and through writing she embraces the children of the world. Her books approximate a circulation of 20,000,000 copies and have been translated into a score of languages and dialects. Curriculum and guidance writings have reached many millions of children, their teachers, and their parents.

"Therefore, the members of the General Board of Education at its 1964 session express appreciation to an unusually productive and faithful servant of the church, grateful for her effective witness to the Christian faith, honored to be called her colleagues and seeing in her a good minister of Jesus Christ."



NORTH CAROLINA CONFERENCE

Board of Lay Activities

PRESENTS

Monday, February 10, Through Friday, February 21, 1964

"THE CALL TO CHRISTIAN STEWARDSHIP"

2:00 P. M. TO 6:00 P. M.

Discussion Groups	Leaders
1—Tithing	Charles McCullers
2—Every Member Visitation	Nelson Gibson, Jr.
3—Commission on Stewardship and Finance	Bill Price
4—Local Church Financing	Matt Howell

11TH ANNUAL DISTRICT LAY RALLIES

7:00 P. M. TO 9:00 P. M.

(RALLY DINNER FROM 6:00 P. M. TO 7:00 P. M.)

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CONFERENCE SCHEDULE

DATE	DISTRICT	AFTERNOON SESSION	EVENING LAY RALLY
February 10	GOLDSBORO	Saint Luke Church	Goldsboro High School
February 11	WILMINGTON	Sunset Park Church	Sunset Park Church
February 12	WILMINGTON	Lumberton, N. C.	Chestnut Street Church
February 13	NEW BERN	Centenary Church	Centenary Church
February 14	FAYETTEVILLE	Hay Street Church	Hay Street Church
February 17	ELIZABETH CITY	Hertford Church	Perquimans High School
February 18	RALEIGH	Edenton Street Church	Edenton Street Church
February 19	ROCKY MOUNT	First Church	First Church
February 20	DURHAM	Asbury Church	Durham Civic Center
February 21	BURLINGTON	Front Street Church	Front Street Church

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Americans Observe Brotherhood Week, Feb. 16-23

Statement by Dr. Lewis Webster Jones President of the National Conference of Christians and Jews, Inc.

President Kennedy has died a martyr—the victim not only of an assassin's bullet but of a national climate of violence and lawlessness for which all Americans must bear corporate guilt.

The grief we feel for our fallen President will not soon pass. But grief, however deep and inescapable, is not enough. We have just observed a Day of Mourning. Now let us follow it with days of dedication, that our President's martyrdom be not in vain. For if we are to keep faith with the man who died in the midst of his efforts to make America truly a land of the free and the brave, we must add to our grief a determination to make realities of the ideals we profess. To the unfinished business of achieving racial and economic justice at home and peace and harmony abroad, which were the goals of John F. Kennedy's Presidency, Americans must add shamefully unfinished business in the most fundamental ordering of their society.

What this nation suffered in the murder of its President, and the vicious aftermath of that crime, is a blow to the very notion of government of and by the people. Such a government cannot survive except by the responsibility of the people who make it up, and we the people of America have in these last years failed most grievously to keep faith with ourselves and with our national ideals of law, order and civility in public life. Irresponsibles among us have defied the courts, the law, the representatives of their own government. They have counseled violence and committed violence. They have poisoned the atmosphere of this land with campaigns of hate, calumny and innuendo. What is worse, those of us who profess to be responsible, law-abiding and God-fearing have in our turn permitted these things to happen. We have accepted bombings and murders, even of innocent children whose only offense was the color of their skins. We have tolerated the intolerable, and now we reap the fruit of our selfishness, timidity and torpor.

This nation is in the midst of a great religious and social revolution. Such revolutions always have their martyrs, and America's list of martyrs has been extended to the White House. But from this martyrology can and must be born a great public revulsion for hate, violence and moral cynicism.

If we are to keep faith with our dead President, with all those we have let suffer and die in the collapse of public order and decency, we must take up again the responsibility we have too long evaded, and with such tragic consequences. We must work to eradicate—and not least in ourselves—the hatred that consumes us, the bitterness that begets violence, the venon that provokes thoughts of violence in others. We must give living proof that we love our neighbor as ourselves in fact as well as word, that we truly respect one another as fellow-children of the one God. And from the love that overwhelms hatred can come the reconciling power to cure this nation of its moral sickness.

Let this be a time, then, not merely of grief but of open acceptance of our guilt and, most important, of resolution to quit the ways of silence and fear in the face of evil. Let this be a time of rededication of the principles of democracy and Godliness, and of courage in resisting the forces of hate and violence which disfigure those principles. Only in this way can we make some kind of reparation for our complicity, and for the tragedy of this latest, culminating crime against America.

A Message From the Late President of the United States

The annual observance of Brotherhood Week is a time of remembrance when we proclaim our concern for the welfare and happiness of all of our fellow citizens. It is a time for us to renew our dedication to the practices of understanding and justice.

We are now engaged in a mighty struggle to preserve our free institutions and to extend the boundaries of liberty. It is therefore most urgent for every American to pledge his devotion anew to the fundamentals upon which this nation has been built. Without brotherhood there can only be chaos; with brotherhood we may look forward to reaching the ultimate goal of mankind—peace with freedom and justice.

I, therefore, heartily join with the National Conference of Christians and Jews in urging all Americans to participate in a nation-wide observance of Brotherhood Week, February 16-23, 1964, with the hope that they will do so in wholehearted affirmation of the spirit and ideals underlying this important observance.

JOHN F. KENNEDY

Brotherhood Week Message From The President of the United States

My fellow Americans:

Brotherhood Week 1964 is a time of deep appraisal for all Americans.

Tragedy is in our land and from the darkness of our sorrow ought to come a new dedication to the ideals of love and brotherhood.

Democracy cannot live in hate and fear Prejudice and bigotry are the advance guard of failure.

No better time exists for a searching of our hearts and mind than this National Observance of Brotherhood. Let us hear again the faith of our forebears; let us listen again to the inspired hopes of our national conscience; let us obey again the word of our religions.

In this time, still heavy with sadness, I urge all my fellow Americans to join with me and the National Conference of Christians and Jews in this national community celebration of tolerance, truth and charity toward our neighbors, wherever they live, whoever they are.

LYNDON B. JOHNSON
Honorary Chairman
Brotherhood Week

★ CAROLINA BRIEFS ★

¶ Mrs. Emma Walker Pyatt, step-mother of Rev. Dwight Pyatt of Spencer, died recently in Marion.

¶ Rev. and Mrs. C. Garland Young announce the birth of a son, Hugh Charles Young, born January 29. Mr. Young is pastor of the Macon Circuit, Franklin.

¶ The Methodist Church at Scotland Neck held a reception Sunday afternoon from 4:00 till 5:30 in honor of their new pastor and his wife, Rev. and Mrs. Emerson Thompson, Jr.

¶ The Commission on Membership and Evangelism, Ann Street Church, Beaufort, has made plans for revival services scheduled for March 8-13. The Rev. Bob Poulk, minister of Salem Church, Goldsboro, will be the visiting preacher.

¶ The W.N.C. Asbury Club will have its semi-annual meetings (a covered dish supper) at the Bethel Methodist Church, Thomasville, Friday Feb. 21st at 6:30. All friends and members are urged to be present. Rev. Arthur Pearce is president.

¶ Rev. Joseph T. Shackford, former member of the Western North Carolina Conference, and presently associate pastor of St. Luke's Methodist Church, Oklahoma City, was recently installed as president of the Oklahoma City Council of Churches.

¶ Rev. Franklin P. Smith, native of Florida, graduate of Emory and Boston Universities, who is a missionary on furlough from Taiwan, preached Sunday, Feb. 2, at Union Ridge Church, Winston-Salem. Rev. Zane Norton is the pastor.

¶ Dr. A. P. Brantley, Executive Director of the Commission on Christian Higher Education of the North Carolina Conference, will preach at Steele Street Methodist Church, Sanford, next Sunday, February 16, at 11:00 a.m. Dr. W. C. Ball is pastor of Steele Street Church.

¶ The Rev. and Mrs. Daniel K. Ivey of Hebron Methodist Church, near Mebane (Burlington District), are the parents of a baby boy, Keith Calvert, born January 16 in Burlington. Mrs. Ivey is former Director of Christian Education at Davis Street Methodist Church, Burlington.

¶ Revival services will be held at the West Nash Methodist Church of Wilson, Feb. 23-28. Dr. Howard P. Powell of Raleigh, will be the preacher for the meeting and the closing service on Friday, Feb. 28 will be preceded by a fellowship supper and service for the youth of the church. Rev. James H. Bailey is pastor of the church.

¶ Dr. Samuel D. Proctor, president of A & T College in Greensboro, was guest speaker Sunday, February 2, at Jonesboro Heights Methodist Church, Sanford, of which Rev. Vernon Tyson is the pastor. Dr. Proctor's visit was sponsored by the Official Board, the Pastoral Relations Committee, and the Commsision on Christian Social Concerns. Dr. Proctor is an ordained Negro minister and is a distinguished educator. A large congregation was present to hear him.

¶ Miss Eliza J. Bynum of Pittsboro, has a number of old copies of the old "Raleigh Christian Advocate" and the "North Carolina Christian Advocate," dating back as far as the 1880s; also some Sunday school and WSCS literature. Some quite old, others more recent. Anyone interested may contact her at the above address.

¶ Friends of Rev. C. T. Thrift, an honored retired minister of the North Carolina Conference, will regret to learn that he suffered a stroke last Thursday, Feb. 6. He is a patient in Watts Hospital, Durham. We have not learned to what extent his illness has been diagnosed, but we are trusting it is only light, and that he will make a good recovery.

¶ The new J. Ed Millis dormitory at High Point College, was dedicated in ceremonies held Saturday afternoon, February 8, at 3:00 p.m. The dedicatory address was delivered by Dr. Ralph H. Taylor, Superintendent of the High Point District of the Western North Carolina Conference. Mr. Millis was a long-time friend and benefactor of the college.

¶ Dr. Hugh C. Stuntz of Lake Junaluska preached February 2 at Wesley Memorial Church, High Point at the 11:00 o'clock service. He also spoke to the junior high department during the Sunday school hour. Dr. Stuntz has served as a missionary and as president of Scarritt College. He is presently program director at Lake Junaluska.

¶ Dr. Christopher L. Wilson, chairman of the Department of Chemistry at High Point College, left High Point Monday, Feb. 10, on a lecture tour sponsored by the American Chemical Society. Touring Western Pennsylvania and Northern Ohio, Dr. Wilson will lecture on "Polyurethanes," "Organic Electorochemistry," and "Sponges." He will speak in the Painesville, Merietta, Columbus, Wooster, Cleveland, Akron, and Youngstown, Ohio, areas, and in the Erie and Bradford, Pennsylvania, areas.

¶ Dr. John R. Church, Conference Evangelist of the Western N. C. Conference, will preach in revival services, Sunday night. Feb. 16 through Sunday, February 23, at Montlieu Avenue Methodist Church, High Point. Dr. Church is well-known in the conference and in High Point, and his many friends are invited to hear him. Mr. Sam Allred of Greensboro will be the song leader. Rev. H. Glen Lanier, pastor of Montlieu, and the congregation welcomes you to these services.

¶ Rev. O. L. Hathaway, district superintendent of the Durham District, was in charge of a very fine district conference program Friday, February 6, at historic Concord Church in Person County. The program ran smoothly, and the attendance was fine. The church served a delicious luncheon to the large congregation at the noon hour. Brother Hathaway knows how to direct a district conference program without being hurried, and having time for all phases of the work. Rev. L. C. Vereen, executive secretary of the Board of Missions, preached at 12:00 o'clock.

¶ Rowland Methodist Church, Rev. Frank D. Salmon, pastor, dedicated a new organ Sunday, Feb. 2, in memory of John Wesley Ward, Jr. Rev. J. W. Page, Rocky Mount District Superintendent, and a former resident of Rowland, preached the dedicatory sermon and led the dedicatory prayer and the act of dedication. Music was furnished by Mrs. John Wesley Ward III, organist, and Mrs. Paul Smith. In the afternoon an organ recital was given by Mr. John E. Williams, organist at St. Andrews Presbyterian College, Laurinburg.

¶ The Sixth Annual Conference for Local Church Directors of Evangelism Jan. 20-23, held at Nashville, Tenn., in the General Board of Evangelism Headquarters, was attended by three members of the Western North Carolina Conference. Rev. Gene Little of Centenary Church, Winston-Salem; Rev. Donald Ellis of West Market Street Church, Greensboro; and Rev. Edwin Carter of First Church, Hickory. The Conference in 1965 will be held jointly with other conferences on evangelism sponsored by the General Board, at the Conrad Hilton Hotel, Chicago.

¶ Next Sunday, February 16, will mark the final service in the old sanctuary for the Glenwood Methodist Church, Greensboro. The congregation will assemble in the present sanctuary for a brief service of thanksgiving for the precious experiences in the present church home, then will go in procession into the new sanctuary which will be opened for divine worship. Formal opening services will be conducted the week of March 1-8, with preaching each evening. Sunday, Feb. 23, Rev. Glenn Lackey, Conference Director of Church Extension, will preach at 11:00 a.m., and Dr. Garland Winkler, district superintendent, will preach at 7:30 and hold the quarterly conference.

¶ Rev. Forrest Reynolds, Department of Field Service and Finance of the Division of National Missions of the Board of Missions, The Methodist Church, arrived in Mount Olive Friday afternoon, January 31, to direct the intensive phase of the Crusade of Progress now underway. The objective of the crusade is to raise a minimum goal of $80,000.00 to build a new Fellowship Hall, a new Children's Building and to renovate the existing Educational Building. Mr. Reynolds was guest preacher for the Sunday morning worship services on Feb. 2 and 9th. He led in training sessions for larger gifts workers and general visitattion workers.

¶ The Advocate Editor enjoyed the high privilege of traveling to First Church, Henderson last Sunday, where he preached at 11:00 o'clock to a fine congregation. This afforded much reminiscing, since this writer was engaged in newspaper work on the Henderson Daily Dispatch at the time of his marriage and where he and his bride first set up housekeeping. Of course many things have changed. First Church now has an entire new plant, and the personnel is of course quite different. Yet there were some friends of other years with whom it was a delight to chat briefy. Rev. W. B. Petteway and his family are much loved by the people of this church, where they are serving their sixth year. We enjoyed a delightful luncheon with the pastor and his wife and some friends of long standing, Mr. and Mrs. Henry A. Dennis.

¶ Mr. Bill Bigham, missionary to Brazil, will speak at Bethlehem Methodist Church, Monroe, Friday, evening, Feb. 14. A covered dish supper is planned. The public is invited.

¶ Dr. Thomas A. Collins, President of N. C. Wesleyan College at Rocky Mount, preached Sunday, February 2 at Fairmont Methodist church in Robeson County, of which Rev. Paul Browning is pastor.

¶ Mr. Leslie Starnes, a prominent laymen of the Bethlehem Church, Monroe, was voted "Man of the Year" by the Monroe-Union County Chamber of Commerce. The church is glad to have one of its members so honored.

¶ Speaker for the 4 p.m. vesper service at Bennett College on Sunday, Feb. 16, will be Dr. John W. Davis, of New York City, representing the Legal Defense and Education Fund of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People.

¶ The Study Course "Our Mission Today" was held at Stantonburg Charge 7-9 p.m., on the Sundays of January 12, 19 and 26. The Primary Class taught by Mrs. E. T. Beddingfield, Jr.; the Junior Class by Mrs. S. N. Tyson, the Youth by Mrs. Travis Thompson and the Adults by the minister, Roderick Randolph. Attendance averaged more than 65 with an average of 33 in the adult Class. We believe that this study has been a significant event in the life of our church.

¶ The Goldsboro SubDistrict MYF will meet Monday night, February 17, at 7:30 at First Methodist Church, Mount Olive. All members of Senoir High MYF in the sub-district are urged to attend. Rev. Conrad Glass, Conference Director of Youth Work, will show slides and report on summer opportunities for youth. Billy Crowder, Goldsboro District President, will report on the Youth and Missions Conference at Lake Junaluska; Ellen Blackburn, vice-president, will report on the SEJ Workshop and Bert Wooters, sub-district president, will report on the Migrant Camp.

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Left to right: Former Dean Robert B. House; Dr. Isaac N. Reynolds, club president, Graham; and Dr. Millard Burt, district governor and Dean of Methodist College, Fayetteville.

Plaque Presented to W. A. Graham For His Work With Youth

W. A. Graham of Chapel Hill, the director of youth work in the Durham District, and one of the outstanding laymen of the North Carolina Conference, has been named the winner of the 1963 Service to Mankind Award of the Tarheel Sertoma Club of Chapel Hill.

The presentation of the plaque honoring Mr. Graham was made at the dinner meeting of the club on Feb. 5 at the Orange Methodist Church Hut.

Club President Dr. Isaac N. Reynolds and Dr. Millard Burt, dean of the Methodist College at Fayetteville, and a district governor of Sertoma International, made the presentation.

Mr. Graham was selected for the honor by a vote of the citizens of Orange County, rather than by a vote of the club membership. The club named a committee to canvass the county asking the question, "Who do you think has contributed most to youth activities?" Mr. Graham was the unanimous choice of civic, business and educational leaders.

Mr. Graham has been director of youth work for the Durham District for eight years, and counselor of the Senior High Methodist Youth Fellowship of the University Methodist Church for 12 years. He is the only layman who serves as a district youth director in the North Carloina Conference.

He is recognized throughout the conference, and the Southeastern Jurisdiction as one of the most outstanding adult workers with youth of the entire southeast.

He was dean of men for the Southeastern Jurisidctional MYF Workshop at Pfeiffer College in July, 1963. He has served for three years as dean of the Senior MYF Workshop of the Conference.

He and Mrs. Graham will be lav counselors for the second annual Washington-United Nations Study Tour, sponsored by the North Carolina Conference Board of Education, to be held March 14-20.

Mr. Graham has served as a member of the Youth Study Commission of the conference education board; member of the executive committee of the board, and chairman of the board's youth committee.

In 1960, he was an adult advisor to the North Carolina Conference delegation to the National Convocation of Methodist Youth at Purdue University.

He has served as an instructor in leadership training schools and as a member of various committees directing youth work in the conference. He recently served as convener for a "pilot" study of a proposed new method of training of adult workers with youth. In this capacity, he was one of 15 such conveners throughout the United States.

Mr. Graham's work with youth has not been limited to the bounds of the Methodist Church's program for youth. He currently is serving as chairman of the Chapel Hill Recreation Commission.

He formed the United Christian Youth Movement of Chapel Hill.

Under his direction, many youths on local church, subdistrict, district, conference and jurisdictional levels, as well as interdenominational levels, have been led to successful endeavors.

The true, Christian witness of William Albert Graham, and especially in the field of youth work, has been felt by all those who have been privileged to become associated with him.

Under his leadership, the youths of the Durham District spearheaded a campaign to build lovely Lake Fellowship at Camp Chestnut Ridge in Orange County. Many other projects of youths have been made possible only through the devotion and determination of this outstanding Methodist layman.

Mr. Graham is associated with the home offices of the Hospital Savings Association in Chapel Hill.

EDITORIALS

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Annual Lay Rallies Now in Progress

The annual Laymen's Rallies for the North Carolina Conference are now in progress. These extend over two full weeks, beginning February 10 and ending February 21. Five of them are being held this week, and the other five will be held next week. They are sponsored by the Conference Board of Lay Activities.

These rallies have become somewhat traditional in the conference. Mr. Roy L. Turnage, Conference Lay Leader is in charge and has planned a fine program. Usually the laymen of the various districts seem to vie with each other as to the attendance. They meet in the early evening and enjoy a fellowship supper, then go into the program. This year Bishop Paul N. Garber will participate as usual, and others taking part are Roy L. Turnage, Conference Lay Leader; Charles McCullers, who will speak on Tithing; J. Nelson Gibson, former Conference Lay Leader, who will speak on Every Member Visitation; Mr. Bill Price, President of the Commission on World Service and Finance, who will lead the group in the Commission on Stewardship and Finance; and Mr. Matt Howell, of Waynesville, who will lead in Local Church Financing.

General theme of the rallies is "The Call to Christian Stewardship." The schedule of meetings were included on the back page of last week's North Carolina CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE.

World Day of Prayer

Christians of many denominations will join in observing the World Day of Prayer next Friday, February 14. With all the racial and international tension there is in the world at this time, there is much need for those of religious faith to take advantage of this opportunity to join in individual and corporate prayer that solutions may be found to solve our problems and that our world may become more of a brotherhood.

Many churches will be open all day and others will be open at certain hours in order to afford people an opportunity to come and spend time in prayerful communion. None of us should be so busy that we fail to use this opportunity. Truly "more things are wrought by prayer than this world dreams of." Next Friday will afford us an opportunity to help make this promise a reality. No time we spend in other exercises can compare in importance to the time spent in prayer.

THEME FOR THE WEEK

"Behold, what manner of love the Father hath bestowed upon us, that we should be called the sons of God; therefore the world knoweth us not, because it knew him not."—I John 3:1.

Making Disciples Is Our Task

Most of us would agree that the word evangelism, in the broad sense, would embrace the chief business of the church. Of course, we understand that the term is expanded to encompass missions, education, church extension, and all the other activities of the church. So that every agency is an evangelistic agency if it is properly functioning, and therefore deserves our full support.

It is true that we are sometimes inclined to give emphasis to one facet of this program and neglect others. Right now we are facing up to the Easter season. And that is a time when ministers and churches seek to reach out and enlist people in the Christian cause and enlarge the membership of the local church. Many pastors are now enrolling young people and adults in membership training classes, that they may receive instruction in what it means to be a Christian and a member of the church. It is hoped that this effort will be widespread and that a great increase will be registered at the Easter season. There has been neglect in this field. Churches sometimes with thousands of members will go for six months or a year with only one or two or a very few members on profession of faith. We see this reflected in the district conferences. Some churches actually report losses. And yet we know in most cases there are plenty of people who should be reached for Christ and the Kingdom.

We were delighted to hear a few days ago from the Director of Evangelism in the North Carolina Conference that at the halfway point this year they have adready received more members on profession of faith and had a larger net increase than they had for the entire previous year. Rev. C. Freeman Heath, the director, is giving dynamic leadership to this cause and he looks forward to a large net increase in membership for this conference year. Jesus is the Master of our marching orders: "The fields are white unto harvest, go ye therefore and make disciples." Nothing we do otherwise can compensate or justify our neglect in this field.

Mrs. Florence Paisley Former Advocate Staff Member Died

Mrs. Florence Paisley, wife of Mr. Fred Paisley, one of the faithful and efficient employees of the Methodist Board of Publication, died February 6 at Moses Cone Hospital, Greensboro, after more than a year of failing health. Mrs. Paisley was for a number of years employed by the North Carolina CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE, and will be remembered as the lady who attended the annual conferences representing the ADVOCATE during the editorship of the Plyler brothers. It was here that she and Mr. Paisley met and were later married. They made their home at the old Paisley home on Route 2, McLeansville.

She was the former Florence Gordon of Galax, Va., and had lived in Guilford County 38 year. She was a member of Mount Pleasant Methodist Church and of the Woman's Society of Christian Service of that church. She was a member of the McLeansville Home Demonstration Club.

Surviving are her husband; one daughter, Helen Paisley of the home who is a student at High Point College; two brothers, James Gordon of Indiana, and Elijah Gordon of Galax, Va.; three sisters, Mrs. George Anderson and Mrs. Tom Melton, both of Galax, Va., and Miss Esther Gordon of Lynchburg, Va.

Funeral services were held at 2 p.m. Saturday at Mount Pleasant Methodist Church by the Rev. J. C. Grose, pastor, and the Rev. Joe Erwin, a former pastor.

Mrs. Paisley was a fine Christian woman and will be greatly missed in her church and community. The entire ADVOCATE staff feels a keen sense of loss in her passing.

Book Reviews

NEW LIFE FOR PRAYER GROUPS

By Ben C. Johnson

Ben C. Johnson, author of **An Adventure in Prayer,** has written another helpful and inspiring book for prayer groups. He probes into the purpose of the prayer group and gives guiding principles and practical program helps.

The book will be a vital interest for prayer group leaders who want to establish and keep alive the spirit of faith, love and concern in their groups.

The author has worked closely with prayer groups since his student days. At present he is doing research at Emory University, Atlanta, Georgia, on the dynamics of the face-to-face groups. Available from The Upper Room, 1908 Grand Avenue, Nashville, Tenn. 35c single copy; $3.50 per dozen.

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SYMBOLS—SIGNPOSTS OF DEVOTION

By Ratha Dole McGee
(New Paperback Edition)

This book is a comprehensive guide to the meaning of Christian symbols. It is invaluable for Sunday school teachers, youth counselors, study groups, and ministers for use in confirmation classes, as sermon resource material, teaching aids, gifts, etc.

Describes 174 beautifully drawn and reproduced Christian symbols and also contains an interpretation of the symbolism in the **The Upper Room** chapel. Avalable from Upper Room, 1908 Grand Avenue, Nashville 5, Tenn. 60c.

Macon County Group Ministry

MRS. R. L. HOGLEN

The Macon County Group Ministry Council met Monday, Jan. 27.

The group ministry is a voluntary effort by the Methodist churches of Macon County to cooperate in doing things that can be done best together, but leaves churches free to do separately what can be done best individually.

Officers elected were: Chairman, Mr. L. C. Howard; vice-chairman, Mrs. Cecil Parker; secretary, Miss Jessie McConnell, and reporter, Mrs. R. L. Hoglen.

The council approved a $780.00 budget to be used for special projects: newsletter, youth program supplement, leadership training and needed materials.

It was decided to join in a Lenten project to raise money for the Clara Swain Hospital in India and for the School for Boys in Pakistan. In raising money, the Lenten coin folder will be used in each church that wishes to participate. Sometime after Easter the churches will come together for a worship and dedication service.

The Methodist churches in our county will enter into simultaneous revival during Holy Week. It was decided that services will be held at First Methodist Church and one church on each circuit. The minister of these churches will rotate each evening, preaching once in each church.

Plans are being made for Laymen Spiritual Life Retreat sometime in the spring at Hinton Rural Life Center, Hayesville.

Plans are also being made for county-wide training of our Vocation Church School workers under the direction of Miss Virginia Miller, our church and community worker.

Nineteen were present and the next Group Ministry Council was set for the night of April 27.

Dates For Conference On Evangelism Are Set

The annual Pastors Conference on Evangelism for the North Carolina Conference will be held at Methodist College Fayetteville, beginning at noon August 25 and running through noon August 27. The conference is sponsored jointly by the Board of Evangelism and the Town and Country Commissions. Rev. Paul C. Browning is president of the Board of Evangelism, and Rev. Key W. Taylor is chairman of the Commission on Town and Country Work. Rev. C. Freeman Heath is chairman of the Board of Managers. Rev. Alison Simonton will serve as dean, and Rev. A. Kimsey King, Jr., as associate dean. Rev. L. C. Vereen will be director of the musical program.

Dr. William R. Cannon, dean of the Candler School of Theology at Emory University, will be the conference preacher. Bishop Paul N. Garber will give the keynote address at the opening of the conference, and Dr. Lawrence Lacour, of the General Board of Evangelism, Nashville, Tenn., will speak to the group and direct the spiritual life groups. Mrs. Lacour, an accomplished harpist, will render special music on the harp. These conferences furnish a rich experience for the ministers in preparing for an carrying out their evangelistic programs in the local church.



Some of the District Directors of the Rocky Mount District Conference, North Carolina Conference, who participated in the District Conference, are: first row, left to right, the Rev. S. G. Boone, TRAFO; the Rev. J. W. Page, district superintendent; the Rev. R. L. Crossno, missions; and the Rev. L. E. Lugar, Advocate and secretary for the conference; second row, the Rev. R. L. Baldridge, Christian vocations; the Rev. James Bailey, host pastor and adult work; the Rev. W. J. Neese, evangelism; third row, the Rev. W. S. Davenport, Golden Cross; the Rev. Ben Musser, ministerial qualifications; the Rev. E. M. Thompson, Jr., youth work; and the Rev. A. W. Winstead, town and country.

Rocky Mount District Conference Met at West Nash Church, Wilson

By L. E. LUGAR

The Rocky Mount District Conference met at West Nash Methodist Church, Wilson, on Sunday afternoon, January 26, at 2:30 p.m. There were approximately 300 persons presents. District and conference reports were contained in an attractive booklet bearing a picture of the host church. The book of reports was dedicated to the memory of two faithful Methodist ministers —the Rev. H. B. Baum and the Rev. A. L. G. Stephenson.

The District Conference issued Local Preachers Licenses to Everette Jackson, Ray Warren Jones, and Daniel Lankford Wheeler. Licenses were renewed for seven other persons. Three ministers will be recommended to the Annual Conference for Admission on Trial: Max Roland Gessner, Wade Allen Mullikin, and Arthur William Winstead.

In the field of evangelism the churches reported 62 received on profession of faith and 281 received by transfer. First Methodist Church, Rocky Mount, H. G. Ruark, pastor, led the district with a total of 36 additions; West Nash, Wilson, James Bailey, pastor, was second with 33 additions. In the field of education the churches reported 550 additions. First Methodist Church, Roanoke Rapids, W. J. Neese, pastor, led the district with 75 additions; First Church, Rocky Mount, was second with 45 additions.

Ten charges in the district reported 50 per cent or more paid on conference apportionments. Evansdale-Black Creek, Wilson, Route 3, L. E. Lugar, pastor, led the district with 79.6 per cent; Temperance Hall, Route 1, Elm City, C. E. Shaw, pastor, was second with 62.5 per cent. Other churches were Bethel, Hornes-Mt. Zion, Milwaukee, First Church, Roanoke Rapids, Englewood, Seaboard, West Nash, Wilson, and Winstead, Wilson. For all purposes the churches of the district have raised $502,194.74.

Conference agencies and colleges were represented by : Dr. T. A. Collins, N. C. Wesleyan; Dr. Cecil Robbins, Louisburg College; Mr. W. Clyde Johns, Director of Campus Life, The Methodist Children's Home, Raleigh; and Rev. Joseph F. Coble, Methodist Retirement Home, Durham. Rev. Coble had as his guest two members of the Home; Mrs. Paul Mallison and Rev. Billy Brown.

A John F. Kennedy Memorial Fund has been established by the Rocky Mount district churches. This fund will be given to North Carolina Wesleyan College in memory of our late President. A book will be presented later to Mrs. Kenedy, bearing the names of contributors.

The Rocky Mount District is fortunate to have had selected one of its ministers to be counselor for the 1964 European Caravan. The minister is W. J. Neese, pastor, First Church, Roanoke Rapids. An offering was taken at the conference to help Mr. Neese with expenses. He was very appreciative of the gift.

A resolution requesting the Committee on Episcopacy and the College of Bishops of the Southeastern Jurisdiction of the Methodist Church to make the North Carolina and Virginia Conferences separate areas of the Jurisdiction, and requesting the appointment of Bishop Paul Neff Garber to be resident Bishop of the North Carolina Annual Conference was unanimously approved.

The 1965 session of the Rocky Mount District Conference will meet at Bethel Methodist Church, Bethel, N. C. The Rev. Jeak Page, district superintendent, closed the conference with a challenging message on our responsibility to meetnig the urgent needs of the World Church through World Service.

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RICHARD G. STONE, *President.*



By Mary Gardner

Misfit

Part 2

Dave dreaded going to school Monday. He stalled so long the last bell rang before he reached the ward. He slipped as quietly as possible into his seat. He felt a shock run through him as he looked, as usual, at Jess' empty desk. There was a girl, a new girl, sitting at it. Dave felt a surge of dislike for the girl. By sitting there, she's robbed Dave of his last hope. While the place was vacant, he could dream Jess would come back. Now there was nothing.

The other girls crowded around the new girl during recess. That's what it was like—being new at school. Everyone made you feel welcome. That was what Jess had faced. By noon Dave reached a decision. He took his lunch bag and walked over deliberately to the others under the willow tree.

"Had a letter from Jess," he said during a lull in the conversation.

"Yeah? Having fun?" one of the fellows asked.

Before Dave could elaborate, the talk took another direction. Dave finished lunch in silence. Well, he's made the effort hadn't he? For what?

When the fellows went off to the baseball area, Dave tried again. "I'll field,' he offered.

Mike looked at Dave as though he's never seen him before. "Okay, I guess," he said slowly, and waved Dave to a far corner.

Dave felt like pulling out of the game then, but he gritted his teeth and took his post. He'd be a friend by catching a fly when the bases were full. He'd be the big boy of the hour. He could see his teammates crowd around him.

"Watch it," he heard Mike scream.

Dave looked up from his day dream. He leaped, but the ball slipped through his fingers. He ran after it, threw it back. Two runs for the other team. Red-faced, Dave followed his classmates into the room.

Miss Smith called the class to order. "We have to make plans right now," she said, "for our parents' night. We'll have to have a display for our project! Transportation. Does any one have an idea?"

Dave sat at his desk in misery. All he could think about was that he had given the other team two runs.

"Come, come, class," Miss Smith rapped on the desk. "Let's have some suggestions."

A girl raised her hand. "Perhaps we could have a display of models—of the different means of transportation," she said.

Another hand went up. "Different means—different ages," she added. Hands were waving wildly now with suggestions. Dave felt his interest caught by the class enthusiasm. Someone had a model carriage drawn by horses. Another had an old model car. Still another had a canoe. And one had a steamship. As Miss Smith wrote down the offers rapidly, the idea grew until the class had reached a high pitch of enthusiasm. Almost against his will, Dave found his hand in the air.

"Yes, Dave?"

"I have a DC-7," Dave said. "It's the latest in plane transportation. Three feet long."

"Wonderful," exclaimed Miss Smith. "How about bringing in your models, all of you, tomorrow."

Dave felt his heart sink. His model wasn't even started. He raised his hand again. "My plane won't be ready," he said slowly. "Maybe—do you think I could have some help finishing it?"

"Certainly, Dave," Miss Smith turned to the class. "Anyone want to help Dave with his DC-7?"

Dave stared at his desk top. Why, oh, why, had he exposed himself to class ridicule like this? Who'd volunteer, after his miserable mistake in the baseball game?

"All right, Mike," Miss Smith was saying, "you may help. George, Wayne—four of you should be enough for the project."

Dave pedaled home that afternoon as fast as he could. The fellows were coming over right away, as soon as they'd checked in at their homes. Only Mike could come along with him right now, because they passed his house. Dave paused the moment it took Mike to get permission.

"You know," Mike said as they pedaled off, "We had you tagged as a snob."

Dave stared. A snob? Him? He'd have to tell Mike and the fellows how wrong they were. Now he hurried into his house.

"'Any cookies and milk for the gang?" he called to Mom. His voice was strong and happy.

Maybe, after the plane was finished, they'd like to help with the tree house. He planned his letter to Jess. "The gang was over," he'd say, "we're making the DC-7 for school. And the tree house. . . ."

A Thank You Litany

Dear Lord, thank You for our homes,
and money with which to buy them;
We thank the Lord for everything.
For Sunday School teachers and school
teachers to help us learn,
We thank the Lord for everything.
For parents and sisters and brothers, for
brotherhood and love,
We thank the Lord for everything.
For trees and flowers, for the earth and
the heaven,
We thank the Lord for everything.
For Jesus who died for us, for all the
heavenly bodies,
We thank the Lord for all these things.

Judy Meekins (age 10)
Manteo, N. C.

BIBLE QUIZ

1—Who played the harp to soothe King Saul?
2—With what instrument did seven priests before the ark terrify the people of a city?
3—Who was the father of all musicians?
4—Is the organ mentioned in the Bible? Yes or No.
5—What instrument did Miriam play at the time of rejoicing after the children of Isreal had crossed the Red Sea safely?

Answers to Last Week's Questions

1—Cornelius (Acts 10)
2—Lydia (Acts 16:14-15)
3—Acts
4—The church at Antioch (Acts 13:1-3)
5—Barnabas and John Mark (Acts 12:25)

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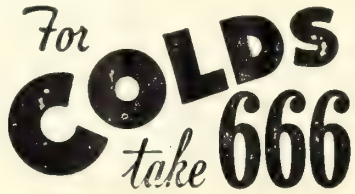
A little boy came joyously running home from school one day and insisted that his mother buy him a gun-belt, holster, and a set of pistols.

"What are they for, dear?" questioned the puzzled mother. "Certainly you're not going to tell me you need them in school."

"Oh, yes I do," replied the boy, "Our teacher said that tomorrow she will teach us to draw."

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President and Mrs. Johnson surprised a Methodist pastor in Thurmont, Md., by unexpectedly attending his church Jan. 19. During a weekend at the nearby Camp David, they gave no advance word that they would attend the service conducted by the Rev. Martin A. Case.



Methodist College — On and Off Campus

President Weaver is serving on the Committee on Facilities and Finance of the Community College Advisory Council. He attended the National Council of Methodist Colleges and Universities meeting in Washington, D. C., in January and will attend the meeting of the American Association of School Administrators in Atlantic City, Feb. 15-19.

On Feb. 6, fifty-three Allied Officers from China, India, Iran, Korea, Laos, Philippines and Viet-Nam, attending the U. S. Army Special Warfare School at Fort Bragg, visited the campus. They participated in classes and shared with students and faculty during the noon meal in the college dining hall.

The Rev. Bill Lowdermilk, assistant director of public relations, represented the college at the Elizabeth City District Conference at Ahoskie. He preached at the West End Methodist Church on Jan. 26, and taught the Mission Study for the Junior High Department at Hay Street Church on Feb. 2.

Betty Neill Guy, soprano, and Bill Wolfe, pianist, both of whom are Dean's List students and recently elected into "Who's Who Among Students in American Colleges and Universities, gave their Senior Recital at the college on Feb. 9.

Dr. Samuel J. Womack, chaplain and professor of religion, is serving as chairman of the Technical Committee of the Fayetteville-Cumberland County Steering Committee, drafting a plan for an attack on poverty to be submitted to the directors of the North Carolina Fund.

Grady Snyder, instructor in math, taught the last session of the Mission Study course at Haymount Church, Fayettevile, on Jan. 26.

Approximately 600 teachers and school administrators attended an afternoon and evening Area NCEA meeting on the campus Feb. 3.

Charles K. McAdams, director of public relations, was the speaker for the Warsaw Methodist Men's Club on Jan. 15, the MYF of Pittsboro Methodist Church on Jan. 19, the Christian and Missionary Alliance Church of Fayetteville, on Jan. 26, the Fayetteville District Conference on Jan. 27, the Raleigh District Conference on Jan. 31. He represented the college at the Burlington District Conference on Jan. 26 at Mebane and the Wilmington District Conference on Feb. 2.

In Memoriam

MRS. FRENCH R. LOWRY

We wish to pay tribute to the memory of Mrs. French R. Lowry, who succumbed to death Friday, January 17th, while hospitalized in Raleigh. Mrs. Lowry was a faithful companion and co-laborer with her husband in the ministry of the Gospel. Reverend Lowry is the oldest member of N. C. Annual Conference. She was a member of First Methodist Church of Pembroke.

We extend our heartfelt sympathy to Brother Lowry.

Pembroke Methodist Miinisters Group

Regional Consultation to Be Held in Raleigh

A Regional Consultation on the Administration of Laboratory Enterprises will be held at Edenton Street Methodist Church, Raleigh. The consultation will begin on Tuesday, February 25 at 12:30 p.m. and



MISS AILEEN SANBORN

will close with lunch on Wednesday, Feb. 26.

Miss Margie McCarty, Miss Aileen Sanborn, and Mr. Richard Monroe, staff member of the General Board of Education of The Methodist Church will be the resource leaders.

Miss McCarty is Director of the General Board Council of Children's Work and has responsibility in the area of program development related to conference, distrcit, and local-church children's work.

Miss Sanborn and Mr. Monroe are in the Section of Leadership Development. Miss Sanborn is responsible for the administration of laboratory enterprises and the training of certification of laboratory leaders. Mr. Monroe is concerned with the develpoment and certification of leaders in children's work and administration of leadership schools.

The consultation has been planned in cooperation with Dr. D. Trigg James, of Atlanta, Georgia, Executive Secretary of the Southeastern Jurisdictional Council.

The Western North Carolina, the South Carolina, and the North Carolina Conferences will participate in the consultation. Attending from these conferences will be conference Board of Education staff members and selected ministers and directors of Christian Education, educational assistants, laboratory leaders and district leaders.

The question of the relation of laboratory training enterprises to the total program of leadership development will be explored. Personnel will also receive training in setting-up and conducting laboratory enterprises. With the growing interest in, and use of the laboratory method in training teachers, this consultation will provide much needed guidance.

Dellwood Methodists Organize Men's Club

The men of the Dellwood Methodist Church, under the leadership of Mr. R. C. Sheffield, church lay leader, met in the church fellowship hall Thursday evening, Jan. 30, and organized the only Methodist Men's Club in Haywood County at the present time.

Dr. Frank Hammett, Associate District Lay Leader, and Mr. Sidney L. Truesdale, past president of Canton Central Methodist Men's Club were special guests and also took part on the program.

Rev. R. G. Russell, Jr., pastor, installed the officers: President and program chairman, Archie M. Sale; vice-president and devotions chairman, Bob Ferguson; secretary and membership chairman, Sam McCrary; treasurer and project chairman, Guenter Peschke; Reporter and publicity chairman, James Roy Moody.

An organization of Methodist Men is the duly authorized channel through which the General Board of Lay Activities gives special consideration to men's work. The program of Methodist Men is an integral part of the total program of lay activities.

Every local club is founded upon two fundamental principles: (1) Deepening the spiritual experiences of the men of the church, and (2) Making these experiences vital in more effective service to the church in daily responsibilities.

JAMES ROY MOODY, *Reporter*

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Former Pastmaster General Day says: "The peddling of fake medical cures is the most prominent fraudulent activity conducted through the United States mails today This huge 'industry' is so prevalent so widespread that it taxes the manpower of the postal inspection to the utmost in trying to bring the perpetrators to justice."

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Bishop Paul N. Garber Praises Methodist Publishing House

Speaking at the opening event of The Methodist Publishing House's year-long 175th anniversary celebration, Bishop Paul N. Garber, Richmond, Va., praised the oldest agency of The Methodist Church for its "monumental service."

Bishop Garber is president of both the Methodist Council of Bishops and the Methodist Board of Education.

He spoke Jan. 27 at a dinner attended by approximately 200 Methodist leaders and others at the publishing house's headquarters in Nashville. Among those present were staff members of Nashville-based Methodist agencies and the executive committee of the Methodist Board of Publication.

The bishop, a church historian, said, "I feel that the most objectvie historian will agree from the historical data now available that The Methodist Publishing House has rendered a monumental service. The Methodist press has been of inestimable value as a means of defending the faith."

He also said, "The fundamental goal of The Methodist Publishing House from 1789 to 1964 has been to do good through the medium of the press. From a study of the historical records covering this period I can certainly declare that our Methodist Publishing House has never deviated from this goal. . . ."

It was in 1789 that the publishing house, under a different name, was started on a $600 loan from a Methodist preacher. Now the world's largest publisher of religious literature, it has 2,200 employees, and its stores and offices are in 18 cities.

After setting aside from net income funds for the operation, future service and growth of the business, the agency's profits are appropriated for retired Methodist ministers and their dependents. Since 1789, about $21,000,000 has been appropriated for this purpose.

Bishop Garber said "an even greater period of service" is ahead for the publishing house, and he discussed four factors on which he based the statement: 1. The "same type of courageous and spiritual leadership" as in the early days. 2. "We still have the frontier spirit in our publishing program . . . entering new fields of service." 3. Leaders of the publishing house are "looking to the future." 4. The publishing house is still a "vital part" of Methodism.

Announcement of other anniversary events will be made later, said Lovick Pierce, Nashville, publishing house president and publisher.

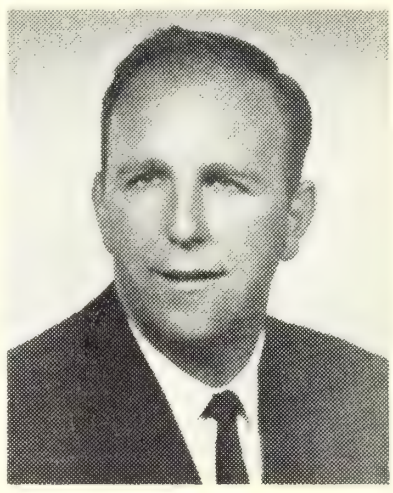
Eugene McElvaney, Dallas, Texas, chairman of the Board of Publication, presided at the dinner.



Brevard College Honored By N.J.C.C.A. Magazine

The January issue of *Juco Review*, the official National Junior College Athletic Association magazine, has brought considerable national recognition to Brevard College.

Besides using the architect's drawing of Brevard's new science-administration quadrangle on the cover, the magazine editors



LEIGHTON MARTIN

have given two pages to an informative write-up called "Brevard College, Pride of North Carolina," and have added an additional page of photographs depicting some of Brevard's newer facilities, along with the very modern and functional gymnasium-natatorium.

Brevard's athletic program is under the direction of Head Coach Leighton Martin, who has been with the college since 1955. He is an A.B. graduate of Mercer College and has his M.Ed. from the University of North Carolina.

Coach Martin, who is friend and counselor to Brevard's young men, is a bit unusual in that he stresses scholastic achievement more than do many coaches. Over the years a large percentage of his athletes have consistently made the Dean's List and Honor Roll. He is proud of the fact that, although Brevard does offer athletic scholarships, these are not awarded primarily on the basis of athletic ability. This year, for instance, six members of the basketball squad have SAT scores of over 1,000.

The magazine article points out that Brevard College has an athletic record to be envied, since teams in all intercollegiate sports have ranked near the top in conference ratings for the past five years. Two years ago the basketball team represented the conference in the NJCC tournament at Hutchison, Kansas. In 1963 the team won the WCJC championship. The track team also won the conference championship in 1962 and 1963.

Brevard's athletic program consists of theoretical and practical courses in health and physical education, as well as a comprehensive program of varsity and intramural sports.

"The intercollegiate program stresses basketball, baseballe, track, soccer, golf, and tennis. Intramural sports and physical education classes include basketball, touch football, softball, archery, bowling, swimming, field hockey, skating, and a variety of other activities."

Since 85 per cent of all Brevard College graduates transfer to four-year colleges and universities to complete their education, Brevard makes every effort to see that its parallel courses are in line with courses offered in the best liberal arts institutions. In this regard, Coach Martin says, "Our athletic program is planned to contribute toward the total program of the college, which, in our case, is concerned with transitional education."

Training and Guidance Clinics

The Conference Commission on Christian Vocations of the Western N. C. Conference, is planning to conduct three Testing and Guidance Clinics this year for juniors and seniors in high school.

The clinics will be as follows. March 6-7, at Pfeiffer College; March 20-21, at High Point College; and April 24-25 at Brevard College.

The Purpose: To help youth who are high school juniors and seniors to discover those latent possibilities which God has given each person. This will be a time when the student will be challenged to give serious thought to an intelligent choice of a vocation in relationship to self-fulfillment.

Dr. William P. Matthew of High Point College, Sterling Whitley of Pfeiffer College, and C. Edward Roy and W. Glenn Hardesty, of Brevard College will be the personnel in charge of the clinics.

Who may attend? Methodist high school juniors and seniors. It is not necessary that applicant be considering entering college or entering a full-time church vocation. Applicants will be considered in order received and from geographical areas. Each clinic is limited to 25 students.

What will it cost? The $5.00 fee for registration will cover the student's room and meals at the colleges. There is no other fee. The $5.00 must be returned with application to Rev. H. Glen Lanier, 1204 Montlieu Avenue, High Point, N. C., at least five days before the clinic to be attended.

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Protestants Seeking $17,988,351 For Aid to Needy Overseas

Protestant denominations have set a record-breaking total of $17,988,351 as the goal of their annual One Great Hour of Sharing appeal for support of programs of assistance to the homeless, hungry and destitute in 44 countries.

This goal—an increase of $1,142,211 over 1963—was announced by Church World Service, which sponsors the appeal on behalf of participating Protestant and Eastern Orthodox denominations. Church World Service is a department of the National Council of Churches.

Funds realized through the One Great Hour of Sharing appeal will go toward support of individual denominational programs of assistance, and joint projects of aid carried on overseas through Church World Service, the World Council of Churches and related interdenominational organizations.

Highlight of the appeal this year will be One Great Hour of Sharing observances by more than 94,000 individual congregations throughout the nation on Sunday, March 8. This marks the sixteenth annual concerted appeal of major denominations working together to relieve suffering overseas.

Both disaster relief services and long-term rehabilitation efforts to help those in need to help themselves are made possible through this united Protestant appeal.

In the past year Haitian survivors of Hurrican Flora were aided by volunteer medical, construction and agricultural teams, some of which are still working in the disaster area. Air shipments of life-saving drugs, blankets and foods were rushed to the scene.

Homeless victims of the earthquake in Skoje, Yugoslavia, received food, clothing and blankets. Funds were provided for a section of durabe pre-fab houses, with the churches also sending volunteer construction workers to the site.

Other disasters — fires, floods, cyclones, drought, famine, volcanic eruptions — in Asia, Africa, the Middle East, Eorope, Latin America and the Caribbean, drew the same quick response.

At the same time this succor was being given the disaster-stricken, continuing programs of relief and rehabilitation were implemented. Among these ongoing efforts are projects such as reforestation in Algeria, agricultural assistance in Africa, land reclamation in Asia, resettlement of drought victims in Latin America and many other endeavors assisted through funds raised in the appeal.

Protestant denominations also aid thousands of hungry and malnourished overseas by the distribution of vast stocks of U. S. Government commodity foods through the SOS (Share Our Substance) program. During the current year 446,564,000 pounds of SOS food, valued at $25 million, is scheduled for distribution.

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The Wayside Pulpit

D. E. Earnhardt

How beautiful are feet that bring salvation.

Isaiah 62:7

On a pastoral visit I found one of my members down in the swamp building a fence. He explained that he was making a "hog pastor."

I figured that a hog pastor was one that lies down in the trough and leaves room only for himself to drink. He shoulders the others from the good appointments and does his major visiting where the slop is thickest.

The other kind of pastor is the sheep pastor that lays down his life for his flock. He is not a good insurance risk because he carries the burdens of the flock on his heart. His voice can be heard at midnight in the mountain fastness calling the name of the sheep that is lost in the snowstorm. He will not come back until he has the sheep on his shoulder.

Sees 'Vital New Thrust'

The Methodist Church may be at the beginning of a "vital new thrust in the Christian mission" as the result of a four-year study program as to what the church's mission is in the 1960s, the chief Methodist missionary education executive said Jan. 21.

Making his annual report to the Board of Missions, the Rev. Dr. Gerald L. Clapsaddle said that the Board-sponsored "Our Mission Today" program has brought Methodists to the point where they seem ready to move in some radical new directions in Christian witness. Dr. Clapsadde, of New York, is the general secretary of the board's Joint Section of Education and Cultivation.

Liberty Church in Rowan County To Build Educational Unit

Sunday, January 19, 1964, was an historic day for Liberty Methodist Church. On this day the congregation, along with Dr. J. C. Stokes, Superintendent of the Salisbury District, gathered to dedicate the ground on which the new educational unit will be built.

The congregation had looked forward to this event for some time. Approximately four years ago a building committee was elected to survey the church's educational needs and present some plan for meeting these needs. Herman Ribelin was elected chairman of this committee and under his capable leadership things moved along very fast.

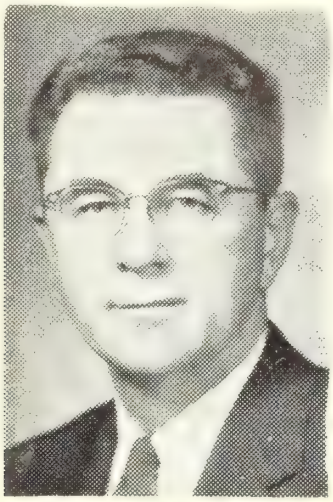
On December 4, 1963 detailed plans and specifications were laid before the Quarterly Conference. They were unanimously approved. Also reports from bidding contractors were presented and the low bid offered by J. H. Wilson and Sons of Salisbury, in the amount of $43,476.00 was accepted.

Construction on the building which will have seven classrooms, a pastor's study, a Fellowship Hall and kitchen will begin in the near future.



Dr. Carl J. Sanders in Revival At First Church, Wilson

The Rev. Charles S. Hubbard, minister, and the Commission on Membership and Evnagelism, Norman Nutall, chairman, have announced plans for evangelistic services to be conducted in the First Methodist Church,



Dr. Carl J. Sanders

Wilson, beginning on Sunday evening, Feb. 16, and continuing through Friday evening, Feb. 21.

Dr. Carl J. Sanders, minister of the Centenary Methodist Church, Richmond, Va., will be the guest speaker for the week beginning each evening at 8 o'clock. Dr. Sanders has served pastorates throughout the Virginia Conference of The Methodist Church, including Cheriton, Chase City, South Roanoke, Broad Street Church, Richmond, Va.; Petersburg District and Richmond District; and now Centenary Church, Richmond.

He was born in Star, N. C., reared in Rock Hill, S. C. and educated in the public schools there, received his A.B. degree from Wofford College, Spartanburg, S. C., B.D. degree from Candler School of Theology, Emory University, Georgia, and D.D. degree from Randolph Macon College, Ashland, Va.

Dr. Sanders has been an exchange pastor to London, England, on two separate occasions, was an accredited visitor to the First World Council of Churches, Amsterdam, Holland, in 1948, and has traveled throughout the Holy Land and Mediterranian countries and Europe.

He was a delegate to the World Methodist Conference, Oslo, Norway, in 1961, and is a delegate to the General Conference and Jurisdictional Conference of The Methodist Church, 1964.

Currently he is serving as a member of the Metropolitan Board of Directors, YMCA, Richmond; Secretary Board of Publication, The Methodist Church; chairman, Commission on Higher Education, Virginia Conference; and as a trustee of the following: Virginia Wesleyan College, Norfolk; Ferrum Junior College, Lake Junaluska Assembly, Inc., and Randolph-Macon Acad,-emy, Front Royal, Va.

In 1962 Dr. Sanders received the Freedoms Foundation Award for his sermon "This Nation Under God." The public is invited to attend these services each evening.

In preparation for these services the members of First Methodist Church have participated in cottage prayer meetings during the week of Feb. 10-15 with services being held both morning and evenings in the members homes, conducted by members of the church.

A Valentine Remembrance

By Mrs. J. L. Harmon

Mrs. J. L. Harmon, long time reader of the Advocate, has special reason to remember Valentine Day, and has asked us to state her reasons and convey her feelings at this particular time. We give below her note of tribute to her husband.

TO MY LOVE

My day of remembrance—Valentine Day —February 14, 1907. You conveyed your love and affection to me by a picture of two lovers walking down lovers' lane. That was a date and beginning; a romance and a wedding day.

For fifty some years, with three little cupids, hand and hand, we walked down lovers' lane full of joy, religion and sorrow.

But soon a messenger from heaven called you away, February 12, 1960, Lincoln's birthday. But most to be remembered, you were laid to rest under the cold and snowy earth on Valentine Day, February 14, 1960.

So hard to say good by to my love on Valentine Day.

Must Forsake Security

A Methodist home missions leader has called for the church to move out of its buildings and its security to minister to people in places of need and to give a more adequate interpretation of the Christian message.

Speaking to 600 persons at the annual meeting of the Board of Missions at Buck Hill Falls Jan. 21, the Rev. Dr. Allen B. Rice of Philadelphia said: "The church has become too much tied to its physical buildings and resources. Much more than is now the case, it must move out of its security and spend itself. Unless we can increasingly extend our services and message beyond the beautiful sanctuaries where we worship, we shall not win a growing number of people."

Dr. George A. Buttrick at N. C. Wesleyan College

Dr. George A. Buttrick, one of this country's most distinguished preachers, lecturers and writers, will be on the campus of North Carolina Wesleyan College for a two-day visit as a Danforth Visiting Lecturer. Dr. Buttrick will arrive on March 2. He will visit with classes and will address the entire student body in convocation. In addition,



Dr. George A. Buttrick

Dr. Buttrick will present a public lecture in the Student Union on Tuesday, March 3, at 8:15 p.m. The title of this address is "The Nature of Truth." The general public is invited to attend this event, which is free of charge.

Dr. Buttrick was born at Seaham Harbour, England. He was educated at Leeds Central High School, at Victoria University in Manchester from which he graduated with honors in philosophy, and at Lancashire Independent Seminary. He holds Doctor of Divinity degrees from Hamilton and Middlebury colleges, and from Yale, Miami, Princeton and Harvard universities; a Litt.D. from Albright College and an LL.D. from Bethany College, and a D.S.T. from Columbia University. He is a member of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences.

All of Dr. Buttrick's ministry has been in America, in the following pastorates: First Union Congregational Church, Quincy, Illinois; First Congregational Church, Rutland, Vermont; First Presbyterian Church, Buffalo, N. Y., and at Madison Avenue Presbyterian Church in New York City, where he was pastor from 1927-54. In January, 1955, he became Preacher to the University (Minister in Memorial Church) and Plummer Professor of Christian Morals at Harvard University, Cambridge, Mass. He resigned this appointment in June, 1960, to accept the Harry Emerson Fosdick Professorship for 1960-61 at Union Theological Seminary in New York City. He is now Professor of Preaching at Garrett Theological Seminary, Northwestern University, and serves what he terms "the wider church" by preaching and lecturing.

Dr. Buttrick has been guest preacher at Yale, Princeton, Columbia, Cornell, Hamilton, Dartsmouth, Oberlin, Duke, and other colleges and universities.

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Sunday School Lesson

FOR FEBRUARY 23

By RAYMOND A. SMITH
Head, Department of Religious Education
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SIMON AND THE REPENTANT WOMAN

Background Scripture: Matthew 26:6-13, Mark 14:3-9
Lesson Scripture: Luke 7:36-50

This is our eighth lesson on the general theme: "Personalities Around Jesus." It deals with human and divine forgiveness as shown in the lives of two very different People; one a well-to-do Pharisee by the name of Simon, and the other a poor nameless woman of the streets. Simon is proud of his good moral standing and feels no need of forgiveness. The woman, on the other hand, is so conscious of her sins that, when she realizes they are forgiven, cannot do enough to show her gratitude.

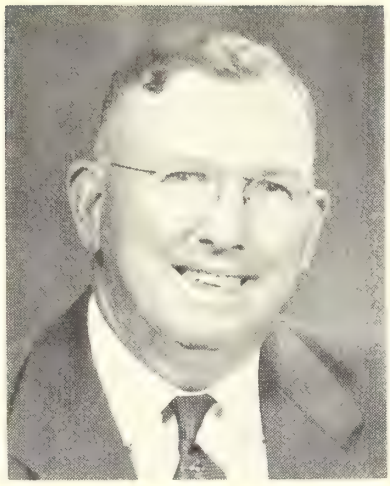
Jesus had been invited to a meal at the home of Simon. Since this was a most unusual thing for a Pharisee to do, we may well inquire as to what motive Simon had in inviting Jesus. It has been suggested that the host wanted to see whether his guest was really a prophet and, if it turned out that he was, what new insights he might pass on to Simon regarding future events. As for the woman, she slipped into the courtyard where the dinner was being served without an invitation. Somehow she had learned that Jesus was to be there that day. We may assume that Jesus had helped her before this time to find a new and better way of life. She came now to show her gratitude for what had been done for her. It is worth noticing that Simon had not provided the usual courtesies for his guest, such as servants to wash the dust of the road from his feet. Perhaps, in his self-esteem, he thought it was enough of a favor to invite the poor teacher to his home, to say nothing of treating him like an equal.

In this lesson we have "a story within a story." Jesus, observing that Simon was very put out by the woman's appearance in his house, and more particularly with Jesus' seeming failure to recognize her true character, said to his host "Simon, I have something to say to you." He then used a parable to drive home the point he wanted his host to get. The story had to do with two debtors, one who owed a large sum, and the other a smaller one. Both were forgiven their debts. Jesus asked Simon which of the two would love the generous creditor more. Somewhat hestitantly Simon said "The one, I suppose, to whom he forgave more."

Jesus did not leave it to Simon's imagination to interpret the parable. He pointed out clearly that he had in mind precisely the immediate situation. His host could not fail to see the intended reproof. The Pharisee could not experience the forgiving love of God because he could not, or would not, admit he was a sinner. Here we see how human pride and self-righteousness block the way to real fellowship with God. As Paul Hessert writes in *The Adult Teacher*: "Only he who is forgiven can really love, for he knows what it means to be loved when one is unworthy of it. At the same time, only one who loves can forgive, because his relationship to another does not depend on that person's behavior satisfying him." The reader may wish to see how St. Paul deals with this truth in Romans, chapters 5 and 8. For example, in 5:6-7 we read: "For at the very time we were still powerless Christ died for the wicked. Even for a just man one of us would hardly die, but *Christ died for us while we were yet sinners.*"

We notice in the lesson Scripture, verse 48, that Jesus did not say "*I* forgive your sins," but rather "your sins are forgiven." But the other guests at Simon's house commented: "Who is this, who even forgives sins?" This may be a criticism of Jesus, or it may be an expression of wonder, or perhaps the faint beginnings of faith.

In closing, may we suggest that it takes a certain amount of courage to face one's need of God's forgiving love. It means we have to face the fact of our sin. This is what Simon could not do. It was what the woman in the story *could* do. As Laurence Sterne has written: "Only the brave know how to forgive. A coward never forgave; it is not his nature."



Shown above is the Rev. Samuel Russell Ward of Route 1, Madison, whose death occurred January 27. Notice was carried in last week's Advocate. Mr. Ward was a life long resident of Stokes County. He was a retired merchant. For many years he served the church as lay leader, Sunday school superintendent, steward, trustee, and other offices. He spent his entire life in the Prestonville community of Stokes County. He was a member of the Delta Methodist Church for 58 years. Mr. Ward served as a local preacher, and for many years has been pastor of churches, Mt Carmel Church, Stokesdale, 23 years; Eagle Falls Church; Price Chapel for 13 years, and Matthews Chapel for 10 years. Funeral services were held January 29 at 2:00 p.m. at the Delta Church, by Dr. J. Garland Winkler, Superintendent of Greensboro District; Rev. A. D. Shelton, Rev. Foster Loflin, Rev. Silas Strader, Rev. Austin Frye, Rev. Harold Lowman, Rev. Arthur Reid, and Rev. D. O. Wright. Around 25 ministers were present for the service. Burial was in the Ward family cemetery.

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Annual Mission Conference To Be Held February 22-23

The Joint Commissions on Missions of Bethlehem, Calvary, Moriah, Pleasant Garden, and Tabernacle churches in Greensboro district are holding their 6th annual conference and rally on February 22 and 23 this year. The meeting will open with a banquet at 6:30 p.m. February 22 at Southeast High School Cafeteria.

Each of the five churches sponsor a missionary speaker for this event. These representatives will make a ten minute talk at the banquet regarding the work in their particular mission field. On Sunday morning they will fill the pulpits for the 11:00 o'clock service. This year Bethlehem will have as their guest Dr. K. L. Sindwani, native of New Delhi, India, now teaching at Guilford College; Calvary has Rev. Joseph Petree, native of Greensboro and former member of Calvary church who is missionary to Costa Rica; Moriah will have Mrs. Ruth Williams who served three years in Malaya and is now living in Greensboro; Pleasant Garden will have Elmer Hall, native of Gibsonville, N. C., missionary to Malaya; Tabernacle is sponsoring Bill Bigham, Greensboro native, just returned from Brazil.

At the banquet Rev. J. G. Winkler, District Superintendent, will offer the invocation. The Joy Belles, a girls trio, will furnish music and Rev. Charles Shannon of Grace Methodist Church, Greensboro, will say the benediction. Tickets for the banquet are available for $1.25 from any member of these commissions.

Methodist Rural Fellowship In Retreat February 20-21

The Methodist Rural Fellowship of the WNC Conference will have its annual overnight Retreat at Bethlehem Church, eight miles south of Monroe on Highway 200. Theme for the occasion is "The Bible Speaks To Us Today," and featured speaker is Dr. A. J. Walton of Nashville, Tenn. Rev. Fred Hill is host pastor.

Ministers attending the Retreat will bring cots and sleep in the Fellowship Building. The program will begin at 3:15 on Thursday, February 20, and conclude with lunch on Friday, the 21st. Laymen as well as ministers are invited. Cost is nominal, mainly for the meals, which will be served at the church.

Rev. John Christy, pastor of Jefferson charge, is President of the M.R.F.

W. W. BLANTON, *Secretary*

Would Abolish 'Quota' Law

A call for immediate revision of the McCarran-Walter Immigration Act by Congress was reaffirmed by the Woman's Division of Christian Service at its annual meeting at Buck Hill Falls January 17.

The division said that new legislation on American immigration policy is long overdue and that such new legislation must be free from any implication that any national, ethnic or racial group is more desirable as citizens than another. Such legislation must also abolish national quota systems, it was stated.

Woman's Activities

WSG Standing Committee Plans Annual Meet

By Mary Gardner

Plans for Annual Meeting of the N. C. Conference Wesleyan Service Guild were revealed at the meeting of the organization's Standing Committee held on January 25 at the downtown S and W Cafeteria in Raleigh. The Annual Meeting is scheduled for March 14-15 at the First Methodist Church, Washington, N. C.

Speakers for the two-day sessions will be Miss Dorothy McConnell, editor *World Outlook*, New York City, and Miss Frances Allen, missionary to Brailley, India, Chapel Hill. An innovation at the Sunday morning session will be a Covenant Service, led by Mrs. J. E. Sponenberg, of Aberdeen, secretary Spiritual Life, N. C. Conference Woman's Society of Christian Service. The Saturday evening banquet will feature the observance of the twenty-fifth anniversary of the WSG. Mr. Philip Cartwright, noted bass-baritone interpreter of sacred songs, will also participate in the program.

The Love Offering, presented during the Covenant Service, will be directed to scholarships for the wives of seven Southern Rhodesian men who are studying in the United States.

The registration fee of $1.00 should be sent NOT LATER than March 9 to Mrs. Ellen Morgan, 101 E. 10th Street, Washington, N. C. Checks should be made payable to the Wesleyan Service Guild Conference.

Registration forms and other information, including names, rates, and locale of hotels, motels, and other places of lodging have been mailed to every Guild Unit in the conference.

Each Guild is entitled to two voting delegates. However, all Guild members and other interested women are invited to attend.

Mrs. Ernest Harding is serving as general chairman for the Annual Meeting.

Mrs. C. H. Boyd, conference secretary Wesleyan Service Guild, told the group that the N. C. Conference WSG is one of two conferences in the Southeastern Jurisdiction with a 100 per cent reporting record for the last reporting period. Mrs. Boyd also urged the observance of the 25th anniversary of the WSG and a 100 per cent increase in membership by each Guild Unit in the conference. She cited the need for more younger women as Guild members.

Mrs. Joseph W. Smith, conference chairman, Missionary Education and Service announced August 8-9 as the dates and Methodist College, Fayetteville, as the place for the 1964 conference-wide WGS Weekend of Study.

Reports were heard from Mrs. Harold Mann, conference treasurer; Mrs. J. W. Benson, conference secretary of promotion, chairmen of lines of work, and district secretaries. Mrs. H. C. Turlington, president N. C. Conference WSCS and Miss Mary Gardner, chairman of public relations, also spoke briefly.

City Churches Challenged

"One thing we need in our churches—especially in our city churches—is to be disturbed about certain conditions in our changing cities." This challenge was voiced by the Rev. Ben C. Rouse, a student in the Duke University Divinity School before members of the Woman's Society of Christian Service of the Edenton Street Methodist Church. A former U-2 worker at Oklahoma City, Okla., Wesley House, the Rev. Mr. Rouse had for his topic "The Church and the Changing City."

Citing the increased crime rate, social changes and urban re-newal as among the changing conditions of our cities today, the young minister declared. "It is not enough to think of missions in far off places, we must also think of missions in places near by."

Concerning the urban-renewal situation, he said, "Because urban re-newal is concerned with persons and human welfare, does it not seem reasonable that the church be concerned with human welfare? Urban re-newal and church re-newal go together." The Rev. Mr. Rouse named recreation facilities, open chapels, social workers, as among church re-newal programs in which some downtown churches are currently engaged in order to minister to the people who are moving into the downtown areas as others are moving out.

"We are more interested and concerned about starting new churches in the suburban areas than we are in re-newing the program of our own church, and this is a problem," the speaker asserted. "Once we think of our own church and see these people in their depravity, we will have grasped the meaning of the message of Jesus Christ," he concluded.

W. N. C. Conference

Mrs. E. K. McLarty

Albemarle District Plans Quiet Day

Mrs. F. T. Lisk, Albemarle District secretary of Spiritual Life, has completed plans for the Lenten Quiet Day.

The Albemarle District will observe its Lenten Day on February 26th at Polkton Church in Anson County. The service will begin at 10 o'clock and close at noon that chosen Wednesday.

Leader for the meditation sessions will be Mrs. H. F. Anderson, Charlotte, who is the conference secretary of Spiritual Life. Her theme will be announced through further publicity in the district.

Mrs. Lisk urges all members of th Woman's Society in the Albemarle area t plan this time into their calendars to pa ticipate in the meaningful Lenten observ ance.

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What Does February 12th Mean to You?

We have attached so many celebration to the date of Abraham Lincoln's birthday that we have almost lost sight of the spiri of the man who from 1809 to 1865 devel oped into a President whose greatness be came evident in his continual striving t preserve the Union. But more than this in his second inaugural address, appear clearer than ever the magnanimity which never lost the hope for universal peace and charity.

February 12th means more if we re-read the end of that March 14, 1865 speech:

"With malice toward none; with charity for all; with firmness in the right, as God gives us to see the right, let us strive on to finish the work we are in; to bind up the nation's wounds; to care for him who shall have borne the battle, and for his widow, and his orphan — to do all which may achieve and cherish a just and lasting peace among ourselves, and with all nations."



Mrs. H. F. Anderson

Visiting Committee, Duke Divinity School Holds Initial Session

Members of the newly appointed Visiting Committee for the Duke University Divinity School held their initial meeting on the campus of Duke University.

The committee is composed of 14 outstanding leaders, including trustees of the University, alumni, and other individuals



Dr. Charles P. Bowles

who are knowledgeable and interested in the Divinity School, plus four ex-officio members.

The Rev. Dr. Charles P. Bowles, superintendent of the Charlotte District of The Methodist Church, is committee chairman. He is both an lumnus and a member of the University's Board of Trustees.

During their sessions, the committee members are expected to study the program of the school, consult, and eventually make recommendations to the trustees and administrative officials of the University, and to advise with Divinity School authorities in such matters as operations, curriculum and physical facilities.

Last fall a similar committee was established for the Duke Law School, and plans call for such groups to be set up for other graduate or professional schools in the University.

In addition to Dr. Bowles, trustees who have been named to the Divinity School Visiting Committee are: the Rev. Dr. Robert Bradshaw, pastor of Duke Memorial Methodist Church, Durham; P. Huber Hanes, Jr., president of P. H. Hanes Knitting Co., Winston-Salem; and the Rev. Henry G. Ruark, pastor of the First Methodist Church, Rocky Mount.

Alumni representatives include the Rev. A. Purnell Bailey, superintendent of the Richmond (Va.) District of The Methodist Church; the Rev. Van Bogard Dunn, Dean of the Methodist Theological School of Ohio, Delaware, Ohio; Paul R. Ervin, attorney, Charlotte; and Bishop Aubrey G. Walton of the Louisiana Conference of The Methodist Church.

Others named to the group are: Walter Davis, president, Permiam Corp., Midland, Texas; Dean Ernest S. Griffith, American University, Washington, D. C.; Brooks Hays, Special Assistant to President Johnson; E. H. Lane, Jr., president, Specifico, Inc., Waynesboro, Va.; Paul Lehman, professor, Union Theological Seminary, New York City; and Asa T. Spaulding, president, North Carolina Mutual Life Insurance Co., Durham.

Ex-officio members are: George V. Allen of Washington, D. C., chairman of the University Committee of the Board of Trustees; President Douglas M. Knight; Provost R. Taylor; and Dr. Robert E. Cushman, Dean of the Divinity School.

Kannapolis Area Training School

The Kannapolis Area Training School will be held Feb. 16-20 in Trinity Methodist Church, Kannapolis, with 7:30-9:30 p.m. classes nightly.

Eleven charges are co-sponsoring the annual school with the Board of Education, Western North Carolina Methodist Conference. Dr. Carl H. King of Statesville is executive secretary of the Conference Board.

Six courses will be offered. Here is the schedule: "Foundations for Christian Teaching," Mrs. E. C. Few of Winston-Salem; "Understanding Youth," Mrs. E. H. Ould of Roanoke, Vr.; "What it Means to be a Christian," the Rev. Reggie Cooke of Winston-Salem; "Life and Mission of the Church," the Rev. W. R. Brantley of Charlotte; "Meaning of Methodism," Dr. J. Clay Madison of Charlotte; and "Lay Speakers Training Program," instructor to be named.

The Rev. J. W. Braxton is director of the school. Other officials include Elizabeth Callis, associate director; Mrs. Ray Simpson, Jr., texts; and Sam Pressley, treasurer.

Participating churches include Kannapolis: Bethpage, Jackson Park, Memorial, Midway, Mount Mitchell, North Kannapolis, Royal Oaks and Trinity; Oak Grove-Unity, Landis and Shiloh.

Five training schools in March will complete the 1963-64 Conference schedule.

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Church Music Workshop

The Sixth Annual Church Music Workshop sponsored by the North Carolina Conference Board of Education will be held at North Carolina Wesleyan College, Rocky Mount, on Monday, February 24, 1964. Registration will begin at 9:30 a.m. The



Cecil Lapo

morning worship will be at 10:15 a.m., Dr. Thomas Collins, president of the college, will lead these moments of worship.

Mr. Cecil Lapo, Director, Ministry of Music, General Board of Education, will be featured resource leader. Mr. Lapo, from Nashville, Tenn., has worked extensively with music in the local church and has also taught church music and hymody at Southwestern University and Oklahoma City University.

A graduate of Westminster Choir College, Mr. Lapo came to the General Board of Education as Director of the Ministry of Music in 1961. He is a past president of the National Fellowship of Methodist Musicians and now serves as its executive secretary. As Director of the Ministry of Music, Mr. Lapo works with leadership development through church music institutes and workshops and is responsible for the certification of ministers and directors of music in The Methodist Church.

During the workshop, Mr. Lapo will lead the group in a study of the Methodist Hymnal, reading through new anthems (for both trained and untrained voices), participate in a Panel Discussion on, "Music for Special Services (weddings, funerals)," and present, "The Music Ministry as I See It."

In addition to these presentations, Miss Virginia Caruthers, Director of Music at the Swepsonville Methodist Church will conduct a workshop session for church pianists. This workshop will help the local church pianist with hymn playing and music for preludes, offertories, and postludes.

This program is planned to provide training, fellowship, inspiration and resource materials for church musicians in all Methodist churches in the North Carolina Conference. Attending will be pastors, choir directors, organists, pianists, choir members, local church Music Committee members, and local church Worship Committee members.

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Mrs. Marshall, whose biography of her husband, the late Peter Marshall, beloved chaplain of the Senate of the United States, became a best-seller and launched her on a successful writing career, tells how she has learned to trust God when she finds herself "powerless before facts that cannot be changed.'

She challenges the realist who insists that "rugged individualism" is all that is needed to cope successfully with any situation and gives new emphasis to "that towering Biblical statement, 'Apart from me you can do nothing.' "

"In the complex world of today," writes Mrs. Marshall, "just how self-sufficient are we? We had nothing to do with our being born—no control over whether we were male or female, Japanese or Russian or British or American, white or yellow or black. . . . A power that no one understands keeps our hearts beating, our lungs taking in air, our blood circulating, our body temperature up.

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Rev. A. James Clemmer Resigns at Pfeiffer College

Rev. A. James Clemmer has submitted his resignation as Director of Rrecruitment for Pfeiffer College, effective as of May 31, 1964. Mr. Clemmer is in his seventh year at Pfeiffer, where he served as Director



Rev. A. James Clemmer

of Religious Life from 1957-1961 and since that time held the position of Associate Director of Public Relations until September at which time he was appointed Director of Recruitment.

Mr. Clemmer stated that he planned to return to the pastorate in the Western North Carolina Conference where he has held membership for the past 25 years.

He came to Pfeiffer from Central Methodist Church of Spencer in 1957. Prior to that time he held pastorates in Charlotte, Randleman, Thomasville, New London, Hayesville and Valdese.

Mrs. P. A. Masten and Mr. E. E. McBride Are Wed

It will be of interest to the many friends of the former Mrs. P. A. Masten to know that on February 5th she became the bride of Mr. E. E. McBride. Mrs. Masten served for a number of years as secretary for the Conference Executive Committee of the Wesleyan Service Guild. After g ing with the Board of Missions she served as secretary to the superintendent of Henderson Settlement, a Home Mission project in eastern Kentucky; then served as secretary to the presidents of Pfeiffer College and Scarritt College for Christian Workers. From Scarritt she was assigned to a special term of service in the Philippines as acting treasurer for the Woman's Division of Christian Service.

Mr. McBride was formerly very active in First Methodist Church of Glen Ellyn, Ill., in the Rock River Conference. He taught the Men's Bible Class at First Methodist Church while living in Glen Ellyn; and upon moving to Hendersonville, he became very active in church and civic affairs, serving two terms as County Commissioner of Henderson County.

Mr. and Mrs. McBride will make their home at 3420 Shamrock Drive, Charlotte.

Warren's Grove Receives Gift In Memory of George E. Harris

Four brass offering plates bearing the inscription on the bottom of each plate: "Given in memory of George E. Harris, first Supt. of Warren's Grove Church School, by his daughter, Katye Harris, December, 1963," have been presented to Warren's Grove Methodist Church. In the dedicatory service which was held on Feb. 2. Dolian Kirby Harris, small great-granddaughter of Mr. George E. Harris, handed the plates to the Rev. B. B. Brown, pastor of the church, who was in charge of the service.

Mr. Harris was a dedicated leader and the members of Warren's Grove Church and community still feel that the strength of his influence has lived through the years in the growth of the church.

Warren's Grove Church is on the Lea's Chapel-Warren's Grove circuit near Roxboro.

Holds Ushers School

The Tabernacle Methodist Church, Greensboro District, held a school for ushers February 2, 3, and 4th. The school was directed by the head usher, Mr. Paul Henson, and the classes were taught by Mr. Henson and the pastor, Rev. W. H. Dyar.

Those attending the school were as follows: Paul Henson, Boone B. Oliver, A. W. Fields, George Faulk, Sam Clapp, James Davis Horney, Sr., R. Lyn Horney, Wallace Lambert, Frank Garner, Billy S. Marley, and Vernon Coley of the senior adults. Those of the younger men attending were Bobby Layton, Tommy Laws, Jimmy Caviness, and Burton Caviness.

Along with the classes, various demonstrations of an usher's work were entered into by all students participating.

On Sunday, Feb. 9, the group who finished this course received special recognition by the congregation.

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PICTURED ABOVE ARE THE COMBINED CHOIRS OF FIRST METHODIST CHURCH, GRAHAM

First Methodist Church, Graham, has an outstanding choir program, with 140 members participating in five choirs. The Cherub Choir which is composed of five- and six-year olds has an enrollment of 26. Mrs. Howard Walters is their director and Mrs. C. A. Cates is their pianist. Mrs. H. L. Watson, the minister's wife, directs the Primary Choir which is composed of 34 second and third graders. The Junior Choir, composed of 32 fourth, fifth and sixth graders, is directed by Mrs. C. S. Crissman. The 21 junior highs who sing in the Youth Choir are directed by Miss Jane Sidbury and accompanied by Mrs. Dewey Hall.

Each of these choirs, with the exception of the Cherub Choir, participate in the Sunday morning worship services once a month. The rehearsals for the choirs are informative and interesting and emphasis is placed on participation rather than performance. Throughout the year outings and other special activities are planned for them. In the summer special emphasis is placed on extra activities for them.

Choir Mothers are organized to work with each of the children's choirs. These organizations consist of a general chairman and committees on transportation, refreshments, telephoning, and making and repairing robes.

The Chancel Choir Director is Bill Kirkpatrick, who is an outstanding radio and television soloist and choir director in this area. Mr. Kirkpatrick is a dedicated Christian who is devoted to his work and is an inspiration to our people. There are 27 adults in the Chancel Choir. Mrs. James M. Ward is the organist.

The church is very proud of the choirs for they make a fine contribution to the worship services.

CAROLINA BRIEFS

¶ Born: to Rev. Mr. and Mrs. Coy L. Brown,, Jr., a son, Lee Ryle, Thursday, Feb. 6, 1964, High Point Memorial Hospital.

¶ Rev. Rollin Gibbs of Statesville,, Director of Field Service and Finance of the Board of Missions, taught the course "Christian Stewardship" in the Jacksonville, Florida, Christian Workers' School recently.

¶ Rev. A. Mitchell Faulkner, pastor of Central Methodist Church, Shelby, will preach in revival services at First Methodist Church, Valdese, beginning March 8. Rev. Earle Haire is the pastor.

¶ Dr. Ralph H. Taylor, superintendent of the High Point District, recently preached in special services at the Marvin Methodist Church in Winston-Salem. It was planned as a Stewardship Revival. Rev. Joe M. Taylor, Jr. is pastor of Marvin Church.

¶ Sedge Garden Methodist Church, Winston-Salem District, will hold revival services March 15-20 with Rev. Ernest A. Fitzgerald, pastor of Purcell Methodist Church, as the preacher. Rev. H. Claude Young, Jr., is the pastor.

¶ Bishop Marvin A. Franklin, of the Jackson, Mississippi Area, will preach in the Hay Street Methodist Church, Fayetteville, March 5 in a preaching mission. The service will be in the evening. Dr. C. D. Barclift is the pastor of Hay Street Church.

¶ Rev. A. James Clemmer, from Pfeiffer College, was guest speaker at the Spindale Methodist Church for the 11:00 o'clock services on February 2 and 9th, during the period of convalescing of the pastor, Rev. Sherrill Biggers.

¶ Dr. Edgar B. Fisher, pastor of Jarvis Memorial Methodist Church, Greenville, will preach in revival services at Trinity Church, Wilmington, March 1-6. Dr. Fisher is a former pastor of Trinity Church. Rev. Allen C. Lee is the present pastor.

¶ The Executive Committee of the Southeastern Jurisdictional Council of The Methodist Church will hold its annual meeting at Methodist College, Fayetteville, the week of March 1. The committee is composed of all active and retired bishops of the Area and also of other distinguished leaders of Methodism.

¶ Dr. Earl Hunt, president of Emory and Henry College, will speak in weekend revival services at West Market Street Church, Greensboro, Saturday, March 7, at 7:30, and Sunday, March 8, at 8:45, 10:55, and 7:30. This is a part of the Lenten program at the church. Dr. Wilson O. Weldon is the pastor of West Market Street Church.

¶ Mrs. Jean B. Mobley, associate professor of Mathematics at Pfeiffer College, addressed Mt. Airy Public School teachers on Feb. 11 on the subject "Changing Mathematics Curriculum." Mrs. Mobley is the wife of Wade Mobley, Montgomery County Superintendent of Schools. She is former head of the Mathematics Department at St. Andrews College.

¶ Rev. and Mrs. J. D. Aycock of Saxapahaw announce the birth of their second child, a son, John Charles, born February 8. Mr. Aycock is pastor of the Saxapahaw Methodist Church.

¶ Dean Mary E. Bethea of Pfeiffer College has been elected president of the Deaconess Board of the Western North Carolina Methodist Conference. Her election came at the annual meeting of the board held in Asheville on February 6.

¶ Dr. A. Purnell Bailey will be at the Queen Street Methodist Church, Kinston, the week of February 23. He will preach at both services on Sunday, 11:00 a.m. and 7:30 p.m. Monday through Friday services will be at 10:30 a.m. and 7:30 p.m.

¶ Dr. Tom Lankford, professor at Duke University, will preach in Lenten services at First Church, Elkin, the week of March 8-13. There will be five noon-day Lenten services at 12:05 from Monday through Friday. There will be study sessions on Contemporary Theology in the evenings Rev. Coutney Ross is the pastor at Elkin.

¶ Dr. Willard Thorp, Professor of English at Princeton University, will speak to members of the English Club and guests at High Point College Tuesday, February 25, at 8 p.m. in the Band Room of the Fine Arts Building. Sponsored under the Visiting Scholars Program of the Piedmont University Center, Dr. Thorp will speak on "How We Got the English Major."

¶ Rev. Charles H. Carpenter, pastor of Calvary Methodist Church in Pembroke, and Buie Church, was recently elected president of the Red Springs Parent-Teacher Association, succeeding Rev. Herman Winberry, who has been transferred to Manteo. Before assuming his present pastorate Mr. Carpenter served at the Verona Methodist Church. He is a native of Connecticut. He and his wife have seven children, ranging in age from three to 17 years.

¶ On February 23, at 7:30, Mr. Walter Foster Anderson, director of the North Carolina Bureau of Investigation, will speak at Concord Church in Coleridge, N. C. He is one of the best lay speakers in the Methodist Church. He has a message for our people and it is hoped they will attend this service. People from Siler City, Ramseur and Asheboro are invited—others too. The Rev. John Oakley, pastor, of the church, urges a good attendance, and says the church will seat more than 300.

¶ Ann Street Methodist Church, Concord, of which Rev. C. Moody Smith is pastor, has voted to do quite an extensive building program. At least six additional Sunday School rooms will be added to the present building, remodel the ground floor of the old building for better facilities for nursery and kindergarten children, office space for the General Superintendent and Secretary, rest rooms for children. Some re-arrangement of present class facilities will be made also. It is estimated the cost will approximate $20 000, including heating and air conditioning.

¶ Rev. T. W. Hager of Mooresville is improving in Lowrance Hospital, Mooresville, from a heart attack he had Feb. 6. He will be in the hospital for some time yet.

¶ Bishop Nolan B. Harmon has confirmed the appointment of Rev. M. G. Erwin, retired, to Shiloh Wesley Chapel, Troutman, N. C., for the balance of this conference year.

¶ The place of religion in mental health programs was the theme of an address by the newly appointed superintendent of the John Umstead Hospital, Butner, N. C., at Pfeiffer College Tuesday evening, February 18. Dr. N. P. Zarzar spoke to the Methodist Student Movement in the Pfeiffer Chapel at 6:30 p.m.

¶ The Rev. John Ormand, Jr. was a recent speaker for the Carthage Methodist Men. Mr. Ormand was representing Methodist College when he make his talk at the regular supper meeting in the fellowship hall of the Carthage Methodist Church. Mr. B. C. Scott, president, reports that Carthage Methodist Men are growing in number and in genuine interest for the church. The pastor of Carthage church is the Rev. Paul W. Boone.

¶ Mrs. S. B. Boyd of First Church, Mt. Olive, reports as follows: "Our Crusade of Progress ended Monday, at 9:00 p.m. Whew! We are so happy to report that we reached our minimum goal of $80,000.00. In fact, we received in cash and pledges $85,660.00 by Monday night, with just a few cards still out. We are truly grateful for the fine spirit of the people of the church. We feel that there has been a spiritual deepening as a result of this Crusade, has been in stewardship of the members."

¶ On Feb. 9, 1964, Princeton Methodist Church, Princeton, N. C., had dedication service for the education building. This building, which is valued at $40,000, was paid for in the early fall of 1963. The Rev. Mark Lawrence, district superintendent, preached the dedicatory sermon. Following the sermon Rev. E. M. Rhiner, pastor of the Princeton Church led in the Service of Dedication. That afternoon open house was held at the new parsonage. This beautiful parsonage with its furnishings is valued at $18,000. The pastor and his family moved into this new home December 20, 1963. The people are very proud of these two new buildings.

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Six More Churches Meet Group Plan Goal

Several more churches are added to the list of those qualifying under the Group Plan. These include Snow Hill, Candler; Harmony; Reeves Chapel, Route 4, Candler; Tabor, Fayetteville; Gilboa, Rutherfordton; and Big Spring, Charlotte.

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The Rev. Dr. Charles S. Kendall of First Methodist Church, Hollywood, is driving one of Chrysler's new turbine cars on a three-month "loan period." He has the fifth such test car to be put in use having been chosen for the honor from 25,000 letter writers.

U. S. - Panama Dispute Affects Work of Methodist Church

From Panama, the latest of the world's trouble spots, comes a report on the effects of the U.S.-Panama dispute on work of The Methodist Church:

1—No injury to missionary or national (Panamanian) personnel. No damage to Methodist property other than three broken windows in one church. One missionary family evacuated temporarily, but now returned.

2—A demonstration of the ecumenical movement in action in a situation where all the chips were down. To be specific, a Roman Catholic bishop saved a Methodist church from probable destruction.

3—An emotion-packed debate among Methodist workers in Panama and the Canal Zone as to who bears responsibility for the January riots and the subsequent disruption of diplomatic relations and international tension.

Reports to the Methodist Board of Missions give details of various facets of the Panama situation as they bear on Methodist work in that country. The Methodist Church has 675 members (full and preparatory) in 19 churches in Panama. The situation regarding Methodist work in Panama is reported in more detail below.

1. None of 13 American missionaries or nine Panamanian pastors was injured in the rioting in January. The only reported damage to Methodist property was slight damage to three windows in the Methodist Church in the city of David in western Panama. (All other "North American" buildings in David were destroyed or severely damaged.) Two missionaries, the Rev. and Mrs. Ray Goodwin of Alabama, had to evacuate temporarily from David because of anti-American pressure, but they returned to their home and work within two weeks. They evacuated to Costa Rica.

2. What will surely emerge as one of the most unusual stories from the situation in Panama is how a Roman Catholic bishop prevented a Methodist church from probable destruction. The action represents the ecumenical spirit at its best. The incident, as reported to the Board of Missions, was as follows:

In David, an angry mob bent on destroying anything connected with North Americans approached the Methodist building, which housed a church and a student hostel and served as home for the Goodwin family. The building was considered "North American" because it is known that Methodism in Panama is related to Methodism in the U.S. and because the Goodwins are North Americans.

The Goodwin family had evacuated before the mob gathered and approached the Methodist building. The Catholic bishop and some priests, who live near the building, went out and confronted the mob. The bishop told them: "If you burn this building, burn the Catholic Church on the Square, too, Both are houses of God." The mob left the Methodist building alone.

Later when missionary Goodwin went to the bishop to express his appreciation, the bishop said that he had only been carrying out his Christian responsibility. He told Mr. Goodwin that there is need for a more united Christianity as Protestants and Catholics in Panama confront the common enemies of violence and Communism.

3. Emotions have run high on both sides of the Methodist community in Panama and in the Canal Zone, In Panama itself, The Methodist Church is made up almost entirely of Panamanians, though a few U.S. citizens living in Panama are related to Methodist congregations. In the Zone, the large (1,000 members) Union Protestant Church in the city of Balboa has Methodists as its largest denominational constituency. Some missionaries have been outspoken in criticizing the U.S. for its policy in the Zone, and religious leaders in the Zone have been equally vocal in defending American policy and the rights of Zonians.

One missionary, who teaches in the 1,500-student Panamerican Institute in Panama City, Methodism's largest institution in Panama, gave an address to the faculty in which he said:

"I feel guilty because I am a North American. I have not used well my opportunities to help my fellow countrymen see their errors. I am and feel guilty for all of the deaths and the damage which have taken place. I ask your forgiveness as Panamanians for all of this. Serious North American errors in Panama include an inadequate Canal treaty, the refusal or inability of American authorities to comply with an international agreement, lack of respect by American students for the flag of another country and finally the concept of the Canal Zone as an integral, legal North American community isolated from Panama. I ask your forgiveness for my countrymen for these errors and for the tragic events of January.

"In the midst of violent actions and extreme passion, hwoever, a large number of Panamanians have shown perfect friendship for me as a North American. They have called me and visited me to express their concern for the well-being of the North Americans who live in Panama. This has been an extraordinary example of the goodwill of the Panamanian people."

The missionary's address created consternation among Americans living in the Canal Zone and brought a firm reply from Methodists in the Zone. Typical of the reactions to the address was the following comment: "There are many Methodists, American citizens, living in the Canal Zone and the surrounding area. Our people have been generous in their support of Methodist missions in Panama. Many of our people have been deeply hurt by the outburst by a leading Methodist educator, whom they have been supporting. To them, it appears that he accepted in toto all of the untrue charges that were broadcast on the Panama radio in order to incite the Panamanians to riot. He has destroyed whatever good relations existed between the Methodist school (Panamerican Institute) and the American Methodists in the Zone."

Between the two views is a more moderate appraisal of the Panama situation. It is given by Mr. Goodwin:

"Although the situation seems to be returning to normal (after the riots), it is normality in a tension situation. This tension has two bases. Over 50 years of Zonianism have created some very deep and justifiable anti-American feeling throughout the country. We feel that this feeling is as basic and as much a part of this culture as segregation is to the South. The North American is about as popular here as the Negro reformer is in the South. The other basis for the tension is found in the internal political situation that exsits in nearly all Latin American countries. There is great unrest among the mass of the very poor as they become poorer and the few rich become richer. Somehow, we have learned to accept the situation as it is and to develop our program and do our work.

"The national pastors in Panama have used the experience of January to bring home to their people the truth that there may come a time, even in the near future, in which the North Americans would have to pull out (both personnel and financial support). Thus the local congregations must begin to accept more responsibility. The pastors have been teaching this for a long time, but the current situation has helped the members to become aware of the reality of this possibility. Also, there has been expressed the feeling that the people must become convinced that The Methodist Church is Panamanian Methodist, not North American Methodist.

"We feel that Methodism has a message and a mission in Panama, and we as missionaries want to be a part of this work. We feel a particular challenge to youth. As we saw the expression on the youthful faces of the mob, we felt condemned for what we have not done. We believe that it may well be that The Methodist Church could become part of the a great effort to direct Panama's youth in this day of confusion and revolution."

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EDITORIALS

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A Significant Anniversary For Church Extension

The North Carolina Conference Board of Missions is observing its tenth anniversary of intensive church extension emphasis. At the annual conference in 1953 a full-time executive secretary of the Board was appointed with special responsibility for church extension. Rev. T. A. Collins, now president of North Carolina Wesleyan College at Rocky Mount, was the first to occupy this office, and under his leadership for the next six years marvelous progress was made in organizing new congregations and erecting new church plants. The organization of the Ten Dollar Club proved to be the source from which most of the money came for this program. Under this arrangement members of the club agree to pay ten dollars on each call, with not more than three calls being made in one conference year. Literally hundreds of thousands of dollars have been secured from this source and the money has been put to good use. Many members of the club began at its organization and have continued their membership through all the years. Some even carry more than one membership. Everyone seems to thrill at the privilege of aiding in the erection of new church plants in strategic places. Following Mr. Collins as executive secretary was Rev. O. L. Hathaway, who for three years directed the work in a fine way. When he was assigned as superintendent of the Durham District Dr. A. J. Hobbs became executive secretary of the Board of Missions and held the office until his death last November. Rev. L. C. Vereen was appointed to succeed Dr. Hobbs, and at present he is giving fine leadership to this cause.

Fifty-four churches have been helped in their building program through these funds. Several other new churches are awaiting their turn in order to build their plant. Some seventy-five or eighty new congregations have been organized during this period. Hundreds of new members have come in through these new churches, many have been added to the WSCS and youth organizations, and thousands of dollars have been contributed by these new churches for the various causes of the church. We call attention to the back page of this week's North Carolina Christian Advocate, which will give some understanding of the breadth of this great program.

A like program of church extension is carried on in the Western North Carolina Conference, under the direction of Rev. Glenn Lackey, The Builders Club is the official name of this group, and it is also showing very fine results in organizing and building new churches. We have carried a large number of articles and pictures showing the work of the Builders Club.

The fact that North Carolina Methodism has led the way in church extension for the past decade is no doubt due in large measure to these programs carried by these two conferences. However, the fields are still white and there is need for many new congregations and new churches which can come into being only as the Ten Dollar Club and the Builders Club are continued and supported. The membership of each should be increased, and now is a good time to do it.

THEME FOR THE WEEK

What? know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost . . .? Therefore glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God's."

—I Cor. 3:19-20.

The Report On Smoking

With the issuing of the report of the Suregon General of the United States Health Department on the matter of smoking, there have been many statements. Some agree and some disagree. It seems this statement would not have been made had not the doctors been convinced that smoking was definitely detrimental to one's health and welfare. Most of us are laymen in the medical field and cannot express an expert opinion on the subject.

However, this is only one matter to which we should give attention. The matter of alcohol has long been tabbed as the enemy of mankind. And yet legislatures, and cities continue to support it. There seems little reason to single out the tobacco industry any more than the alcohol industry for special mention and consideration.

It is hard to understand why any person would deliberately indulge in the use of either alcohol or tobacco knowing that they are th r by taking a chance on shortening their life. Then when the expensiveness of such a habit is taken into consideration, together with the inconvenience it causes, the whole matter is complicated. Nor are these two practices alone in their possible hurtful effects upon human life. Intelligent people who are concerned with the best for themselves should give serious thought to these matters and seek to act in accordance with the best advice from those in a position to know.

The Apostle Paul placed the matter upon the individual conscience when he asked in his First letter to the Corinthians, third chapter and 16th verse: "Know ye not that ye are the temple of God, and that the spirit of God dwelleth in you? If any man defile the temple of God, him shall God destroy; for the temple of God is holy, which temple ye are."

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William H. Maness Named to Committee of One Hundred

Seven new members have been named to Emory University's Committee of One Hundred, composed of outstanding Methodist laymen.

New members are E. E. Anthony, Jr. of Andalusia, Ala.; W. L. Clifton, Jr. of Atlanta; Thad L. Dorsey of Chattanooga, Tenn.; William H. Maness of Jacksonville, Fla.; Doyle W. Terry of Athens, Ga.; Will D. Weeks of Savannah, Ga.; and George Wright of Tifton, Ga.

The Committee of One Hundred was organized by Emory University in 1954 "to join Emory more vitally to the church." It has been successful in winning increasing support for ministerial eduaction.

The Committee met recently in Atlanta in connection with Ministers Week and the fiftieth anniversary of Emory's Candler School of Theology. D. W. Brooks is chairman of the group. In recent years the Candler School of Theology at Emory has trained more Methodist ministers than any seminary in the world.

Mr. Maness is a native of North Carolina, a son of Rev. and Mrs. W. L. Maness of Siler City. He recently resigned as judge of the circuit court to return to private practice. He is active in Ortega Methodist Church in Jacksonville, a lay speaker, and a member of the Jurisdictional Conference.

Commission on Information Will Meet in High Point

The annual meeting of the Commission on Methodist Information will be held Monday, Feb. 24, in the dining room of High Point College, starting at noon.

The Commission covers the work of the office fo Methodist Information for the Charlotte Area. Presiding officers are Bishop Nolan B. Harmon, presiding bishop of the Charlotte Area, and Holt McPherson, editor of the *High Point Enterprise*, who is chairman.

John Paul Lucas, vice president of Duke Power Co., Charlotte, is vice chairman; Fred Russell, vice president of the Bank of Commerce, Charlotte, is treasurer; and John Borchert of Charlotte, is secretary and director of the Office of Methodist Information.

Among special guests will be Dr. Dendell Patton, president of High Point College, and Dr. Ralph Taylor, superintendent of the High Point District.

Co-Director of Casa Materna Touring W.N.C. Conference

The co-director of Casa Materna, well-known home for children in Italy, will tour the Western North Carolina Methodist Conference Feb. 23-March 5, according to an announcement by Dr. Horace McSwain, executive secretary of the Conference Board of Missions.

Bishop Nolan B. Harmon, presiding bishop of the Charlotte Area, visited Casa Materna during his episcopal tour of 1963, and called it "a little colony of Heaven between Mount Vesuvius and an old run-down and bombed-out dock section of the bay" of Naples. The orphanage is located in the Portici section of Naples.

The co-director is the Rev. Dr. Emanuele Santi, who serves also as chaplain. He is the son of the man who founded Casa Materna in 1905—the Rev. Riccardo Santi. Since that time, 9,000 children have been sheltered and educated in the only home for children in Italy which is supported by The Methodist Church.

Dr. Santi will tell about this Home on his tour.

The present head of the Home received his undergraduate training at the University of Naples and its Conservatory of Music. He came to the U.S. as a promising violinist and his long stay here led to his becoming an American citizen.

His education was then turned toward the fields of psychology and religion, leading to doctorates from Union Theological Seminary and Columbia University. He is a member of Kappa Delta Pi and Phi Delta Kappa fratenities.

Dr. Santi held various pastorates in New York, serving in New York City, Yonkers and White Plains. In 1957 he was granted leave by the New York Conference, of which he is a member, to serve as co-director of Casa Materna with Dr. Teofilo Santi, his brother.

When Bishop Harmon returned from Europe and his trip to Casa Materna, he said, "I hope the people in the U.S. can help Casa Materna. I shall not forget the bright interest and appreciation of the little children gathered in by its loving care. They touched me greatly by their hunger for personal attention and affection. God could not help but love them, and I thank God for this 'Mother House'."

Dr. Emanuele Santi's schedule in the Western North Carolina Conference:

Feb. 23—9:45 a.m., church school, Central Methodist Church, Asheville; 11 a.m., worship service, Haywood Street Methodist Church, Asheville; 7 p.m., Skyland Methodist Church, Skyland, N. C.

Feb. 26, Faith Methodist Church, Charotte, evening.

March 1, 11 a.m., New Salem Methodist Church near Statesville; First Methodist Church, Lexington, evening.

March 2, First Methodst Church, Morganton, evening.

March 3, Fist Methodist Church, Conover, Methodist Men's Ladies' Night, evening.

March 4, Lebanon Methodist Church, High Point, evening.

March 5, Hickory Grove Methodist Church, Jamestown, evening.



The annual meeting of the Methodist Board of Missions January 24 at Buck Hill Falls, Pa., was climaxed by the commissioning of 27 new missionaries and deaconesses. Each of the 27 was commissioned by Bishop Richard C. Raines, Indianapolis, Ind., president of the board. The new missionaries and deaconesses will serve in the United States (including Alaska and Hawaii) and six countries overseas, Japan, Taiwan, Malaysia, India, Korea and the Congo. They will serve in a variety of capacities, including teaching, medical technology, nursing, evangelism, social work, Christian education and the pastoral ministry. As is traditional in commissioning services, the women wore white robes and the men black robes. About 300 persons participated in the commissioning service. The principal speaker was Bishop Arthur J. Moore, Atlanta, Ga., now retired but for 20 years president of the Board of Missions.

Fire Partially Destroys Columbia College

Fire raced from one part to another of a big Columbia College building in Columbia, S. C., last Wednesday, demolishing a third of the campus physical plant and leaving hundreds of its girl students without rooms.

None of the girls who fled the early morning blaze was hurt, but damage at the Methodist-supported liberal arts college was heavy.

College president R. Wright Spears estimated the college's loss at from one to two million dollars with most of the damage covered by insurance.

There was scant insurance covering the losses by the 350 girls. Nearly all escaped with only a robe and a blanket, leaving behind their wardrobes, books, jewelry, scrapbooks and other personal items.

The fire, whipped by a stiff wind destroyed all but the western or upper segment of a big E-shaped building. Gutted were main building, housing business offices, the music building and auditorium, and East Dormitory.

West Dormitory, with 175 girls, received heavy smoke and water damage but remained for salvage.

The college's board of trustees met Monday to make plans for replacing the loss.

Success

When counting those who've won success—
With wealth and power they possess—
Don't overlook the folks of cheer,
Who bring bright sunshine year by year
To all the troubled hearts they find—
Thus giving self to help mankind.

Success is made of what you give
To help the other fellow live;
And it is what life's made of you
When you have done all you can do
To let folks know they can depend
On you as their eternal friend.

—Ernest C. Durham.

Church Council Official Preaches at Parkwood

The Rev. Jack Crum, Director of Social Action for the North Carolina Council of Churches, preached Sunday morning at the 11:00 o'clock service of the Parkwood Methodist Church.

The title of his address was, "Do You Want to Be a Sailor?" on the text of Ephesians 4:1-8, 11-15.

The Rev. Mr. Crum came to the N. C. Council of Churches in January to work as full-time Director of Christian Social Action for the Council, and is available to guide social action programs in all the churches and denominations of the state.

A graduate of the Duke University Divinity School, Mr. Crum has served as pastor of Methodist churches in Wake County, Dlaeigh, Hope Mills, and Moncure.

Parkwood Methodist Church, which meets in the Lowe's Grove School, is in its third year. The Rev. William M. Jefferies is pastor.

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"A soft answer turneth away wrath; but grievous words stir up anger."—Prov. 15:1.

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Duke Endowment Appropriates Large Sum To North Carolina Hospitals and Child Care

Appropriations of $1,483,302.36 to aid Carolina hospitals and child care institutions in financing their increasing load of charity work were announced by the trustees of The Duke Endowment.

The funds, based on charity in the fiscal year which ended Sept. 30, 1963, are being distributed to 143 hospitals and 43 child care institutions in the two states. Hospitals receive $992,921 of the total and child care institutions $490,381.36. The 105 North Carolina hospitals get $658,783 and 38 in South Carolina $334,138. Twenty-six North Carolina child care institutions get $326,431.62 and 17 in South Carolina, $163,949.74. The total for North Carolina is $985,214.62, and South Carolina $498,-087.74.

Figures released by Thomas L. Perkins, chairman of The Endowment, show that these appropriations bring to $36,814,175.36 the contributions made in 39 consecutive years to assist hospitals and child care institutions of the two states in their charity services. Additional funds will be allocated at the February meeting of the trustees when hospital applications completed since the current appropriations were made will be considered.

Explaining that hospitals are assisted on the besis of $1 a day for each free day of care, Marshall I. Pickens, Endowment secretary and trustee and executive director of the Hospital and Orphan sections, said the 992,921 free days of care reported were 20.3 per cent of the 4,891,124 days of care given by these institutions as compared with free davs amounting to 19.4 per cent in the previous year.

North Carolina's free days were 18.1 per cent of the 3,646,190 days of care as compared with a free-day percentage of 17.5 in the preceding year. For South Carolina, free davs amounted to 26. per cent of the 1,244,934 days of care. In the preceding year, free days in South Carolina hospitals reporting were 25.3 per cent of the total.

The Endowment's appropriations to child care institutions are for the care of orphan and half orphan children. Funds are being distributed on the basis of approximately 62 cents a day for each day of care of these children. The assisted institutions provided 1,710,711 davs of care of which 791,431 were for orphans and half orphans. This amounted to 46.3 per cent of the total as compared with 46.5 per cent in the previous year. For North Carolina, they were given 526.831 days of care, 48.6 per cent of the 1.085.058 total days, which compares with 49.4 per cent in the preceding year. In South Carolilna, they received 264,600, or 42.3 per cent of the 625,653 total days of care, which compares with 41.5 per cent in the year before.

Children care institutions used $442,131.-43 for institutional care, $24,562.72 for 150 children who are in college, $16,890fl05 for 230 children given foster home care, and $6,797.16 to help widowed mothers in the care of 60 children at home.

In addition to assisting hospitals and child care institutions in their charity programs and providing funds for the construction, equipment, and purchase of hospitals, the Endowment gives financial aid to Duke, Johnson C. Smith, and Furman Universities and Davidson College, and to retired Methodist ministers, their families, and rural Methodist churches of North Carolina. Staff counseling is available for assisted institutions seeking to increase efficiency of operation or planning new facilities.

Among North Carolina hospitals receiving funds for free care and the amount appropriated was Hugh Chatham Memorial, Elkin, $1,932, a Methodist-related institution.

Among North Carolina child-caring institutions which were assisted in the care of orphans and half orphans were The Children's Home, Winston-Salem, $24,347.09; and Methodist Home for Children, Raleigh, $12,853.26.

Cumberland County Area Christian Workers' School

The Cumberland County Area Christian Workers' School will be held at Hay Street Methodist Church, Fayetteville February 23-27, 1964, Sunday-Thursday, 7:30-9:30 p.m.

Courses to Be Offered

Christian Beliefs—Instructor, Dr. W. A. Kale, Duke University. A course in the basic Christian beliefs and doctrines, and their relationship to a Christian experience. This course is for every person who feels the need to review and clarify his own beliefs as a Christian, especially teachers and workers in the church school program who must communicate these beliefs to others.

Foundations of Christian Teachings — Instructor, Mrs. V. E. Queen, Elizabeth City, N. C. A course on the Church, the Gospel, and Christian Education, to help prepare for the new Christian Studies for Methodist Children. Specifically for teachers. This course will help them to understand more fully the background and purpose of their teahcing in the Christian church.

Understanding the Bible—Instructor, Dr. S. J. Womack, Methodist College. A course that will help persons in understanding the ways the Bible came into existence, and a discussion of basic principles that will serve in helping to interpret the Bible for individual use, and in teaching. This course will be helpful for all Bible course teachers, in interpreting the Bible. Youth teachers and adult teachers will benefit greatly from this course.

The Life and Mission of the Church — Instructor, Dr. Thor Hall, Duke University. A study of the nature and task of the church, based upon the Bible, and present understanding. Special attention will be given to the church as a worshipping community and as a mission. The course will cover such topics as the church in education; the relation of worship of the church and personal service; and the role of the lay person in the church. It will be beneficial to all persons in aiding them gain a wider perspective of the church. Members of the official board, as well as teachers, will find it helpful in this area.

One-day Seminar on Evangelism Held at Glendale Heights, Durham

Rev. Freeman Heath, North Carolina Conference Director of Evangelism, held a one-day seminar on evangelism recently in the Glendale Heights Methodist Church of Durham.

The day's activities began with Rev. Mr. Heath assembling the adult Sunday School classes into a joint session. He then proceeded to teach the meaning of evangelism in the local church. His theme was Going Deeper in Order to Go Forward.



Workshop Group

Following the Sunday School session, Mr. Heath preached at the 11:00 o'clock hour on "When You Are Converted, Strengthen the Brethren." He preached with great conviction, challenging the young church to go ever forward for Christ.

The evangelistic day closed with a seminar session with the church leaders from 3 until 5 p.m. Ways and means of strengthening the church by witnessing for Christ were discussed.

The entire church felt it had been greatly blessed by the day spent with the conference director of evangelism. The church's leaders reported quickened interest in evangelism on their part, and felt that the whole church would soon feel the impact of the discussion and preaching. Rev. Alison Simonton, Jr., is the pastor of Glendale Heights.

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Public school children in Karachi, Pakistan, come from homes with average incomes of only $13 to $32 a month, to support families of 7 to 9 persons. Contributions to CARE's Food Crusade provide daily milk, or milk and a roll, for 285,600 underfed primary pupils at city and village schools throughout West Pakistan.



Brotherly Love Shows Itself in the One Great Hour of Sharing

Hunger is pitiless—
Cold strikes mercilessly at the thinly clothed—
No one is lonlier than an orphan—
There is no greater drain on the spirit than being homeless after a flood or earthquake.

The above statements, selected from reports of field workers in various parts of the world, sum up needs which are partially or wholly met through funds raised by Protestant churches in our land.

This year the churches seek more than $15 million for a world-wide program of assistance to the needy overseas. The greater portion of these funds will be raised through the 1964 One Great Hour of Sharing to be observed in most participating churches on Sunday, March 8.

Contributions made by millions of Americans in One Great Hour of Sharing and related appeals will provide food, clothing, medicines, and shelter for the victims of floods, famines, earthquakes, and hurricanes, and other natural disasters. These gifts will rehabilitate and settle refugees, assist orphans and patients in hospitals and clinics. They will furnish vocational training and self-help opportunities and make possible agricultural and community development that will help break patterns of poverty. They will enable many to rise above the mire of despair to a life of self-sufficiency and train many young people for future service and leadership.

Methodist gifts to the One Great Hour of Sharing are channeled through the Methodist Committee for Overseas Relief and serve in more than fifty countries overseas. Take a look at just a few of these to see what is being done:

ALGERIA—Last year Methodist gifts sent 170,000 blankets to warm freezing Algerians, and $155,000 in cash to provide food and clothing and medicine. A doctor is serving for a year under MCOR auspices, treating thousands of patients who otherwise would have no medical care. Millions of trees are being planted in Algeria to control erosion and build up the soil. Your gifts provide food which is given in lieu of wages to those who plant the trees.

INDIA—The pastors in the country are among the poorest paid in the world. For many years MCOR has been providing emergency help to enable them oo live. Here where the rate of TB is alarmingly high, MCOR provides many beds in hospitals for patients unable to pay, 42 in one hospital alone. Your gifts have sunk deep wells in villages where the people had so little water they could grow no food, and money also provided sanitation projects in many villages. Recognizing the awesome needs in India, an MCOR representative is going there to live with the people in an attempt to help them in practical ways.

KOREA—In Korea, One Great Hour gifts help in the support of hundreds of orphans, providing a place to live, food to eat, and vocational training for the future. Widows are given homes and work projects so they can become self-supporting. Agricultural leaders are sent into villages to help people learn ways of improving their crops and land. Amputees, the victims of war, accidents, frostbite, and leprosy, are fitted with artificial limbs and restored to roles of usefulness in an amputee rehabilitation center.

PAKISTAN—Not only does MCOR help in feeding programs and the emergency support of church workers, but it also gives funds for health and disaster needs. A 15-year-old Pakistan boy is suffering from a heart condition as a result of rheumatic fever. He will die if he does not have an operation. National Jewish Hospital in Denver, Colorado, has agreed to provide free medical care and service. MCOR will pay one-half of the cost of bringing the boy here, CWS the other half. Our gifts serve individuals.

PERU—80,000 people live in El Pedregal, the historic garbage dump of Lima, Peru. Now at the request of the Peruvian Methodist Church, MCOR is heping to establish a training school where boys can learn carpentry and girls study dressmaking. The churches in Peru expect to carry on this project, but need our gifts to get started.

YUGOSLAVIA — When the earthquake struck the center of Skopje, Yugoslavia, tons of American surplus food were on hand to help the victims. 450,000 pounds of clothing and blankets were also in stock in the Church World Service warehouse, the interdenominational arm of MCOR. Within a few days, 52 tents, 3,000 blankets, and one million water purification tablets were sent by air. The great need now is housing. The World Council of Churches asked the American churches to provide $150,000 toward this program. MCOR responded at once with $30,000. Your One Great Hour gifts made this possible.



Gerry Beaman, 13-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur C. Beaman of Garner, received the God and Country Award in special services at Garner Methodist Church on Boy Scout Sunday, February 9. A member of the church-sponsored Troop No. 391, Gerry has already received his Eagle Scout Award, is president of his eighth grade homeroom at school, and is president of the Junior High Methodist Youth Fellowship. In the picture are his parents, and the Rev. James A. Auman, mniister, who made the presentation.

Bishop Clare Purcell Dies in Alabama

Bishop Clare Purcell, who formerly presided over the Methodist Conferences in North Carolina, died Saturday, February 8 in Birmingham, Alabama. He was 79 years old.

Bishop Purcell was born in Columbia, Alabama, November 17, 1884. He was educated at Birmingham-Southern College and



BISHOP CLARE PURCELL

Vanderbilt University. He served in the pastorate and as district superintendent in the North Alabama Conference for a number of years before being elected to the episcopacy in 1938 by the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, at its General Conference held in Birmingham. His first assignment was to the Charlotte Area which embraced the North Carolina, Western North Carolina, South Carolina, and Upper South Carolina annual conferences. It was a time when the question of church union between the Methodist Episcopal Church, the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, and the Methodist Protestant Church was a main topic of discussion. There was much support for the union, and some opposition. Bishop Purcell immediately gave himself to furnish the kind of leadership that would consummate the union in the finest way possible. He remained in the Charlotte Area for ten years, when he was transferred in 1948 to the Birmingham Area, which embraces the Alabama-West Florida, and North Alabama Conferences. He remained there until his retirement in 1956.

Bishop Purcell was married December 28, 1910, to Miss Ida West. To this union was born two sons and a daughter.

Bishop Purcell's ancestors were from eastern North Carolina, and the bishop often referred to his ties with this state during the period he served as its episcopal leader. He was a quiet man, with a winsome personality, and a spirit of complete dedication to the work of the Christian ministry. His friendliness endeared him to those with whom he worked and he always conducted his conferences with an air of dignity and with efficiency. The Methodist Church has been greatly enriched by his ministry.

Lake Junaluska is Being Improved At A Rapid Pace

Work hums along at opposite ends of this spiritual assembly for the Southeastern Methodist Jurisdiction and the changes which will be presented when the summer season opens will be magnificent.

At the eastern end of the Lake Junaluska grounds a new wing is rapidly taking shape onto the east side of Lambuth Inn. This will be three stories high and will not only provide more rooms but will feature changes in the dining facilities.

At the western end of the grounds changes are coming about through a prolonged dredging operation during which 500,000 cubic yards of silt is being removed from the upper lake, restoring the waters to their original bed four to ten feet deeper than they were last summer.

This will enable the boat to swing into this picturesque section of the grounds on its nightly run.

Tons of dirt which were removed when the bank was cleared away at Lambuth Inn for a vast parking lot which stretches around the new wing, have been hauled to the western end of the assembly grounds and will form a new entrance to the lake.

The new road, when completed, will be lcoated a short distance from the roadside overview familar to most persons who have visited the lake.

The silt being removed from the upper lake bed is being used to build up two areas within the assembly grounds, Dr. James W. Fowler, Jr., superintendent, said.

The first area to be built up is located between the new entrance to the lake off U. S. 19 and the old entrance. The old entrance road will be abandoned, he said.

Another area recently purchased expressly for the purpose of receiving silt will be used for recreational purposes when the dredging operation is finished, Dr. Fowler said. This area, he said, contains 35 acres which have been dyked. About 460,000 cubic yards of silt will be pumped into it. The other area will hold between 35,000 to 40,000 cubic yards of silt.

Merrit Dredging Co. of Charleston, S. C., which is handling the work, reported this to be the first large-scale inland dredging operation to come to western North Carolina. The work is expected to be completed in May.

A 16-inch pipe is carrying the silt into the areas mentioned. The dredge pipe carries 80-90 per cent water and the rest solids into the dumping areas, then the water evaporates and overflows into other areas, leaving soil which Dr. Fowler said contains some of the finest topsoil in Haywood county.

The superintendent said fertiizer, lime and phosphates have been washing into the upper lake over a period of 50 years since the dam was built.

The Lake Junaluska Assembly, fresh from a successful celebration of its 50th anniversary, is preparing for its greatest schedule during the summer of 1964.

The quadrennial meeting of the Southeastern Jurisdiction is scheduled July 8-12 with its feature of the election of new bishops, assignment of all bishops to episcopal areas, and passage of new legislation which will govern the nearly three million Methodists in the nine-state area from 1964-68.



New wing to Lambuth Inn under construction

Both the Western North Carolina Conference and the South Carolina Conference will hold annual meetings there during June. And many nationally-famous training schools and conferences will continue in annual session this summer.

Dr. Fowler urges Methodists not only to plan to attend these meetngs, but to plan vacations in the lodges, inns, hotels, and homes which surround the lake. The assembly grounds can accommodate about 2,500 persons, and in addition there are motels and hotels close to the Assembly which will accommodate that many more.

Western North Carolina also has become one of the recreation and tourist headliner attraction areas of the nation, leaving the Lake Junaluska Assembly in a perfect location to serve both spiritual needs and vacation plans of Methodists.

Official Board Members in Gastonia District Turn Out for Depth Evangelism Service

By Frank A. Jeffers
Director Methodist Information
Gastonia District

What do official board members of the churches in the Gastonia District do on Saturday night? Watch TV? No. Go dining and dancing? No. Have a hootenanny? No. —On Saturday night Feb. 8, from Gaston, Cleveland, and Lincoln counties, approximately six hundred local church officials came to attend a Depth Evangelism of Worship for official board members. They were accompanied by their ministers.

What brought this about? This meeting was brought about under the leadership of the superintendent of the Gastonia District of The Methodist Church, the Rev. Cecil L Heckard with the excellent cooperation of the ministerial and lay leadership of the district. Mr. Heckard states, "This Saturday evening service was to open a Conference on Spiritual Enrichment with the goal of its being continued in the local churches by the conducting of Official Board Spiritual Life Retreats during the beginning of Lent. The conference was part of a year-long district-wide evangelism to Methodist local church officials."

This large body of worshippers was led by Elwin C. Ford, Aldersgate Methodist Church, Shelby, district lay leader. The music was under the direction of the Rev. Robert L. Carter, associate minister of the Central Methodist Church in Shelby. The organist was Mrs. John Kersh, minister of music, First Methodist Church, Gastonia. Host ministers were the Rev. Dr. C. C. Herbert, Jr. and the Rev. Clyde E. Murray.

Planning for this occasion was under the guidance of District Director of Missions, G. W. Bumgarner, pastor, at Boger City, and Mr. Edwin C. Ford, Aldersgate Methodist Church, Shelby, district lay leader.

Spiritual leader for the evening was the Rev. Dr. Hugh Lormor, National Board of Missions, New York City, who brought those present to a consciousness of the reality and depth of meaning for life contained in God's mission and message to the individual, church, and world. His message was convincing, convicting, and comforting, as he delivered an exposition of the concept of the "Suffering Servant" as depicted in the 53rd chapter of Isaiah.

Dr. Lormor pointed out how one needs to be conscious of the suffering that is brought to bear on others as a result of our sins. He stressed the need for the missionary to be able to identify with the people to whom he is ministering. Then he said, "We are all called to be missionaries wherever we are." At the climax of his message he asked, "When was the last time that you were numbered with the transgressions?"

As a result of this meeting and the spirit which was generated there—the ministers went to their pulpits on Sunday morning with many prayers for the service upon the lips of the laity of the churches within this district.

Poet Charles Edward Eaton to Conduct Seminar at Pfeiffer

The prominent contemporary poet Charles Edward Eaton will spend two days on the Pfeiffer College campus, February 24 and 25, for an informal seminar type program.

On Monday, February 24, at 8:15 p.m. he will present a public reading of his poetry in the lecture hall of the Harris Science Building. An informal question and answer period will follow Eaton's presentation.

His appearance at the college is under the aupices of The North Carolina Poetry Circuit and the Pfeiffer College Cultural Committee.

Overseas Churches Request Autonomy During 1964-1968

The Methodist Board of Missions, in a significant policy statement adopted at its annual meeting in Buck Hill Falls, Pa., said that it "rejoices in the strength that autonomy can give" to a Methodist Church overseas that chooses to become independent and self-governing.

In its statement, the Board assured all Methodist Churches overseas that, should they vote to become independent of The Methodist Church in America, the Board would in no way lessen its willingness to continue support of the churches in prayer, concern, funds and personnel. A move toward autonomy is a move into fuller responsibility for a church's own life, the statement said.

The Board made its statement in response to a request from Asian church leaders as to how the Board would view a move by overseas churches to become autonomous. Within the last year, Methodist annual conferences in three countries have voted to become autonomous rather than continue to be related to The Methodist Church in America through the General Conference. At the present time, the great majority of churches to which American Methodism is related overseas are a part of the General Conference.

It appears, however, that there may be a move on the part of a growing number of overseas churches to ask the General Conference for permission to become autonomous. At present there are three autonomous Methodist churches overseas to which American Methodism is related, those being the Methodist churches of Korea, Mexico and Brazil. In addition, American Methodism is related to two united churches overseas, the United Churches of Japan and Okinawa.

Within the last year, the Methodists of Burma, Liberia and Cuba have requested permission to become autonomous within the 1964-68 quadrennium. The Methodist annual conference in each country has requested the General Conference to grant permission for the annual conference to become an autonomous church. The request of each conference will be considered at the Methodist General Conference which meets in Pittsburgh, Pa., starting April 26. If the General Conference grants the requests, the conferences can move toward becoming autonomous churches with their own governing bodies independent of the General Conference.

The Board of Missions adopted its statement regarding autonomy in response to a request from Asia Consultation of The Methodist Church in November, 1963, in Malaya. The Consultation, which brought together the top leadership of Methodist and Methodist-related churches in 14 countries of Asia, said that autonomy was desirable for Asian Methodist Churches and asked the Board to state that autonomy was desirable for Asian Methodist Churches and asked the Board to state its policy about churches moving toward autonomy.

The Board statement assured the churches of the Board's continued support, adding: "The Board recognizes that these moves to increased responsibility for a church's own life within the context of an international faith and fellowship are a sign of the work of the Holy Spirit and are consistent with the times in which we live. The movement toward autonomy is not a retreat into narrow internationalism; it is a move into a fuller responsibility for their own life."

The complete text of the Board's statement on autonomy follows:

"Many of the churches in Methodist Central Conferences are considering steps to become autonomous — either remaining Methodist or becoming united churches. They believe such changes could release a new spiritual vitality within their own churches and make for a more effective Christian witness to their nations and to the world. These churches feel the need to sink their roots deeper into their cultural and national life. They indicate the time has come to be self-sgoverning. They wish to establish their own reationship with the World Council of Churches and other ecumenical bodies.

"At the same time many of these churches are seeking a variety of ways to strengthen bonds of faith and fellowship with other churches in their area. For them the movement toward autonomy is not a retreat into narrow nationalism; it is a move into a fuller responsibility for their own life.

"The Board of Missions welcomes these developments, and assures the churches overseas that a move to autonomy would in no way lessen its willingness to continue support in prayer, concern, funds and personnel. It rejoices at the strength autonomy can give. It recognizes that these moves to increased responsibility for a church's own life within the context of an international faith and fellowship are a sign of the work of the Holy Spirit, and are consistent with the times in which we live.

"It is recognized that some churches are not ready to move towards autonomy at this time. We believe, however, that they will welcome a restudy as to what the issues of autonomy could mean for them. The Board pledges its support to these churches in every move toward their fullest growth."

Catholic Preaches in Protestant Church

At a worship service which may be the first of its kind in the Methodist Church, a Roman Catholic priest delivered the sermon in a regular Sunday mroning worship service at the Kingswood-of-Brookfield Methodist Church in Wilmington, Delaware, February 9.

The Very Reverend Monseigneur Paul J. Taggart is director of the Society for the Propagation of the Christian Faith for the Roman Catholic Diocese of Wilmington.

Host pastor at the church was the Rev. Ralph L. Minker, Jr., who extended the invitation to Monseigneur Taggart in order to strengthen inter-faith relationships between Roman Catholics and Methodists.

Mr. Minker has been pastor of the 600-member Kingswood Church since 1960.



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J. NORMAN WHITEHURST

"Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of his saints." —Psalm 116:15

J. Norman Whitehurst was born on April 6, 1876 and died on January 2, 1964 in the Albemarle Hospital, Elizabeth City, N. C.

Services were conducted by his pastor, the Rev. Vergil E. Queen, assisted by the Rev. Sam E. Harvey, in the First Methodist Church on Saturday afternoonfi January 4, 1964.

The sorrowing hosts who came to pay their tributes of love and respect indicated the high esteem and genuine affection with which this noble man of God was regarded.

The records show that J. Norman Whitehurst joined First Methodist Church early in 1894. For some fifty years he was a faithful member of the Official Board, and, for many years was the chief usher in which capacity he is remembered by so many for his warm and reverent cordiality.

No man loved his church more than this beloved servant of God. His loyalty and service were distinguished by his gentle dignity, quiet confidence, and kindly sympathy. In his passing, First Methodist Church has lost a valiant and valuable servant, a steadfast believer, and a faithful "steward of the mysteries of God."

The Official Board of the First Methodist Church, Elizabeth City, North Carolina, hereby expresses its genuine appreciation for the long years of service rendered by J. Norman Whitehurst. We convey our sympathy and affection to each member of his family, and we respectfully request that a copy of these sentiments be sent to the family, that this statement be published in The North Carolina *Christian Advocate*, and that a copy be entered in the minutes of the Official Board and of the Quarterly Conference.

Respectfully submitted,
CHARLES M. COOPER, JR., Chairman
The Official Board

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A MEMORIAL TRIBUTE

The members of the Woman's Society of Christian Service of Mt. Zion Methodist Church, Stokesdale, N. C., wish to pay tribute to the memory of Mrs. Emma Vaughn, who died November 9, 1963.

She was a native of Batavia, Ohio, and had lived near Stokesdale for 40 years. She was a charter member and former president of the Woman's Society of Christian Service. The Emma Vaughn Bible Class was named in her honor a few years ago.

"Miss Emma," as she was known to so many, is survived by her husband, W. Zeb Vaughn. Also two daughters, Mrs. Everette L. Shumake and Mrs. Ralph Bullock; one son, M. Luther York, all of Stokesdale.

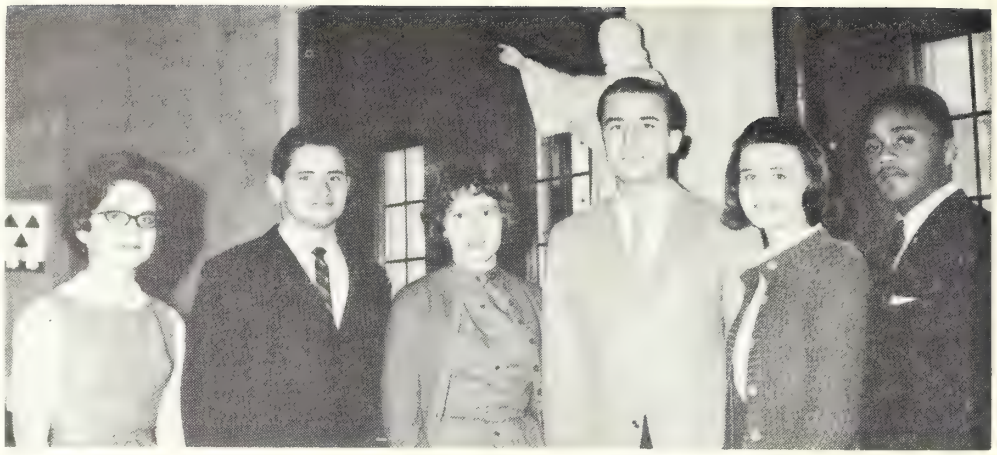
We, the members of the Woman's Society of Christian Service, pray that we may stand for the good that she stood for, and love our God and church with our presence, talents, and gifts as she did. She will always live in our memories.

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John Wesley (statue to the rear) points to future accomplishments for these new officers of the Methodist Student Movement of North Carolina as they pose with the outgoing president, Eddie Roebuck (third from right) of Pfeiffer College. The new officers are (from left) Miss Ruth Folger, UNC at Greensboro, publicity; Franklin W. Grice, High Point College, vice-president; Miss Charlotte A. Bunch, Duke University, president; Mr. Roebuck; Miss Millie Schlagenhauf, Greensboro College, secretary; and Samuel H. Frink, N. C. College at Durham, treasurer. They were elected during the annual meeting February 7-9 at Centenary Church, Winston-Salem.

MSM Holds Annual Meet At Centenary in Winston

Miss Charlotte Bunch of Duke University has been elected new president of the Methodist Student Movement of North Carolina, succeeding Eddie Roebuck of Pfeiffer College.

She was elected during the Feb. 7-9 annual meeting in Centenary Methodist Church, Winston-Salem. The meeting featured talks by the Rev. James M. Lawson, Jr., pastor of Sentenary Methodist Church, Memphis, Tenn., workshops, two plays and the installation of the new officers.

Miss Bunch is a 19-year-old sophomore at Duke. She is the daughter of Dr. and Mrs. C. P. Bunch of Artesia, N.M. She is majoring in religion.

Mr. Grice is a 21-year-old junior at High Point College. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. David K. Grice of Stanley, N. C., and is majoring in religion.

Miss Schlagenhauf, 18, hails from Gastonia and is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Schlagenhauf. She is a freshman at Greensboro College and is majoring in sociology.

Mr. Frink is a 19-year-old sophomore at North Carolina College at Durham, majoring in chemistry. He is the son of Mrs. O. W. Frink and the late Mr. Frink of LaGrange, N. C.

Miss Folger is the 19-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Folger of High Point, N. C. She is a sophomore majoring in U.S. history at U.N.C. at Greensboro.

During the meeting the Interconference Commission on College and University Religious Work, with Dr. W. Arthur Kale of the Duke University Divinity School as chairman, met to hear progress reports from the various Wesley Foundations.

The Commission represents college work in the Western North Carolina and North Carolina Methodist conferences of the Southeastern Jurisdiction, and the North Carolina Methodist Conference of the Central Jurisdiction.

The Wesley Foundations are Methodist centers on non-Methodist campuses. The Methodist Student Movement is an organization of Methodist college students on both Methodist and non-Methodist campuses and operates under the national Methodist Board of Education.

Religious plays were presented by players from Western Carolina College, who gave "The Faith Hawker," and by Salem College, who gave, "For Heaven's Sake."

The Rev. W. M. (Bill) Wells, Jr., of Greensboro, state director of the MSM, was in charge of the three-day event. Dr. W. Kenneth Goodson, pastor of Centenary Church, was host pastor.

Christian Action League Names Associate Director

James C. Furman of Columbia, S. C., and Nashville, Tenn., has been elected as the Associate Director of the Christian Action League of North Carolina. He will spend his time as a representative of the League's work by speaking in high schools and churches throughout the state. Mr. Furman was elected at the Executive Committee meeting in Greensboro on Thursday, January 30.

Mr. Furman is a native of South Carolina and a graduate of Clemson College. After spending several years in the motion picture industry as an advertising and public relations man, he enrolled and graduated from Southern Seminary in Louisville, Kentucky. He lived and worked in Tennessee for sixteen years as Executive Secretary of the United Tennessee League. His family resides in Nashville and will remain there. His work with the League will be on a part-time basis. Mr. Furman has recently completed the chaplain's intern course at the South Carolina Baptist Hospital in Columbia.

In connection with the employment of Mr. Furman, the League announces a compaign for financial support. A "1000-100 Club" has been formed to seek out $100.00 gifts from 1,000 interested individuals, groups, clubs or organizations across the state. John Borchert of Charlotte, acting publicity director for the League, announced that letters are being mailed to many individuals across the state setting forth the aims and objectives of the League and its plans in the "1000-100" effort.

The Rev. D. P. McFarland of Raleigh is Executive Director of the League.

Bennett College to Participate in Faculty Exchange With India

Bennett College is one of 13 women's colleges in the United States which will participate in a faculty exchange with six women's colleges in India, beginning in the fall.

The program is made possible by a $356,400 grant from the U.S. State Department and a $67,000 grant from the Danforth Foundation. Dr. William F. Quillian, Jr., president of Randolph-Macon Woman's College, Lynchburg, Va., is chairman of the four-year program.

American colleges involved, in addition to Bennett, are: Agnes Scott, Barnard, Connecticut, Goucher, Mary Baldwin, Mary Washington, Mount Holyoke, Queens, Sweet Briar, Western College for Women and Wheaton.

The Indian colleges are Indraprastha (Delhi), Isbella Thoburn (Lucknow), Women's Christian College (Madras), Queen Mary's (Madras), Maharani's (Bangalore), and University College for Women (Hyderabad).

Six professors, going in each direction, will begin the exchange and remain for the full academic year. In addition to faculty exchanges, the program also provides for annual month-long visits of a team of college presidents from each country to the other and for educational conference in connection with their visits.

"Each American visitor will probably serve only one Indiana institutoin," Dr. Quillian said, "but it may be feasible to place Indiana visitors in two or more American institutions during any one academic year, thus enabling a larger number of the American colleges to benefit from the exchange."

Teacher Scholarships at Methodist College

Twenty-five full tuition scholarships are available at Methodist College for teachers in the North Carolina public schools who wish to participate in the 1964 Summer Session.

The scholarships are available for study in the humanities and social sciences. Subject areas include Art, Economics, English, History, Music, Philosophy, Political Science and Sociology.

The scholarships are being offered in conjunction with the In-Service Teacher Education Program, North Carolina Department of Public Instruction.

In announcing the scholarships Dr. Millard Burt, Dean of the College, said that scholarships will range from $45 for a 3-hour course to $90 for 6 semester hours of work, which is the maximum load for the summer session.

The scholarships provide opportunities for subject matter reinforcement, certificate renewal, up-grading of certificates, and cultural enhancement.

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The six-week session is scheduled from June 8 to July 17. For further information or application forms contact S. R. Edwards, Director of Admissions, Methodist College, Fayetteville.



Back row, left to right: Vick King, Russell Fleming, Mavrin Turner, Jr., George Harvey, Frankie Carson. Front row, left to right: Charles Marston, Jr., Leslie Davis, Leslie Garner, Jr., Worth Baker, Jr., Phillip Harvey. Not shown, Scout Master Leroy Carpenter.

Ten Scouts of Troop 340, Greenville, Receive God and Country Award

Ten boys of Scout Troop 340, St. James Methodist Church, received God and Country award on Sunday, Feb. 9. The award, one of the most honored in Scouting, is presented by the Scout's own church in recognition of a year of special duty, service, and participation in the activities of his church.

The boys from St. James who were honored are: Worth Baker, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Worth Baker; Frankie Carson, son of Mr. and Mrs. John F. Carson; Russell Fleming, son of Mr. and Mrs. Van Fleming, Jr.; Leslie Garner, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Garner; George Harvey and Phillip Harvey, sons of Dr. and Mrs. George P. Harvey; and Charles Marston, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Marston. Their pastor, the Rev. William Quick, presented the awards, having worked with the boys since June, continuing the instructional work started by the Rev. Carlton Hirschi, former minister at St. James.

At First Presbyterian Church at the 11 o'clock service, Leslie Davis, son of the Rev. and Mrs. Thomas M. Davis, was presented the award by his pastor, the Rev. Richard R. Gammon.

Victor King, son of Mr. and Mrs. Roscoe King, and Marvin Turner, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Turner, received their awards at Jarvis Memorial Methodist Church from their minister, Dr. Edgar B. Fisher.

The ten boys were recognized at the 8:45 service at St. James Church on Sunday morning when the entire troop was present in uniform in observance of National Scout Sunday.

"Christian Service Awards" Given Two Methodists

The Concord Lions Club presented its Christian Service Awards to two Methodists at its meeting Feb. 4. Selected for the honors at this third annual event were Mrs. Murray Clark of Central Methodist Church, Concord, and Mr. Joe M. McEachern of Forest Hills Methodist Church of Concord. Both have been actvie for many years in the work of the church in various capacities. Dr. J. Clay Madison, pastor of Myers Park Church, Charlotte, was the featured speaker. Dr. Madison is a former pastor of the Central Church in Concord. Dr. Madison listed a three-point outline for qualifications for public servant No. 1: First, the embodiment of the ideal of Christian Citizenship; second, their vision of community welfare and progress is measured in moral values—justice and righteousness; third, they render a service beyond the call of duty, without thought of personal reward.

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Woman's Activities

A Word From the Secretary of Youth Work

MRS. E. K. MCLARTY

Mrs. Ray Simpson is eager to see that each local church follows the proper procedure in making its nominations for the secretary of Youth Work of the WSCS. This is different from the procedure to be followed in other nomiations and shauld be carefully read. Mrs. Simpson's letter points out:

"The Committee on Nominations of the WSCS will be at work very soon looking for nominees for various offices. There is one office that has a different election procedure, which I would like to call to your attention; namely, the secretary of Youth Work.

"The secretary of Youth Work serves as a resource person in the program area of Christian Outreach in the Senior High MYF. She often serves as adult advisor.

"The approved procedure for electing the secreetary of Youth Work is as follows: 1. The committee on the nominations of the Woman's Society shall consult with the council of the MYF before making nominations for its secretary of Youth Work. 2. The secretary of Youth Work shall then be elected by the WSCS. 3. Upon confirmation by the council of the MYF, the secretary of Youth Work shall be the advisor in Christian Outreach of the MYF.

(This precedure is found in the WSCS, A GUIDE, p. 28; and the Handbook For Senior Highs in the Church, p. 134.)

"I hope that all WSCS Nominating Committees will take into consideration the above procedure when time comes for the elections of a secretary of Youth Work."

A Wedding of Interest to WNC

Miss Lucy Price sends word of a recent wedding which will be noted with interest and best wishes by the many friends of the bride and goom in our conference.

Mrs. P. A. Masten, on February 5th, became the bride of Mr. E. E. McBride, in the First Methodist Church in Charlotte.

Mrs. Masten served for a number of years as secretary for the Conference Executive Committee of the WSG. After going with the Board of Missions, she served as secretary to the Superintendent of Henderson Settlement, a home mission project in eastern Kentucky; then served as secretary to the presidents of Pfeiffer and Scarritt colleges. While at Scarritt she was assigned to a special term of service in the Philippines as acting treasurer for the WSCS.

Mr. McBride was formerly a member of First Methodist Church in Glen Ellyn, Ill., in the Rock River Conference, and taught the Men's Bible Class at First Methodist Church. Upon moving to Hendersonville, he became very active in church and civic affairs, serving two terms as County Commissioner of Henderson County.

Mr. and Mrs. McBride will make their home at 3420 Shamrock Drive, Charlotte.

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Clothing, Books WSG Projects

The need for immediate attention to three conference-wide Wesleyan Service Guild projects has been announced by Mrs. C. P. Satterwhite, conference chairman of supply work. They include clothing and books.

Clothing and shoes for children and up to 20 years of age is a need in the Pembroke area where Miss Martha Schlapbach, the N. C. Conference WSG sponsored rural worker, is serving. Contributions should be sent to Miss Schlapbach, Box 463, Pembroke, N. C.

A call has come from the Rev. Rene Bideaux, Methodist missionary in Costa Rica, for clothing, especially underclothing, for Pisquiantrico Chapel Mental Hospital. Clothing for this project may be brought to the Annual Meeting of the N. C. Conference Wesleyan Service Guild, to be in session at the First Methodist Church, Washington, N. C., March 14-15. Simple clothing is preferable.

Books have been requested for the library and Methodist Student Center at Dagupan City, Philippines. Non-fiction, such as new or used textbooks, fiction, and classics will be acceptable.

The books should be mailed in stacks of four or five wrapped with a piece of cardboard and brown paper and tied with a cord. The mailing address is The Methodist Student Center, Rizal Avenue, Dagupan City, Philippines. Reasonable postage rates for mailing under the above plan are three cents, first two ounces; 1½ cents each additional two ounces. By pounds the books can be mailed one pound for 13½ cents; two pounds, 25½ cents; three pounds, 37½; four pounds, 49½ cents.

It is thought that helping to build the library at The Methodist Student Center in the Philipiines is one of the more signif cantly worthyhile projects sponsored by th WSG.

Wilmington District WSG Committee Plans Meetings

The Executive Committee of the Wil mington District Woman's Society of Chris tian Service, meeting at the Cape Fea Restaurant, Clarkton, Jan. 29, voted to sub sidize in the amount of $7.50 each towarc expenses of the district secretary of studen work, Mrs. E. L. Smith, and three student at Wilmington College to attend the Annua Methodist Student Movement Conference held in Winston-Salem, Feb. 7-9.

In other money matters, the group pledged $11,600 for missions for the ensuing year. 1964-65.

Mrs. Alta Nye Locklear is working in the Pembroke area on a part-time basis, it was announced by Mrs. A. E. Goldfinch, district president. Before her marriage Mrs. Lcoklear was employed as a full-time N. C. Conference WSCS sponsored worker in that area. Also, Miss Rebecca Moddlemog, for several years the conference's worker in the Pembroke area, now retired, is working without pay with the Hickory Grove Methodist Church.

The committee scheduled the dates and places of meeting for the Annual District Meeting and the spring meetings of the four subdistricts. Fifth Avenue Methodist Church WSCS will host the Annual Wilmington District Meeting on April 9. The subdistrict meetings will include Bladen, at Carver's Creek Methodist Church, May 5; Brunswick, place to be announced, date May 3; Columbus, at Bolton Methodist Church, May 7; Robeson, Bethesda Methodist Church, May 12, and New Hanover, Sneads Ferry Methodist Church, May 14.

Miss Mary Nichols, of Wilmongton, gave the devotional.

Book Reviews

A TIMELY BOOK FOR THIS HOUR

"Words of Triumph," by Ronald S. Wallace. John Knox Press. $2.50.

This stimulating and informative book deals with the seven last words of Jesus from the cross, and is especially suited for ministers and laymen to study preceding Easter. Dr. Wallace, who is pastor of the Lothian Road Church in Edinburgh, Scotland, has taught in Columbia Theological Seminary as guest professor. He is the author of a number of well known books.

Men and women have found a sustaining force and power in the seven last words spoken by Jesus from the cross for the past two thousand years. Dr. Wallace says these words take us to the heart of Christ's atonement. They are to be interpreted in the light of his victory over all the evil of the world. They bear witness to his intense pastoral care of the individual in the midst of his love for all people.

This book is valuable for personal devotions, for inspiration, or as a gift book. "Words of Triumph" challenge us to a closer communion with Jesus Christ—and with one another. Ministers would do well to secure it at this time. —S.J.S.

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Miss Emily Burt Person Heads Louisburg Alumni

Miss Emily Burt Person of Warrenton was elected as president of the Louisburg College Alumni Association, and Floyd Ammons of Fayetteville as vice-president, and Graham Kennedy of Rocky Mount as a member-at-large during the annual business session held in connection with Homecoming February 8.

Miss Donna Fussell of Rose Hill was chosen from a group of ten candidates as the 1964 Homecoming Queen. The daughter of Mr. and Mrs. G. T. Fussell, she was crowned at the half-time of the Hurricanes —Danville Technical Institute basketball game.

Miss Person will succeed Dr. Raymond A. Stone who has recently moved to Southern Pines from Raleigh. Dr. Stone resigned as president of the association due to the press of duties in connection with his new appointment as president of the community college being established near Southern Pines.

Miss Person teaches home economics at the John Graham High School in Warrenton. She was included in the first edition of Who's Who in American Women and was named Tar Heel of the Week by the *News and Observer* in March 1957.

Mr. Ammons, a graduate of the Law School of the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, is associated with Brown-Ammons-Deaver law firm in Fayetteville.

Mr. Kennedy is vice-president and loan officer of the First Federal Savings and Loan Association of Rocky Mount.

Other members of the Executive Committee of the Association include Zelda Coor, Louisburg, secretary-treasurer, and Dr. Marvin Pleasants, Louisburg, and Evelyn Harrison, Durham, members-at-large.

Glenwood Church, Rockingham Sets Several Records

The Glenwood Church of Rockingham set several records at its services Sunday, Feb. 9. A record high in attendance of 163 was present. A new Baldwin organ had been installed in the church during the previous week and was placed in use for the first time that day. A special offering of $505.51 was raised toward the payment on the instrument. In addition to this, the congregation also gave $170.00 toward the regular church budget. Mr. Hugh Brittain, the church lay leader, presided over the morning service and the pastor, Dr. Morris L. Husted, acted as the "guest organist" for the day. The church was nearly filled to capacity for the services and a real spirit of enthusiasm prevailed throughout the day.

During the meeting the members of the MYF took the first of four tests on a national survey of Youth Activity in The Methodist Church. The Glenwood youth group is one of several that has been especially chosen for this survey. They feel quite honored in this choice.

The official board of the church met Sunday evening and considered the business at hand, laying a foundation for further progress of the church.

This week the 18th subscription for the N. C. CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE has been sent in, setting a new record high for this project also.



These two young ladies were commissioned deaconesses at the annual meeting of the Board of Missions at Buck Hill Falls, Pa., January 24. Miss Louise Sparrer, left, is from First Church, Wilson; and Miss Bernice Ballance, right, of Englehard, is Director of Education at Divine Street Methodist Church, Dunn, N. C.

Activities at North Carolina Wesleyan College

President Thomas A. Collins preached at Whitakers Methodist Church Sunday morning, Feb. 8. He preached at Trinity Methodist Church, Fairmont, on Sunday, Feb. 1, and attended the Wilmington District Conference at Sunset Park Methodist Church in the afternoon.

Dr. James R. Hailey spoke to the Rotary Club of Rocky Mount on Monday, Feb. 9, and to the WSCS of First Methodist Church on Tuesday, Feb. 10.

Comptroller W. Jasper Smith spoke at the Sunday morning worship for Whitakers Methodist Church on Feb. 1.

Dean Jack W. Moore has been appointed to the State Curriculum Committee of the Community College Advisory Council, meeting recently in Raleigh with Dr. Howard R. Boozer and the Council members.

Announces Seminars on Human Relations

Rev. Jerome Huneycutt, chairman of Forsyth Conference on Religion, Race, and Community Life has announced Seminars on Human Relations on February 24 and 25 at the Knollwood Baptist Church, 333 Knollwood Street, Winston-Salem, N. C. The seminar will begin with registration at 1:30, Monday, February 24. There will be afternoon and evening sessions both Monday and Tuesday.

Dr. J. Oscar Lee associate Executive director of the Commission on Religion and Race of the National Council of Churches, will be one of the resource leaders discussing the nature of prejudice.

The other resource leader is Dr. Roger H. Crook, professor of religion at Meredith College, who will speak on what the Bible has to say about human relations.

W-S District Holds Spiritual Retreat for Ministers

A Spiritual Life Retreat for Methodist ministers of the Winston-Salem District was held on Friday, Feb. 14 at the Community Center in Walkertown. Visiting leader for the retreat was Dr. Thomas A. Langford, Assistant Professor of Religion at Duke University. The retreat began at 10 a.m. and continued until mid-afternoon.

Dr. Langford, spoke twice during the retreat. He is a Methodist minister ni the Western North Carolina annual conference. A native of Charlotte, he received his A.B. degree from Davidson College, his B.D. and Ph.D. degrees from Duke University. He is co-editor of a book of readings in philohophy of religion and has contributed to a number of church periodicals. A popular teacher of religion in both the undergraduate school and Divinity School at Duke, he is heavily committed to speak on college campuses and in leadership training schools. He served pastorates in Mecklenburg and Union counties before entering the educational ministry.

Dr. Langford's addresses were followed by a panel discussion under the leadership of Dr. Eugene C. Few of Ardmore Methodist Church, Dr. Frank Jordan, Superintendent of the Winston-Salem District, and Dr. W. Kenneth Goodson of Centenary Methodist Church. In charge of arrangements for the retreat has been the Rev. James T. Ingram of Lewisville. Host pastor was the Rev. O. N. Hutchinson, Jr. of Love's Church in Walkertown.

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By Mary Gardner

Paul's Good Guide

By Sneed Ogburn

(The following story is based upon a true experience of the author while he served as a missionary in Japan. —M. E. G.)

It was vacation time in Japan, and the hot summer had sent most of the missionaries to the mountains. Paul, an only child of the family, had been taken to a small resort where a few of the foreigners went each year. Paul was only six. Of course the mountains were new to him, so was everything to one of his age. But he knew Ralph, a boy a bit older and much larger, and he and Ralph played together nearly every day.

One day, Paul and Ralph were playing and they decided—almost without knowing it—to go up the road that passed the house, a road Paul had climbed with his parents and others some time before.

The road led windingly upward, finally reaching the top at a pass that led to a famous Japanese resort. But it was wild country. Grass and shrubs and small trees lined the road and gruff, rather wild countrymen followed it leading the two-wheeled one-horse wagons to their primitive homes, reached by the smaller roads or paths. Some wild countrymen could easily take a foreign boy to his home and hold him there.

Paul's parents missed him and Ralph. They started looking everyhere and asking everyone. No one knew where the boys had gone. Could they have gone into the woods and lost their way? Had they been kidnapped? Where and how to find them? Some of the villagers started this way and some that; some up, some down. Their mothers were almost in despair.

Soon a little form appeared around a corner. It was Paul.

"Where were you? How did you get back? How did you know which path to take?" he was asked.

As soon as he could Paul said, "God guided me. I took a path I remembered you folks took the other day."

Two Ways to Love a Coon

Jack first saw Zip as he clung to a piece of driftwood in a stream flooded by spring rains. With a long stick, he brought the baby racoon within reach. The tiny black-masked animal scrambled into Jack's hands, purring with gratitude.

Jack fed him with a medicine dropper, and tried to settle him in a box of straw to sleep, but the baby coon began his whistling call. Jack cuddled him and crooned: ':Poor Zip, he's calling his mother and brothers and sisters."

The insistent whistle changed to a contented purr.

"He thinks he's people and you're his mother," Jack's mother said.

"I'll never let him go," Jack said happily.

"He'll grow up, you know," his mother reminded.

"But he's mine. I love him."

"There are two kinds of love," his mother said slowly. "Love that holds and love that lets go."

As Zip grew he learned to catch tossed popcorn and search Jack's pockets for candy. He also pulled paper off the walls and pushed flower pots out of the windows, until Jack's mother sent him to the barn.

"I can train him," Jack said confidently. "I'll get him a new collar for Christmas, and . . ."

Jack gave Zip a new collar and some fruit cake for Christmas, but his pet wouldn't eat. Jack carried him into the house.

"He's sick," Jack told his mother. The coon gazed out of the window. "He stares like he was lonesome. Can I keep him in the house again? You said that he thinks he's people."

"He knows he's a coon now," his mother said sadly.

All the weeks after Christmas Jack tried to reach Zip. Sometimes he seemed to laugh with him, but often he stopped in the middle of a game to stare into the distance without interest.

Jack stood in the woods beside the creek, Zip's new collar in his hand. Jack watched Zip amble along the shallow water. His black paw flashed and raked out a crawdad. Zip growled viciously. The coon had changed from a pet to a wild animal. Suddenly he raised his head and whistled. Jack had almost forgotten the call.

Instantly a whistle answered from a thicket. Zip splashed toward it. I'll never see him again, Jack thought in a panic.

"Zip!" The coon stopped, his handsome black-masked face turned to Jack. He knows me, but he knows he's a coon, Jack thought.

"Zip!" He wants to come back, but he wants to be free.

The piercing call sounded again.

"Zip!" Zip was gone.

Jack looked at the empty collar in his hand. Love that lets go.

Choose and Underline the Correct Answers below—

1—God is pleased with
a grumbling giver
a stingy giver
a cheerful giver

2—God is pleased with juniors who
are lazy and selfish
say, "I don't care"
are kind and helpful

3—God is pleased with juniors who
give because they expect to get something in return
give because they are told to give
give because they love to give

4—God is pleased with juniors who give
their love
only when they are loved
with their words only
with their deeds and a truly loving heart

Bible Quiz

1—What is "The Magnificat?"
2—What choir sang at the birth of Jesus?
3—What great oratorio was written concerning the times between the Old and New Testaments?
4—What musical instrument was heard before Moses received the law on Mount Sinai?
5—What people could not sing the Lord's song in a strange land?

Answers to Last Week's Questions

1—David (I Samuel 16:23)
2—Trumpets (Judges 7:18)
3—Jubal (Genesis 4:21)
4—Yes (Genesis 4:21)
5—Timbral (Exodus 15:20)

JUST FOR FUN

Seven-year-old Mark came home and found older brother Stan had just finished painting the porch.

"I want to get into the house—right now!" young Mark demanded at the edge of the porch.

His brother told him not to walk on the paint and he would help him inside shortly.

The seven-year-old, moments later had thrown pine needles on the porch to form a path to the front door.

"But I didn't walk on the paint," he explained to his enraged mother.

A student was asked by his teacher to name some of Thomas Edison's contributions to science. He answered quickly, "If it weren't for Tommy we should all be watching television by candle-light.

Sunday School Lesson

FOR MARCH 1

By RAYMOND A. SMITH
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MARY, MARTHA AND LAZARUS

Background Scripture: Luke 10:38-42; John 11:1-12:11

Lesson Scripture: Luke 10:38-42; John 12:1-3

We have already reminded our readers that Jesus, while loving all men, had those friends who were especially dear to him and whose fellowship he seemed to enjoy. Such were the three mentioned as the subjects of our study in this lesson. Evidently Martha was the senior member of the family for the record speaks of her as "receiving Jesus into her house." One can imagine either that both parents had died, leaving these three to make a home, or that Martha was a widow who "mothered" her younger sister and brother. Of Lazarus we know very little. We have not a single word from him in Scripture. But the main character traits of the two sisters are clearly evident.

Martha appears as a person of practical mind. She wants to get things done, get them on time, and get them done right. Mary, on the other hand, is pictured as being deeply engrossed in conversation with Jesus while her sister was busy preparing a meal. Rudyard Kipling, famous British poet, has outlined the characteristics of the two sisters in his poem entitled "The Sons of Martha." Kipling's favorite is Martha, who typifies the "doers," while Mary is the symbol of the "dreamer." If the reader has available a copy of Kipling's collected poems he may want to read it. The first stanza goes like this:

"The Sons of Mary seldom bother, for they have
Inherited that good part;
But the Sons of Martha favor their Mother
Of the careful soul and the troubled heart.
And because she lost her temper once,
And because she was rude to the Lord her guest,
World without end, reprieve, or rest."

The remainder of the poem praises workmen of all kinds, leaving the reader to infer that preachers, poets and professors are expendable!

When Martha asked Jesus to command Mary to help with the work Jesus replied: "Martha, Martha, you are fretting and fussing about so many things; *but one thing is necessary*" (NEB). This reply of Jesus to Martha is full of suggestions for our Christian life today. Some observers have been referring to American Christians as "activists." It is charged that we, like Martha, are "fretting and fussing about many things." Some churches appear to feel they are "successful" if they can fill the week with meetings and committees. There are ministers who are complaining that they have to spend so much time keeping the ecclesiastical machinery oiled and running that they have little time left for study and meditation, to say nothing to time for personal counseling and evangelism.

What shall we say of these charges? Do we churchmen need to re-examine our programs to see if we are neglecting "the one necessary thing"? \$n a recent book by Dr. Ralph Sockman we are urged to use more discretion in deciding what is really essential. Says he: "The ability to single out the essential becomes ever more important as life becomes ever more complex" (Whom Jesus Commended," p. 65). It was the American writer, Henry David Thoreau, who urged that the great problem of life is to "simplify." If that was true in Thoreau's time, it is a thousand times more true today.

Our lesson would be incomplete if we failed to mention the second two portions of the Scripture lesson. In one we see Lazarus, the brother of Mary and Martha, lying dead in his tomb. Jesus is called to the home and told of the death. *Both* sisters tell Jesus that if he had been there Lazarus would not have died (see John 11:21 and John 11:32). Then Jesus calls Lazarus from his tomb, demonstrating his power over death. In the final selection from John's gospel (see John 12:1-3) we have the picture of a re-united family who, along with invited guests, celebrate the return of their brother to life. Mary in an extravagant and adoring act of gratitude and love anoints Jesus with costly perfume.

Thus in this lesson we see in our Lord one who was able to engage happily in conversation with his friends in relaxed fellowship, but who, at the same time, was ready to be the strength and help in their hour of tragic need. Many of us can imitate our Lord in the joys of social life, but do we have the deep resources in our souls to speak the word of authoritative comfort when the storms of life beat upon us and our friends?



"WORLD OUTLOOK" WINS GOODWILL INDUSTRIES AWARD

Dr. P. J. Trevethan (right) of Washington, D. C., executive vice-president of Goodwill Industries of America, presents the third annual Edgar J. Helms Award of Goodwill Industries to the editors of WORLD OUTLOOK, *the Methodist magazine of missions. Receiving the award, which is in the form of an attractive plaque, are the Rev. Dr. Henry C. Sprinkle and Miss Dorothy McConnell, both of New York. The presentation was made by Dr. Trevethan January 22 at the annual meeting of the Methodist Board of Missions at Buck Hill Falls, Pa. The award is given by Goodwill Industries to an individual, organization or agency in the field of religion in recognition of service to Goodwill Industries and to the handicapped.* WORLD OUTLOOK, *the first communications medium to receive the award, was given the Edgar J. Helms Award for its coverage of Goodwill Industries and the problems of the handicapped during 1962 and 1963, when Protestant churches were studying the mission theme, "The Church's Mission and Persons' Needs." The magazine published numerous articles either specifically about Goodwill or with references to its program or to the handicapped. The award is named in honor of the late Rev. Dr. Edgar J. Helms, a Methodist minister who founded Goodwill Industries in Boston, Mass., in 1902. It is given on vote of the board of directors of Goodwill Industries of America.*

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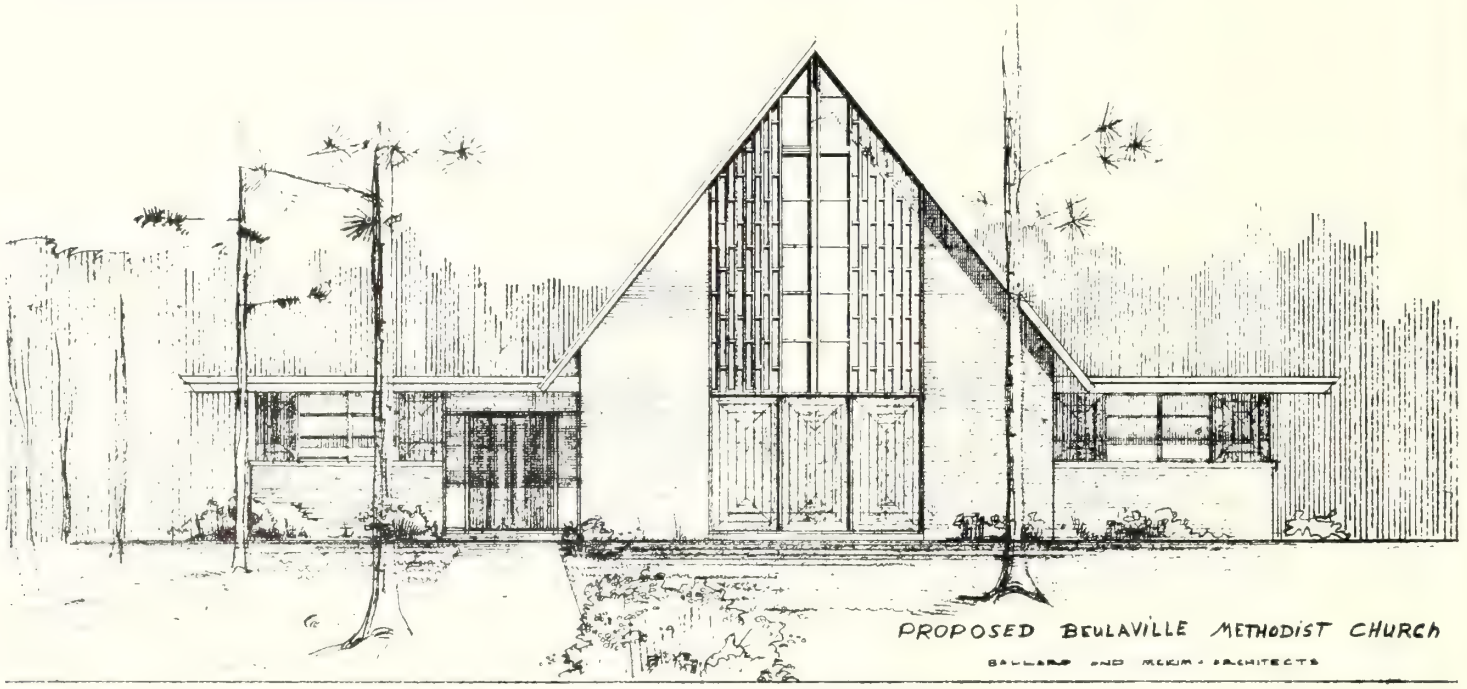
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New Glenwood Church Holds First Service

The Glenwood Methodist Church of Greensboro held the first service in the newly erected sanctuary Sunday, February 16. The new facility was recently completed at a cost of $164,000.00, not including the lot. The pastor and congregation met briefly in the old sanctuary for a brief service and went in procession to the new place of worship for special opening services.

Glenwood Church now has an attractive and worshipful sanctuary joining the new education building erected a few years ago. The church plant offers fine facilities for the work of the church in this splendid community, as is evidenced by the accompanying photographs.

W. P. Zink, chairman of the Building Committee, and W. S. Ward, Church Lay Leader and chairman of the Building Finance Committtee, assisted the pastor, Rev. James E. Rink, in the service. Capacity attendance of members and friends participated in both services.

Revival services for the Formal Opening of the new sanctuary will be held during the week of March 1-8. The following formers pastors and former District Superintendent will preach in this special observance:

Sunday, March 1, 11:00 a.m. Rev. Tom Swofford of High Point
Sunday, March 1, 7:30 p.m. Rev. Walter Kelly of Salisbury
Monday, March 2, 7:30 p.m. Dr. J. Clay Madison of Charlotte
Tuesday, March 3, 7:30 p.m. Rev. Byron Nifong of Charlotte
Wednesday, March 4, 7:30 p.m. Rev. Grady Dulin of Charlotte
Thursday, March 5, 7:30 p.m. Rev. Robert Hardee of High Point
Friday, March 6, 7:30 p.m. Rev. John Hoyle, Jr. of Gastonia
Sunday, March 8, 11:00 a.m. Dr. Frank Jordan of Winston-Salem

The Official Board of the church will serve as hosts for an Open House in the new sanctuary Sunday, March 1, 2-5 p.m.





CAROLINA BRIEFS

¶ Dr. Kenneth Williams, president of Winston-Salem State College, will speak at Bennett College, March 1, at 4 p.m. in Pfeiffer Chapel.

¶ Bill Medlin, son of Rev. and Mrs. W. T. Medlin, of Cherryville, was recently tapped into the Cherryville High School chapter of the National Honor Society.

¶ Rev. Howard M. McLamb of Davis Street church, Burlington, is preaching this week in revival services at Fellowship church in Hamlet. Rev. C. W. Wooten is pastor.

¶ Dr. C. E. Rozzelle of Winston-Salem will conduct revival services in the Pleasant Grove Methodist Church, Charlotte, March 8 through 12. Rev. Ernest D. Page is the pastor.

¶ The Advocate Editor will preach next Sunday, March 1, at the Millbrook Methodist Church, Raleigh, of which Rev. Jack Hunter is pastor. The editor served this church for four years back in the 1920's.

¶ The Rev. Harold Leatherman, pastor of First Methodist Church, Morehead City, will conduct revival services March 1-6 at the Evansdale Methodist Church, Route 3, Wilson. The Rev. Lawrence E. Lugar is pastor.

¶ Rev. Tommy Tyson will be guest evangelist at the Bethel Methodist Church, Bethel, N. C., March 1-6. Mrs. R. E. Shervette of Enfield will be song leader. An informal morning service will be held at 10:00. Rev. K. B. Sexton is pastor of the church.

¶ New officers have been elected for the Ministers' Wives of the Winston-Salem District. President is Mrs. Eugene C. Few of Winston-Salem. Other officers are Mrs. Howard R. Wilkinson, first vice-president; Mrs. Reginald Cook, second vice-president; and Mrs. Grady Barringer, secretary.

¶ Miss Faye Collins, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Thomas A. Collins, of North Carolina Wesleyan College, was chosen Valentine Queen for Rocky Mount from more than 60 contestants by Radio WRMT. She was awarded numerous fine prizes, plus an exciting evening of entertainment on Feb. 14.

¶ Ann Street Church, Beaufort, will engage in revival services March 8-13 with Rev. Robert M. Poulk, pastor of Salem Church, Goldsboro, as the visiting evangelist. Morning service will be held from 8:00 to 8:15 and evening at 7:30. Rev. Dwight L. Fouts is the pastor.

¶ Rev. Howard M. McLamb, pastor of Davis Street Church, Burlington, spares no effort when it comes to putting the North Carloina CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE into the homes of his people. He just keeps on. A committee is appointed. They divide the membership and solicit them. They have sent in something like one hundred subscriptions, and expect to have more. We are grateful for such loyalty on the part of our ministers in behalf of the church paper. Several of the brethren in each conference have done the same thing.

¶ A Day of Evangelism will be conducted at the Wendell Methodist Church Sunday, March 15. Rev. C. Freeman Heath, Conference director of Evangelism, will meet with adult classes at 10:00 a.m. and preach at 11:00 a.m. In the evening he will meet with the Commission on Membership and Evangelism and the Commission on Education, and other interested persons. A covered dish supper will be served. Rev. W. Allen Wentz is the pastor.

¶ Rev. William A. Rock, pastor of Kerr Street Church, Concord, will preach in revival services at his church March 15-22. The Commission on Membership and Evangelism requested the pastor to do the preaching. Mr. Hubert Foster will lead the singing, with Miss Betty Talbert at the organ and Mrs. W. A. Rock, Jr., at the piano. Special music will be provided each evening. The women of Kerr Street Church WSCS have accepted the challenge of the ADVOCATE to secure subscriptions, and have set their goal for a minimum of at least sixty. They join a number of other churches in the two conferences in this worthy service.

¶ A one-day Ashram was held Saturday, Jan. 18, at the Archdale Methodist Church, High Point. The Ashram was led by Dr. J. T. Seamands, associate professor of World Missions at Asbury Theological Seminary, Wlimore, Ky., and for more than twenty years a missionary to India. Rev. Douglas Corriher, pastor of First Methodist Church, High Point, gave his witness at the hour of witness. There were seventy-five people in attendance. Ordinarily the United Christian Ashram is held for one week. The week-long Ashram for this area will be held July 6-11, at Bridgewater, Va. Dr. E. Stanley Jones and Dr. J. T. Seamands will be two of the leaders. Further information may be gotten by writing Rev. Ivan A. Stephens, 3108 South Main Street, High Point, N. C.

¶ The Bethany Methodist Church of Wanchese for the second year in a row observed Race Relations Sunday by having special music rendered in the evening service by the choir of the Haven Creek Baptist Church (colored) of Manteo, upon invitation of the Official Board. Members of Haven Creek Church not in the choir were also invited to the worship service. Although "The Beatles" were simultaneously appearing on the Ed Sullivan Show, there were 132 present, 44 above this year's average evening attendance. The minister, preaching a series on "Personalities of the Passion," used as his theme, "Walk That Steep Road of Simon of Cyrene." The visiting choir sang enthusiastically, and the response to this service was highly favorable. Bethany Church expects to have a new carpet and new pews by Easter. The completion of the installation of stained glass windows is anticipated by Mother's Day. The carpet, pews, windows, and an adjoining acre of land just purchased will all cost approximately $12 000 On Mother's Day, which will be Homecoming, the education building will be dedicated. Rev. Robert S. Pullman is pastor of Bethany.

¶ "The economic basis for America's competitive business systems" will be the topic of a seminar for Business Administration and Economics majors at Pfeiffer College Feb. 28. John A. Laberee, an official of E. I. du Pont, Atlanta, will lead two seminar programs for students. At 11 a.m. and at 1:30 p.m.

¶ Dr. Thomas A. Collins, president of North Carolina Wesleyan College at Rocky Mount, will preach in the First Church, Norfolk, Va., during the preaching mission March 15-19. Services will be held at 7:45 each evening. Following the opening service on Sunday, March 15, Dr. Collins will be guest of honor in the social hall for a period of fellowship.

¶ Dr. Olen F. Hunt, director of the Gifts and Wills Department of the Methodist Foundation of the North Carolina Conference, who has directed 54 dinner meetings throughout the conference within the past few weeks, announces there will be a meeting at Fairmont Church, Raleigh, March 12 as a culmination meeting of the series. It will be a supper meeting and begin at 6:30 in the evening.

¶ The Methodist Men of Burkhead Methodist Church in Winston-Salem is having their annual Ladies Night Banquet Thursday, Feb. 27, at 6:30 p.m., in the Fellowship Hall at the church. Mr. Robert F. Clodfelter, vice-president of Wachovia Bank and Trust Co., will be the guest speaker. Special music by the Burkhead Male Quartet. Roast beef and all the trimmings will be prepared and served by the men.

¶ Rev. John H. Carper, pastor of First Church in Lenoir, will preach in revival services at Hudson the week of March 8. Revival services will be held at Mt. Hermon Church, on the Hudson Charge, beginning Palm Sunday and continuing thriugh Friday. The Rev. Rollin P. Gibbs, Director, Field Service and Finance of the WNC Conference Board of Missions, will be the preacher for the week. Rev. Clegg W. Avett is the pastor.

¶ The Rev. Yosip Benyamin of Arlington, Va., will be the guest speaker for both morning and evening services at Rehobeth Church, Greensboro, the first Sunday in March. Born in Persia and educated in America, he was for a number of years a missionary in Persia and Russia. He is a world traveler and has preached in many of our churches throughout America. He spends his time in preaching and doing personal work and has led many to Christ. He has a wonderful testimony and bears an effective witness.

¶ Revival services will be held at the Triplett Methodist Church, Mazeppa, Mooresville, March 8 through March 13. Time of service at 7:00 o'clock Sunday evening and 7:30 o'clock each weekday evening. The Rev. Henry F. Flowers, pastor of the Bethnage Methodist Church, Kannapolis, will be the revival preacher. Mr. Flowers will use as his sermon topic: Sunday—"A Command to Action;" Monday —"The King of Kings", Tuesday—"A Winning Combination", Wednesday—"Let's Grow Up", Thursday—"The Most Dangerous Word", Friday— "The One Great Question.' Rev. Ray S. Cody is the pastor.

¶ The Glenwood Methodist Men's Club, Rockingham, will sponsor a barbeque dinner on Friday, March 13, 1964, in the Fellowship Hall of the church. Proceeds will go towards the year's projects of the club.

¶ Bunker Hill Methodist Church, High Point District will conduct revival services beginning Sunday, March 1 at 7:30 p. m. and run through Friday, March 6 with the Rev. H. Claude Young, pastor of Sedge Garden Methodist church as guest speaker. The Rev. Billy V. Hunter is the pastor.

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Duke Divinity School Clinics

Three clinics, running concurrently, will be conducted at the Divinity School, July 20-31, 1964. These clinics, offered on a non-credit basis for ministers of all denominations, are a significant expression of the Divinity School's participation in professional in-service ministerial education for B.D. graduates.

The Preaching Clinic, in its seventh year, is under the direction of Dr. Thor Hall. This clinic will concern itself mainly with principles of sermon construction and delivery, giving ample opportunity for the participants to preach for critique. Matters of common concern for preachers will be discussed in plenary sessions.

The Pastoral Care Clinic, in its fourth year, is under the direction of Dr. Richard A. Goodling and Dr. Robert E. Smith. Through lectures, group discussions, and hospital visitation experiences, explorations made of the meaning of selfhood, the self in crisis, and the ministry to those caught in the crisis of illness.

The Rural Church Clinic, in its third year, is under the direction of Dr. M. Wilson Nesbitt. The Rural Church Clinic will consist of intensive training, study, and planning in the rea of the church's responsibilities in the town and country community, giving particular emphasis to the development of an indigenous leadership.

The guest lecturer, who will give a series of five lectures during the second week of the program for all three clinics, is Dr. Lawrence Lacour, Director of the Department of Preaching Evangelism of the General Board of Evangelism of the Methodist Church. Dr. Lacour will relate historic and contemporary evangelism to the efforts of the minister in preaching, counseling, hospital visitation, leadership and administrative work, whether in rural or urban ministries.

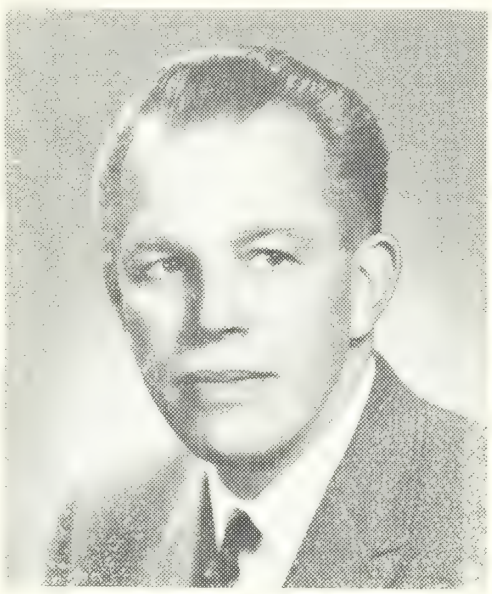
Costs include a registration fee of $10.00. a tuition fee of $40.00, room, board, and travel. All participants are eligible for tuition grants upon application. Scholarships to cover tuition and other costs are provided to ministers serving rural Methodist churches in North Carolina (through the Department of the Rural Church under the Duke Endowment) who wish to attend any one of the three clinics. In addition the North Carolina and the Western North Carolina Conference Boards of Hospitals and Homes provide scholarships to cover the costs of Methodist ministers from these two conferences attending the Pastoral Care Clinic.

For full information write to: Summer Clinics, Duke Divinity School, Box 4814, Duke Station, Durham, N. C.

Religious Emphasis Week At Brevard College

Chaplain C. Edward Roy of Brevard College announces that the annual Plyler Religious Emphasis Week will begin on Sunday evening, March 1, with a worship service in the Brevard Methodist Church. It will conclude with an early morning communion service on Thursday of that week.

This year's minister will be Dr. H. Grady Hardin, professor of worship and preaching in Perkins School of Theology at Southern Methodist University.



Dr. H. Grady Hardin

Dr. Hardin did undergraduate work at Duke University and took his ministerial training in the Duke Divinity School. He later spent ten years serving pastorates in the Western North Carolina Conference. In 1947 he transferred to the Texas Conference and became Associate Preacher at First Methodist Church, Houston.

Dr. Hardin had served two Texas churches when he was offered a professorship at Perkins. Since that time, he has done considerable writing, in addition to teaching duties. "The Upper Room," "The Pulpit," "The Chaplain," "The Perkins Journal," and "The Church School" have all printed his sermons, articles, or book reviews. His latest work, published this year, is "The Celebration of the Gospel", and his co-authors have been Dean Joseph D. Quillian, Jr., and Dr. James F. White.

Dr. Hardin is married to the former Rowena Taylor of Oxford, North Carolina. They have two daughters—Louise, a 1963 graduate of SMU, and Nancy, a 1964 graduate of Highland Park High School, Dallas.

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Dr. Edgar Alden, violinist and head of the string program at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, and Dr. William Newman, chairman of Piano Instruction, gave a joint recital at Methodist College on Tuesday evening, February 18.

The Rev. Barney Davidson, District Superintendent of the Fayetteville District, was the chapel speaker at the college on February 5.

World Day of Prayer Sponsored By Hickory Council of Churches

World Day of Prayer under the sponsorship of Hickory Council of Church Women, Group 2, met at Highland Methodist Church Friday, Feb. 14, at 7:30 p.m., with approximately 200 in attendance.

Other churches participating in the prayer service and their representatives were: Mrs. Mary Catherine Herman and Mrs. Wade Davis of St. Stephens L.C.A. Lutheran; Mrs. Beulah Frye of Millers Lutheran; Mrs. William Flowers of St. Timothy Lutheran; Mrs. Leck Ledfrod of Good Hope Lutheran; Mrs. Robert Hoke f St. Lukes Lutheran. Mrs. Clyde Gower of Highand Methodist Church opened with the invocation and prayer and read Scripture, Psalm 148.

Hymn 11, "Praise the Lord" with Mrs. Mary Catherine Herman at the organ. Mrs. Ralph Beard, president of Woman's Society of Christian Service of Highland Methodist Church, welcomed each one present and read "The Meaning of This Day," and the Scripture, John 14; Romans 8:26; Mark 11:23, followed with meditation and prayer.

Mrs. Beulah Fraye of Millers Lutheran Church, led in "Prayer of Thanksgiving." She was assisted by Mrs. William Flowers of St. Timothy Lutheran and Mrs. Leck Ledford of Good Hope Lutheran Church. Hymn 179, "Spirit of God" (choir); meditation by Mrs. Wade Davis of St. Stephens Lutheran Church L.C.A. Scriptures were Luke 11; Mark 2. Mrs. Beulah Fraye led "Act of Repentance." Scripture was Matthew 22-37-40.

"Pravers of Intercessions" were led by Mrs. William Flowers, Mrs. Leck Ledford, Mrs. Wade Davis, Mrs. Robert Hoke, Mrs. Ralph Beard.

Mrs. Clyde Gower led the prayer and received the offering.

Ushers were: Mrs. Clyde Huffman, Mrs. Lewis Sherrill, Mrs. Carroll Quinn, Mrs. R G. Jones, Mrs. Marvin Sherrill. "Rededication to the Service of Others" was led by Mrs. Gower and the congregation followed with prayer and the "Lord's Praver." The benediction was led by Mrs. Clyde Gower.

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EDITORIALS

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What Is Real Success In the Ministry?

There is no greater calling and no finer opportunity than that which is involved in the pastorial ministry. Many people, even some preachers, have had a tendency to think that the pastorate was the lowest form of the ministry, and have felt they were being promoted if they were taken out of the pastorate and placed in some other form of ministerial service. Hence they have been inclined to use the pastorate only as a steppingstone to some other form of service.

But this attitude is not typical of those who realize the real potentialities of the pastorate. Someone recently said if he had his way in grading ministers he would make them bishops to begin with and let them work up to the pastoral ministry. Surely a pastor has an unequalled opportunity to render a service not to be found anywhere else or in any other way. Bishop Harmon always says some mighty fine things, as do all of our episcopal leaders. In speaking to the ministers spiritual life meeting in Greensboro the other day the bishop urged the men to make the most of their pastoral ministry. He told the brethren that people may soon forget what you preached to them, but they never forget or fail to appreciate your concern for them in pastoral visitation, prayer in the homes, visiting in sickness, performing marriages, burying their loved ones, and your ministry in times of sorrow and distress. He has a high regard for intellectual training, constant study, and preparation, but these are only means to rendering a more effective service.

With the unenviable record facing the Methodist Church at present in showing fewer conversions and additions on profession of faith in each of the six jurisdictions for the past five years, is it too much to assume that a part of it may be due to the fact that we have put too much emphasis on organization and not enough on transformation; have we tried to be good promoters rather than good pastors? Have we been content to maintain office hours as counsellors rather than to use shoe leather in making contacts? Have we talked in general terms instead of being specific?

We are aware of the pressures placed upon ministers today to promote the general program of the church, and the temptation to seek to set building and financial records, and we are sympathetic with them. But nothing we do in these fields can compensate for the failure to reach and enlist people and bring to them spiritual strength. We do not discount one at the expense of the other, but it is as Jesus said, "these ye ought to have done, but not to leave the other undone." Our North Carolina Methodism has perhaps been above the average in that we have been able to register gains each year, but those gains have been far too small. There was perhaps never a time when this pastoral ministry was more needed and when its challenge was greater. Our love for God and for people should lead us to do our best in sharing it with the least and the last. In the end our success will be determined not in terms of programs but in terms of persons.

THEME FOR THE WEEK

"I beseech you, brethren, (ye know the house of Stephanas, that it is the first fruits of Achaia, and that they have addicted themselves to the ministry of the saints), that ye submit yourselves unto such, and every one that helpeth with us, and laboureth." —I Cor. 16: 15, 16.

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LETTERS

The article, "Does It Matter?" appearing in Jan. 16th Advocate very definitely downgrades the Sunday School in the part it plays in our church life. It is unfortunate that one of our preachers takes this method of trying to lift the "Preaching" part of Christian activity apart and above the Sunday School. The two should never be separated; should work together as a unit in bettering the world, of which we human beings are a part.

To say that one is superior is like saying the hand is more important than other essential parts of the body. Quite true, there are occasions in which "Brain" action accomplishes more than our hands.

The quarterback in a football team gets more credit, or criticism, in the success or failure to win the game or series. But if the "Big" boys fail to hold, or open up, the "best" ball passer, carrier or receiver will fail. So, in our church affiliation the results are much the same.

In some instances probably the preaching service accomplishes more. But there are instances in which the spiritual life of the church is built and strengthened more through the efforts of dedicated laymen and women. Whether we like it or not, our activities and attendance at church is voluntary. Any pressure by force or coercion does not work. So, to make progress along spiritual lines takes constant untiring efforts from dedicated lives, regardless of whether its from the pulpit, choir or Sunday School.

Results tell the story. If the interest, as indicated by attendance and support, swings in favor of the "Pulpit" it stands to reason that a consecrated minister is the occupant. If, on the other hand, Sunday School is better attended and supported, there might be a problem of being "stuck" with a preacher who poses as a super-man: spends his time organizing, remodeling, and socializing: fails to live what he teaches, and gives little or no thought to raising the moral and spiritual standing of his congregation and community. Then the Sunday School must do its best to fill the gap until, perchance, the church is blessed with the services of a consecrated leader who has witnessed true conversion, has been born of the Spirit and dedicated to his task. Spiritual leadership a church must have, to achieve success is winning souls to His kingdom.

Let's encourage rather than demote the work of our dedicated souls in Sunday School. For it is here, rather than from the pulpit, our youngesters get their first impressions and inspirations to follow the example set by Christ who died that we might live.

The amount of money found in the collection plate depends to some extent upon the ability of the congregation. But more depends on the confidence the group has in the organization or institution for which it is intended. To increase the offering, re-assurance must be established that the need is great, and that the money will be spent where it will mean the most for less fortunate peoples and worthwhile projects.

WEB LINDLEY

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Editor, N. C. Christian Advocate:

"Shock treatment" statements reported in a recent article by the Rev. Barrett Wilson entitled "Is the Church-related College Today Christian?" were distressing. We may be in error in our exegesis of the passage in Isaiah 42:3—"A bruised reed shall he not break, and the smoking flax shall he not quench," but we like to think that this was a prophecy of our Lord's earthly ministry, and literally fulfilled, for it is quoted of Him in Matt. 12:20. Years ago we wrote in the margin at the O. T. passage in our work Bible these words—"Consideration for the weak and ignorant."

Christ sometimes tested one's budding faith, but He did not "shock" His hearers into doubt or disbelief. There is no record of His engaging in such frightful statements as quoted by your correspondent. It seems to us that all instructors of youth, whether in the college classroom or in vacation Bible schools, should adopt as a high principle that which was true of our Lord — that He did not break the bruised reed, or snuff out the low wick. For teachers of youth in our church-related schools to do otherwise seems to us to be a disservice both to them and to their families.

We are warned in the Word that there will be false teachers in the "last days," just as there were in the early history of the Christian church, but they assume a terrible responsibility. If there ever was a time for the faith of youth to be nurtured and strengthened, it is in this last half of the twentieth century. Time is running out for both nations and individuals.

A. D. CLOSSON
Weaverville, N. C.

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A total of 525 students have enrolled at Methodist College this year. This figure includes 52 new students enrolled at the beginning of the second semester.

The Fayetteville College Foundation is making plans for "Methodist College Loyalty Week" to be observed May 4-8 in Fayetteville and Cumberland County.

Dr. J. Ralph Jolly Elected President Greensboro College

Dr. J. Ralph Jolly, former dean of students at Birmingham-Southern College, Birmingham, Ala., has been named president of Greensboro College, Mr. J. C. Cowan, Jr., president of the board of trustees of the college has announced.

The 43-year-old Alabama educator was selected by the board of trustees in a special session to succeed Dr. Harold H. Hutson, who earlier offered his resignation —effective June 30—to accept the position of provost of American University in Washington, D. C.

A native of Tallasee, Ala., a small agricultural and textile manufacturing community in southwest Alabama, Dr. Jolly was elected as Greensboro College's 12th president by the full trustee board after his appointment was recommended by a special five-man Committee on Selection of a New President. The selection committee, which has been seeking a new president for the 126-year-old Methodist educational institution since Dr. Hutson announced his impending resignation last November, includes: Mr. Cowan of Greensboro, vice chairman of Burlington Industries, chairman; Miss Frances Griffin of Winston-Salem, member of the editorial staff of the Winston-Salem Journal and Sentinel newspapers; Bland Worley of Greensboro, senior vice president of Wachovia Bank; Rev. Graham Eubank of Raleigh, district superintendent of the Methodist Church of North Carolina; and Dr. Wilson O. Weldon, minister of Greensboro's West Market Street Methodist Church.

Now dean of students and professor of religion at Birmingham-Southern, Dr. Jolly was introduced to members of the college faculty at a reception following his election by the board. He attended public schools in Tallasee and is a 1942 graduate of Birmingham-Southern, where he was active in a variety of campus activities, including intramural sports and Christian organizations.

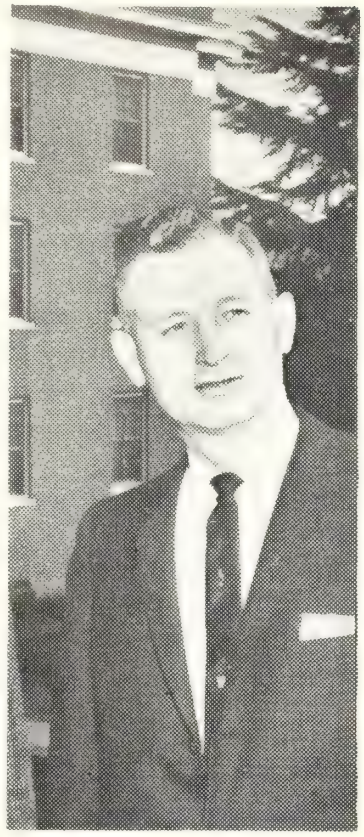
Dr. Jolly was graduated from Duke University Divinity School in 1945 and received a doctor of philosophy degree from Vanderbilt University after doing graduate work there in Biblical studies. He has served as pastor of churches in Alabama, including the First Methodist Church in Athens, where he also served as college minister and professor of religion at Athens College.

He was elected professor of religion at Birmingham-Southern in 1956, and for the past four years has served also as dean of studens at the 1,100-student co-educational institution in Birmingham.

Dr. Jolly is married to the former Jeanne Waters of Birmingham, also a Birmingham-Southern graduate. The jollys and their four children are expected to move to Greensboro in mid-summer.

In announcing Dr. Jolly's election, Mr. Cowan stated: "We feel extremely fortunate in being able to obtain a person with Dr. Jolly's character and ability. We are confident that under Dr. Jolly's leadership and guidance, we can continue the progressvie spirit of Greensboro College exemplified in Dr. Hutsons administratoin."

Dr. Hutson, who assumed the Greensboro College presidency in 1952, coming here from Ohio Weslevan University in Delaware, Ohio, where he was professor of religion, will continue to serve in his present capacity until the end of the current school year. As provost of Washington's American University, he will act as executive vice president of the 9,500-student school and will be in charge of the campus and academic activities of the University.



Dr. J. Ralph Jolly

Mr. Cowan paid tribute to Greensboro College's growth under Dr. Hutson. "When Dr. Hutson became president 12 years ago, he said, "the college had 335 students enrolled. Today, the student population has grown to 607."

During Dr. Hutson's administration, the college's physical facilities have also been enlarged and more than $2,090,000 has been spent for capital improvements during the period. These capital projects include: the Hannah Brown Finch Memorial Chapel, given by George Finch of Thomasville in memory of his mother, a G. C. graduate; the purchase of a residence at 109 E. Greenway South to house the college president; the Greensboro Building, housing a senior women's dormitory, dining room-kitchen facilities and reception parlors; a gymnasium and physical education building—the first ever for the college; a men's residence hall; and the complete renovation and enlargement of a student center housing a book store, post office, student body offices and campus publication offices.

A significant accomplishment of the Hutson administration was the acceptance of male students as day students in 1954 by the previously all-girl school. In 1956, boys were accepted for residence on the campus. Males now number 165 of the 607 G. C. students.

Executive Committee of WSCS Goldsboro District Meets

The executive committee of the Goldsboro District Woman's Society of Christian Service met in the Yelverton Methodist church at Faro. Twenty members of the committee were present.

The worship was led by Mrs. J. Earl Richardson, District Chairman of Public Relations.

Mrs. L. H. Lane, District President, was in charge of the business session. All secretaries and chairmen present made reports on their work. Program plans were made for the following meetings:

District meeting, at Fremont Methodist Church, April 9.

Goldsboro Subdistrict, at Bethel-Beston, April 14.

Kenansville Subdistrict, Sarecta April 17.

Smithfield Subdistrict, Buckhorn Aprli 21.

Snow Hill Subdistrict, Institute April 23.

Clinton Subdistrict (place to be announced), May 7.

The Rev. M. W. Lawrence, Goldsboro District Superintendent, discussed the proposed reorganization of the General Board of Missions of the Methodist Church. He also discussed increased askings for World Service and Conference Benevolences for the coming Conference year. In the course of the meeting it was announced that two new scoieties have been organized. They are at the Westwood Methodist Church and at the Wesley Methodist church.

Following the meeting Mrs. Lane invited members of the executive committee to her home for a delicious lunch.

Rev. and Mrs. Garland Winkler Entertain Retired Couples

Rev. J. Garland Winkler, superintendent of the Greensboro district, and Mrs. Winkler graciously entertained the retired ministers and their wives of the district, together with widows of ministers, at a delightful luncheon at the District Parsonage at Noon Friday, Februray 21. Twenty-three persons enjoyed the fine fellowship and good food.

Those present included, aside from the host and hostess, Rev. and Mrs. T. R. Wolfe, Rev. and Mrs. T. G. Williams, Rev. and Mrs. C. O. Kennerly, Rev. and Mrs. P. H. Fields, Rev. and Mrs. R. M. Price, Rev. and Mrs. W. T. Albright, Rev. and Mrs. E. L. Ballard, Rev. J. B. Tabor, Mrs. L. W. Garringer, Mrs. Paul Rayle, Mrs. S. A. Wanless. Present also were Mrs. Joe Howard, and Rev. and Mrs. S. J. Starnes.

After enjoying the delicious food prepared by the gracious hostess, the group engaged in a brief period of enriching fellowship. It was a delightful occasion.

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Betty Neill Guy and William Wolfe were presented in the first senior music recital at Methodist College Sunday afternoon, February 9. Miss Guy, soprano, and Mr. Wolfe, pianist, are both Music Education Majors and are among the first seniors from the college who will begin their practice teaching soon.

The Rev. Bill Lowdermilk was the speaker for a Methodist Men's Breakfast at Saint Pauls on Sunday, February 9.

High Point College Has Made Fine Progress

At the end of High Point College's 39th year in the City of High Point and its 107th year of existence, its Annual Report indicates that giant strides have been and are being made toward making High Point College one of the top liberal arts colleges in the state.

The report shows that in the past ten years the college's enrollment has almost doubled, both in the regular and summer sessions. Growth of the evening school, since its establishment a few years ago, has been phenomenal, with 1963's enrollment of 559, nearly trebling 1962's figure of 188 students.

In the past ten years the number of graduates per year has increased 25%. Of the students enrolled ten years ago, 4.6% were from out-of-state; 1963's enrollment figures for this category climbed to 20.6%.

From a faculty of 39 in 1953, last year's teaching staff numbered 57, with 27 of these people holding a doctoral degree, a figure that doubles that of ten years ago. Average faculty salaries have been raised nearly 62% over what they were in 1953.

The number of courses offered at the college has risen from 268 in 1953 to 316 in 1963, with 13 academic departments being represented and 17 major fields of study. The degrees offered are the same: the A.B. and the B.S. degrees.

The library, having only 21,972 volumes in 1953, now has 56,200.

High Point College's operating budget has more than doubled over the past ten years, as has also its endowment. The plant book value of the college has risen over $1,000,000. The only indebtedness shown for the college is for the new J. Ed Millis Dormitory for men, constructed last year and opened this past fall.

Alumni participation, coming to only .7% in 1953, now stands at 25.5% for last year —a record jump enviable at any institution.

The Annual Report lists several outstanding accomplishments of the past year: the growth of the Fellows Program; plans for a new Science Building; completion of the J. Ed Millis Dormitory for men; the college adjustment program and the Aerospace Education Workshop, both of which will be continued; the completion of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Self-Study program; and the installation of a new Language Laboratory.

Plans for the future include the completion of a curriculum study; the addition of property to enlarge the campus; a self-study of the Teacher Education program; the addition of four new tennis courts; the increasing of faculty salaries as student fees are increased; the encouragement of research programs; and a re-study of the administrative organizational plan of the college.

States Dr. Patton in the report: "We are beginning to accept as reality the fact that High Point College is one of the strongest and finest in our state."

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The Methodist Church in Bolivia continues to grow in membership, in the number of congregations and in other ways. A report at the recently-held session of the Bolivia Methodist Conference shows an unusual increase of 16 per cent in Methodist members.

District Conferences On Christian Education In The Western North Carolina Conference

The District Conferences on Christian Education in the Western North Carolina Conference will be held as follows:

District	Date	Time	City	Church
Salisbury	April 5, 1964	2:45 p.m.	Kannapolis	Trinity
Winston-Salem	April 6, 1964	7:15 p.m.	W.-Salem	Centenary
Greensboro	April 7, 1964	7:15 p.m.	Greensboro	West Market
High Point	April 9, 1964	7:15 p.m.	High Point	Wesley Memorial
Thomasville	April 10, 1964	7:15 p.m.	Lexington	First
North Wilkesboro	April 12, 1964	2:45 p.m.	N. W'boro	First
Waynesville	April 13, 1964	7:15 p.m.	Waynesville	First
Asheville	April 14, 1964	7:15 p.m.	Asheville	Central
Marion	April 16, 1964	7:15 p.m.	Morganton	First
Statesville	April 17, 1964	7:15 p.m.	Statesville	Broad Street
Gastonia	April 19, 1964	2:45 p.m.	Gastonia	First
Charlotte	April 19, 1964	3-5 p.m.	Charlotte	First
Albemarle	April 20, 1964	7:15 p.m.	Monroe	Central

Groups will be held on Children, Junior High and Older Youth/Young Adult Work.

I. *Groups on Children's Work*

In these District Conferences the following activities will be offered for persons who plan for Childrens Work and who are workers in the children's division of the local church:

1. Vacation Church School
   a. Group for Directors of Vacation Church School.
   b. Groups on kindergarten, primary and junior vacation church school courses for vacation church school teachers.

The theme for 1964 Vacation Church School is "Jesus: Learning About Him and From Him," and the recommended texts on this theme for this summer are as follows:

Group	Title	Author	Cost
Kindergarten	*Jesus The Teacher*	Bernice E. Lyon	Teacher's Book $1.25 Pupil's Book .. .25 Activity Packet .40
Primary	*Jesus Showed God's Love*	Olaf Hanson	Teacher's Book $1.25 Pupil's Book .. .30 Activity Packet .35
Junior	*He Was Called Jesus*	Ethel Tillev	Teacher's Book $1.25 Pupil's Book .. .35 Activity Packet .35
Directors of Vacation Church School	*The Vacation Church School—177-BC*	Ethel Ristine	$ .25

Churches should order these materials now from Cokesbury, Fifth and Grace Streets, Richmond, Va., for their vacation church school leaders, so that they can read them and bring them to the District Conferences on Christian Education. Books will *not* be on sale at these meetings.

2. Group on "Christian Studies for Methodist Children"—for persons interested in learing about the new curriculum materials for children, who did not attend "Curriculum Wrokshops" held in the fall.

Leaders of the groups for Children's Work; the District Directors of Children's Work; and other leaders of children's work in the conference.

II. *Summer Program for Junior High Youth*

The junior high vacation church school course for this year is *Come, Follow Me*. The class will be for teachers and other workers in the junior high Vacation Church School Course and for persons interested in Camping and Christian Adventure Week for junior highs. The Rev. Tom Lee, Conference Director of Junior High Work and Camping, and the District Director of Junior High Work in each district will be the leaders of this section.

Churches should order from Cokesbury now the vacation church school text, *Come, Follow Me* by Lowell and Stella Hazzard (price—Teacher's Book $1.25 and Pupil's Book $.40) for junior high vacation church school workers who will be attending this group.

III. *Order Youth/Young Adult Section*

The theme for the section on Older Youth/Young Adult work will be *New Insights Into the Older Youth/Young Adult Ministry*. The Rev. Paul H. Duckwall, Conference Director of Older Youth/Young Adult Work, and the District Director of Adult Work in each district will serve as the leaders. The following leaders should be encouraged to attend ni each district: superintendents of adult divisions of the church school, teachers

and officers of youth and young adult classes, young adult subdistrict officers, and other persons concerned about the church's ministry to older youth/young adult.

For Charlotte District Only

Dr. Lowell Hazzard of the General Baord of Education, an author for the new curriculum, will tell about this new curriculum during a 3-5 meeting. This meeting is essential for teachers of the children's division of the church school, and also being invited are clergymen, church school administrative officials and all parents. A special invitation has been issued these same persons in the Albemarle District to attend.

For North Wilkesboro District Only

For teachers of older youth, young adults and all other adult classes, superintendents of adult classes, district and subdistrict leaders in adult and young adult work and other persons interested in and responsible for adult work—to be led by Courtney Ross.

These district conferences on Christian Education have been planned by and are under the direction of the Conference Staff, Board of Education: Louise Robinson, Thomas S. Lee, Paul H. Duckwall, Carl H. King, Executive Secretary; all district superintendents; and all district directors of age group divisions.

Winston-Salem District Ministers Hold "Day Apart" Retreat

The ministers of the Winston-Salem District gathered for a "Day Apart" on Friday, Feb. 14, the World Day of Prayer. The meeting, held in the informal atmosphere of the Community Center at Walkertown, featured Dr. Thomas A. Langford, assistant professor of Religion at Duke University, as resource leader. Dr. Langford, a member of the Western N. C. Conference, gave two addresses on "The Righteousness of God" and "The Atonement." Each address was followed by a panel discussion led by Dr. Frank Jordan district superintendent, Dr. Eugene C. Few of Ardmore Church in Winston-Salem, and Dr. W. Kenneth Goodson of Centenary Church in Winston-Salem. The theme for the panel was "Communicating this Gospel."

In charge of arrangements for the Day Apart was the Rev. James T. Ingram of Lewisville, president of the Forsyth Methodist Ministers. Group singing was led by the Rev. James Gibbs of Crews Church and the Rev. Reginald Cook of Burkhead Church. Host pastors were the Rev. Orion N. Hutchinson, Jr. and the Rev. Dewey Morrison of Walkertown. The meeting began at 10 a.m. and continued until mid-afternoon. Out of this meeting grew a plan for interested Methodist ministers to meet monthly for study of new books of theology and the spiritual life just prior to the interdenominational ministerial meeting.

Spiritual Enrichment Week At St. Andrews, Charlotte

Spiritual Enrichment Week is being held at St. Andrew's Methodist Church, Charlotte, February 23-27. Bishop Nolan B. Harmon opened the Spiritual Enrichment Week at the 11 o'clock service of worship. Dr. Walter J. Miller of the Central Methodist Church of Asheville, was the guest speaker Sunday through Thursday nights. A Twenty-four-hour Prayer Vigil began on Friday evening at 6 o'clock, continuing through Saturday. March 1 is Loyalty Commitment Sunday, when the congregation will dedicate their pledges at the altar for the new building program.

St. Andrew's is a rapidly growing church in our conference. It will observe its fifth anniversary on April 12 and presently has 473 members. Robert J. Ralls is the minister.

Rocky Mount District News

The Rocky Mount District may not have had the largest attendance (480) for the District Lay Rallies, but it can boast of great enthusiasm equal to none. There was great singing, a great spirit, and a great consumption of barbeque and fried chicken.

Mr. Roy Turnage, Conference Lay Leader, informed the gathering that the Rocky Mount District had the second largest attendance for the afternoon session in the conference. This is very encouraging since this is the first afternoon sessions for the district in many years.

The Rev. Jack Page, District Superintendent, consecrated 159 lay speakers during the evening session.

An offering was taken to be used as a scholarship to North Carolina Wesleyan College. This will be used for a student from Rocky Mount District, who is studying for the ministry. It amounted to $382.00.

—Lawrence Lucar

Bishop Arthur J. Moore at First Church, Rockingham

Bishop Arthur J. Moore of Atlanta will preach in revival services at First Methodist Church, Rockingham, March 15-20, according to an announcement by Dr. J. V. Early, pastor. Bishop Moore is no stranger to the



Bishop Arthur J. Moore

Rockingham people, having preached in services there in 1962.

Services will begin Sunday, March 15 at 11:00 a.m. and run each day through the week at 12:00 noon and 7:30 p.m. The noon day services will be broadcast over station WAYN 900 KC. Rev. Paul Scott, pastor of the St. Andrews Church of Fayetteville, will be the song leader.

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"Circuit Rider" Telecast Featuring Creed In Lent

A Lenten series on the Apostles' Creed is being broadcast on television from Raleigh Sundays at 1:30 p. m. Sermon subjects are:

February 16—"I Believe In God."
February 23—"And In Jesus Christ."
March 1—"Ascended . . and . . Shall Come."
March 8—"The Holy Spirit."
March 15—"The Holy Catholic Church."
March 22—"Forgiveness of Sins."
March 29—"Resurrection."

Hay Street Methodist Church choir from Fayetteville will sing on Easter Sunday's telecast and Pastor C. D. Barclift will read scripture and lead in prayer. Fayetteville's First Presbyterian Church choir appeared with their pastor earlier in the season. A large negro choir, the Fayetteville State Teachers College glee club will sing with Methodist Chaplain Thomas April 19.

A choral ensemble from Methodist College in Fayetteville will appear on Palm Sunday and the Wesleyan Singers from Wesleyan College in Rocky Mount are now being scheduled for later in the season. First Baptist church choir of Dunn will sing May 3 and St. James Methodist church choir of Raleigh will sing May 17. Macon Methodist pastor, Milton Mann and Fayetteville's St. Andrews church pastor, Paul Scott, sing regularly each month. Highland Presbyterian church choir director Otis Lambert of Fayetteville will render a solo March 15.

Preacher in charge of the "Circuit Rider" telecast, now in its tenth year on TV, is the Rev. J. Malloy Owen, pastor of Horne Memorial Methodist church in Clayton. The program comes from WRAL-TV, Channel 5 in Raleigh.

Rev. Ron L. Hall Is Chosen "Young Man of the Year"

Rev. Ron L. Hall, pastor of the West Bend Methodist Church, Asheboro, has been selected as Asheboro's "Young Man of the Year.' He was presented the Distiguished Servic Award during ceremonies at the annual Asheboro Jaycees DSA and Bosses' Night Banquet Monday night, February 17. The award was presented by Claude Henson, executive vice-president of the First National Bank, and chairman of the judges committee.

Mr. Hall has many achievements to his credit. He is president of the Asheboro Ministers Association, and was instrumental in setting up Asheboro's bi-racial committee. He served as Counsellor of a youth group attending the United Nations Seminar, and led a workshop for Methodist youth in Randolph and Rowan counties. He is a native of Winston-Salem, the son of J. E. Hall of that city. His mother passed away last October.

Mr. Hall is married to the former Kay Long of Winston-Salem, and they have two sons, Lee, age 4, and Todd, age 2. He was graduated from Duke University and also received his divinity degree from there.

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To know how to wait is the great secret of success. —Joseph Marie De Maistre



Left to right: Roy L. Turnage, Conference Lay Leader; Mr. Matt D. Howell, featured speaker at all rallies; Dr. T. B. Hough, Burlington District superintendent; Rev. Leon Russell, pastor, Front Street Church, Burlington; Joe W. Holmes, District Lay Leader.

North Carolina Conference Lay Rallies Are Successful

For the past two weeks the annual series of Lay Rallies have been in progress in the North Carolina Conference. Ten such meetings have been held under the overall supervision of Mr. Roy Turnage of Ayden, the Conference Lay Leader, and the District Supedintendents, and District Lay Leaders. The featured speaker this year was Mr. Matt D Howell of Waynesville, well-known layman and Christian worker. Mr. Howell is a very sincere and devoted Christian who combines humor and seriousness in captivating his audiences. The theme of the rallies this year was "Stewardship," and Mr. Howell gave an interesting message at each of the rallies on this subject.

Attendance at the rallies was good, averaging around 600 at each meeting. Largest attendance was at Durham, where both men and women were in attendance. The number was 1050. Each meeting began with a supper, followed by the program. At each of the meetings an offering was received to be applied to carrying out the Bishops' Mission on the Ministry in helping some student in the district prepare for the Christian ministry. A committee in each district will select those who are to share in this program. The offerings amounted to around $500 for each meeting, or a total of 5'000.00.

It was an inspiration to hear the group, ranging in numbers from 400 to more than 1000 join in singing the great hymns at the beginning of the program.

At the close of each program, the District Lay Leader invited the authorized Lay Speakers who are to participate in the "No Silent Pulpit" program preceeding Easter to come to the altar, and the District Superintendent led the service of commissioning for the lay speakers.

These meetings have become traditional in the conference, and each year great crowds of laymen and ministers look forward to gathering in these inspiring gathings. For example, the Leasburg-Salem charge in Burlington district, Rev. R. W. Ponder, pastor, had 67 persons present for the meeting. This is typical of a number of other charges throughout the conference.

Mr. Turnage, Conference Lay Leader, said the spirit and attendance this year have been most inspiring.

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Gastonia District Has Spiritual Life Retreat for Ministers

By Frank A. Jeffers
Director Methodist Information, Gastonia District

The entire ministerial body of the Gastonia District drew aside Tuesday, Feb. 11, at 8:00 a.m., in First Methodist Church, Gastonia, with host minister Dr. C. C. Herbert, Jr., and Rev. Clyde E. Murray, associate minister, in a Spiritual Life Retreat.

The retreat got under way with the sharing of a common meal at breakfast, prepared by the ladies of the church. This was followed by all meeting together under the direction of the Rev. Don A. Payne, pastor, First Methodist Church, Belmont, and district director of evangelism. Mr. Payne presented the district superintendent, the Rev. Cecil L. Heckard, as "our pastor."

Mr. Heckard delivered a most stimulating message on the minister's calling. The meditation was fitted into the outline of this subject as contained in Jeremiah 3:15. "And I will give you pastors according to my heart, who will feed you with knowledge and understanding." The message was drawn about the idea of the "giveness" of the ministry.

Then the ministers were divided into questing groups under the guidance of the following group leaders: Rev. Claude J. Hartsell, Casar Church, Casar; W. H. Pheagin, Jr., Ebenezer Church, Belmont; George W. Thompson, Aldersgate Church, Shelby; James A. Allen, Odell Memorial Church, Bessemer City.

As a result of the message on the ministry by the district superintendent there followed in the ministers' groups a renewed reflection on their call to the ministry, and how they might improve their ministry through the strengthening of their own interpersonal discipline of worship and devotion.

All present bound themselves to protect the confidences shared as brother bared his soul to brother in a Minister's Covenant sealed by the signing of the same and presenting themselves at the communion rail to receive the emblems of bread and wine. The substance of the covenant is as follows:

"I covenant with my brethren of the ministry:

"1. To pray one for another in private or family prayer and on Sunday morning and to pray daily for the Christian fellowship.

"2. To believe the best of every brother minister, magnifying strong qualities only.

"3. To counsel ever in the interest of brother ministers.

"4. To spurn small talk and unkind reflections.

"5. To go to a brother minister or anyone else who, I learn, has aught against me and seek accord.

"6. To live at peace with everyone in the spirit of Christ to the end that I may draw all men unto Him."

In the two wives groups led by Mrs. Cecil L. Heckard, and Mrs. Don A. Payne, there was inquiry made into how the wives fit into the call received by their minister husbands, and how they might best assist him in fulfilling that calling.

All united in the closing moments of the retreat for guided meditation, during which all present were asked to select and fill a period of time as a part of a 24-hour Vigil of Prayer, observing World Day of Prayer with all the member churches of the National Council of Churches. Those participating were asked to have before them during their prayer period a roll of the names of every minister in the district and to lift them by name in prayer. Then followed as the final and highest point of worship before the ministers were to depart and return to the field of labor, the Holy Communion.

New TV Series to Teach Many Adults to Read and Write

Starting on March 2, 1964, over 100,000 men and women of eastern North Carolina who are unable to read and write English well can learn these skills while sitting in their own homes watching television. The opportunity will be given them by Station WITN-TV, Channel 7, whose new series, "Operation Alphabet" has been designed by educators especially for the adult who lacks these essential abilities.

According to the most recent reports of the Bureau of the Census, over 100,000 so-called functional illiterates (men and women who cannot read and write on the sixth-grade level.), live in eastern North Carolina. Among these, there is a sizeable group classified as total illiterates, who cannot read or write at the first-grade level.

Contrary to popular opinion, these men and women are not necessarily unintelligent. Their lack of schooling is frequently due to forces beyond their control: a need to help support their families early in life; illness; or the fact that English is not their native tongue.

"Operation Alphabet," a new approach to helping adults learn to read and write, consists of 100 half-hour television lessons. The program was developed over a period of two years by the Philadelphia Public Schools. It has been estimated that between 50,000 and 75,000 individuals in the Philadelphia broadcast area have benefitted from the course. Television stations in approximately 100 other cities either are using or plan to use the "Operation Alphabet" series.

According to Mr. Daniel C. Wise, Director, Lenoir County Industrial Education Center, the adult who conscientiously follows "Operation Alphabet" throughout the 100 lessons and who studies and practices with the *TV Home-Study-Book*, will have a basic reading ability.

"He will recognize, understand, and be able to use more words. He will be able to understand common signs and directions which confront us daily, and he will be able to write better. Hopefully, he will gain enough self-confidence and appetite for learning to enroll in public school adult education classes. The serious student of 'Operation Alphabet' should reach or very nearly reach, a third-grade reading and writing level," says Mr. Wise.

The series has been most successful in areas where the friends and neighbors of these undereducated Americans told them about the program series, and urged them to participate. This fact was revealed by reading experts who studied "Operation Alphabet" in other cities.

The educational series will be broadcast every weekday morning for 20 weeks on Station WITN-TV, Channel 7, Washington, N. C., from 6:00 to 6:00 a.m.

Report of Special Commission Is Now Avaliable

The special Commission to Study the Christian Faith and War in the Nuclear Age, established by the 1960 General Conference, released its report late in 1963 in the form of a book published by Abingdon Press. The book is entitled *The Christian Faith and War in the Nuclear Age*.

Half of the twelve-member commission was appointed by the Methodist Council of Bishops and half by the Board of Christian Social Concerns. Bishop Matthew Clair, Jr., was chairman of the commission composed of theologians, natural and political scientists, and other church leaders.

Mr. Herman Will, Jr. of the Board of Christian Social Concerns has described the book as "clearly written and can be understood by persons who are laymen in the fields of Christian ethics and international affairs." In commenting further Mr. Will said, "The book has been acclaimed by a number of scholars and church leaders."

To facilitate the use of this book by study groups, Mr. Fred Cloud has prepared a study guide.

Extra copies sell for $1.00 each and are available from your Cokesbury store or from Service Department, 100 Maryland Ave., N.E., Washington, D. C. 20002. The leader's guide is available from the Service Department for 80c each.

Establish Loan Fund at High Point College

The Rev. W. H. Dyar, minister of the Tabernacle Methodist Church, Greensboro, and Mrs. Dyar, have established a student loan fund at High Point College, W. Lawson Allen, Director of Development, announced.

To be known as The Reverend and Mrs. William Heller Dyar Loan Fund, it is designed to aid the regular or part-time "average" student who is in ligible for other aid based on high scholarship and who is in need of financial assistance.

Administered by the Financial Aid Committee, loans up to $75 per term may be made at 3% interest for a period of six months, with the time limit extended to a maximum of twelve months if necessary.

Mr. Dyar said, "The loan could be used for books, tuition, or emergencies. It might be the help that some student needs to make it over a hill, and there are hills."

Mr. Allen commented, "It is not often that we find a person with such deep insight into the needs of those who are simply average students. We are delighted that the Rev. and Mrs. Dyar have established this fund."

The Rev. Dyar was graduated from High Point College in 1951, and Mrs. Dyar in 1950.

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Lenten Emphasis For Increasing Church School Membership

By C. P. Morris

The Geenral Board of Education and the Council of Bishops of The Meethodist Church has issued an urgent appeal to local church school leaders and workers for a special effort to increase church school membership and attendance during the Lenten season in an effort to reverse the downward trend. This appeal also calls for a carefully planned effort throughout the next quadrennium to reach more persons through the church school. The following statement, adopted by the General Board of Education meeting in Dallas, Texas, January 9, 1964, was subsequently approved by the Council of Bishops:

"The continued decline in Methodist church school membership and attendance shocks and shames us all.

National population moves steadily upward at the rate of approximately three million per year. Until four years ago Methodist church school membership had been climbing but falling more and more behind that of population growth. Since 1960 church school membership has been in steady decline. Especially alarming is the sharper drop last year in average church school attendance.

Fellow Methodists across the church are looking to the Board of Education for wisely conceived, clearly stated and compelling guidance to which all may respond in concerted endeavor to halt the retreat and once again move forward.

There is everywhere an indication of our nation's need for spiritual rebirth and moral renewal. We believe the teaching ministry of the church can and must do more, vastly more, in taking the gospel to the unreached and untaught multitudes increasing about us.

We earnestly petitioned the Council of Bishops to make this a concern of the entire church, this Lenten season calling upon every local church to follow up every church school pupil lost from its rolls or habitually absent during the past year.

We call the entire church to join in a carefully planned and comprehensive endeavor throughout the next quadrennium in behalf of increasing church school membership and attendance, and we commit the Board of Education to responsibility of providing leadership.

May we make available our strength, our skills and our hearts to Christ for this task. May it be to us a cause with banners flying and trumpets sounding!"

This writer attended a consultation in Nashville, Tenn., January 31-February 1, set up by the Division of the local church staff. to study this matter. The consulting team consisted of three members of the General Board of Education, two pastors and one layman, three executive secretaries of Conference Boards of Education, one sociologist and staff members of the Division of the Local Church. This consultation dealt with two major matters, (1) Understanding the Problem and (2) What should be done about the problem.

The consultation revealed that this downward trend in church school membership and attendance is only the symptom of more basic problems that require sustained, long-range efforts for solution. It was also discovered that factors creating this problem are many and varied defying simple and easy answers. Such factors as the following were identified:

Middle class identification; neglect of the teaching ministry of the pastors; poorly trained teachers, poor facilities, poor program; lack of unity in the church's ministry; increase of leisure time and weekend mobility; increase of negative image of the church; failure to replace revivalism with new technique of evangelizing; holding on to outgrown forms; failure to involve in a redemptive fellowship group; intellectual revolt against contemporary religion; failure to minister to basic needs of persons—not touching persons at the tender points of their inadequacy; failure to involve the laity; poor record keeping and reporting; lack of concern for persons—failure to follow-up absentees; failure to follow shifting population.

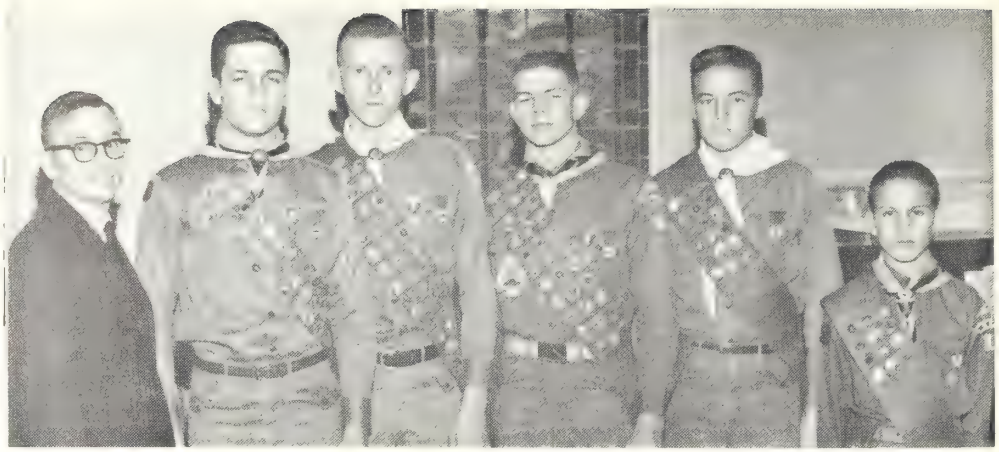
The consultation revealed that further study and experimentation is needed to find the solutions to these problems.

Reclaim vitality in the life of the church, in the life of believers; eliminate competition and recover unity in the church's ministry; improve the quality of the church school—curriculum, teaching, facilities, teaching time, program; involve persons deeply in small redemptive fellowship groups; broaden the program to minister to all classes of society—upper, lower, inner city, etc.; create a readiness and climate in the church for reaching persons; involve church leaders in a study of the nature and mission of the church; and a "Visiting Teacher" or a "Visiting Committee" for each class. Help church school superintendent, membership cultivation superintendent and administrative officers understand their roles; set-up an on-going leadership development program; devise ways of training the official board for effective leadership set-up programs to meet specific needs of people in different situations, special groups meeting at different times, especially for older youth-young adults; adopt plan for following up absentees, visiting drop-outs and contacting new people; set- a Home and Extension program for those who cannot attend on Sunday or who are temporarily away from home; follow recommended standards for keeping the roll and dropping names; conduct experimentation—new program and new patterns of action.

A special appeal is being sent to the pastors and church school superintendents of the North Carolina Conference to use the Lenten season to focus attention on this problem and to take steps to do something about it.

We are distressed that the North Carolina Conference had a loss of 2,650 church school members and a decrease of 1,414 in average attendance last year. This is the second year we have had a loss during the past four years. The entire Methodist Church lost 89,248 (1.2%) members and 50,007 (1.3%) in average attendance and has had a decrease in each of the past four years. Over the past 12 years The Methodist Church is tenth in the percentage of church school growth among 12 large denominations, growing only 16.3% during this period (1950-1962) while the population increased by 22.5%.

Do we care enough about persons to be willing to do something about this? The season of Lent affords a strategic opportunity for us to demonstrate the fact that we do. To be effective, however, this special effort must be followed up with sustained, long-range plans to provide an effective ministry for the masses of people for whom we are responsible.



AWARD PRESENTATION—God and Country Awards were presented Sunday, February 9, to five members, shown above, of Casar Boy Scout Troop 291. Left to right are the Rev. Claude Hartsell, Dennis Martin, Steve Mode, Dan Wortman, Clyde Mode, and Harold Martin. The presentation was made by Mr. Hartsell, their pastor.

Bishop Moore Memorial Fund For Emory University

A $50,000 fund honoring Bishop Arthur J. Moore and Emory's Candler School of Theology in its fiftieth year has reached its halfway mark.

The fund will provide tuition scholarships at the Candler School of Theology and will be named for Bishop Moore.

Walter Blassingame, prominent Methodist layman from Moultrie, Ga., announced the formation of the fund during recent Ministers' Week observances at Emory and invited friends of Bishop Moore and of ministerial education to contribute to it.

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Carolina Military Academy Serves Many Methodists

Carolina Military Academy, although only in its infancy, has nevertheless already established itself as one of the outstanding independent educational institutions in the Carolinas. In this its second year of operation the Academy is thriving vigorously, fulfilling its mission to students, that of blending astute academic instruction with the molding of Christian character in a nonsectarian setting. Colonel Leslie C. Blankinship, CMA founder and a veteran school administrator, is the keynote to this success story. Admiration and respect for him have won wide acclaim, in view of his zeal, dedicated sense of purpose and genius for organization.

St. Paul's Methodist Church of Maxton maintains a close working relationship with Carolina Military Academy, nurturing the religious life of some 60 cadets who regularly attend Sunday morning worship service. Large numbers of cadets also attend the churches of various other denominations in the city. Rev. Robert Drew, the minister at St. Paul's was a part-time Bible instructor at the academy last year, winning the friendship and admiration of students as well as faculty. He is a dynamic speaker, a great man of God with steadfast convictions and dedication to Christian principles. Colonel and Mrs. Blankinship, Captain and Mrs. T. C. Maynor, Jr., and Lt. and Mrs. Ray Stokes of the CMA faculty, are members of the St. Paul's congregation. Colonel Blankinship serves as president of Methodist Men and the Maynors are adult counselors for the Methodist Youth Fellowship.

The spiritual life of cadets is furthermore enhanced by a student-led Sunday evening vesper service on campus. Also, each cadet is encouraged to attend Sunday School. Spiritual guidance and instruction may be given to individual cadets by Chaplain Ernest Blankinship and to small groups upon request. Every encouragement and opportunity is provided for them to observe their religious obligations.

Carolina Military Academy seems destined to continue the profound impact that it has exerted upon the educational scene of this region. A brilliant future looms for the institution as it seeks to promote the principles upon which it was founded, those being thorough academic preparation, self-reliance and opportunity for leadership and Christian devotion.

The facilities presently used by Carolina Military Academy are the same as those used by Carolina College, a Methodist institution from 1912 to 1929. In fact, the Methodist Church founded the school, and was its first occupant. The Presbyterian Church bought the facilities in 1929 and operated Presbyterian Junior College until it closed in 1961 when several Presbyterian schools merged to form St. Andrews Presbyterian College in Laurinburg.

The editor regrets that the photograph accompanying this article was unsuitable for reproduction.

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A recent sermon by the Rev. Dr. Theodore H. Palmquist of Foundry Church, Washington, D. C., was taped for around-the-world use by the Voice of America.



On Sunday, February 9, three Boy Scouts from Troop 29 and two Explorers from Explorer Post 29, Davis Street Methodist Street, Burlington, received their God and Country Awards. Front row, left to right, Life Scout Victor Eric Riddle, son of Mr. and Mrs. Steve W. Riddle; First Class Scout Joe Martin Rierson III, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joe M. Rierson II; Life Scout Roger Jackson Pleasant, son of Mr. and Mrs. Tom B. Pleasant. Back row, from left to right, Tom B. Pleasant, chairman of the Troop Committee; Explorer Scout Richard Cole Winningham, son of Mr. and Mrs. Gaines Winningham; Explorer Scout Tommy Lee Kinney, son of Mr. and Mrs. Tom Kinney; and Joe E. Riddle, Scoutmaster. The Awards were presented by the pastor, Rev. Howard M. McLamb.

In Memoriam

JOHN R. LOWRY, SR.

John R. Lowry, Sr., son of the late Mrs. Elizabeth Lowry, was born July 30, 1895, died January 30, 1964.

Brother Lowry was Supt. Laurinburg Milling Co., having been with this company almost a half of century. He had been teacher of the Adult Bible Class for many years. He had served on the Board of Trustees of all three schools of Pembroke, viz: Pembroke Graded, Pembroke High and Pembroke State College. He was at his death chairman State Board of Water Well Contracts Examiners.

Survivors: Wife and four daughters: Mrs. Lee Neville, Pembroke, N. C.; Mrs. Wallace Dallice, Cornia, Ill.; Mrs. Ronald E. Girkins, Newark, Ohio; Mrs. T. Boyce Cole, San Francisco, Calif. Two sons: John R. Lowry, Jr., Charlotte, N. C.; and Elvery D. Lowry, Hillsboro, N. H. One sister, Mrs. Rosy Deese, Pembroke, N. C. Three brothers, Claud A., Bradley, and Clennie, all of Pembroke. Eleven grandchildren and a host of friends.

First Methodist Church extends our heartfelt sympathy to the family.

Supports TV-Radio Ministry

Don DeFore, who is co-star with Shirley Booth in the *Hazel* TV series, has recorded a message to Methodists on the need for more and better radio and TV programs under church sponsorship. DeFore, his wife and five children are active members of the First Methodist Church of Santa Monica, Calif.

The recording has been mailed to all Methodist pastors and district superintendents with suggestions for its use in stimulating more active financial support for the nation-wide TV-Radio Ministry.

The recording was produced by the Rev. Don Hall of Los Angles for the Commission on Promotion and Cultivation, Evanston, Ill., in cooperation with Television, Radio and Film Commission, Nashville, Tenn.

Board of Missions Tour To African Arranged

The itinerary has now been fixed for the Board of Missions Tour to Africa, sponsored by the board, and to be directed by the Rev. Kenneth S. Jones, a former missionary in the Congo (1946-61) and presently director of the Washington Area office of Methodist Information.

The tour will depart from New York on July 16th and will visit Rome, Cairo, and then eight countries south of the Sahara. Highlights of the tour which will inspect missionary work in all the countries, including non-Methodist work, will be a two-day visit to Victoria Falls on the Zambesi River, and to the Gorongoza Game Preserve in Mozambique.

In each country, interviews will be arranged with political leaders, diplomats, and journalists in addition to the leaders of the missionary projects.

All but two of the segments of the 37-day tour will be by air. Arrangements have been made by the American Express Company, and its representative will accompany the group throughout the trip.

A descriptive brochure may be had by writing to the director, Rev. Kenneth S. Jones, 100 Maryland Avenue, N.E., Washington, D. C. 20002.



Woman's Activities

Two District Committees Meet

By Mary Gardner

Eighteen district and four conference officers attended the mid-winter meeting of the executive committee of the Rocky Mount District Woman's Society of Christian Service in session at the YWCA in Rocky Mount. Hostesses for the meeting were Mrs. T. S. Newbold, Mrs. Ira Moore, and Mrs. J. C. Reynolds.

The hostesses led the devotional period.

Accomplishments were noted, delinquences checked, and spring plans were made.

The district has raised $12,029.67 of its $18,000.00 pledged for 1963-64. The pledge for 1964-65 will be increased $500 when the Annual N. C. Conference WSCS meets in Greenville March 17-19.

The annual district meeting will be held in Rich Square April 1. Officers will give their reports in the form of a fashion show, and a report will be heard from the Southeastern Jurisdiction WSCS Annual Meeting.

Local societies were urged to send representatives to the Conference School of Missions to be held at Methodist College, Fayetteville, August 10-14. It was noted that while the Rocky Mount District had a good attendance at the 1963 School of Missions, less than 50 per cent of the 91 local societies were represented.

The Wesleyan Service Guild reported no new units, but pledged a 10 per cent increase in giving this year and 15 per cent for 1964-65.

No officer reported 100 per cent reports at the designated time. "On time" reporting was stressed.

Rocky Mount District could boast, however, of being the only district in the conference thus far in showing an increase in membership.

The spring subdistrict dates and places of meetings were set as follows: Tri-County, April 14 at Whitakers; Southern-Central, Aprli 16, Bethel, Halifax; April 21, Scotland Neck; Northampton, April 23, Severn.

It was good to have the wisdom of the conference officers present expressed on lines of work. There were Mrs. Sam A. Dunn, vice president; Mrs. Harold Braswell, secretary of missionary education and service; Mrs. T. S. Newbold, Christian social relations; and Mrs. J. W. Benson, promotion.

A delicious "family style" dinner was enjoyed around the large dining room table. Others present were Miss Camille Staton, district president; Mrs. C. K. Wright, vice president; Mrs. Russell Johnson, recording secretary; Mrs. E. H. Measamer, treasurer; Mrs. P. T. Fugate, Mrs. W. C. Whitehurst, Mrs. Rom Parker, Mrs. Bill Daler, Mrs. E. W. Mountcastle, Mrs. E. B. Towe, Mrs. T. H. House, Mrs. R. K. Adkins, secretaries of lines of work. Also, Mrs. Don Hall, Mrs. Cecil Maddrey, Mrs. J. Frank Davis, subdistrict leaders, and the three hostesses.

The fall meeting of the executive committee was invited to meet in Roanoke Rapids, with Mrs. Don Hall, Mrs. C. K. Wright, and Mrs. T. H. House as hostesses.

—Mrs. Russell Johnson

New Bern District Committee

The members of the Executive Committee of the New Bern District Woman's Society of Christian Service met at Centenary Methodist Church in New Bern Feb. 4, Mrs. John F. Wooten, district president, presiding.

Mrs. Stanley Potter of Kinston gave the meditation, using as her subject "Service and Friends."

All officers gave reports, pointing out the gains and also the weaknesses of the work.

The members were reminded of the following dates: The Annual Meeting of the N. C. Conference WSCS at Jarvis Memorial Methodist Church, Greenville, March 17-19; the Annual District Meeting at Newport, March 31.

Mrs. Wooten asked those present to remind the local women of the conference scholarship fund which is helping two girls in the New Bern District who are studying religious education. It is hoped that the scholarship fund may be increased each year in order to help more girls.

The Rev. Grady Dawson, superintendent of the New Bern District, gave encouraging remarks and offered his support at any time.

Conference officers present were Mrs. Edgar Fisher, Greenville, secretary of student work, and Mrs. C. H. Boyd, New Bern, secretary Wesleyan Service Guild.

The group was served a covered dish luncheon. Mrs. Potter dismissed with a prayer.

Mrs. Hedrick Aman

WSG and WSCS Annual Meeting Registration Due

Registration fees for the annual meetings of the N. C. Conference Wesleyan Service Guild and the Woman's Society of Christian Service should be sent immediately to the respective chairmen of registration for the hostess Guild and WSCS.

The annual meeting of the Wesleyan Service Guild will be in session at the First Methodist Church, Washington, N. C., March 14-15. Deadline for the registration fee of $1.00 is March 9, to be sent to Mrs. Ella Morgan, 101 E. Tenth Street, Washington, N. C.

March 17-19 mark the dates for the annual meeting of the N. C. Conference Woman's Society of Christian Service to be held in Jarvis Memorial Methodist Church, Greenville. All registration fees should be sent by March 10 to Mrs. Clara Moye Shockell, 551 Evans Street, Greenville. The $9.30 fee includes registration, meals, and insurance.

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Brooks-Howell Home Reports

Once again the Brooks-Howell Home has published a full and interesting report of its activities for the past weeks.

The first information was from the report of the director, Miss Reva McNabb. In part she says: "Our newest resident, Miss Olive Dunn who worked 28 years n India, arrived on January 7. She brought with her three kilns and enough supplies to set up a ceramic studio. Classes have been started and 'finished and unfinished' articles are in view. Miss Juanita Kelly who has been a guest, will become a resident this month. She has worked in Cuba and Argentina for 30 years. We now have 57 residents. . . ."

Miss Zula Terry, Resident Representative, at the same time gave a report of activities. To continue to counsel in evangelism. Ruth Byerly works on the Program Committee of the Pisgah Girl Scout Council. One is active in AARP, another helps with Red Cross, still others with the Story Tellers' League. Several of the residents who had lived in Japan entertained a group of Japanese students from Warren Wilson College. Many have been helping with the various mission studies.

Central Methodist Church, Asheville, gave a tea honoring all the deaconesses. This event was also an observance of the 75th anniversary of Deaconess Work.

Mrs. Frutchey makes weekly visits to the infirmary for a sewing and mending hour, which is greatly appreciated.

The Brooks-Howell Home continues to be a busy, happy place for all those who live there or who are actively associated with it.

Memphis Reports Its District Meetings

The Memphis Conference reported all its district meetings in a very interesting edition of the little conference paper called *The Clarion*. All annual district meetings appear to be held at the same time on a planned schedule (this year March 1-13), and a sketch of the presidents, officers who are emphasizing their work, and a principal speaker are written up. This seems like a very good idea to tuck in the back of our minds for a trial some time.

An Added Lenten Study

During the Lenten season we, as mothers and women of the church, are striving to grow in spiritual perception. Along with

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reading lists, we could profitably examine some basic studies in American family life. From such reading we might make a far better evaluation of our Christian home and the world it is facing now and in the future.

The following list is taken from books recommended by three libraries:

Suggested Reading

Cavan, Ruth (ed.). *Marriage and Family in the Modern World.* New York: Thomas Crowell Company.

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MacIver, R. M. *Dilemmas of Youth in America Today. The* Institute for Religious and Social Studies. Harper and Sons, 1961.

Siyamaki, John. *The American Family in the Twentieth Century.* Harvard University Press, 1953.

Winter, Gibson. *Love and Conflict: New Patterns in Family Life.* Doubleday, 1968.

Wyden, Peter. *Suburbia's Coddled Kids.* Avon G1181 ($.50) paperback.

White House Conference, 1960, reports. *Children in a Changing World. The States Report on Children and Youth. The Children You Have Never Known.*

News Items From Bethlehem And Bess Chapel

Rev. Garland Stafford, executive secretary of the Town and Country Commission, WNC Conference, was guest speaker at Bess Chapel and Bethlehem Methodist churches, Cherryville, Rout 1, on Sunday, January 26, at the morning worship services in connection with the church-wide study "Our Mission Today." Other sessions on Sunday afternoon, January 26 and February 2 were taught by the pastor, Rev. G. W. Dalton and by Mrs. Dalton. The MYF study "What Really Counts?" was taught by Mrs. Gerald Baxter.

Mr. Sho Suizki, an exchange student from Japan, now attending Shelby High School, spoke to a supper meeting of the Methodist Men of Bethlehem Church on Wednesday evening, February 12. Mr. Suizki showed slides of Japan and sang songs accompanied by his guitar.

Friday, February 14, at 7:00, a World Day of Prayer service was held at Bethpage Lutheran Church with five participating congregations: Bess Chapel, Bethlehem, St. Paul's Methodist, and Cedar Grove Lutheran. Bess Chapel, Bethlehem choirs sang "Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart."

Rev. W. E. Andrews and Mrs. Andrews, WNC Conference missionaries to Brazil, spoke at an Area Missionary Revival at Bess Chapel Church on Wednesday, Feb. 19, at 7:00 o'clock. This service with the Toluca charge, Rev. James McKinney, pastor, was one of a series in Lincoln County, arranged by Rev. G. W. Bumgarner, Gastonia District Director of Missions.

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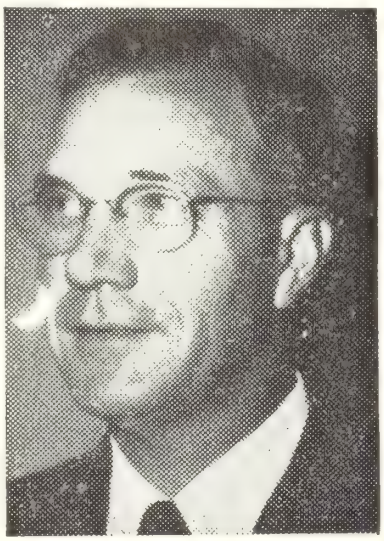
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Jurisdictional Body to Meet At Methodist College

BISHOP MARVIN FRANKLIN TO SPEAK AT CONVOCATION

The Executive Committee of the Southeastern Jurisdictional Council of The Methodist Church will meet in Fayetteville on March 5 and 6, 1964.

Dr. L. Stacy Weaver, president of Methodist College and chairman of the Committee on Education of the Jurisdictional Council, and Mrs. Weaver are serving as local hosts for the meeting.



BISHOP MARVIN A. FRANKLIN

Bishop Paul N. Garber, presiding bishop of the Richmond Area is chairman of the Jurisdictional Council and also the president of the Council of Bishops of The Methodist Church.

The Executive Committee is made up of the bishops, the elected representatives from each episcopal area, the six committee chairmen, the two executive secretaries, and the president and superintendent of grounds at the Lake Junaluska Assembly, which is owned by the Jurisdiction. The geographical area is comprised of nine states with 15 annual conferences.

On Thursday evening, March 5, the members of the Executive Committee and their wives along with the district superintendents of the North Carolina Conference and their wives will be the dinner guests of President and Mrs. Weaver in the Methodist College dining hall.

Following the dinner a convocation will be held at Hay Street Methodist Church in Fayetteville at 7:30 p.m. Bishop Marvin Franklin of Jackson, Mississippi, will be the speaker. Special music will be provided by the Methodist College Chorus.

The public is invited to attend the convocation Thursday evening.

The Executive Commitee will hold business sessions on Thursday afternoon and Friday. They will hear reports from the six committee chairmen and will discuss certain recommendations and memorials to be presented to the General Conference of The Methodist Church.

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Preacher Kay says: "We know that most of us still believe in God, but we don't know if God still believes in us."

May Hold Recreation Workshop on Drama

The Western North Carolina Methodist Conference may present a Recreation Workshop on drama during the next conference year.

This was one of the tentative plans which grew out of this year's workshop in West Market Street Methodist Church, Greensboro, Feb. 7-8.

Religious drama is practically non-existent in the Conference, and such a workshop would help to fill this gap in the total recreation needs of the churches.

This year's Recreation Workshop departed from patterns of past years with three full participation sessions of three hours each, with the emphasis on fun for all during the learning experiences.

There were 140 persons who attended, which, according to officials, represents a slight increase over the previous workshop.

The Rev. R. Harold Hipps of Nashville, formerly of West Market Street Church and now with the national Board of Education, led the event, and was assisted by three staff members from the Conference Board of Education in Statesville—the Rev. Paul Duckwall, the Rev. Tom Lee and Miss Louise Robinson.

Handling the musical instruction were the Rev. and Mrs. William Jordan, director of music and organist, respectively, for the West Market Street Church.

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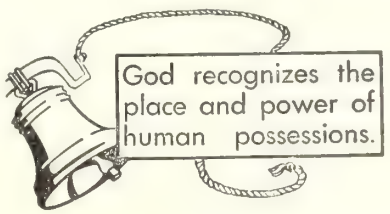
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By Mary Gardner

Little Ketchup

Little Ketchup was the unhappiest tomato on the vine. He was unhappy because he wanted to be juicy and red like the two largest tomatoes waiting to be picked.

Only yesterday a little girl in a snow-white apron with a basket on her arm had examined the largest tomatoes. "My you are beautiful," she said. "You're the first tomatoes of the summer. How good you will taste for dinner."

Little Ketchup was green with envy. "Wait a while," said Mother Vine. "Your turn will come. A few days ago you were small and hard like your little brothers and sisters. Before that, you were a tiny baby wearing a bonnet of white petals."

"I don't want to wait," Little Ketchup said sourly. "Too many other tomatoes will be ripe then. I will be good for nothing—nothing special, anyway."

"Everyone has a place in the world," Mother Vine scolded gently, but Little Ketchup would not listen.

When the rains came, Little Ketchup strained and strained until he had soaked up all the water he could hold. Mother Vine had to place her biggest and strongest leaves under him to keep him from falling.

"Don't try so hard," she chided. "Growing up into a big tomato takes time."

Little Ketchup just pouted.

The sun fierce and strong. Little Ketchup forced the other tomatoes out of the way and refused to stay in the cool shade. Finally, he was in danger of getting a sun spot.

"See here, this has gone far enough," said Mother Vine, very angry now. But Little Ketchup pretended to be asleep.

The days and nights seemed very long. The poor, unhappy tomato became too discouraged to try any longer.

One day, the little girl in the snow-white apron with a basket on her arm came back. Little Ketchup heard the scratching of her shoes, skipping along on the gravel path before he could see her.

"How I wish I could go with you," he sighed. The girl thought it was the wind blowing through the leaves.

"Little Ketchup, look at yourself," Mother Vine commanded.

He did, and saw a beautiful round, red skin, all juicy and sweet inside.

"Now look at your brothers and sisters," his mother said.

They were round and red and juicy, too, but none was as big as Little Ketchup! Just then he felt the warm fingers of the girl as she picked him from the vine.

"There are so many of you today," the little girl said, "I believe there are enough to make ketchup." "But you," she said, looking at Little Ketchup, "you are the finest tomato of all. I can hardly wait to taste the fine ketchup you will make."

"See," called Mother Vine softly, "you have a special place, too."

"Thank you, Mother Vine," Little Ketchup called back. "Thank the sun and rain and earth, too, for helping me grow and fill my place in the world—the place I was meant to fill. Good-bye."

—June Stafford in *The Progressive Farmer.*

Prejudice

Prejudice means "an opinion formed without getting the true facts," or "an unreasonable objection to a person or thing."

The trouble with a prejudiced person is that he often blames a whole group because of the behavior of one person, and he decides all the people in this group must be the same.

Below are two silly prejudices. Can you think of two others?

1—All people are dirty.

2—The Chinese are very mysterious.

When we make prejudiced statements, it shows that we do not have the "sound mind" of a Christian who believes each person stands on his own merit.

WHEN WE'VE BEEN GOOD

Mother says when we come home
From School each day,
We need to get outside awhile
And really play.

We've had a very busy day
And studied as we should,
And teacher is so very pleased
When we have all been good.

So now we play and have such fun,
We share with one another,
Then we put away our toys
And run in to help our Mother.

BIBLE QUIZ

1—What does one of the Beatitudes call "peacemakers?"
2—How many children had Jacob?
3—Which commandment speaks about the sins of the father being visited upon the children?
4—Who slew all the children that were in Bethlehem from two years old and under?

Answers to Last Week's Questions

1—The song of Mary, the mother of Jesus, beginning: "My soul doth magnify the Lord." (Luke 1:46-55)
2—The heavenly choir (Luke 2:13-14)
3—Judas Maccabaeus.
4—The trumpet (Exodus 19:19)
6—The Jews who were sent into exile (Psalm 137:4)

JUST FOR FUN

The kindly old lady smiled at the little girl who had been left in charge of the cake counter in the bakery.

"Don't you sometimes feel tempted to eat one of those creampuffs?" she asked.

The little girl was quite shocked.

"Of course not, that would be stealing. I only lick them."

A teacher asked her class to name some of the benefits of the automation age. There was a long silence and then one boy spoke up:

"Well, it stopped horse stealing."

The Music Of God

Send me your hearts, your woes,
Your troubled days and eves;
And I will clothe them
Hover o'er them
For I am the Music of God.

Leave me your loneliness, your fear
Your burdened furrowed hand,
And I will melt them
Surely soften them
For I am the harmony of God.

Anthems so Holy, message filled
Words of prophet and seer,
I will use them
Carefully choose them
To vanish the night of Fear.

Bring then your voices, expressions deep,
Swell them in phrases clear,
Inspire the lonely
Inspire the needy
The Music of God now hear.

Let those who sing me, love me
Lift up their souls to mine,
I light up with them
Come within them
I am the Music of God.

Consider me Holy, Divinely composed
From God's great Holy score.
Then closely grasp me
Lovingly sing me
I am the Harmony of God.

—Henry F. Flowers

Sunday School Lesson

FOR MARCH 8

By RAYMOND A. SMITH
Head, Department of Religious Education
Greensboro College

THE MAN BORN BLIND

Background Scripture: John 9
Lesson Scripture: John 9:13-17, 24-25, 33-38

The entire ninth chapter of John deals with the story of Jesus' healing of the man born blind. One should read the whole chapter before concentrating on the selected verses.

It has been pointed out that there are two levels on which this story may be considered; one is the simple narrative itself, and the other is the symbolic meaning. The writer of Johns gospel is fond of using stories which symbolize the great words of his gospel: such words as Love, Light, Life and Truth. But first we may consider the story simply as a narrative.

Prominent in John's gospel are what have come to be called the "controversy stories." These always involve Jesus in discussions of religious and ethical questions with the ruling religious groups of Judaism. Such a story is the one chosen for our lesson today. Sometimes the religious arguments with the Pharisees bring on sharp, and even bitter words. In this lesson, for example, we find the tension mounting as the story proceeds. Finally in a burst of frustration they put the man who had been cured out of the synagogue.

Besides the miraculous healing of the blind man, it is clear that a most important question had to be decided. This question was: Who is Jesus? The religious authorities maintained he was a sinner, that is, one who did not keep the Law. However, a problem was posed for them. It was this: How could a man who was a sinner effect such a remarkable cure? Nicodemus had arrived at the conclusion that Jesus' mighty acts confirmed his closeness to God when he said: "Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher come from God; for no one can do these things that you do unless God is with him" (John 3:2).

In order to make sure of what had actually transpired they called the man a second time. They tried also to get information from his parents, but the parents (evidently fearing the authorities) would say nothing either way. They then urged the man to "give God the praise" leaving out the part Jesus had played in the miracle. The man's testimony rang true when he replied: "Whether he is a sinner I do not know; one thing I know, that though I was blind, now I see." It is hard to argue with an accomplished fact. Dr. Roy L. Smith's comments in the International Lesson Annual are most appropriate here. He quotes Dr. Leslie Weatherhead's story of a redeemed drunkard whose friends liked to taunt him about his having "turned religious." The man's reply was: "All I can tell you is that Jesus Christ turned beer into furniture in our house."

When it became clear to Jesus' critics that the blind man had actually been healed, they turned their anger upon the man himself and put him out of the synagogue. How like many of us in this action! Sometimes when the facts are overwhelming and we can do nothing but accept them, we then turn on the person who has made the facts known and vent our anger upon him. For example, when Socrates showed the absurdity of believing in the Olympian gods he was forced to drink the hemlock. How much more sensible it would have been for the people to have sought a higher view of God. But no, they took out their rage and disappointment on Socrates.

John's gospel, in relating such incidents as the one contained in our lesson for today, is showing not only the healing power, but also the blindness of the religious leaders. They were the ones who were supposed to be the light-bringers, but instead they themselves were blind. "If the blind lead the blind they both fall into the ditch." One recalls Jesus' statement in the Sermon on the Mount: "If the light that is in thee be darkness, how great is that darkness." This is another way of saying that if the thing we most firmly believe to be true turns out to be false, what distress are we then in!

These reflections move us to re-consider the serious work of anyone who presumes to lead others in their thinking. How careful we must be to use our gifts with care! How necessary that we disabuse our minds of prejudice, as far as that is humanly possible! How imperative that we do not overestimate our own powers, but rely on God to help us keep his truth forever in the center. How important that we remember the words of Pastor John Robinson to the Pilgrims as they set sail for the new world: "Remember, God has yet more light to break from his Holy Word."



The above picture shows the North Carolina men who recently took part in the Mission to Alaska. Dr. David H. Blackburn (left), superintendent of the Alaska Mission; the Reverend Robert Stamey, and a layman from his church, Mr. Doug Mayes. He served at the Anchor Point, Homer, and Seldovia charges where the Reverend William Jack Martin is pastor. The Reverend Boyce Huffstetler (right), served at Fairbanks where the Reverend Frederick D. Savage is pastor.

This is the seventh evangelistc mission to Alaska sponsored jointly by the Board of Evangelism and the Department of National Missions of the Board of Missions. The 46 missioners (28 ministers and 18 laymen) met in Seattle and traveled together on January 23rd to Anchorage, where they had a tour of the city, luncheon at Alaska Methodist University, and then went inland for a retreat with the pastors of the Alaska Mission. The retreat was led by Dr. Lawrence Lacour of the Board of Evangelism. On Saturday the group divided into teams and scattered to serve the Methodist churches of Alaska the following week. One team went to Sitka where the Methodist church owns property but has no organized church. A survey was conducted to help decide whether now is the time to establish a Methodist church in this growing community.

The mission will have value beyond the accomplishments of the team in Alaska as the laymen bring home and share some of the enthusiasm for the work of the church which is performing a vital service in the frontier situation of our northernmost state.

About Smoking

This is no time for the Christian churches to say "I told you so" with respect to cigarette smoking, *Decision Magazine* warns in an editorial on "Good News for Smokers" in its March issue.

The magazine, a monthly publication of The Billy Graham Evangelistic Association, makes the point that the report of the United States Public Health Service that cigarette smoking is a menace to health and even to life itself presents "one of the greatest opportunities that Christians have ever had."

"Millions of smokers right now are looking for help—all the help they can get," the editorial asserts.

As for clergymen who smoke—surreptitiously or only—"the matter can be dodged no longer."

"Our ecclesiastical leaders need to set the example" and students for the ministry need to be encouraged "to see the cigarette for the minus sign that it is."

"Otherwise," the magazine concludes, "the church may sheepishly find itself being lectured to by a secular state on the relationship of health to morality."

—*Decision*

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Many pastors and churches of the Western North Carolina Conference and the North Carolina Conference have already this year, conducted drives for no longer needed clothing and their contributions are already ministering to the needy families in the area served by the North Wilkesboro District. Many families and children are warm and protected against the winter cold, by your gifts.

NEEDY FAMILIES WILL HAVE TO BE TURNED AWAY! UNLESS - - - -

Stocks of useable clothing have been used up, and the program's work will be hindered unless the Methodists of North Carolina come to the aid of the needy families and children. Dozens of families are depending on us to provide clothing and shoes. At least three hundred children who, without the program, would have to be absent from school, are given the opportunity to prepare themselves for life by getting an education.

To the Pastors and Churches of North Carolina Methodism:

We thank you if you have already made a drive this conference year. Your gifts have been a blessing to many people.

If you have not made a drive, please do so if possible.

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(2) after you have completed your drive—

If you are within a radius of approximately 150 miles from North Wilkesboro, call the Director, person to person, collect, and we will come and pick up your contribution.

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The greatest need is all kinds of clothing and shoes for children — babies up. However, we need clothing for all ages. We need bed clothing, blankets, quilts. We need clothing for all seasons, summer-winter.

It is not necessary to dry clean.

Do your spring cleaning early and send items no longer needed. Your contribution will be a blessing to some needy family.

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Pittsburgh . . . Renaissance City of America

Methodist Legislators to Converge There From Thirty-five Countries

By Dwight Carpenter

One of the first questions a visitor invariably asks a Pittsburgher today is, "What's new in Pittsburgh?" To the native Pittsburgher, change has become a constant which he accepts as readily as he does the weather.

The newest symbol of a dramatically growing metropolis stands near the heart of the inner city where a great steel "umbrella" rises out of the old Lower Hill District, at the base of the famous Golden Triangle.

Pittsburgh's newest, the $22 million Civic Arena, will be the scene of the General Conference of The Methodist Church, from April 26 to May 10, 1964.

At the touch of a button, the Arena's massive dome "folds up" within itself, providing an open amphitheater for civic light opera under the stars, a circus or rodeo. Closed, it can accommodate as many as 13,000 persons for hockey, basketball, boxing, ice shows and conventions.

The Arena is but the attraction of today in a city whose dramatic projects draw thousands of visitors, tourists, municipal officials and city planners from throughout the nation and the world.

Tomorrow will see the start of the new $23 million Municipal Stadium, future home of the Pittsburgh Pirates and the Pittsburgh Steelers; the redevelopment of hundreds of acres of business districts in the East End and the North Side; expansion of its already famous Medical Center in the Oakland section, and organization of a county-wide rapid transit system.

The battle against floods was stirred by the infamous St. Patrick's Day Flood of 1936 which left $100 million in damage and 36 lives in its wake. Aroused Pittsburghers prevailed upon the Federal Government to construct 10 major flood control projects on the headwaters of the Allegheny and the Monongahela Rivers. Eight of the projects are completed, reducing the rivers' crests by more than 10 feet.

Reconstruction and Transportation

Pittsburgh began at "The Point," where the Allegheny and the Monongahela Rivers join to form the Ohio, in 1758.

The state developed 36 acres into Point State Park built around the old Fort Pitt Blockhouse, last remnant of the old redoubt rebuilt by the British in 1764. Of special interest to Methodists is the fact that from 1796 to 1803, the Blockhouse, or "Bouquet's Redoubt," was the first Methodist preaching place in Pittsburgh.

In the adjacent 23 acres, Pittsburgh erected its answer to New York's Rockefeller Center—Gateway Center—rivaling any business section in the nation, houses modern glass and metal-clad office buildings, a Hilton Hotel, and a 750-car parking garage under a landscaped plaza.



"Dynamic, panoramic, dramatic, automatic, high, wide and handsome" is the way Pittsburghers describe the city's new $22 million Civic Arena. The 1964 Methodist General Conference will meet under this steel umbrella, the world's largest dome. Parking space for 1,700 cars surrounds the structure.

Uptown, simultaneously rose two other skyscrapers which assure Pittsburgh's position as the steel capital and the aluminum capital of the world. The new 30-story Aluminum Company of America building, faced entirely in aluminum, is an architectural innovation. A block away is the new United States Steel-Mellon skyscraper which towers 41 stories. Altogether, 29 new buildings have joined the skyline since the renaissance began.

The state completed a $140 million non-toll expressway which bisects the city, connecting in the West with the new airport, and in the East with the Pennsylvania Turnpike. The Penn-Lincoln Parkway includes two modern tunnels and the world's first double-tiered bridge.

The Parkway ends in the West at an interchange which leads to the new Greater Pittsburgh Airport. Opened in 1952, the $43 million airport is the second largest in the world.

Redevelopment

In the lower hill area, where the Civic Arena has become the centerpiece for a new business-and-arts center, more than 8,500 persons, living in 95 acres of substandard tenements, were relocated—many of them to new housing projects which have sprung up around the city.

Altogether, more than 266 acres have been completely redeveloped and another 483 acres are on the drawing boards for top priority rehabilitation.

Heading up this redevelopment activity is Robert B. Pease, executive director of the Pittsburgh Urban Redevelopment Authority. Mr. Pease is an active Methodist layman, and is president of the Pittsburgh 1964 Methodist General Conference Committee, host to the forthcoming world-wide meeting.

Research and Education

Today, Pittsburgh ranks as one of the world's great industrial research capitals. No less than 67 major research centers now circle a 35-mile range of the granddaddy of all industrial research facilities, Mellon Institute of Industrial Research, located in Oakland.

Already famous as the home of U. S. Steel, Aluminum Company of America, Gulf Oil Corp., H. J. Heinz Co., Westinghouse Airbrake, and Westinghouse Electric Corp., in late 1957, Pittsburgh became the site of the world's first full-scale plans using atomic fuel to produce commercial electricity.

Research and education have advanced together. The University of Pittsburgh erected or acquired $50 million of new buildings; Duquesne University started the largest expansion in its 76-year history; Carnegie Institute of Technology opened the nation's first Graduate School of Industrial Administration as part of its $24 million expansion; Chatham College and Mount Mercy Academy completed extensive improvement programs.

★ CAROLINA BRIEFS ★

¶ Bishop Nolan B. Harmon will preach at 11:00 a.m. next Sunday, March 8, at First Methodist Church at Granite Falls. Rev. Ray F. Swink is the pastor.

¶ Dr. Albert P. Shirkey, pastor of Mount Vernon Place Methodist Church, Washington, D. C., preached in special services last week at the Myers Park Church, Charlotte, of which Dr. J. Clay Madison is pastor.

¶ Dr. J. E. Garlington, pastor of First Church, Clinton, will preach in revival services at Asbury Church, Durham, March 15-20. Rev. John T. Maides is pastor of Asbury Church.

¶ Revival services will be conducted at the Hoyle Memorial Methodist Church, Shelby, March 8-13. Rev. J. J. Powell is the pastor. The visiting preacher will be Dr. J. Clay Madison, pastor of Myers Park Church, Charlotte.

¶ Revival services will be conducted at Tabernacle Church of Townsville, beginning March 22 and continuing through March 26. The guest minister will be the Rev. Wasena F. Wright of Gibsonville. The public is invited to attend.

¶ The Tower Players, High Point College dramatics group, will present three one-act plays this spring. Scheduled for presentation on March 5-6 are "Zoo Story" and "The Sandbox" by Edward Albee, and "The Bald Soprano," by Eugene Ionesco.

¶ Rev. and Mrs. Thomas R. Conway announce the birth of a son, John Timothy, on February 7, 1964. The Conways have another son, Thomas Reid, II. Mr. Conway is pastor of the Cobb Circuit, Burlington District. Mrs. Conway is the former Anna Ruth Carper, daughter of Rev. and Mrs. John Carper of Lenoir.

¶ Dr. A. Purnell Bailey, superintendent of the Richmond, Va., district, preached last week in revival services at Queen Street Church, Kinston, of which Rev. W. Stanley Potter is the pastor. Dr. Bailey spoke both morning and evening, and spoke over radio also. We are told the attendance was excellent—the church being crowded even for the 10:30 services in the morning.

¶ First Methodist Church, Conover, First Church, Newton, First Church, Maiden, Catawba and Claremont churches will join in a visitation campaign the second weekend in March. Dr. Leroy Walker of the Board of Evangelism, Nashville, will be present to instruct and direct. The groups will meet at First Church, Newton, March 7, 8, and 9, at 6:30 for supper and instructions.

¶ Lenten revival services will be held in the Madison Church, beginning Sunday night, March 8, with the Rev. Orion Hutchinson, Jr., as the visiting minister. His theme for the week will be "Christ's Mission and Ours." The pastor, Rev. C. A. Rhinehart, along with the congregation, extends a cordial invitation to the people of this area to share in this effort for spiritual enrichment during this holy season.

¶ Dr. Edgar B. Fisher, pastor of Jarvis Memorial Methodist Church in Greenville, is preaching this week in revival services at Trinity Church, Wilmington, of which Rev. Allen C. Lee is pastor. Dr. Fisher formerly served Trinity Church as pastor.

¶ The annual Quiet Day service of the Woman's Society of Christian Service of the Greensboro District will be held at Trinity Methodist Church Thursday, March 12 at 10:30 a.m. Mrs. Wilson Weldon will be the speaker. The church is located at 2207 Pinecroft Road, in the southeast area of the city.

¶ Union County School for Christian Workers is being held this week at Central Methodist Church, Monroe. Director is the Rev. Harley Williams. Instructors include Dr. C. W. Quimby, Mrs. E. H. Ould, Rev. John Hawkins, Dr. Raymond A. Smith, Dr. W. Arthur Kale, Rev. Bryan Crenshaw and Dr. John M. Youninger.

¶ The Walstonburg-Tabernacle Methodist Men's Club of the Goldsboro District had its Annual Ladies Night, Monday, February 24, at Parker's Barbecue in Wilson. The District Lay Leader of the Goldsboro Subdistrict, Robert C. Rose, was the speaker He spoke on the subject of "Our Children." This was a wonderful message, says Rev. C. R. Hollowell, pastor.

¶ Dr. F. Olen Hunt, Director of the Department of Gifts and Wills of the Methodist Foundation will be speaking at Pembroke State College in Pembroke on Friday, March 6. On Sunday, March 8, Dr. Hunt will be guest preacher in Centenary Methodist Church, New Bern for the morning service. The Rev. W. R. Stevens is pastor of the church.

¶ Dr. Clovis Chappel, noted Methodist minister, will preach each morning and evening, March 8-13, in Jordan Memorial Methodist Church, Ramseur. He will also attend the monthly meeting of the ministers of the High Point District to be held at Randleman March 9. Rev. Preston Hughes, Jr., pastor, invites all who can do so to attend the services.

¶ The Midway Methodist Church, Kannapolis, will hold Palm Sunday and Home Coming services Sunday, March 22, and will also begin the Holy Week preaching services at the same time. The pastor, Rev. Frank H. Edwards, will do the preaching and will be assisted in the song service by Rev. Henry Flowers, pastor of the Bethpage Church.

¶ The Creedmoor Methodist Church is holding a week of revival services March 2-6 at 7:30 each evening. The preacher is Rev. Al Simonton, pastor of Glendale Heights Methodist Church in Durham. Rev. Mr. Simonton is the Durham District Director of Evangelism and he is a very capable evangelist. Mr. Joel Cross is leading the congregational singing. Special music is provided by the Children's Choir, the Chancel Choir, and by the Men's Quartet of Creedmoor Methodist Church. Rev. J. C. Alexander, Jr. is the pastor.

¶ First Methodist Church, Valdese, will begin revival services next Sunday, March 8, and run the 11th. Rev. Mitchell Faulkner of Shelby will be the visiting preacher. Rev. Earl R. Haire is the pastor.

¶ Centenary Methodist Church, Salisbury District, will hold revival services March 15-20 with Rev. Fletcher E. Howard, pastor of Chadwick Methodist Church, Charlotte, as the preacher. Rev. Paul M. Dennis is the pastor.

¶Murfreesboro Methodist Church's Commission on Membership and Evangelism announces revival services at the church March 9-13 at 8:00 P.M. Guest preacher will be the Reverend Charles Mercer of Smithfield, N. C. Cottage prayer meetings will be conducted on Sunday night, March eight.

¶ Five North Carolinians have contributed daily devotion articles to the March issue of the Upper Room. The devotion for March 14 is furnished by Cecil E. McFarland; March 17 by Rev. D. W. Charlton; April 11 by Rev. Jack H. Cooke; April 20 by Rev. Sulon G. Ferree; and April 22 by George W. Bryant.

¶ Westminster Methodist Church of Kinston, Rev. Robert McKenzie, Jr., pastor, will observe its 12th anniversary March 15 at the 11:00 o'clock service. A picnic luncheon will be served in the Fellowship Hall following the morning service. Westminster has become a strong virile church of more than 500 members and church-plant valued at $182,500, and a parsonage valued at $25,600.

¶ Bishop Odd Hagen, presiding bishop of the Northern Europe Area will arrive in the United States on March 23. He will preach at some point to be decided on Good Friday and Easter. He will attend the World Consultation at Gatlinburg, Tenn., visit Nashville, attend the Council of Bishops meeting, and attend the General Conference in Pittsburgh. He will return to Scandinavia immediately following General Conference.

¶ The Rev. Dr. Billy Graham, has been selected to receive The Upper Room Citation for 1964. The citation is to be awarded at the 15th Annual Upper Room Citation Dinner for Dr. Graham's many contributions to the cause of World Christian Fellowship. The announcement has been made by the Rev. Dr. J. Manning Potts, editor of *The Upper Room,* an interdenominational publication known as the world's most widely used daily devotional guide.

¶ The Executive Committee of the Southeastern Jurisdictional Council of the Methodist Church is holding its annual meeting this week at Methodist College, Fayetteville. The committee is composed of all active and retired bishops of the area and other distinguished leaders of Methodism. On Thursday evening a convocation known as the "Bishops' Preaching Mission" will be held at Hay Street Church in the evening. Bishop Marvin A. Franklin of the Jackson, Miss., Area will be the main speaker. The Methodist College Choir will be featured in the Musical program, with soloists. Bishop Paul N. Garber and Bishop Nolan B. Harmon will be present and participate.

¶ Dr. Glenn S. Gothard, member of the General Board of Education, Nashville, Tenn., met with the Educational Building Planning Committee of Broad Street Methodist Church, Mooresville. Broad Street Church is looking forward to an Educational Building Program in the near future. Rev. Robert J. Goldston is pastor.

¶ Dr. D. E. Earnhardt will preach in a revival meeting at East Rockingham Methodist Church beginning Sunday evening, March 8, and running through the following Friday night. Dr. Earnhardt is a former pastor of First Church, Rockingham, and a former District Superintendent of the Fayetteville District. Rev. I. J. Strawbridge is pastor at East Rockingham.

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Notice

The Commission on Christian Higher Education of the Western North Carolina Conference will hold its annual meeting on Tuesday, March 10, at 11:00 a.m. in the Library Lounge at Greensboro College.

WILSON O. WELDON, *Chairman*

In Memoriam

WILLIAM DAVID SHARBER

William David Sharber, Route 5, Elizabeth City, N. C., was born November 25, 1878 and died January 18, 1964. He was married November 24, 1904 and was a life-long member of Newland Methodist Church. He was a subscriber of the North Carolina Christian Advocate for sixty years.

He was 86 years of age and a member of the Official Board of his church for over fifty years. All nine of his children are active members of the Methodist church today.

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MRS. MAMIE DICKINSON JORDAN

To the heart-warming memory of Mrs. Mamie Dickinson Jordan, who died on January, 26, 1964, the Woman's Society of Christian Service of the Bailey Methodist Church pays tribute. Her ever-present happy personality, daily example of quiet service, love, and compassion will always characterize her in the minds of those who knew her as a neighbor, nurse, friend, and mother.

In token of her loyalty and service in various capacities to her church and WSCS, she was voted the Methodist woman by her Society and presented a life membership pin.

We shall forever cherish her friendship, her example, and her love; and we extend our sincere sympathy to her family.

Mrs. A. P. Finch, **President**
Woman's Society of Christian Service



Bishop Purcell Perceived Clearly

Three days before we celebrated the birth date of The Great Emancipator we mourned the death of Bishop Purcell, another leader who worked for Union. Lincoln would save the Union without slavery or with it. The nation was his great concern.

Bishop Purcell led our conference in the critical days of Methodist Merger. He had favored the reunited church in the debate and conflict of the first efforts. I have heard him refer to the prayer of the saintly McDowell, "O God, give us a church that Christ can use." Thus the impasse was passed. In these prosperous, placid days it is easy for us to forget the onus of those trying days before the great climatic meeting at Kansas City. We were on shouting ground when the bishops embraced and 14000 delegates and friends lifted our triumphant doxology. Then we went home to do the work at grassroots—some of it crabgrass.

I was asked by Bishop Purcell to help carry the load in the Greensboro-High Point district where the adiustment between the "MEs, MESses and MPs" was not too easy at first but we had the leadership of a clearheaded Bishop. He was only three years my senior but in wisdom he was my father and from many errors saved me. We faced two difficult factors; how to exchange our pastors across former denominational lines, and reassign our returning chaplains. We did the first rather rapidly and successfully and most of our men were happily located. As to the second, Bishop Purcell had been a chaplain and was very sympathetic to the gallant boys who entered the services. I had helped some of them to enter and they had a friend at court. I am still proud of them.

Our Bishop was a great patriot. I recall his burdened spirit when he prophesied, "They will dismember Germany." But he was free from hatred and greatly rejoiced when it was over. In the Cabinet he was attentive to each situation, little churches as well as large. If at times he was mildly accused of allowing the laymen a larger voice in making the appointments, we must remember that then it was necessary. Many of the pastors had not had and did not really want a D.S. or Bishop. But they early learned to respect and love the Bishop How fortunate in deed that we had such a man at the helm as we sailed between Scylla and Charybdis!

Bishop Purcell was genuinely pious without pretense. Once when a guest in our home I handed him the Sunday paper. "I thank you, I will, but I will not read it now." The day of rest, worship and preaching was ahead of him. Possibly that accounts for the high average excellence of his pulpit ministry. Not flashingly brilliant but always sound and helpful. If he seldom soared he never failed. I can see how he lasted and grew in his pastorates.

He was not lavish in his praise, but I will long gratefully recall things like this, "You have gone the second mile" and "keep up your writing." (Maybe that is the reason, Editor, you have this paper). He also rebuked diplomatically. "Your district is supposd to lead." Twice I was offered a choice of appointments. My reply, "No, Bishop, you make the appointment, I will go gladly." If he knew you would get the shrot end of the stick he talked it over with one kindly.

Our minds met on matters like this, "We are building churches faster than we are making preachers," or "the expanding program and over-organization is killing the pulpit," taking so many of our fine men into other positions and calling them to so many meetings.

His keen sense of humor was as clean as an angels wing and about as elevating. Once when I boldly teased him about leaving North Carolina for Alabama he replied "Alabama means here-we-rest." He used the broad "A" and he really loved his home land. Now after a brief rest he has found his true Alabama. Hail and farewell, Man of Great Poise. You have left us a life to emulate.

Standing on the threshhold I am sure he
Calmly looked on either life, and here
Saw nothing to regret, nor there to fear.

——L. B. HAYES

To Conclude Training Schools

The annual series of Christian training schools in the Western North Carolina Methodist Conference, sponsored by the Conference Board of Education and local participating churches, will be concluded this approaching week.

Schools are scheduled March 8-12 as follows, according to Dr. Carl H. King, executive secretary of the Board of Education:

Rockingham County Training School in First Methodist Church, Reidsville; Anson County Training School in First Methodist Church, Wadesboro; and the Lexington Area Training School in First Methodist Church, Lexington.

Two other March schools will end this week.

Both the Gaston County Training School in First Methodist Church, Gastonia; and the Union County Training School in Central Methodist Church, Monroe, were held March 1-5.

Dr. King said that classes and instructors for the 1964-65 schools are now being planned.

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EDITORIALS

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The Time Is Extended

Several of our friends over the two conferences have asked us to extend the time briefly for securing ADVOCATE subscriptions on the special offer, since they got started a little late. We are happy to do so, and will accept subscriptions through the month of March on the same basis, allowing a discount to the WSCS or MYF which meets the 15 per cent or 10 per cent goal.

We have been well pleased with the response. Quite a number of churches have sent us a good list of subscribers, both new and renewals. Some have even gone on the every family plan.

May we urge once more our pastors to give special emphasis to this matter. Turn it over to the WSCS or the MYF. Experience has proven that a large number of subscriptions can be secured where people are contacted and given an opportunity. A real service can be rendered in this way, for it will help the church as well as the individual. Some churches have sent in more than a hundred subscriptions, and are continuing to send them.

The ADVOCATE is definitely a part of The Methodist Church program in North Carolina. It is owned by the Methodists. It keeps them informed, and we hope it furnishes some inspiration. "An informed Meethodist is a better Methodist." We urge every church, large or small, to use the month of March to secure subscriptions for the church paper.

One Great Hour of Sharing

Next Sunday, March 8, Methodists will join in One Great Hour of Sharing. This is a joint observance of some 27 Protestant groups in a united appeal for overseas relief. It is designed to minister to the needs of people. The Methodist offering will be used for (1) Overseas relief; (2) Crusade scholarships; (3) Civilian ministry to service men overseas; (4) National Missions projects.

It is estimated that $1.00 distributes over 300 pounds of U.S. surplus food overseas; maintains an orphan child for three days.

$5.00 provides grain for one month for a family in India; gives a hot lunch for a week to 25 children in Yugoslavia.

$10.00 provides shoes for 16 Korean children; gives four pounds of flour per month for six months for 100 children.

$25.00 makes possible a chest operation for a tubercular patient, etc.

This is a fine ministry, and we trust our interest will be properly expressed by a good response to this call.

THEME FOR THE WEEK

"Woe unto them that are at ease in Zion, and trust in the mountain of Samaria, which are named chief of the nations, to whom the house of Israel came!"
—Amos 6:1.

Methodists Provide Comfort And Security for the Aging

Perhaps no church is doing more in the field of providing for the aged than is The Methodist Church. Within the past few years many homes of retirement or homes for the aged have been established in the various conferences across the nation. Here in North Carolina are two of the finest. The one in Charlotte has been in operation since 1948, and has developed into one of the best to be found anywhere. Recently a $3,500,000 Nursing Center was opened. Mr. Willard Farrow is the efficient administrator. In Durham, under the direction of the Rev. Joseph F. Coble is another of these fine homes being operated most efficiently and caring for a large number of people, both ministers and laymen, men and women. It was established in 1953. These two fine institutions are valued at millions of dollars, and are rendering a most worthy service.

It was our privilege the other day to visit the Wesley Manor Retirement Home below Jacksonville, Florida, being provided by the Florida Conference. This also is a magnificent structure, costing $5,250,000, and is nearing completion. It is providing adequately for more than 300 persons, and is expected to be opened about the first of May. Rev. Thomas D. Ryan, a member of the Florida Conference, is the executive director, and his wife is a very efficient assistant. Open house was held Sunday afternoon, February 16. Mrs. Ryan was in charge of the group to which this writer and his wife were privileged to belong, and she showed us over the entire construction and explained the plans for its operation.

These are only three of the 134 Homes provided by The Methodist Church which offers a place of security and comfort for those who reach their declining years and need such service. The North Carolina CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE will soon be carrying a special issue featuring each of the two homes in North Carolina. To inspect them and become aware of what they have to offer is to admire and want to support them.

A Theology of Evangelism In Christian Education

BY LOWELL BRESTEL HAZZARD

(Excerpts from an address, dealing with the new curriculum, delivered during the Evangelistic Mission held at West Market Street Church, Greensboro, Jan. 13-14.)

Some weeks ago, as I was speaking to a group about the new curriculum called "Christian Studies for Methodist Children," a man looked at me and said, "We do have a theology of evangelism in Christian education, don't we?" We do. That is the reason for the subject of this address.

This afternoon, two of your number were telling about experiences in local churches in which it was apparent that the Holy Spirit was at work. I believe the same thing is true in what is happening in Methodist curriculum.

Let me illustrate what is happening by telling another story. A year and a half ago, one of the children's editors called me from Nashville. He said, "We want you and Dr. Edwards, your colleague at Wesley Seminary, to write a unit for the new curriculum, for fifth and sixth graders, entitled, 'The Story the Bible Tells'."

I remembered that I had written an eighth grade unit some years ago, entitled "The Story in the Bible." I thought, "Well, I could do that easily." So I replied in the affirmative.

Then he said a strange thing. He said, "But we don't want you to do what you did before."

When I inquired what he meant, he said, "Before, you wrote the human story in the Bible, the story of what men did. We want you to write the **divine story**, the story of what God was doing."

This seems to be significant. I think it is the measure of the difference between the contemporary Methodist curriculum, and the curriculum of fifteen years ago. We are witnessing a rebirth of Biblical and theological concern. That, I think, is the work of the Holy Spirit.

Not that the old curriculum was not good. The Methodist Church has always given of its best to the work of the church school. But there was in the curriculum of the last generation a Biblical and theological inadequacy, which simply reflected the Biblical and theological inadequacy of the church in general. And now it is a new day. Biblical and theological concern have come back into their own.

The result of this, however, is an evangelistic emphasis which is inevitable. For the Bible is evangelistic, and so a Biblically and theologically oriented curriculum must be evangelistic. Let us see how this is. I only have time to make three points, but they are important.

1. The theology of the new curriculum begins where the theology of all evangelism begins, with the conviction that **all men are sinners.**

The new curriculum is Biblical. That is where the Bible begins.

In the Bible, man is made in the image of God. That means that man is made with the capacity to reflect God, to respond to him.

In order that man may be able to respond, however, he must be made free. One cannot say, "Yes" meaningfully, unless he can say, "No."

Consequently, at the beginning of the Bible, here are Adam and Eve in the garden of Eden. Just one fruit had been prohibited. It was prohibited in order to keep man in his place. God must be first, not man.

So here is Eve in the garden. As she looks about, she is not grateful for God's abundant provision. The only fruit she wants is the one she cannot have. This is human nature.

And the voice she hears, is the voice of her own self-will saying, "Who does this God

think he is anyway? He may have made me, but he isn't going to run me. Nobody is going to tell me what to do.

Now, Adam and Eve are every man and every woman. And what this story says is that this is what is basically wrong with us all. Every one of us, no matter how good he may be otherwise, has this characteristic, that we want to run our own lives. In this fact are the roots of sin.

You see, we have to be free selves in order to be persons. This selfhood of ours is potentially good. But there are just two things we can do with it.

We can say, as Eve did, "I'm a self. I'm free. I can do as I please. I will do as I please." This is our natural bent. And in this lie the roots of all sin.

Or we can say, "I'm a self. I'm free. This selfhood of mine is the greatest gift that God has given me. Freely and fully I render it back to him. God, you take me and use me as you will." This, by God's help, we may do. But until we have, we remain sinners, intent on running our own lives.

The church is full of people today, who, good though they may be, have never fully and completely put themselves into the hands of God. So we have to begin with man's sinfulness.

2. But the second thing that is involved here, which gives us a theology of evangelism, is the necessity of **decision.**

Religious education has sometimes understressed this. Horace Bushnell painted the picture of a child, growing up in a Christian home, and in the church, who need never know when he was not a Christian.

This picture of the child who, through nurture, comes naturally into the Christian experience, is true except for one point. Even he has to make the basic decision, consciously and meaningfully, to put his life into the hands of God. No matter in how good a home we have been brought up, we have to make this decision. It does not make itself automatically.

This, then, is one of the major tasks of the curriculum. And the new curriculum joins hands with those whose special interest has always been evangelism in declaring—Everything in our teaching must lead up to decision. No other outcome is worthy of the time we spend.

This does not mean "decision days." It does not mean herding children into the church at a certain age, to keep up the statistics, and as though there were some magical efficacy in getting children's names on the church roll.

But it does mean seeking Christian decision from every child or youth at the time when he or she, individually, is ready to make that decision.

3. But that leads us to the third point in our theology of evangelism. The curriculum believes that God's way of winning men to that decision was the sending of **Jesus Christ.**

Of course, the curriculum has always stressed Jesus, but sometimes pretty much as the great teacher. This is not enough. He must be seen as God's revelation, as God's gift.

So we are stressing incarnation, as we have not in a long time. I have just finished writing the Christmas lesson. And I could not write it simply as the story of a baby's birth. Before I wrote it, I had to write a whole lesson asking, "Who came?" This was not just a human baby, even the most wonderful in all history.





Bishop Walter C. Gum of the Louisville, Kentucky Area will be the preacher for a series of evangelistic services at Front Street Church, Burlington, Sunday, March 15 through Friday, March 20. Services will be held weekdays, 10:00 a.m. and 7:30 p.m. Bishop Gum, who for many years was a leader in Virginia Methodism, was elected a Bishop of The Methodist Church July 15, 1960, and assigned to supervision of the Kentucky and Louisville Annual Conferences. Front Street Church invites Methodists of the Burlington area to attend the services.

This was God's gift. "Love came down at Christmas."

There will be a whole lesson on the meaning of the cross—based on Romans 3, if you please—a passage we used to think we could not make meaningful to children.

But the point I am now making is the point that the decision which must be called for is a decision for **Christ.** It is in him that God came to win men to himself.

So this is where education comes necessarily and deeply into the program of evangelism. If those of us who make curriculum are holding ourselves to a much more profound theology, we ask that those whose great concern is evangelism will hold to a far more realistic decision.

The question can't be, "You want to join the church, don't you? All the other boys and girls are." It can't be an institutional or statistical thing. Neither can it be couched in clinches of any sort.

The decision we call for must be a decision for a Christ whose life they know and whose teaching they understand. When one really meets Christ in all his glory, one meets God. And that is why education must be such an important part of the process of decision.

I have long felt that the fighting within the fellowship which used to go on between the forces of education and the forces of evangelism is stupid and suicidal. That is why I have written curriculum for the Board of Education and taught the theology of evangelism for the Board of Evangelism. I have felt that they belonged together.

That is why I welcome the new curriculum, with its positive evangelistic emphasis. And that is why I have no hesitation in asking the people in our church whose concern is deeply evangelistic—Pastors, members of Commissions on Evangelism—to support in every way what the Board of Education is doing in preparing and promoting "Christian Studies for Methodist Children."

Whatever divisions there may have been among us, they need be no longer. We have a theology of evangelism in Christian education.

WNC Conference Commission on Methodist Information Meets

The Commission on Methodist Information of the Western North Carolina Conference met for a delightful luncheon and business meeting at High Point College Monday, February 24 at 12:00 noon. There are 34 members of the commission, and a goodly number of them were present. Bishop Nolan B. Harmon is largely responsible for bringing the commission into existence, and the members expressed to him their appreciation for this fact. It was felt that the commission is rendering a very valuable service to Methodism within the bounds of the conference as well as outside the state.

Mr. John Borchert is the very efficient director and also serves as secretary to the group. Mr. Holt McPherson, editor and publisher of the *High Point Enterprise,* has served as chairman of the commission since it was established. John Paul Lucas of Charlotte is vice chairman; Mr. Fred D. Russell of Charlotte is treasurer. All officers were re-elected.

In the set-up each of the 13 districts has a district director appointed by the district superintendent, who works in conjunction with the the conference director in channeling news to the proper media. The commission discussed and took action on several important matters.

The members also voted to hold a training workshop for its district directors of Methodist Information in the fall of 1964 at High Point College; and to prepare an award in the field of reporting religion which would go to a reporter or announcer within the bounds of the conference. The award is to be presented during the annual meeting early in 1965.

To Lecture at Pfeiffer College

The lecture hall of the Harris Science Building at Pfeiffer College will open again to area high school science students and the general public on March 12 when Dr. Lawrence M. Slifkin lectures on "Crystals: Perfect and Imperfect." His lecture is scheduled for 7:30 p.m.

The University of North Carolina professor of Physics will serve as a visiting lecturer at Pfeiffer on March 11 and 12. His visit is one in a series of distinguished academic authorities to make presentations on the college campus during this year. Dr. Harold P. Stephenson, head of Pfeiffer's Physics program, is in charge of the arrangements for this visit.

Notice

By action of the 1960 session of the Western North Carolina Annual Conference all invitations to entertain the Annual Conference shall be in written form and shall be placed in the hands of the Chairman of the Conference Entertainment Committee sixty days prior to the opening of the Annual Conference on June 3, 1964. Therefore, invitations to entertain the 1965 session will be received gladly until midnight of April 3, 1964. Invitations should be directed to THE REV. HARLAN L. CREECH, JR., Chairman, 200 South Church Street, Salisbury, North Carolina.

HARLAN L. CREECH, JR., *Chairman*



By Mary Gardner

The Little Sprinklers

By Sneed Ogburn

"Stop it! Stop it!" said a little voice as the family was eating breakfast. "Here! Here! If you do that way we can't do our work."

What was happening?

Why Johnny, in his eagerness to get out and play with his dog, was forgetting something. First, here came breakfast-food, then ham and eggs. Before he had chewed these, he swallowed hard. Then he took prunes and a glass of milk.

He tried to talk.

"Mother!" he said, "I blub-sub-er-dig!"

But of course Mother didn't understand. And before he tried again, he took cookies and grape juice.

"Oh, I'm drowned. Good-bye, fellows!" said another little voice as he was washed down Johnny's throat.

Johnny was troubled. Since Mother didn't understand, he turned to Father: "Daddy! wha-my-fo-ner—?"

But Daddy was worse than Mother; so Johnny began to cry. Tears began to run down into the porridge dish, and a little voice cried: "Oh shucks! Here we are in his breakfast!" Another said: "I'd be jolly glad, if I were not so mad!" Then another: "I'd be plenty fat if I were a rat!"

Johnny heard and asked "Father, what are they saying?"

"Who?" said Daddy. And while he listened, another sang out: "Inkler! Tinkler! Winkler! I'm only a porridge sprinkler!"

"There!" said Johnny. "What does he mean?"

"You ask him," said Daddy.

Looking down, Johnny asked: "What are you?"

One little fellow sat on the edge of the bowl, crossed his legs and said: "We are sprinklers. We put juices on the food in the mouth to help you digest your food. Without us you might get into a bad fix. Remember that time you had a tummie-ache?" Johnny remembered.

"Yes, he spoke the truth," said Daddy. "They must sprinkle everything we eat. They get busy as firemen at a fire. If we eat too fast, they can't keep up. I isten! . . ."

"Hey Big Fellow, Clown or Dude!"
"Why send the food down here unchewed?"

Johnny took a mouthful, chewed it a whole minute, and sent it down. This is what he heard:

"This is mully-gully-glee'
Heap-big-fun for him and me!"
and
"Roll 'em in, bite 'em in!
We'll take 'em down.
They will find delight in 'em
When the eats come 'round."

And Johnny was a friend of Little Sprinklers always after that.

What Is the Answer

Have you ever, as a girl, prayed for a great big beautiful doll? I have. I prayed every night around Christmas time, and when Christmas morning came, I saw the very doll I had prayed for. You may say, "It was just luck, your mother knew what you wanted." But that is not the Christian attitude, and that's what we hope to bring to you this week. This little story proves you do not have to be old and wise to have your prayers answered. No matter what your age, you can pray to God and He will answer your prayers. Whether they be yes or no—they will be answered.

In prayer you need not pray for 24 hours or more like some of the great men in Christ's day did. All that is necessary is faith. Remember prayer is the way to heaven, but faith unlocks the door. Tell God your problems. He knows you will have these problems even before you have them. Surely He can solve them for you by guiding you in the right direction.

Have you ever asked God to help you pass an exam after you have studied real hard? Did He help you to remember the answers the next day in your class room? If He did, you felt real good, and warm inside, didn't you? If not, perhaps you do not know God or Christ. I couldn't begin to tell you how to find Christ, but He is waiting for you with outstretched hands.

You may say, "I had rather play my records or do my sewing or go to parties," but it was God who made the man who made the records who sold them to you. Since it was He, why not take five or ten minutes out of your busy day, which God gave you, and thank Him for those things which you enjoy.

Yes, prayer is the answer.

(Editor's note: The foregoing devotional was written by Sara Frances Cockfield, a member of the intermediate department of the First Methodist Church, Bennettsville, S. C. She read the devotional on the opening night of the church's Christian Adventure Week. We think it is also good for juniors.)

Not a Guest

A mother was teaching her little girl a blessing to say at the table. It started like this—"Dear Lord, come and be our guest. . ."

The child interrupted, saying, "Mommy, I don't like that one. Teach me another."

"Darling, what's wrong with it?" asked her mother in surprise.

"Mommy," said the little girl, "a guest is someone who comes and stays a few days, and we want Jesus to stay with us all the time."

Who Was the Happy Giver?

Jack came up to his teacher before class to hand her some money for the missionary fund the class was raising. "A whole quarter!" exclaimed the teacher. "That will surely help a great deal."

"Yes, I thought so," answered Jack; "but it doesn't make any difference to me. I can get another from daddy any time I want it."

A few minutes later Dick came up to the teacher. His face beamed as he placed a nickel in her hand. "I earned it," he said. "My mother gave it to me for coming in from play to go on a long errand. First I was going to buy an ice cream cone with it and then I remembered how five cents would feed a child in China for a whole day, so I brought it to you."

Bible Quiz

1—Finish this quotation: "Except ye be converted and become as little children, ye ———."
2—What people who were not children were called children?
3—What great prophet was teased by children saying, "Go up, thou bald head?"
4—What great building did "the children of men" build?
5—According to Jeremiah, what happens when the fathers have eaten a sour grape?"

Answers to Last Week's Questions

1—The children of God (Matthew 5:9)
2—Thirteen—twelve sons and one daughter (Genesis 29:30)
3—The Second Commandment (Exodus 20:5)
5—Herod (Matthew 2:16)
5—Salome (Mark 15:40)



Men's Bible Class Honored Rev. Enoch H. Spencer

The Men's Bible Class of Abernethy Memorial Church, Newton, honored the Rev. Enoch Hardy Spencer on his 80th birthday Sunday, February 9. In brief, the history of Mr. Spencer's career and that of the Church is in inscribed on the marker. It reads as follows:

"Early in 1912 a band of people met for Sunday School in Mr. Spencer's home. In 1913 the group organized a new Methodist society. After being superintendent of the Sunday School for eight years, Mr. Spencer entered the Methodist ministry in 1920, and served effectively for 26 years. Retiring in 1946, the Rev. Mr. Spencer returned home to Newton. He became teacher of the Men's Bible Class in October 1956."

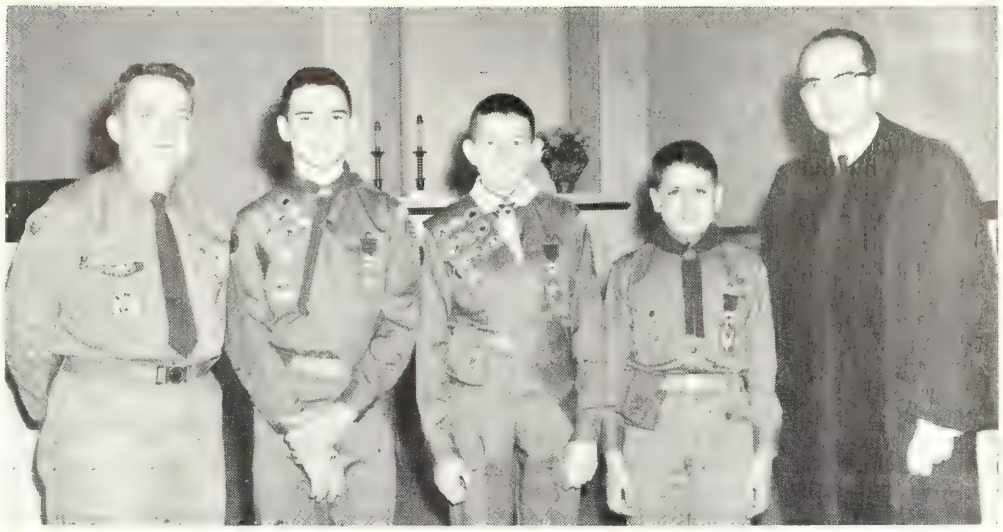
A further statement on the back of the marker gives information pertaining to the Church itself, and includes the names and dates of all the pastors.

"The Methodist society organized in 1913 eventually become Abernethy Memorial Methodist Church and was embraced by the Blue Ridge Atlantic and Western North Carolina Conferences respectively. The pastors (20 of them) who served this church helped perpetuate the spirit and tradition of the group who met in Mr. Spencers home in 1912."

On the side of the marker are the names of those who entered the ministry from this church. Besides Mr. Spencer, there are: J. F. Hester (AS), 1921; Mrs. Stella Price (LP); A. A. Wilson, 1959; and B. C. Sweezy, 1958.

Dr. Chappell to Speak to Ministers

Dr. Clovis Chappell will be guest speaker at the luncheon hour for the High Point District Methodist Ministers Association when it meets at the First Methodist Church in Randleman on Monday, March 9. Dr. Chappell, one of America's most outstanding ministers, is a "preacher's preacher," whose books of sermons, and other books, have been widely rad by preachers for many years. Dr. Chappell is preaching in a revival series at the Jordan Memorial Methodist Church in Ramseur March 8-13. Services are to be held each evening at 7:30 and morning services will be held March 9-13 at 10:30 a. m. A nursery will be provided during the morning services.



Above is a picture of a recent presentation of the God and Country Award to three Charlotte Boy Scouts. They are members of Troop 97 of Kilgo Methodist Church. Left to right are Robert Dula, Scoutmaster; Albert P. Earnhardt, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph L. Earnhardt; James E. Slusher, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. James E. Slusher; Frank A. Dieter, son of Mr. and Mrs. Donn L. Dieter; and Rev. Kenneth D. Crouse, pastor, who made the presentation.

New Educational Facilities For First Church, Mount Olive

Members of the First Methodist Church, Mount Olive, have oversubscribed their minimum goal of $80,000.00 in their Crusade of Progress. The Crusade was launched in mid-December when Rev. Forrest Reynolds of the Department of Field Service and Finance of the Division of National Missions of the Board of Missions of The Methodist Church, met with the Official Board and the Building Committee, and plans for a Crusade were approved. The services of Mr. Reynolds were secured to direct the campaign.

Rev. Christian White, pastor, announced last Sunday at the morning worship service that $85,717.00 has been raised in cash and pledges. It is the plan to begin construction sometime around the first of June, 1964. Plans are being drawn by Mr. Walter Burgess, A. I. A., of Burgess and Smart, Raleigh, and have already been approved by the Official Board, Building Committee and the congregation.

The immediate needs are 1. A Children's Building to be built to the rear of the existing Educational Building. 2. A Fellowship Hall to be built at the front of the present Educational Building. 3. Renovation of present facilities to include a new kitchen, lounge, library, classrooms and complete air conditioning. The master plan calls for a new sanctuary, additional classrooms and further renovation of the present sanctuary, to include a chapel.

Fred L. Meacham was general chairman of the Executive Committee of the Crusade of Progress, and is chairman of the Building Committee. Other members of the Building Committee are: F. A. Andrews, William C. Bizzell, Mrs. Erma Byrd, R. L. Cox, Mrs. Frank T. Clifton, James S. Glenn, J. Bruce Herring, Borden Kornegay, W. D. Kornegay, Jr., Mrs. W. D. Kornegay, Jr., Dan H. Outlaw, Paul R. Patten, E. J. Jope, Jr., Clayton Summerlin, Shelton Taylor, Don B. Ward, Ralph B. Warren, Christian White, William S. Wilkins, and Cecil J. Winstead.



Drawing of new Mount Olive Education Building

Goldsboro Subdistrict MYF Met at Mount Olive

The First Methodist Church of Mount Olive, Senior High MYF was host to the Goldsboro Subdistrict MYF for its February meeting. The president, Bert Wooters, presided during the business session. New Hope MYF was awarded the attendance banner for having the highest percentage of its membership present. Announcement was made concerning the Spring District MYF Rally to be held at St. Luke Church, Goldsboro on April 12th.

Rev. Conrad Glass, Jr., Conference Director of Youth Work, showed slides to illustrate his talk on summer opportunities for Senior High Youth, which included the Workshop at Wesleyan, ACS at Duke, camping at Don Lee and Chestnut Ridge, Migrant Work Camp at Morehead City, Trail Hikh, the United Nations—Washington Study Tour and the National Convocation of Youth at Purdue. Billy Crowder and Ellen Blackman, district president and vice-president, gave reports on the Youth and Missions Conference at Lake Junaluska and Southeastern Jurisdiction Workshop at Pfeiffer.

The host MYF served refreshments during the social hour.

Summer Camps and Assemblies in North Carolina Conference 1964

By C. P. Morris

The summer camps and assemblies to be conducted by the Board of Education of the North Carolina Conference in 1964 offer exciting opportunities of Christian adventure and growth for children, young people and adults. A full summer of organized camps has been scheduled for Camp Don Lee at Arapahoe, N. C., and Camp Chestnut Ridge at Efland, N. C. Camp Kerr Lake near Henderson will be open for local church and individual family camping. Camp Rockfish near Fayetteville will be available for the first time for tent and day camping. Workshops and assemblies will be held at North Carolina Wesleyan College, Rocky Mount and Duke University. Brochures and registration forms for these summer ministries are now in the hands of the pastors.

Camp Chestnut Ridge will offer a canoeing program for the first time this summer, making use of Lake Fellowship, the beautiful new nine-acre MYF lake. One week camps for older elementary children and junior high boys and girls are scheduled from June 7 to August 15. Two-week camps for a limited number of junior highs with previous camping experience are scheduled for July 12-25 and July 26-Aug. 8. A one-week camp for a limited number of senior highs is scheduled for July 14-20. Family camps are scheduled for August 15-18 and August 18-21. A young adult Spiritual Life Retreat is scheduled for September 25-26. Rev. John Sutton, Jr., Conference Director of Adult Work and Camping will direct the camping program at Camp Chestnut Ridge this summer.

Camp Don Lee will open with the Young Adult Assembly, June 5-7. One-week Junior High Camps are scheduled for June 7-13, June 14-20 and July 26-August 1. Ten-day camps for junior highs are scheduled for June 21-30 and July 2-11. Three two-week camps for a limited number of junior high boys and girls are scheduled for June 7-20, June 14-27 and June 21-July 4, running concurrently with other camp groups. A new sailing out-post camp, Camp Perry, has been developed on leased land near Oriental and will be used by long-term Junior High and Senior High Campers. Family camps are scheduled for July 11-14 and July 14-17. Senior Highs will have a Moral Concerns Conference July 17-19 and a Senior Camp July 19-25. The second camp for the Mentally Retarded scheduled for August 16-22 will close the camping season. Rev. Wesley G. Brogan, Conference Director of Children's Work and Rev. J. Conrad Glass, Jr., Conference Director of Youth Work, will direct the camping program at Camp Don Lee this summer.

In addition to these camping enterprises, the fourth North Carolina Conference Appalachian Trail Hike is scheduled for Aug. 24-29. Open to graduating high school seniors, college students and single working youth, it will be directed by Rev. Conrad Glass.

Additional summer opportunities for senior high youth include the MYF Workshop June 7-13 at North Carolina Wesleyan College, Rocky Mount, Migrant Work Camp June 14-23 at Morehead City, Study Seminar July 5-11 at Duke University, ACS August 10-14 at Duke University, and National Convocation of Methodist Youth July 27-31 at Purdue University.

As in the past, applications for these summer ministries will be accepted in the order received until each enterprise has been filled. It is imperative therefore, that registrations be sent in early.

It is important for pastor and parents to understand the objectives of church camping in order to know what to expect and what not to expect from the children and youth who attend camp. For this reason pastors and parents should read the article, "Objectives and Characteristics of Church Camping," by Rev. John Sutton, found elsewhere in this edition of the North Carolina Advocate. (Note: Three sets of color slides are available free from the Conference Board of Education Office, P. O. Box 10957, Raleigh, N. C.

Interpreting (1) camping in the N. C. Conference; (2) Youth Summer opportunities; (3) Adult Summer opportunities.)



Canoeing at Camp Don-Lee, Arapahoe, N. C.

Objectives and Characteristics Of Church Camps

By John Sutton, Jr.

The camping program, sponsored by the North Carolina Conference Board of Education, is the outdoor ministry of the church. Its purpose is the same as that of all parts of the Christian Education program in the local church—that is, to help persons become aware of God's seeking love as shown especially in Jesus Christ, and to respond in faith and love to the end that they may develop self-understanding, self-acceptance, and self fulfillment under God, increasingly identify themselves as sons of God and members of the Christian community, live as Christian disciples in all relations in human society, and abide in the Christian hope.

In our camping program, which is based upon the small quest group process, this purpose is augmented by striving toward the following objectives:

1. To provide an experience of Christian living through which campers come to a better understanding of Christian principles and teachings as revealed in the Bible.
2. To provide an experience of living in the out-of-doors and to gain knowledge of its resources and develop skills in using them.
3. To give campers a new perspective through the experience of being away from home.
4. To help campers in their understanding of God and His purposes, as they make discoveries about His work in nature.
5. To provide time for contemplation, not always possible in other parts of the program of the church.
6. To let the camper learn to worship God in a new way in the out-of-doors.
7. To aid campers, through small-group experiences within the total camp group, to develop self-reliance and responsibility as cooperative citizens of a Christian community.
8. To enable compers to have a wholesome and happy time.
9. To relate Christian growth in camp life to life at home and in the church.
10. To aid in the process of developing genuine Christian fellowship, based upon respect for the individual worth.

Church camping, seen in this perspective, is not just a nice, but really unnecessary, addition to the program of Christian Education in the local church, something that adds a little variety or zest. Rather, it is a vital extension of the total educational ministry of the church. It is absolutely essential if the church is to fulfill its mission of bringing persons into a saving relationship with God, as revealed in Christ, and with other persons and to nurture and sustain them in that relationship. What are the unique characteristics of church camping that enable the church to best accomplish this mission? In the first place, camping is the outdoor ministry of the church. Most of what in the past has been referred to as "church camping" was actually only the carrying on of an indoor type of program in an outdoor setting. Or, on the other hand, the out of doors has been used primarily for recreation and outings by church groups. These programs have failed to fully capitalize on the inherent spiritual values and their unique way of being the medium by which a small quest group could fathom that which is often intangible and artificial when presented in the normal methods of Christian Education.

This outdoor ministry of the church takes the camper apart from the busy, chaotic, puz-

zling world that confronts him and permits him to discover a realm of God's handiwork which reveals His order and beauty and serenity and freedom. The camper can begin to actually visualize God's will and purpose, even in the seeming harshness that nature occasionally reveals, and thus the camper gains insight into how to go back into his everyday world, with its chaos and problems, and see underneath God's purpose and his part in that purpose as he submits himself to the will of God and becomes an instrument in helping bring order and serenity out of chaos and discord.

The second unique characteristic of church camping is that it provides a concentrated Christian living experience. In no other part of the church's program does the individual get this opportunity to be a part of Christianity in action under the guidance of growing, dedicated Christian leaders twenty-four hours a day in a social living situaton. The only other institution that can make a comparable claim is the truly Christian family, of which there are so few today. It is one thing to hear the preacher and the Sunday school teacher on Sunday morning as they tell about the Christian truths contained in the Bible, but it is quite different to see the Christianity they tell about put into practice twenty-four hours a day. Therefore, there is no other place, except perhaps in the deeply dedicated family circle, that a greater impact for total Christian living can be made. Here the camper separates himself from the comfort and convenience of his daily life, and from complete dependence upon parents for his daily needs and comes apart in the natural surroundings, where he is thrown back upon elementary methods of meeting the needs of body, mind, and spirit, where he finds it necessary to fall back upon his own resources, often discovering how meager they are; and thus he has the opportunity of finding out who he really is. He soon comes to realize that if he is lazy, selfish, and unconcerned about others, he will not understand or enjoy the experience that his small quest group undertakes. As he sees others fail, thus causing an activity of the groups to fail, he will learn the worth of each individual, both of himself and others. Gradually he becomes self-reliant, a cooperative citizen of their small Christian community in action, and as he and his fellow campers begin to catch that spirit, their whole week becomes one of glowing achievement and wonder, of excitement and joyous adventure.

The consequences of such an experience go back with him to his relationship in family, church, and community. He develops into a more responsible member of the family circle. He grows in his understanding of Christian citizenship. His Christanity becomes more and more a 24-hour a day, day by day living experience, and this is the only way in which the success of the camper's experience can be profitably evaluated—not by asking him to stand up before the church school class and tell how many Bible verses he has learned or how many trees he has learned to identify or what he has made in his time spent at the craft center. Only as he is observed in his day by day activities in family, church, and community can this experience be truthfully and adequately evaluated.

In order that a camper may have this type of experience, both pastor and parent need to be familiar with the basic technique and objectives of our church camping program as we describe in this article. They in turn can help prepare the child as to what to expect in the camping experience, not just a vacation and a good time, but a joyous adventure in Christian living through the outdoor ministry of the church. We need your understanding, your prayers, your presence, and your financial assistance in helping see that more and more of the children in our conference have this opportunity of growing in the Christian faith.



Above is shown a picture of poster being used by the Mebane Methodist Church during Lent. Rev. A. P. Hill, Jr., is the pastor, and he is also Director of Evangelism for the Burlington District. Mr. Hill calls it a "Program to Honor God." He says they are hoping to increase the Church school attendance and membership and win the new people to Christ and His Church. This is in keeping with the overall program of the Conference Board of Evangelism under the direction of the Rev. C. Freeman Heath. It is good to know that more members have been received on profession of faith, and there has been a larger net increase during the first half of the conference year than were reported for the entire previous conference year. If this ratio continues the conference should be able to show quite a healthy growth by the end of the conference year.

Rev. L. F. Strader Appointed Dilworth Associate Minister

The Rev. Lindsey Fred Strader has been appointed the new associate minister for Dilworth Methodist Church in Charlotte.

Since 1958 he has served as the minister for St. John's Methodist in Greensboro (formerly known as West End Church).

Dr. Charles Bowles, superintendent of the Charlotte Methodist District, and Dr. Garland Winkler, superintendent of the Greensboro Methodist District, issued a joint announcement of the appointment, which has been approved by Bishop Nolan B. Harmon, presiding bishop of the Charlotte Methodist Area.

Bishop Harmon will announce, at a later date, the pastor for St. John's Church.

The Rev. Mr. Strader preached his first sermon at Dilworth Church Sunday night, March 1. He moved from Greensboro to Charlotte Friday, Feb. 28.

He is one of the veteran clergymen of the Western North Carolina Conference. He entered the conference on trial in 1932, and two years later became a full member. He was ordained an elder in 1936.

The pastor for Dilworth Methodist Church is the Rev. Harold M. Robinson, who is in his third year of service to the congregation.

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An alarming weakness among Christians is that we are producing Christian activities faster than we are producing Christian experience and Christian faith. —John R. Mott.

Board of Publication Meets

The Methodist Board of Publication met last Thursday at the Advocate office. Dr. Wilson O. Weldon, President, presided. A good attendance was on hand. Interesting meeting was held in which a number of important matters were discussed and voted on. The Editor's report showed a healthy condition prevailing in the entire operation.

Two maters of special interest were the filing of two vacancies on the board, resulting from the resignation of Mr. T. C. Hoyle, Sr., and the death of Dr. A. J. Hobbs. Mr. T. C. Hoyle, Jr., was nominated and elected to fill the cacancy caused by his fathers resignation. Mr. Hoyle is a Greensboro attorney. Rev. Barney L. Davidson, Superintendent of the Fayetteville District, was nominated and elected to fill the unexpired term of Dr. A. J. Hobbs.



Dr. Trigg James Reports On "One Per Cent Program"

"One per Cent Program for Ministerial Education in the Southeastern Jurisdiction of The Methodist Church continues to move at a record pace"—this is the report of Dr. D. Trigg James, executive secretary of the Southeastern Jurisdictional Council.

Dr. James said a meeting of conference committee chairmen of the program on Feb. 13-14 at Duke University showed that Methodists in the southeast have given $801,804.20 to ministerial education since August 1, 1960. Half of this was given to seminaries while another half was used in colleges.

A major point of the meeting was adoption of a single application blank for Methodist conferences contributing to the one per cent fund. This step, Dr. James said, would allow more effective co-ordination of the program.

The conference chairmen also gave consideration to revising the method of contributing by local churches. In the future, contributions to ministerial education will be based on one per cent of the local church budget, excluding the church's building fund, debt payments, and "advance mission specials."

Dean Robert Cushman of the Duke University Divinity School and Dr. G. Ross Freeman, administrative assistant at Candler School of Theology in Atlanta, delivered addresses before the southeastern ministerial support meeting. The Rev. Charles Jackson, Associate Director of Development at Emory University, gave a report on work he is doing in ministerial education support in the southeast.

Dr. James said contributions to the one per cent plan for ministerial education will probably exceed $1,000,000 by the time the Southeastern Jurisdictional Conference meets in mid-July.

Thomasville District Ministers' Wives Hold Retreat

Pleasant Grove Church in the Thomasville District was host February 25 to a spiritual life retreat held by the ministers wives of the district. Dr. Herman Nicholson, District Superintendent, and the District Committee on Evangelism, Rev. Herbert Penry, Chairman, planned the program. Approximately thirty-five ministers' wives were in attendance. The meeting was held from 10:00 a. m. till 2:00 p. m. Taking part on the program were Mrs. Robert Frost, president of Thomasville District Ministers' Wives, presiding; Mrs. Bill Clodfelter, organist; Mrs. C. C. Phillips, devotions; Rev. Mr. Penry, host pastor, welcome. Dr. Herman Nicholson, Dr. Robert G. Tuttle, Bishop Nolan B. Harmon and Mrs. Mel Harbin.

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High Point College Banquet

Dr. Wendell M. Patton, President of High Point College, was featured speaker at the Winter Banquet of the Raleigh Area Chapter, High Point College Alumni Associa-



DR. WENDELL M. PATTON

tion, at 6:30 p.m., Saturday, February 29, in the dining room of the Raleigh YMCA on Hillsboro Street.

The election of chapter officers for 1964-65 was also on the agenda.

Mrs. Merle Slaunwhite, 2419 Beech Ridge Road, was in charge of arrangements for the banquet.

The chapter president is the Rev. James Auman, pastor of Garner Methodist Church.

Also present at the meeting from High Point College was Dale W. Brown, Alumni Executive Secretary.

I Remember Mrs. Ida Rackeley . . .

At the insistence of my father, I began piano lessons at the age of seven—even before we had a piano. Since Dad was the song leader at the McGee Methodist Church in Sampson County, he wanted me to be able to play for the congregational singing on Sundays.

Finally after months of practice, I had learned to play what was a favorite of my mother—No. 110 in the Cokesbury Worship Hymnal (He Keeps Me Singing) — well enough to try to play for Sunday School one Sunday morning. After the service I remember Mrs. Ida came to me and gave me a dollar bill, that looked as if it had been held onto for a long time, and said through tears of joy, "I hope that you will practice and play for us again, and I want you to have this dollar as a token of my appreciation for your talent." What more encouragement would one need? A whole dollar—just for me for being able to play a hymn on the piano! I practiced more willingly in order to be able to play for Mrs. Ida.

May God bless Mrs. Ida and all other adults who encourage young people to give of their talents for Him.

DONALD I. NEWMAN
St. Luke Methodist Church
Charlotte, N. C.

President Jonhson's Stand Against Cocktail Parties

President Lyndon B. Johnson has reiterated his expectation that his staff "not spend their time at cocktail parties," in answer to a Methodist query.

The President wrote Roger Burgess, who directs the Methodist Division of Temperance and General Welfare, that, in agreement with an earleir report, "It is true that I expect the people who wrok for me to devote their full time to their jobs, and not spend their time at cocktail parties."

He added, however, that he did not mean "to suggest that government employees were spending an inordinate amount of time at cocktail parties. I do not think they do."

After a newspaper article which said the President had mentioned he didn't want his staff "gallivanting around the cocktail circuit," Burgess wrote to confirm Mr. Johnson's stand in the matter. Burgess added that "the business of government in these times of great tension must be taken seriously" and that "hardheaded thinking, planning and negotiation cannot be carried on in the informal off-the-cuff and too often under-the-influence of Washington's cocktail circuit."



On Boy Scout Sunday, February 9, at Trinity Methodist Church, Asheville, Eddie Dowdle received the God and Country Award for his work for the past year in the church and community. Pictured are Bill Harrison, Scoutmaster, Mrs. J. L. Dowdle, Eddie and the pastor, Rev. Paul W. Townsend.

Sunday School Lesson

FOR MARCH 15

By RAYMOND A. SMITH
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PILOT JUDGED BY JESUS

Background Scripture: Matthew 27:11-26; John 18:28-19:22; 13:1-17, 34-35
Lesson Scripture: John 18:28-38a

When the reader first glances at the title of this lesson he may wonder if there has not been an error in the printing. No, there is no mistake; it was *Pilate* who, in the long view of history, was judged by *Jesus*.

Taking a moment to sketch in the historical background of the lesson, we need to recall that Palestine was on the fringe of the Roman Empire, a place not much desired by most of the office-seekers of the Roman government. The monetary rewards were good, but the administration of the affairs of Rome in that distant out post were difficult, for there had been many minor revolts and uprisings there. Furthermore, there was constant friction between the Jewish authorities and the Roman governors. Where there were no open instances of resistance there burned a silent hatred in the hearts of many Jews against their foreign master. All this added up to an atmosphere of tension, especially during the Jewish festivals, such as the Passover, when religious feeling was intensified and the Jew recalled his liberation from the bondage of Egypt.

Into this crowded city and its tense atmosphere Jesus came, in the last week of his earthly life, to be welcomed by enthusiastic crowds, later betrayed by one of his dsiciples and, as we see in this lesson, to be tried for his life before Jewish authorities, and then the Roman governor.

When Pilate demanded of Jesus' captors upon what charge he was being held, he got no direct answer. Instead, the governor was told "If this man were not an evildoer, we would not have handed him over." Getting no definite accusation, Pilate wanted to return Jesus to them to be tried by Jewish law. But this they did not want, since they desired Jesus' death, but had no power to inflict the death penalty. Evidently someone had given Pilate the impression that Jesus was politically dangerous. This seems to be back of the question Pilate addressed to Jesus: "Are you the King of the Jews?" For the Roman governor the term "King of the Jews" could have only one meaning, the political, that is, a potential revolutionist.

Being a man who apparently was unable to think in spiritual terms, Pilate was confused by Jesus' reply: "My kingship is not of this world; if my kingship were of this world, my servants would fight" (verse 36). The governor still mystified by Jesus' reply, again said, "So you *are* a King?" Jesus' reply to Pilate is made a bit clearer in the New English Bible where we read: "King is *your* word. *My* task is to bear witness to the truth. For this I was born; for this I came into the world, and all who are not deaf to truth hear my voice." The Roman governor, now more mystified than ever, could only reply, "What is truth?"

For the author of John's gospel the answer to the above question was never in doubt. "And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, full of grace and truth" (John 1:14). Jesus' dignity and calm before Pilate must have made him feel that here, indeed, was an unusual prisoner. He didn't grovel before Pilate. He didn't beg for his life. He did not show contempt for the Roman. As the late Dr. Roy Smith has said, "As a matter of fact he looked the Roman square in the eye and insisted that he, too, should be a man. And that made Pilate very uncomfortable. He had the uneasy feeling that instead of judging the prisoner, the prisoner was judging him."

By having Jesus appear before him, Pilate achieved a sort of dubious immortality. All over the world his name is repeated in the ritual of the Church: "Suffered under Pontius Pilate.' It is easy for us, at this comfortable distance, to heap blame upon the Roman procurator. To be sure, he acted cowardly, preferring to keep his job rather than to see that justice was done. *But do we not all* reveal our true selves by the judgments we make? Have we not all had those moments when we knew we were not being faithful to the commitments we had made to Christ and his Church? Have we forgotten Jesus' words: "With the judgment you pronounce, you will be judged?" (Matthew 7:2). In our own lives, from day to day, we are forced to make judgments as to what kind of values we are to live for. Will these be the kind of judgments that our Lord can approve, or only those which we feel will advance our own interests here and now? No greater question than this can confront the man who takes his faith seriously.



The Triplett Methodist Church, near Mooresville, presented God and Country Awards to six of the members of Mazeppa Troop 167 at the 11:00 a.m. service February 16. Rev. Ray S. Cody, pastor, was instructor of the boys in achieving this distinction. Those on the program were the pastor, Ray S. Cody, Mr. Charles Berg, Scoutmaster, Rev. Paul Duckwall, director of senior and older youth work of Statesville, and Mr. Howard Smith, Scout Executive of Iredell District, Statesville, and Mr. Mitchell Mack, Mooresville, chairman of Iredell Scout District appeared on the program. The Scout Committee are: Charles Berg, Scoutmaster; Mr. Neil Morrow, Assistant Scoutmaster; James Sherrill, James Brawley, L. D. Kerr, Tilton Shinn, Clyde Millsaps and Bobby Barker. Rev. Ray S. Cody was pleasently surprised when William Poston presented him with a plaque for his service to Scouting in the Community. Boy Scouts receiving God and Country Awards, left to right: William Poston, Clyde Millsaps, Jr., Terry Shinn, Eddie Brawley, Ronnie Kerr and Bobby Sherrill.

Youth Rally and Vocations Workshop Held at Salisbury

A Salisbury Methodist Youth District Rally and Vocations Workshop was held Sunday, March 1 from 3-9 p.m. in First Methodist Church, Salisbury.

The Rev. G. Robert Gary, pastor of Allen Memorial Methodist Church in Oxford, Ga., was the rally speaker. There was special music by Miss Betty Anne Myatt of Greensboro who sang folk songs, and another feature was the appearance of the Choric Speech Group from Bethel High School.

Six vocations classes were headed by: The Rev. Bill Andrews, missionary to Brazil; Dr. George Schreyer of Pfeiffer College; Miss Lib Callis of Kannapolis, director of Christian education for Trinity Methodist Church; Mrs. Carl May, instructor of Bible at East Rowan High School; the Rev. Paul Duckwall of Statesville, director of youth work for the Western North Carolina Methodist Conference; and John Borchert of Charlotte, director of the Charlotte Area Office of Methodist Information.

The meeting was planned for all senior high Methodist Youth Fellowship members in the Rowan, Central and Cabarrus subdistricts, and adult workers with youth.

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Woman's Activities

CONDENCED PROGRAM

By Mary Gardner

Annual Meeting N. C. Conference WSCS
Jarvis Memorial Methodist Church
Greenville, N. C.
March 17-19, 1964

Conference Theme:
The Program That Unites Us in Witness and Service

Monday, March 16

5:30 p.m.—Dinner meeting, Enlarged Executive Committee, Fellowship Hall of host church.

Tuesday, March 17

9:00 a.m.—Registration of delegates.

11:00 a.m.—Opening session, Mrs. H. C. Turlington, presiding. Reports: vice-president, Mrs. Sam A. Dunn; recording secretary, Mrs. H. W. Doub; treasurer, Mrs. Harold Mann; literature, Mrs. Frank Hauser. Address: Celebration of the 25th anniversary of the WSCS, Miss Dorothy McConnell. Mediation in Song, Mr. Philip Cartwright.

2:00 p.m.—Reports: Children's work, Mrs. James Auman; youth work, Miss Ethelynde Ballance; student work, Mrs. Edgar Fisher. Special music, Mr. Cartwright. Reports: Christian social relations, Mrs. T. S. Newbold; supply work, Mrs. L. S. Thompson.

7:30 p.m.—Address: "The Church in Southern Asia," Miss McConnell. Service of Holy Communion. The love offerings placed on the altar during the service will be directed to scholarships for wives of Southern Rhodesia students now studying in the U.S.

Wednesday, March 18

9:15 a.m.—Meditation in Song, Mr. Cartwright. Reports: Spiritual life, Mrs. J. E. Sponenberg. Address: "The Ecumenical Council in Rome," Miss McConnell. Dedication of Annual Report. Presentation of Special Memberships. Message of the president, Mrs. H. C. Turlington. Address: "Lifting Empires Off Their Hinges," Dr. Tracy Jones.

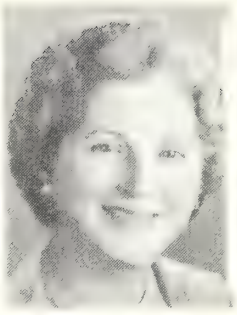
2:00 p.m.—Address: "First Fruits of a New Age," Dr. Tracy Jones. Reports: promotion, Mrs. J. W. Benson; Wesleyan Service Guild, Mrs. C. H. Boyd; missionary education and service, Mrs. Harold Braswell.

3:30 p.m.—Tea, Methodist Student Center, Jarvis Memorial WSCS, hostess.

7:30 p.m.—Pledge Service, Mrs. Harold Mann, district presidents and treasurers.

Thursday, March 17

9:15 a.m.—Meditation in Song, Mr. Cartwright. Reports: Public relations, Miss Mary Gardner; committee on nominations, Mrs. Allen C. Lee. Balloting. Reports: Legislative committee, Mrs. T. S. Newbold; constitution and by-laws, Mrs. Frank Hanft; Panel on conference projects and workers: Miss Sarah McCracken, Mrs. Taylor Long, the Rev. James L. Hobbs, two students from ECC, Miss Martha Schlapbach, and Mrs. Alta Nye Oxendine. Address: "Ambassadors for Christ," the Rev. Dennis Dutton. Installation of officers. Adjournment. Luncheon.



Miss Frances Allen



Miss Dorothy McConnell

Annual Meeting North Carolina Conference WSG

First Methodist Church, Wastington, N. C.
March 14-15, 1964

Saturday, March 14

10:30 a.m.—Registration of delegates.

2:00 p.m.—Opening session, Mrs. C. H. Boyd presiding. Invocation and welcome, the Rev. T. J. Whitehead, Mrs. Norma Ross, Mrs. Elizabeth Mixon, Mrs. E. L. Roebuck, Jr. Dedication of Annual Meeting Program, Mrs. C. P. Satterwhite. Reports: Officers and chairmen of lines of work. Special music, Mr. Philip Cartwright. Report: The Work at Pembroke, Miss Martha Schlapbach. Business. Break. Meditation in Song, Mr. Cartwright. Message from President of the N. C. Conference WSCS, Mrs. H. C. Turlington. Address: "We Serve in Unity at Clara Swain Hospital," Miss Frances Allen.

6:15—Dinner, First Christian Church, Mrs. Harry Umplett presiding.

8:00 p.m.—Church Sanctuary. Address: "Our Work in India," Miss Allen; Pledge Service, Mrs. Harold Mann and district Guild secretaries. Fellowship Hour.

Sunday, March 15

7:30-7:50 a.m.—Coffee hour, First Methodist Church.

8:00 a.m.—Morning watch, Miss Lillie Smith, presiding. Address: Mrs. J. E. Sponenberg. Commitment service.

11:00 a.m.—Worship service, church sanctuary, the Rev. T. J. Whitehead.

12:30 p.m.—Luncheon, First Christian Church. Presentation of Special Memberships. Report: Resolutions Committee. Ad-



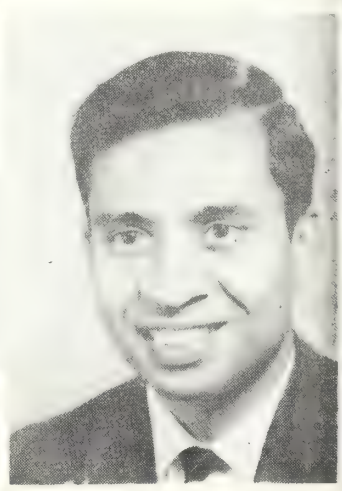
Dr. Tracy Jones



Mr. Philip Cartwright



Mrs. J. E. Sponenberg



Rev. Dennis Dutton

dress on the Ecumenical Council, Miss Dorothy McConnell. Benediction.

Note: The love offering placed on the altar during the Service of Commitment will be directed to scholarships for wives of ministerial students from Southern Rhodesia studying in this country.

An open altar will be observed in the Cowell Memorial Chapel prior to the opening session on Saturday afternoon.

WHO'S WHO AT THE ANNUAL MEETINGS

The Rev. Dr. Tracy Jones, one of three speakers for the Annual Meeting of the N. C. Conference WSCS, is a former missionary to China and currently is serving as assistant general secretary of the World Division of Missions, which coordinates Methodist mission work in 44 countries and has a staff of 1,150 missionaries around the world.

Miss Dorothy McConnell, editor of *World Outlook*, author and member of several notable committees, and boards, including the executive body of the World Methodist Council.

The Rev. Dennis Dutton is a native of Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, one of the newer independent natons in the world. A fourth generation Christian family, the Rev. Mr. Dutton is a B.D. candidate at the Duke University Divinity School, studying under a Crusade scholarship.

A missionary to India will deliver two addresses at the Annual Meeting of the conference WSG. She is Miss Frances Allen, medical missionary at Clara Swain Hospital, Bareilly, India. Now on furlough, Miss Allen expects to return to India in the fall of 1964.

Mrs. J. E. Sponenberg is wife of the pastor of the Page Memorial Methodist Church, Aberdeen, and secretary of Spiritual Life, N. C. Conference WSCS.

OPPORTUNITIES

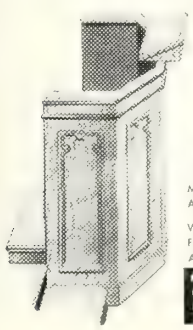
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Rockingham County Methodist Leadership School

The Rockingham County Methodist Leadership School will be held March 8-12 in Main Street Methodist Church, Reidsville, with 7:30-9:30 p.m. classes nightly.

Twenty-one churches are co-sponsoring the annual school with the Board of Education of the Western North Carolina Methodist Conference. Dr. Carl H. King of Statesville is executive secretary of the Conference Board.

Five courses will be offered. Here is the schedule: "Understanding the Bible" by Dr. Boyd Daniels; "Youth and Prayer" by Rev. Don Ashe; "The Life and Mission of the Church" by Rev. W. R. Bailey; "Music in the Church" by Rev. Kenneth Johnson; "The Life and Mission of the Church" by Rev. R. H. Nicholson.

The committee chairmen of the school are as follows: Rev. J. Garland Winkler, District Superintendent; Rev. Larry D. Wilkinson, Director; Miss Sandra Simpson, Text; and Morris D. Moser, Treasurer.

Participating churches include: Pelham-Hickory Grove, Draper, Leaksville, Main Street of Reidsville, First Methodist of Reidsville, Woodmont of Reidsville, Ruffin, Rockingham Charge, Reidsville Charge, Spray, Stoneville, Mavodan, Madison, Mount Carmel, Mount Hermon, Meadow View, Sandy Ridge, Huntsville Circuit, Midway Circuit, Haw River-Mispah, and Lowe's.

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We celebrate the birthday
  Of Jesus Christ our King.
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We never can repay Him
  So much for us He's done.
The Bible tells us that He said:
  "Give me your heart, my son."

What did the shepherds bring to Him?
  From their flocks they turned apart
And went straight into Bethlehem.
  Each gave to Him his heart.
Then they returned, rejoicing
  Telling what they'd seen and heard,
Praising God, Him glorifying,
  They'd seen the Saviour Christ the Lord.

The wise men gave their precious gifts
  But first their hearts they gave
By falling down and worshiping
  The Christ who came to save.
Today "wise persons" worship Christ;
  Acknowledge Him as Lord and King
And give to Him their heart's best love
  The material gifts do bring.

—LENA HAMMER THACKER

WSCS Will Focus Activities On 25th Anniversary

The 25th anniversary of the Woman's Society of Christian Service of The Methodist Church will be focused in all activities of western North Carolina women during the next 18 months.

The executive committee of the WSCS, Western North Carolina Methodist Conference, met recently at Pfeiffer College to discuss this and other programs.

Mrs. Carl H. King, president of the Conference WSCS, said the anniversary observance will extend from Jan. 19, 1964 to June of 1966, and she urged the Methodist women of western North Carolina to seek success in goals which have been set for this period.

One goal is for a 25 per cent increase in WSCS financial giving. This would require an increase of $51,228 in the 13 districts of the Conference. The 13 districts last year pledged $211,000 then gave more than $306,000 for all causes. This includes a $30,000 pledge from the Weslevan Service Guild, and more than $38,600 given by that organization for working Methodist women.

Another goal is a 25 per cent increase in membership. Presently the WSCS has 47,983 members, including 3,724 in the Wesleyan Service Guild.

The Conference WSCS will elect a new president in 1964 and Mrs. James W. Fowler, Jr., of Lake Junaluska heads the nominations committee which will offer the women for this and several other positions which must be filled by election.

Mrs. King, of Statesville, will complete her four-year term during the annual meeting of the Conference WSCS in June at Lake Junaluska. Other officers serve two-year terms.

Mrs. William Kodzai, wife of a sophomore student from Southern Rhodesia at Pfeiffer College, gave the devotional program the evening of Jan. 24 during the mid-vear session. Last year the Conference WSCS executive committee honored Mrs. Kodzai with a WSCS Life Membership. In her native land she is active in WSCS work.

Reports given during the three days showed increased activitv in the 13 districts by both the WSCS and Guild. Dates of important Conference-wide meetings during 1964, which were announced at the meeting, include:

June 12-14, annual meeting, Wesley Service Guild, at Lake Junaluska, Mrs. Robert Avers, Pleasant Garden, presiding.

June 16-18, annual meeting, WSCS at Lake Junaluska, Mrs. Carl King, presiding.

July 18-19, Spiritual Life Weekend, Guild, Lake Junaluska.

July 31-Aug. 2, WSCS Spiritual Retreat, Pfeiffer College, Misenheimer.

Aug. 3-7, WSCS School of Missions, Pfeiffer College, Misenheimer.

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J. B. Taylor Was Devoted Methodist Layman

In 1894 the office of the RALEIGH CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE received a remittance for a subscription to the state Methodist publication with the name of the sender attached—James Bruce Taylor. Since that time on the subscription list of our CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE there has remained the name of J. B. Taylor.

J. B. Taylor was born in Duplin County on December 23, 1878, to J. S. and Julia Carr Taylor. He presented himself for membership into the Magnolia Methodist Church, Magnolia, on March 18, 1894. Only a short time later he sent in the above mentioned subscription to the RALEIGH CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE. Brother Taylor's words, prompted by a remarkable memory, about his subscribing to the ADVOCATE were—"I remember it so well. It was during the time the great preacher Sam Jones was preaching a revival in Boston."

He was married to Maude Brower of Randolph County on June 15, 1894, in Wilmington by the Rev. G. B. Webster and the Rev. R. B. John (Presiding Elder at that time in Wilmington). They moved to Wilmington to make their home on May 28, 1900, at which time Brother Taylor transferred his membership to Blanden Street Methodist Church (now the relocated Epsworth Methodist Church) in Wilmington.

He was employed by the Atlantic Coast Line Railroad in Wilmington from the time of his arrival until his retirement on Feruary 28, 1953.

On September 30, 1937, the Taylors moved to Carolina Beach. Brother Taylor transferred his church membership then to Federal Point Methodist Church, the only Methodist church in the area. He continued in his most faithful way to be the very pillar on which his church leaned. His dedication and love for Methodism was seen so vividly when he was instrumental in the organization of Carolina Beach Methodist Church on July 18, 1943. The name of the church was changed in 1945 to St. Paul's Methodist Church, Carolina Beach. From the moment he placed his name on the Charter Membership of St. Paul's Church he remained a dedicated leader in his church and a true example of Christianity to the entire community. His life and example have been the inspiration which has caused his fellow-Christians to move over hardships and situations otherwise might have proven stumbling blocks.

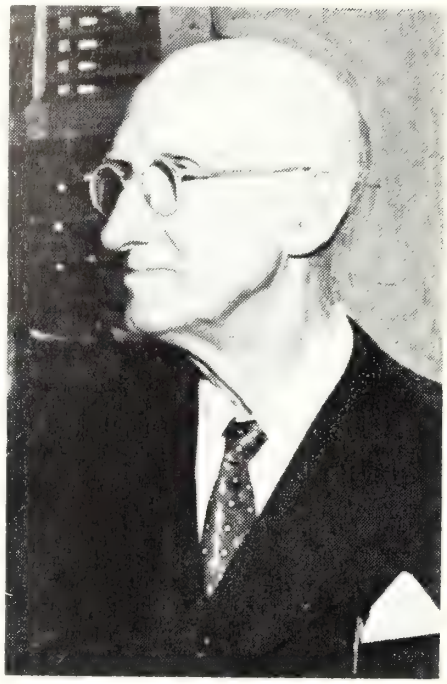
How often have I as his minister heard people of the community say, "If ever a saint lived on Carolina Beach, it is Brother Taylor." Many, many times I have received letters from ministers and laymen throughout the state which closed with the famliar statement, "Give my love and best wishes to J. B. Taylor, a Saint and a Great Christian."

When asked some time ago what offices he had held in the church, in his usual wit he replied, "About everything except minister, organist, and president of the WSCS." This statement is no exaggeration. In each task to which he was called, he gave himself without reservation; and he always gave his very best.

The Official Board members of his church looked forward each month to his statements and words which were always an uplifting force for all who heard him. As his minister I have often said, "It is the wonderful spirit of Mr. Taylor that has helped us over many of the 'rough places' which might have otherwise become 'pit-falls'."

His faith was so often tested and each time he was found faithful. Sorrow and illness for many years in his family created an atmosphere through whch Brother Taylor's Christian faith was always visible. Mrs. Taylor passed away in April of 1962 after years of prolonged illness.

I once asked Brother Taylor what were his hobbies, and he replied, "The Church and fishing." If I would be asked to comment on his statement, I would say that the church was his "vocation" and his hobby was fishing. His church always held a place near and dear to his heart. Few days ever passed but that he spent several hours in some way for his church.



J. B. TAYLOR

Persons attending state-wide and conference-wide Methodist meetings since the turn of the century will recognize the above picture as that of a great Christian gentleman who has always had a deep and untiring dedication to Christ and to the Methodist Church.

Brother Taylor has lifted many a minister out of the valley of discouragement and helped him find his footing on the plateau of faith. He has inspired many a layman to "press on toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus."

On Friday morning, February 14, 1964, the hearts of all who knew J. B. Taylor were saddened at the news of his death. Yet, each of us could praise God that there was rejoicing in heaven at the reception of the soul of a true Christian saint. Brother Taylor better exemplified the spirit of Christ and more closely followed the Master's footsteps than any person with whom I have had the privilege to serve in our Lord's vineyard. His dedication to and love for his church was clearly seen again when his family revealed his desire, made known before his death, that flowers be omitted at his funeral. His desire was that donations be made instead to the Building Fund of the church he so dearly loved, St. Paul's Methodist Church, Carolina Beach. His last earthly concern and thought was for others and for his church.

I can think of no more beautiful words to crown the life of such a Christian saint than those of the Apostle Paul:

"I have fought a good fight. I have kept the faith; henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give me at that day; and not to me only, but unto all them also that love his appearing" (II Timothy 4:7,8).

God grant that you and I measure up to such a wonderful example of faith in our Christ and dedication to Him and to His Church.

DOUGLAS L. BYRD, *Minister*
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FAR EAST TRIP

By REV. O. LESTER BROWN

Mrs. Brown and I have recently returned from a fifty-day trip to the Far East via Guam, where one of our sons-in-law, a naval officer, is stationed. On the way out we stopped almost two days in Honolulu, where Rev. Jack Smith is stationed at Kahuku, on the north side of Oahu. He graciously gave a day of his time to show us around. He is a busy pastor and was then engaged in building a most modern church and education building at Kahuku. He would greatly appreciate hearing from more of us here in Carolina. His address is: Box 322, Kahuku, Oahu, Hawaii.

Hong Kong was our far eastern desination. There we visited Wesley Village (80 homes), located on the side of a steep mountain just out of Hong Kong. We were both amazed and pleased at what we saw. A few days later, we visited Asbury Village, on the mainland in the New Territories, north of Kowloon, where we have a sizeable and booming work going. It includes a new church, a school of over 1200 for children, a staff building and homes with 120 units.

The city is Cheung Wan with a population of 100,000. A few years ago it was a sleepy fishing village. Being near the border of Red China, it is made up mainly of refugees. It is estimated that within five years the population will be 1,000.000.

Miss Louise Avett, a North Carolinian, went with us to Wesley Village and also Asbury and arranged a tour for us with Dr. Gates, head of Church World Service in Kowloon. He took us to six points of particular significance, which gave us an idea of what is being done. One thing was the feeding of 65,000 refugees, another the rehabilitation work, especially with teenage bovs and girls. The opinion among the Methodist leaders was that the problem is more and more becoming one of rehabilitation rather than handing out food, clothing and the like. The Chinese are very industrious and want to make their own way.

We enjoyed worshipping at Ward Memorial Methodist Church, in the suburbs of Kowloon, where 485 members belong. The service was in Chinese (Mandarin dialect) but the hvmns were familiar and we sang along in English. Miss Avett was with us to make notes on the sermon. C. C. Herbert's cousin, a registered nurse, was present. She is past retirement age but is still active.

Hong Kong, Kowloon and the New Territories are very busy, bustling places with an amazing amount of building going on. The churches evidently are keeping pace. Although greatly in the minority, the Christians seem to be making headway. We found them to be a friendly, dedicated people witnessing daily for Christ, whose spirit is surely penetrating the life of that great area.

After eight days in China, we returned to Manila and spent a week in the province of Luzon with our daughter and her family. The Filipinos are about all Roman Catholics, and so there is only a sprinkling of Protestants but some gains are being made by them. The R. C.'s seem to be on the alert in the places we visited there.

Christian Higher Education

By Allen P. Brantley

The Christian Church has been the greatest stablizing influence in the world during the past twenty centuries. In fact, the great democracies of the world have arisen by, and through, the influence of Christian culture. Especially has this been true of American Democracy, undergirded, influenced and supported by an effective system of Christian Education. This having been coupled with a religious fervor, so intimately associated with the Protestant church, has been the spiritual basis of our western way of life.

The Christian church is trying to keep civilization saturated with Christian culture, a culture developed by combining Grecian knowledge with Hebrew religion and carried through the western nations of Europe by Phillip of Macedon and his son, Alexander the Great. This culture combined learning and religion, which formed the basic foundation on which the Christian religion was built by Jesus of Nazareth and Paul, the Apostle. Through the earlier centuries, the prophets had sounded a note of warning "for the lack of knowledge, my people are destroyed." Thus, knowledge and religion have gone hand in hand through the centuries. One can scarcely survive without the other. During the dark ages religion was at its lowest ebb, as was education. When education advanced so did religion, so did the church.

With the invention of the printing press, Christianity and education became the handmaid, one for the other. When education grew and became more effective, so did religion. Education and Christianity grew together. The progress of one depends on the progress of the other. The church has long since realized that she could not become an effective agency for spiritual growth without education. Therefore, Christian colleges and Christian universities have become an integral part of the Christian religion. They either grow together or disintegrate simultaneously.

The progress of Russia has been phenomenal in the last two decades because she has relied on education. Her educational policy will determine her future. She is a nation not only to be reckoned with now, but more so in the future.

Remember that Russia's education is developed through the agencies of Marxian atheism. It is an education conceived in the minds of Soviet ideologists with an increasing purpose to take all elements of divinity and a Supreme Power out of the life of all adherents of Russian thinkers and world communism. Such an educational system is making tremendous inroads on world civilization. That is our battlefield, whether we admit it or not. The destiny of world Christianity hangs in the balance today as surely as it did when the cross met the crescent, Christianity versus Islam, when Charles Martel defeated the Saracens in 1732 at the Battle of the Tours.

It is stupid for us, ostrich-like, to bury our heads in the sand and say it is none of our business, when like a wild-fire, this Russian-Communist ideology seems to be sweeping country after country and nation after nation.

Our only methods of combating atheistic communism is with a Christian Higher Educational program and dedicated souls to Christ and His Church. If our Christian culture, which was bought with an awful price, by the very blood, life, and fortunes of our forefathers, is to survive, then we must back our church to the limit, with a sound Christian Education which can come from our Christian church-related colleges and universities.

"The race that does not value education is doomed" says North Whitehead. The same thing can be said of the Christian Church and Christian culture, when they refuse to recognize the value of Christian education. When our churches do little or nothing about this, then our agencies of Higher Education are doomed, and our church drops to the status of ineffective mediocrity.

Our only recourse is to build a church dedicated to the principles of Higher Christian Education and to do this we must pay for that education. We must build schools and colleges for the immensely growing number of our young people.

The Catholic Church is but one-third as large as the Protestant Church in America, yet the Catholic Church has five times as many schools, colleges and universities as Protestants. Unless we as Protestants, and especially Methodists, do our duty in this field, our segment of protestantism is doomed. Our church can make no progress without leaders, and we can have no leaders unless we have a place to train them. Christianity and Christian culture, along with American Democracy are in the very throes of a deadly conflict with atheistic communism. The very destiny of Christendom hangs in the balance.

The General Conference in 1956, sensitive to the status of our western culture said, "Christian Higher Education must be our sole aim for the next four years. We, as the church of Christ, are faced with the greatest challenge of all times, and are now launching upon the greatest adventure since the Reformation.

All over America, the Methodists are rallying to the aid of, and the support to, Christian colleges, universities and seminaries. Our own North Carolina Conference, considering the youth of tomorrow, has built two new colleges, one at Fayetteville, Methodist College, Inc., and the other at Rocky Mount, North Carolina Wesleyan College. By 1970, we are told by experts in the field of education that one out of every three young people will be unable to go to college, because there will be no room. It is not a matter as to whether our boys and girls will be ready for college, but rather will we have a college ready for them. If you have a boy or girl who will be ready for college in 1965, it would be wise to consider enrollment now.

We have been planning, thinking, and working for the last six years on this, the *Great Adventure in Christian Higher Education*, the most noble advance our conference has ever undertaken. We arrived, started and are now in full swing. There is no place to go, but forward. The North Carolina Conference has accomplished all but miracles, in the past decade. Certainly there will be no failure in this advance. The men and women of this conference are committed to the highest, the noblest and the best. The door of opportunity has opened. We have entered and success awaits us as the weeks and months unfold before us. Our people of the North Carolina Conference are eagerly awaiting to share in this golden opportunity of helping our church to raise the last three million dollars we have pledged for the next three years. When we consider that our conference raised eight million last year for all purposes, this is not a large sum in comparison. Let's not think in terms of three million, think only in terms of just one million per year for three years. When our Lord taught us to pray it was for just a day at a time. "Give us this day our daily bread." Our Lord also said, "A tree is judged by its fruit." Generations unborn will judge us by what we do, and for the kind of world we make and leave for them. Our tendency too often is to judge ourselves by our ideals, and others by what they do. Remember the Lord judged the one, two and five talented people by what they really did. Faith without works in this world and in this adventure is dead. We have the faith and we have the money and the talents. The next step is GIVE.

So far in this present Crusade we have raised $620,000.00. We are urgently asking our people to bring their pledges up to date, in order that our colleges may complete the building and expansion of library facilities at each of the three colleges, Louisburg College, Methodist College and North Carolina Wesleyan College and for the retirement of present indebtedness.

No greater service could you do for your church than to help the church prepare places for your boys and girls to be educated. Remember your church colleges need Endowment, Scholarships, and Capital Funds to continue the great work we have begun. We should not only be helping our colleges now, but we should remember them in our Wills and Legacies.

Dr. George A. Buttrick To Lecture at Pfeiffer

Dr. George A Buttrick, one of this country's most distinguished preachers, lecturers and writers, will present two public lectures at Pfeiffer College on March 5 during a theological consultation.

A Danforth visiting lecturer to the college, Dr. Buttrick is being presented by the college's Department of Religion at 10:00 a.m. and at 8:00 p.m. in the Pfeiffer Chapel on March 5.

At the morning session he will speak on "Prayer and the Modern Man" and in the evening on "The Nature of Truth."

On Friday, March 6, he will hold informal discussion groups with students and faculty members.

Professor Mary F. Floyd, chairman of the Arrangements Committee, has extended an invitation to enterested persons to attend the lectures.

A widely known preacher and lecturer, Dr. Buttrick is currently Professor of Preaching at Garrett Theological Seminary, Northwestern University.

When Trouble Comes

Someone when writing said, "those blessed troubles." Then there was the thought that fleeting mankind has left God out of the gaudily painted picture of life and the only way God can get some to keep an appointment with Him is by an episode of trouble.

We human beings are so busy digging in the green-girted earth for dollars, we cannot find time to look up at the Son of Righteousness until God puts us on our aching backs where we can conveniently look in only one direction—upward!

When troubles do come, in most cases God uses them as a polishing process to bring out the glitter and sparkle in us that we might bring forth more spiritual light for Him. Many times it is only by troubles God is able to get us to be willing to let Him have His way in our lives.

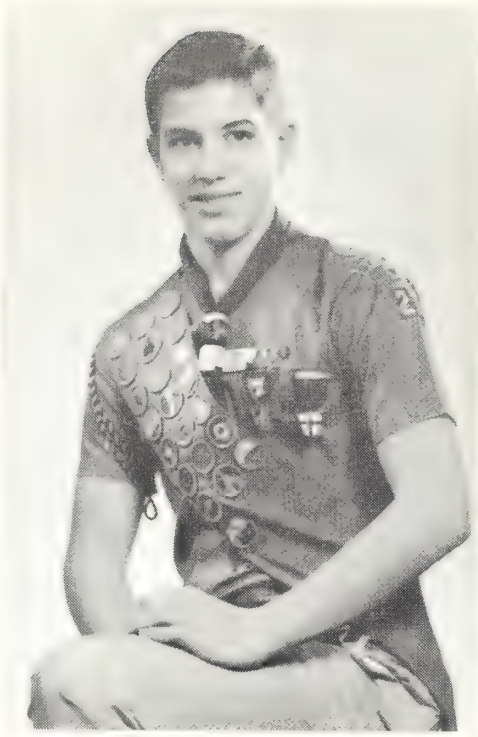
It has been said, "He that is mastered by Christ is the master of every situation." He has promised these mouldings will not harm or destroy us completely. He knows what is best for us.

He knows what it is to carry a cross; He will help us carry ours. He knows too well what it is to climb a mountain; He will help us up our little hill.

When trouble comes our way, and it will, we must not become afraid, vexed in spirit and discouraged and think about turning back: God is on His throne.

"God is our refugee and strength, a very present help in trouble."

—Mrs. Gaither Beroth

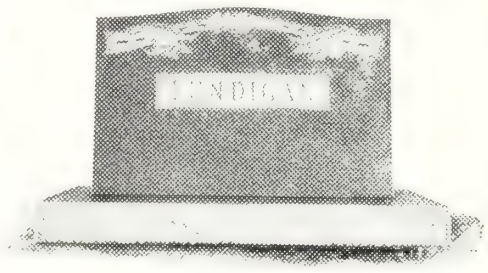


Davidson Howard Givens, son of Dr. and Mrs. George H. Givens, Jr. of Taylorsville, and grandson of Mr. and Mrs. D. G. Ridenhour of Mt. Gilead, recently received the Eagle Scout Award at a ceremony at First Methodist Church in Taylorsville. David has also received the God and Country Award, one of scouting's highest.

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unto us: for it hath heard all the words of the Lord which He spoke unto us; it shall be therefore a witness unto you, lest ye deny your God." Joshua 24:27.



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Pastor of New Sheffield Charge Is Honored

By Mabel Chaffin

The three congregations, Chestnut Grove, New Union, and Zion Chapel, gave their pastor and his family, the Rev. Bruce Hobsons, a miscellaneous shower, Saturday evening, February 15, in the old chapel, on the Davie County Methodist Assembly Grounds.

Despite the continuous downpour of rain, a large crowd was present, and the Hobsons were the recipients of many nice, and useful gifts. Present for the occasion were, Mr. Hobson's parents, who sat with them on the rostrum, while the gifts were being opened.

Mr. Hobson expressed his appreciation for the many gifts they received, after which cake and iced drinks were served.

In April, 1963, a Constituting Quarterly Conference was held at Zion Chapel, under the direction of the Rev. John H. Carper. At this conference the new Sheffield Charge was created; and plans were made for the construction of a new parsonage.

The parsonage is now completed, and equipped with new furniture. It seems almost incredible that a charge of less than two hundred fifty members could have accomplished this goal within such a brief span of time. However, to the Davie County Board of Missions and Church Extension, we are indeed grateful for their generous contribution to the parsonage, and also for the payment of rent while a parsonage was being rented.

Within the past few years all three churches have had building programs—Chestnut Grove; the addition of an educational building, and the remodeling of the sanctuary. New Union and Zion Chapel have completed the construction of new church buildings. And again, we should like to thank the Davie County Board of Missions and Church Extension for their financial support in each of these endeavors. Also, to the pastors of these churches—past and present—we appreciate their help in each of these building programs.

And finally, for the members and friends of these churches, we are humbly grateful. They have given unreservedly of their time, their labor, and their means, in order that we might grow in Christian fellowship and advance the work of His Kingdom.

With the feeling of deep gratitude for the accomplishments of the past, it is with hope and courage that we look forward to a bright and successful future.

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Mistakes

We make mistakes—all people do:
But that's the time to start a-new—
Not tempted in the least to quit,
And find a place somewhere to sit
In dark self-pity there to weep,
Until remose grows dense and deep.

That's not the challenge——not at all;
For each mistake is certain call
To rise right up with courage strong,
And try again, with hopeful song,
And move right on when you've begun—
Until your victory is won.

—Ernest C. Durham

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A Great Church for a Greater World Service

Go high enough above the earth to take a world-round view,
And ask the Lord for heaven's glasses fitted just for you,
Then let the earth turn full around until you see it all,
And listen well with heaven's ears to every human call,
And then come down and ask the Church what she is waiting for
When half the earth is plagued with hunger, ignorance, and war—
So many people struggling, fighting, while they need to find
The way from chaos to enlightenment and peace of mind.

Why have we Christians been so slow to go for Christ and teach?
The Gospel isn't just for us—we're told to go and preach—
To go into the whole round world, and everywhere to stay
Until we're very sure that people know the Christian way;
And yet we're so complacent in our churches, small and great—
We meet, and sing, and preach a while, after we have passed the plate,
Then go back home quite well at ease and sit to eat and stuff,
And scarcely think of starving folks who've never had enough.

We do a little year by year to help throughout the earth,
But let us now spring wide awake and give a brand new birth
To Christian effort for the sake of all mankind in need,
For why should Christ forever hang upon the cross and bleed,
And hang His head in loneliness until we see Him die?
How long await, O Christian Church—how very long and why?
Shall we complain at an increase of small or large per cent,
While Jesus gave His very self, as to the cross He went?

It seems that Christ is on the cross again—right now—today—
Right here in dear America, and we can hear Him say:
"In death I came to you once more—O land of luxury!
And beg of you to share your wealth that millions might be free—
Those millions who would gladly take the clothes you've cast aside,
And feel dressed up to sit somewhere and hear of Christ who died—
Who died again that God's full gospel they might truly know,
So hear this challenge new: 'Rise up, O men of God'—and GO!"

—Ernest C. Durham

· CAROLINA BRIEFS ·

¶ Dr. Tom Langford of Duke University is speaking this week in Spiritual Enrichmnt services at First Methodist Church, Elkin. Rev. Courtney B. Ross is the minister.

¶ Revival services are in progress this week at the Spring Valley Methodist Church in Vance County. Rev. Johnnie Lewis of White Plains Church, Cary, is the guest preacher. Rev. J. M. Benfield is the pastor.

¶ Rev. Warren G. Petteway, pastor of First Methodist Church, Henderson, will preach in revival services at Millbrook Methodist Church, Raleigh, March . Rev. Jack Hunter is the pastor.

¶ Philip J. Cartwright, bass-baritone of Milford, N. J., is this week leading in a Spiritual Enrichment and Renewal program at the Ahoskie Methodist Church, of which Rev. R. E. Walston is pastor.

¶ Rev. E. H. Nease, Jr., pastor of First Methodist Church, Rutherfordton, is this week preaching in revival services at Summerfield Church in the Greensboro District, where Rev. T. C. McLean is the pastor.

¶ Dr. Mark Depp, pastor emeritus of Centenary Church, Winston-Salem, will speak in special services at Wesley Memorial Church, High Point, March 15-18. Dr. James G. Huggin is pastor of Wesley Memorial Church.

¶ Rev. and Mrs. Howard L. Coleman of Greensboro announce the birth of their third son, Joe Correll, on Tuesday, March 3. Mr. Coleman is Director of Education and Music at Grace Methodist Church in Greensboro.

¶ Mrs. Velma Huie, Pfeiffer College librarian, and a former educational missionary to Southern Rhodsia for ten years, spoke at the Albemarle Circuit's School of Missions at Porter Church on Sunday night, March 1 at 7:00. Rev. James R. Faggart is pastor.

¶ Any church desiring to secure the services of a well qualified organist-choir director should contact Dr. Carl King, Box 749, Statesville. This person is a graduate of Greensboro College with a major in music, and will receive a Master of Music degree from Northwestern in June. Dr. King can give the desired information.

¶ Abernethy Memorial Church of Newton, was one of the participating churches in the Newton area visitation program of evangelism the past week-end. It was unintentionally left out of the statement in last week's ADVOCATE. We regret the omission. Rev. Leo Pittard is the pastor of Abernethy Memorial Church.

¶ Dr. F. Olen Hunt, Director of the Department of Gifts and Wills of the Methodist Foundation, will be a guest speaker at the annual meeting of the Conference Board of Lay Activities of the Virginia Conference, at their Methodist Assembly Center, Blackstone, Va., on March 14-15. Judge J. G. Bray, Jr., is Associate Conference Lay Leader in charge of the program.

¶ Rev. Fletcher E. Howard, pastor of Chadwick Church, Charlotte, will be the preacher in revival services at the Centenary Church, Mount Ulla Charge, Salisbury district, March 15-20. Rev. Paul M. Dennis is the pastor.

¶ Oak View Methodist Church in High Point will have their spring revival April 5-9. The Rev. Harlan Creech of Salisbury will assist the pastor, Rev. Robert M. Hardee. Two services will be conducted during Holy Week, Communion Service on Thursday of Holy Week, and a Good Friday Service conducted by Rev. Ivan A. Stephens of High Point.

¶ Revival services will be held at the Rehobeth Church, Greensboro, March 11-20, daily at 10:30 a.m. and 7:30 p.m. Rev. Calvin Johnson, pastor of the Stokesland Methodist Church, Danville, Va., will be the guest preacher. Mr. John is a graduate of Asbury College and the Asbury Seminary. Rev. James A. Northington is the pastor of Rehobeth Church.

¶ The students of State Government at High Point College, Duke University, University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill, University of North Carolina-Greensboro, Davidson College, and Pfeiffer College, are participating in a survey of political opinion pertaining to the upcoming gubernatorial primary May 30. Students will begin the interviewing process in High Point on March 10. This information will be of aid to the survey.

¶ Dr. F. Olen Hunt, Director of the Department of Gifts and Wills of the Methodist Foundation, will be guest speaker at the Methodist Mens Club in Oxford on Wednesday night, March 18, at 6:30 p.m. This will be ladies' night. Dr. Hunt will be guest preacher on Sunday, March 22 at Hookerton Methodist Church, Hookerton. The Rev. E. L. Earnhardt is pastor of the church.

¶ Revival services will be conducted in the Oak Grove Methodist Church, Hubert, N. C., from March 15, 7:30 p.m. through March 20, 7:30 p.m. Rev. W. D. Caviness, pastor of the First Methodist Church, Ayden, N. C., will be the guest minister. Mrs. James Uzzell, Jr., will bring the special music on Sunday night, and on Tuesday night. Everyone is cordially invited to attend these services. Rev. David M. Lewis is the pastor.

¶ Lillington Methodist Church is engaged in an expansion and remodeling program of the sanctuary, which includes colonial interior, stained glass windows, new furniture, air conditioning, and the addition of a new front section which will include a classroom in the basement, large vestibule and stairway on the first floor and a steeple. The total cost of the project is estimated to be $39,000. During the remodeling program services are being held in the Fellowship Hall of the church. Lillington has enjoyed a steady growth in the membership during the past three years, posting a net gain each year. Rev. Franklin Grill is the pastor.

This Is Very Important!

A large number of the "Trial Subscriptions" are expiring in February and March. We need to extend these. We are extending the time for the WSCS or MYF or other groups to send in subscriptions and receive a percentage.

Pastors are our agents. We urge everyone to see that these subscriptions are renewed and new ones secured. This can be turned over to the Woman's Society or the Youth Fellowship. This is our only way of keeping up our subscription list. Brother preacher, may we depend on you to get this done in your church? We will be grateful for your help.

¶ Dr. Walter J. Miller, pastor of Central Methodist Church of Asheville, will be guest preacher at Central Methodist Church, Canton., beginning with the Sunday evening service March 15 and continuing morning and evening through Friday. Rev. J. H. Brendall is pastor.

¶ Rev. Cecil G. Hefner, Superintendent of the Statesville District, preached last Sunday evening at Centenary Methodist Church in Greensboro. This was one of a series of Lenten services being conducted on Sunday evening with a different speaker each Sunday night. Those participating thus far are Dr. Kenneth Goodson of Winston-Salem, Dr. Wilson O. Weldon of West Market Street Church, Dr. Garland Winkler, Superintendent of Greensboro District, and Rev. Cecil G. Hefner. On Next Sunday morning Bishop Nolan B. Harmon of Charlotte will preach at 11:00 o'clock. Rev. Roger W. Tucker is pastor of Centenary.

¶ A laymen's Revival will be held at Davis Street Church, Burlington, March 22-25 at 7:30. The revival is sponsored by the Methodist churches of Burlington area. Leaders include Joe Holmes, District Lay Leader; Harvey Mitchell Church Lay Leader; W. A. Pike, chairman Commission on Membership and Evangelism. Speakers: Robert Rose of Goldsboro, Sunday; Bernard Oakley of West Burlington Church, Monday; George Forehand of Front Street Church, Tuesday; Walter Anderson of Raleigh, Wednesday. Rev| Tracy Maness of Front Street Church will direct the singing. Various church choirs will provide music.

¶ Love's Church, Walkertown, will begin Holy Week services on Palm Sunday, March 22, with the class being received into the church. At 7:30 the adult choir under the direction of Mrs. John Scott will sing a famous cantata, "From Olivet to Calvary." Monday through Thursday nights at 7:30 the pastor, Rev. Orion Hutchinson, will preach on the highlights in the last week of Christ's life. The Thursday night service will be a communion service. On Friday a 30-minute service will be held at noon, the traditional hour of the remembrance of Christ's crucifixion. On Easter Sunday morning Christian baptism will be administered to infants and children and adults will be received into church membership.

Rev. Emanuele Santi Speaks On Casa Materna Home

The Rev. Emanuele Santi, director of the Casa Materna Home for Children near Naples, Italy, spoke Thursday night, March 5, at the Hickory Grove Methodist Church, Greensboro district. Rev. F. W. Dowd Bangle is the pastor.

Mr. Santi gave information concerning and spoke interestingly of the work of Casa Materna. The home has 230 children, with an additional 200 coming in for day classes, giving a total of some 430, with around 40 adult workers. His brother, who is a doctor, ministers to the physical needs of the home family.

Casa Materna was founded by the father of Mr. Santi in 1905. The elder Santi was a minister in the Methodist Church in Italy. The home has five buildings, seven acres of land which includes a vegetable farm and a chicken farm managed by the children. It is supported by voluntary contributions.

Mr. Santi gave several selections on his violin, at which he is a master. Several members of the choir from the Muir's Shapel Methodist Church rendered special music, and their pastor, Rev. John Sills took a part in the service.

Mr. Santi is appearing in a number of churches in both of the North Carolina Methodist Conferences. He will attend the General Conference in Pittsburgh, Pa., next month.

Emanuele Santi received his undergraduate work at the University of Naples and its Conservatory of Music. He came to the United States as a very young and promising violinist. His long stay in America led him to become an American citizen. He furthered his education in the field of psychology and religion, receiving doctors' degrees from Union Theological Seminary and Columbia University. He is a member of the Kappa Delta Pi and Phi Delta Kappa. Dr. Santi held various pastorates in New York State, serving parishes in New York, Yonkers and White Plains. In 1957 Dr. Santi became co-director with his brother, Teofilo Santi, M.D., of the Casa Materna. Further information regarding speaking engagements may be had by contacting Mr. Harley T. Rockwell, President of the Casa Materna Society, Inc., P. O. Box 176, Tuckahoe, New York.

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"Blessed Are The Meek"

By Margaret A. Overcash

God chose Moses the meekest of men,
To give us His Commandments; and then
He promised the wicked shall be cast down.
Seek meekness that ye may be found,
In Jesus, the Great Bond that will bind
All men together, the meek and the mighty;
That they may hope to find Charity's height-
love.
They will He beautify with salvation from
above.
And rest in abundant peace will He give—
Blessed are the Meek, long may they live!
God's promise—"For they shall inherit the
earth."

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Executive Committee WSCS High Point District Meets

The Executive Committee of the Woman's Society of Christian Service of the High Point District met at the home of the president, Mrs. Stanley Baker, in High Point February 20, at 10:00 a. m. Plans were made for the Annual District meeting at Liberty Methodist Church.

Dates to remember were noted as March 12, 10:00 a. m. World's Affairs Conference at Chapel Hill at Carroll Hall (Council of Women's organization) Reservations by March 7 to Gertrude M. Willis, M.D., 335 Tenney Circle, Chapel Hill, N. C. $2.50 for lunch, registration at door; May 19 10:00 A.M. District Officers Training Day for old and new officers at Statesville; June 12-14 Annual Meeting Weslevan Service Guild, Lake Junaluska; June 16-18 Annual Meeting WSCS, Lake Junaluska; July 18-19 Guild Spiritual Life Week-end, Lake Junaluska; July 31-Aug. 1 WSCS Spiritual Retreat, Pfeiffer College; Aug.3-7 School of Missions, Peiffer College.

The executive committee voted to adopt the following recommendation of new officers presented by the nominating committee: President, Mrs. Stanley Baker; vice-president, (to be announced later); Recording Secretary, Mrs. W. I. Gibson; Treasurer, Mrs. J. C. Woodard; Secretary of Children's Work, Mrs. R. E. Dingman; Secretary Christian Social Relations, Mrs. Harry Hendrick; Secretary Literature, Mrs. Robert Johnson; Secretary Missionary Education, Mrs. W. H. Colona, Jr.; Secretary Missionary Personnel, Mrs. John McGlohon; Secretary Promotion, Mrs. E. B. Stafford; Secretary Spiritual Life, Mrs. T. B. Hopper; Secretary Student Work, Mrs. H. D. Marsh; Secretary Supply Work, Mrs. Rachel Chandler; Secretary Youth Work, Mrs. Ron Hall; Secretary Public Relations, (to be announced later); Nominating Committee, Mrs. I. A. Spence, Chairman, Mrs. Ron Hall, Mrs. Harry Hendrick, Mrs. E. B. Stafford.

Mrs. J. Hyatt Hammond,
Recording Secretary

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"You plead guilty to stealing this man's overcoat," said the judge, "and now you want me to reduce your fine. Why"

"Please, your honor," begged the man. "I had to have the sleeves shortened."

Mrs. G. Bromley Oxnam Gives Letters to Wesley Seminary

Concern with harvests, both on the land and in the church, shows up strongly in an 1811-14 series of letters from Bishop Francis Asbury to a New Hampshire friend.

The letters from the first Methodist bishop are among 13 from that period just given to Wesley Theological Seminary by Mrs. G. Bromley Oxnam. They belonged to the late Bishop Oxnam, for whom the seminary chapel is named.

Bishop Asbury wrote to the Rev. Solomon Sias, who was a presiding edler (district superintendent) in New Hampshire. In December, 1811, from Columbia, S. C., he held that "never were our prespects greater than at present," with 101 preachers in the Western Conference. He noted that the conference, 1,000 miles in width and 2,000 in breadth," calls aloud for a division."

Known for the tremendous area he covered in preaching, Asbury reported also: "I have wrought at a most extravagant rate in riding. We have lamed two horses and myself twice; in more than 5,000 miles this year."

A year later he wrote that there was in Ohio, Tennessee and South Carolina "astonishing increase." He also showed a facet of his life as bishop in saying, "We have been very strict, but very loving in conferences."

In January, 1814, a time of war, he expressed concern "when the general mind is so greatly agitated; when the Bibles are laid aside for the news papers; when perhaps 200,000 are called to the army and navey," but enthusiastically added, "We shall have great increase this year." He reported "upon the whole there is a deep attention to the Gospel in the citizens of the United States."

Also included in the collection is a 1798 letter from Bishop Thomas Coke, written in London, to report an "agreeable passage from America to England in twenty two days and a half" as well as the state of Methodism in the British Conference and West Indies.

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EDITORIALS

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Our Opportunity and Responsibility

Some years ago the late Dr. Ernest Fremont Tittle wrote a book called "Let the Church Be the Church." In that volume Dr. Tittle sought to lay upon the church its full responsibility in proclaiming the truth, pleasant or unpleasant, and taking its stand for that which is right and proper as it affects every individual and the social order.

In these modern days there seems to be a tendency to demand that the church compromise its convictions or water-down its standards. And yet we know that all the moral and spiritual ideals that mankind cherishes had their beginning and laid their foundation upon those things which the church teaches, namely, a simple faith in God and complete commitment to Jesus Christ as Saviour and Lord. Peter expressed it when, in answer to the question of Jesus he replied, "Thou art the Christ, the son of the living God." Jesus honored that confession by saying "Upon this rock I will build my church, and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it." We have done many things well, but may have failed in our emphasis upon genuine conversion. People need to become aware that they are sinners, and only the shed blood of Jesus Christ is sufficient for redemption. Church membership is fine, support of the various causes is commendable, loyalty to the services is important, but these are only the expression of concern. Many respond to these challenges who may not know much about religious experience. Jesus said, "So, likewise, ye, when ye shall have done all those things which are commanded of you say, "We are unprofitable servants: we have done that which was our duty to do."

It takes neither a saint nor a sage to understand that the world of our day is groping in darkness, seeking a ray of light if haply it may hitch its hopes to something permanent. Through the years men and nations have sought in vain to find the fulfillment of their dreams in material things, only to realize that they lead to a dead end.

The very fact that this yearning for something exists demonstrates the world's need, and lays upon the church and religious people a solemn obligation to seek to supply it. In a sermon in Asheboro a few nights ago, Bishop John Owen Smith of the Atlanta Area said that he was not so much concerned about the world letting the church down as he was about the possibility of the church letting the world down. The church is privileged to set the standards by which men live, and if men are not living up to high standards is it because the church has failed in its mission? The obligation must not be ignored and it cannot be evaded. Our marching orders are, "Go ye into all the world," and that includes those in our immediate community as well. The fact is we are not reaching our potential, and recent statistics are not encouraging, although they should be challenging. Someone has said, This is really our time, and if we can make the seriousness of this situation register upon the hearts and minds of Christian people we can give meaning to a movement that will transform human society. The world is hungry and cries for food, it is lonely and seeks companionship, it is in conflict and needs peace, it knows the guilt and power of sin and longs for salvation, it is in darkness and needs the light of the Son of Righteousness. Truly the fields are white unto harvest. What shall be our response?

THEME FOR THE WEEK

"In thee, O Lord, do I put my trust; let me never be ashamed: deliver me in thy righteousness." —Psalm 31:1.

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LETTERS

Dear Editor:

I have learned within recent days of the decision by the Commission on World Service and Finance to make our contribution to the interdenominational fund a separate and optional item of support. I understand that the cabinet concurred in this action.

I wish to express my profound regret and disapproval of this action. I believe it opens the door for an erosion of the whole program of support in our conference, as well as constituting a surrender in the face of opposition and a retreat from a course which Christendom does well to welcome and enthusiastically support.

This action opens the door for any group which does not like something our church supports to get it out so that it can be allowed to starve for lack of support. The interdenominational fund is first. What will be next? Christian Higher Education? I remind you that there are people in our churches who would welcome this opportunity because they think our venture here unwise. Will it be Church Extension? Many oppose our development of new congregations in the face of shortage of funds and ministers. Will it be Missions? There are many today who oppose our mission program. Will we give them the same "right" to jeopordize this ministry as we have to the few who oppose the Council of Churches? This first step says to the conference as a whole, "Go ahead now. The door is open. You can get out of anything you don't like just by threatening to withhold support." This is what we are asking for.

Second, we are retreating in the face of opposition. And this is a humiliating thing to ponder, much less admit (as indeed we must) to our Church. And incidentally this is incredible in our conference where the word has always been, "Forward! March!" How those who have gone before us must shudder as they see our fearfulness, our lack of faith. How John Wesley must shudder when his followers surrender to the threats of the few when he stood firm against the threats of the many. How Martin Luther must suffer when we who follow in his Protestant path whimper, "Here I retreat" rather than affirm, as did he, "Here I stand!" And what St. Paul must think of us who can read his words in Ephesians, "Stand then . . . and, having done all, to stand," and shrink back in panic. Or Jesus Christ, who saw opposition, even death on a cross, and would not hesitate but walked faithfully forward—what he must think of us who can so easily be turned aside.

Third, we are cutting ourselves off from the stream of Christendom and its movement toward closer and closer co-operation. The interdenominational movement has been called the great Christian Miracle of the 20th Century, the bright ray of hope in a century of despair. But we would cut ourselves away.

And in our opposition at a few points—the Council's activities in race relations, for instance, we are willing to sacrifice the great ministry this interdenominational effort has rendered. Have we forgotten what we are sacrificing—the body that gave us the Revised Standard Version of the Bible, the framework which has worked out the mainlines of the new day in Christian education, the body whcih has rendered the only effective ministry to the vast migrant labor force and the movement which has brought co-operation, rather than wasteful competition, to the mission field. We are "throwing out the baby with the bath water."

But most of all, we are surrendering to those who have cast suspicion and mistrust on anything interdenominational. They cry, "Surrender to the left!" And so we capitulate to the right. They label this great movement "communist," and no one dares to call it Christian.

I call on us to take this opportunity to let our oneness in Christ really mean something. Let us stand and not retreat. Let us fight and not surrender. Let us rescind this action and say with our money what we confess with our lips—We desire to be one in Christ, "one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of us all."

I urge that this matter be reconsidered and rescinded for the sake of our Church and the world Church of Jesus Christ.

Very sincerely,
Bruce Pate

Bishop Hardin at Wadesboro

Bishop Paul Hardin, Jr. of Columbia, S. C., will preach in Holy Week services at First Methodist Church, Wadesboro, March 22-25. Services will begin Sunday morning, March 22 at 11:00 o'clock and will continue 7:30 morning and 7:30 evening through Wednesday. Bishop Hardin will also be the Methodist speaker Wednesday at 12:00 noon in the Wadesboro Interchurch Council Holy Week Services. The 12:00 noon services will be held in First Baptist Church.

Bishop Hardin is well known and loved in Wadesboro, having been pastor of First Methodist Church from 1935-1939. His many friends and admirers will hear him again. The public is cordially invited to attend.

"Shut-In But Not Shut-Out"

By Lula Ritchie Waddell

We were alone, my mother and I. The room in which we were sitting was her room. Everything was in its place. On the bed table was a lacy doily on which had been placed a pure white napkin holding a small piece of bread and a tiny glass of wine. Fresh white curtains hung at her window through which each morning the little rays of sun came peeking through. My mother in her long white gown, was sitting in her wheel chair. She looked so pretty with her snowy white hair. Two gray side combs were holding the loose ends away from her face. A small plaited ball on top of her head was held securely with the old wire hairpins that had seen years of service. The pale pink shawl thrown around her shoulders brought out even more the beauty of her silken hair. Her eyes were bright with the expectancy of something to come, something she was waiting for, and was looking forward to. Her old faithful alarm clock, sitting in almost the exact spot it had been in for years, was ticking away the minutes. Soon it would be time. The room seemed different somehow. There was an air of reverence, everything was so quiet, so at peace with the world with only the ticking of the clock to break the silence as the time drew near.

Looking at her sitting there, I could hardly hold back the tears. Her eyes, dimmed by cataracts that were throwing her into a world of darkness, seemed to take on an added sparkle this morning. It seems you could detect a note of happiness under the wrinkles of her pinched little face.

Seven months ago my mother had the misfortune to fall and break her hip. It was a bad break. She had been feeble for years. The doctor had warned us time and again how easy it would be for her to fall. As I sat and watched her sitting there, I remembered so well the doctor's words, "She may never walk again." Although we realized that her age was against her, we still clung to a tiny thread of hope. After all, what real happiness could she find in life? Already her eyes had failed. She could neither read nor sew. Even the television makes her eyes sting and burn. I think mother realized from the first that her walking days were over and that she would be confined to a wheel chair the rest of her days. Even knowing this, she never complained. Anything or any way we wanted to do was all right with her. She is a good Christian woman and she humbly accepts her fate. Her only concern is for us, her children. She feels she is a burden. She worries about us having to wait on her, and even tries to apologize for the care and attention we give her. This, we told her, was the one thing we could do and it was so little compared to all the time and attention she has given us. We assured her that it wasn't everyone who had such an understanding, sweet and uncomplaining mother as we had. To have ugly thoughts of her being a burden made us feel sad. She would look at us a little shy-like and a sheepsh little grin would come over her face.

My mother kept looking at the alarm clock on the mantle as if she were afraid the time would pass and she would miss that all important moment. She would ask over and over as a small child might ask, "Is it eleven o'clock yet?" At exactly eleven, I turned on her little table radio.

Mother's pastor was talking. The service at her church had begun. We were in church, my eighty-five-year-old mother and I, if not in body we were there in spirit. The singing had started. It was an old familiar hymn to which my mother used to sing alto so beautifully. I thought of the many Sunday afternoon rides with my dad and how we would all start singing and her alto would blend in so pretty. We could sing forever. Now the years have taken their toll. Her breath is much too short to even hum a tune. Suddenly, I realized with a start that I had drifted away from the service. I sat up and listened carefully, for fear I had missed a part of the service.

Softly the organ played and Rev. Stone began in his low quiet voice. "This is my body which was given for you. Take and eat in remembrane of me." My mother, her hands wrinkled with age, reached out and picked up the small piece of bread and silently and reverently place it between her lips. Then she bowed her head for the prayer that followed. As the service contnued, "This is the blood of our Lord Jesus Christ which was shed for thee." Again the work-worn hand reached out for the tiny glass of wine. With shaking fingers, she grasped the little glass and began to sip, and as she finished, we bowed our heads together for the prayer.

The service was concluded. Mother looked at me and I'll never forget the happy expression on her face as she said, "That is the first time in so long, so long I can't even remember that I have had the chance to partake of the Lord's Supper." I knew that mother felt that somehow she was nearer to her God, to her church and to her pastor who had made the Sacrement to the "shut-in" possible. As for me, I felt a renewed spirit. Also for her it may be the last Sacrement but for me, a sweet and cherished memory that will last forever.

The Shabby Little Lad

Sometimes the lad who'll make a man
Is quite unpromising to scan;
He saunters up and down the street
With dirty hands and dirty feet;
With grimy cheeks and tousled hair
For whom nobody seems to care;
And yet beneath the dirt and grime
Perhaps there beats a heart sublime.

His clothes are grimy like his face
And all he does seems out of place;
He's just a shabby-looking lad,
A little fellow somewhat bad;
And still, perhaps, he's not so mean,
With intellect that's bright and keen;
A boy that people say is "tough,"
Perchance a diamond in the rough.

He romps about from day to day,
Quite fond of frolic and of play;
He climbs the fence and jumps the rills,
And swims the streams and scales the hills;
He chases butterflies and bees
And knocks the apples from the trees;
But looks his neighbors in the eyes
And tells the truth and never lies.

But give this little lad a chance
And see some day how he'll advance;
He'll master books and make a name
That many others cannot claim;
He'll make success and rise somehow
With godly laurels on his brow,
Till men may say, "How could it be
From such a shabby lad as he?"

WALTER E. ISENHOUR, *Minister*
Taylorsville, N. C.



GIVE TO YOUR RED CROSS

During March, many Red Cross chapters will be asking the American people for the funds needed to carry on the many Red Cross programs locally, nationally, and around the world. Other chapters, which raise their money through a united fund in the fall, will be conducting another type of campaign, a campaign to encourage more people to volunteer for community service through Red Cross, to describe the many services Red Cross makes available to the American people, and to express appreciation for the support last fall that made these services possible. Red Cross slogan for 1964 is "Always There . . . With YOUR Help." During March, let's all pledge our support so that Red Cross, a "friend in need," will be always there.

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By Mary Gardner

Straight and Tall

"Nobody in town, bragged Dick, "is as tall as my Dad. Maybe nobody in the whole world."

"My Dad stands straighter," said Bill.

Dick laughed. "He could stand as straight as a flag-pole and he'd still be a shrimp."

"Now, just a minute," began Bill, but Dick stopped him with a grin.

"Sorry, fella," he said. "I shouldn't have said that. But you do have to admit that your Dad is short-stuff compared to mine."

They walked on in silence. Bill swatted with his baseball glove at the wild carrot which grew along the pathway. "Being short or tall," he said, "is something you can't help, either way, just like what color of eyes you have. It's the way God made you."

"Maybe so," admitted Dick, tossing his ball up and catching it as it fell, "but everybody admires a tall guy more than a short one."

"Not me," said Bill. "I admire my Dad more than anybody."

"You have to, because he is your Dad."

"I'd admire him even if he wasn't."

Dick caught the ball behind his back. "So what's he done that's so great?"

Bill thought for a moment. "I guess maybe it's more what he hasn't done," he said. "Remember the picnic the tool works had for the families of the men who work there?"

"Sure I do," said Dick. "My Dad works there too, remember?"

Bill went on. "When they brought the beer in, do you remember that?"

Dick chuckled. "My mom had a fit. She did everything but blindfold me."

"My Mother was mad, too," said Bill. "But it was my Dad who did something about it."

"What was there to do? Dad told my Mom there was no use getting her feathers up, the beer was there, whether she liked it or not, and he was going over to have a bottle, as long as it was free."

Bill frowned. "He was kidding, wasn't he?"

Dick shook his head slowly. "He had more than one bottle, I guess. Mom had to drive home, I know. Most people were gone but Dad was still with some of the other men. Don't know when he came in, but it was late, and he missed work next day. He didn't look so good, either. Made us kids go out to the garage to play. His head hurt, he said, and it was raining, so we couldn't play outside. What was your Dad like that day?"

"The same as always," Bill said, and drew himself up a little straighter. "But then he didn't drink any beer."

"He'd look kind of silly, wouldn't he, when everybody else was drinking?"

"When a fellow stands as straight and tall as my Dad," Bill said slowly, "I guess he doesn't care whether he looks silly or not. As long as he knows he's doing right, that's all that matters."

"Dick kicked a stone out of the way. "You never did say what he did."

"Well, first he went over and told them if he'd known there was going to be beer there, he'd never have taken us kids."

"What'd they say?"

"Nothing, I guess. Just went ahead getting the beer out. Then Dad gathered us up and took us away."

"She was so proud of Dad she never took her eyes off him once, all the way to the amusement park."

Dick looked around. "You went to the amusement park?"

Bill nodded. "We had our picnic there. Then we went on the rides all afternoon. It was keen. Dad was as much fun on the rides as anybody. You should have seen him when he took Mom on the whirligig."

"We haven't been this summer," Dick said quietly. "Don't know whether we will or not. But when we do, Dad just gives us money and sends us off to the rides ourselves. I guess he goes drinking or something." He paused. "Your Dad does sound like a lot of fun. I guess he's pretty tall, too, for a shrimp."

Bill grinned. "He walks the straightest of anybody in town," he said. "Maybe in the whole world."

Jack Shows Friendliness

Jack did not like to fight. He was a friendly boy and usually got along well with the other boys of his age.

One day after school two boys jumped on him suddenly as he was leaving the schoolyard. It made Jack angry but he did not forget that he was a Christian. Quickly a silent prayer, "Oh God, help me," came to his mind. Just as quickly came the thought of what to do.

"Hello, fellows! You sure surprised me that time. Come on over to my house and I'll show you the new football my dad got me."

The beligerent boys could not fight in the face of such friendliness. They went home with Jack and were soon sharing some of the comforts and happiness of a Christian home.

We Read God's Book

Sometimes Mom reads the Bible
Just at the end of the day;
I love to hear the stories
That help me to obey.

Sometimes I don't remember,
When I am having fun;
I pout when Mother calls me—
And I should smile and run.

Dear God, help me remember
Your Word that says "Obey;"
Dear God, help me tomorrow—
And please forgive today.

Author Unknown

Bible Quiz

1—Who was seeking his father's lost asses, when he was called to be king?

2—Jesus once told a parable about things which were lost or went astray. What were they?

3—When Jesus' parents found Him in the temple questioning the wise men, they chided Him. What did He answer?

4—Finish this quotation: "The Son of Man is come to seek and save that which . . ."

5—What high priest found an old book of the law of Moses while clearing away the idols from the temple and read it to King Josiah?

Answers to Last Week's Questions

1—"Ye shall not enter the kingdom of heaven" (Matthew 18:3)
2—The children of Isreal
3—Elisha (II Kings 2:23)
4—The tower of Babel (Genesis 11:5)
5—"The children's teeth are set on edge." (Jeremiah 31:29)

Notice

By action of the 1960 session of the Western North Carolina Annual Conference all invitations to entertain the Annual Conference shall be in written form and shall be placed in the hands of the Chairman of the Conference Entertainment Committee sixty days prior to the opening of the Annual Conference on June 3, 1964. Therefore, invitations to entertain the 1965 session will be received gladly until midnight of April 3, 1964. Invitations should be directed to THE REV. HARLAN L. CREECH, JR., Chairman, 200 South Church Street, Salisbury, North Carolina.

Harlan L. Creech, Jr., *Chairman*

When Time Comes Alive

D. W. Charlton

As we hang a new calendar on the wall we are especially aware that time marches on. But to the young person time drags its feet. Birthdays and other anniversaries are slow to come. To the youth exciting events are anticipated.

Older people, however, are inclined to look backward. In a play by James Barrie, a passenger hails a bus and shouts to the man at the wheel: "Drive back ten years."

For one thing, we face the importance and pressure of time. Focusing on the meaning of time, the Greek language has two words: (1) chromos, and (2) kairos. The first denotes duration of time, measured by the clock or calendar. Kairos defines time as God given possibility or opportunity. Here we are thinking of time as kairos, stressing the urgency or the most fruitful use of time and talents.

Conscious of the clock, one man said that he was unable to read a small book in the course of weeks. "It's awful," he exclaimed, "that we squeeze in so little of reading.' Another man claimed he didn't have time for church or time to really live. "That's a failure to use time in the larger sense of kairos.

Some one made an estimate of how the average person disposes of his time. The 70-year-old individual "spends six years eating, 11 working, eight amusing himself, 24 sleeping, five and a half washing and dressing, three talking, and six months in church."

One man told of spending one and a half hours a day reading the newspapers. That he felt was a misuse of his time. Then he made a schedule, and spent hours every week with magazines and books, depth material.

An American traveling in the Far East had two watches; one for local time, and the other for the time back home. More important, do we conceive of time as kairos, opportunities for self-improvement and self-giving—God's time?

In the second place, we think of time in three categories—past, present, and future. The past is dead? Nay, the past is never really dead. We are in a continuous stream of life. Children have come out of homes that have been a godsend or a drag on them. They will reflect in large measure the kind of surroundings and training they have received in the past.

Consider the alcoholic. He is a product of the past, influences in and outside the home. Think also of the little boy who begins to take things in the home. Undisciplined, he continues his thefts until he gets out of hand.

But the saint reflects the past as well as the sinner. Some one spoke of an older minister who sat in the pulpit with the pastor. His coming was like turning on the lights; his presence was a benediction. His good and godly life was wrought out of the past—study, meditation, prayer, witnessing for God.

Another thing, we do not live in the future. While foresight and wise planning are urged, they are not the same as possessing the future. The late W. E. Sangster reminded us of men whose vast designs and dreams were unfulfilled. Cecil Rhodes planned big things for himself and Africa, but he died at forty-nine, moaning: "So much to do; so little done."

A pastor received a tearful letter from a young girl, informing him of the death of her father. "He was so full of plans for the future," she wrote. "But he suddenly collapsed and died."

Some have glowing expectations for the future. A business man said he wanted to catch up on his reading and write books when he retired. But when that time came around he had lost all desire to read and write. The mood and motive were lost, the spell was gone. So it will be with many who merely have good intentions to serve God and the Kingdom. "Not everyone who says, Lord, Lord, but he who does the will of my Father . . ." Chirst said.

Finally, "now is the acceptable time." Obviously we live only one moment at the time. So "act, act in the living present, heart within, and God overhead."

The cowboy philosopher, Will Rogers, was asked: "If you had only forty-eight hours to live, how would you live them?" He replied: "One at a time."

While God says today, man says tomorrow. The demons in hell, as the legend goes, once discussed ways of putting obstacles in the path of men on earth. One devil said: "Tell men there is no God." Another chimes in: "Say to them the Bible is a myth." A third replied: "Just tell them there's no need for promptness; wait, wait until tomorrow." So procrastination is not only thief of time but the pitfall of many people.

A favorite word with John Wesley was NOW. He was not only achieving something today, but he was ever pursuing the goal of the Kingdom of God.

In the process of growing up, we are going on from the dream to deed, from insight to action, from conviction to life, Harold Bosley reminded us. Unless the deed is done, the creed comes to naught; unless the building rises, the blueprint is wasted.

One of the most vigorous Christian leaders of all times was David Livingstone. He motto was: "Fear God and work hard." The living present is of supreme importance.





The new Educational Building of the Flat Rock Methodist Church.

Flat Rock Church to Open New Education Building

The new educational building of the Flat Rock Methodist Church, of Stokesdale, will be officially opened and used for the first time Sunday, March 15. The new educational building consists of seven church school rooms, a kitchen, and Fellowship Hall, and was recently completed by E. K. Gragg and Son, contractor of Greensboro, at a cost of approximately $33,000.

The program for the day will include church school at 9:45 a.m. Official opening service of the new building, and morning worship service at 11:00 a.m., conducted by the pastor, Rev. David E. Hubbard. Following the morning service, a picnic lunch will be served in the Fellowship Hall by the ladies of the church.

The following men have served as the steering committee for the building program: Mr. H. W. Griffin, chairman; R. W. Ellison, Robert Lester, T. B. Wilson, W. E. Johnson, and Percy Friddle. Mr. H. L. Johnson, treasurer of the church is chairman of the Finance Committee for the building program.

Everyone is cordially invited to attend the special services of the day for the official opening of the new building.

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The Wayside Pulpit

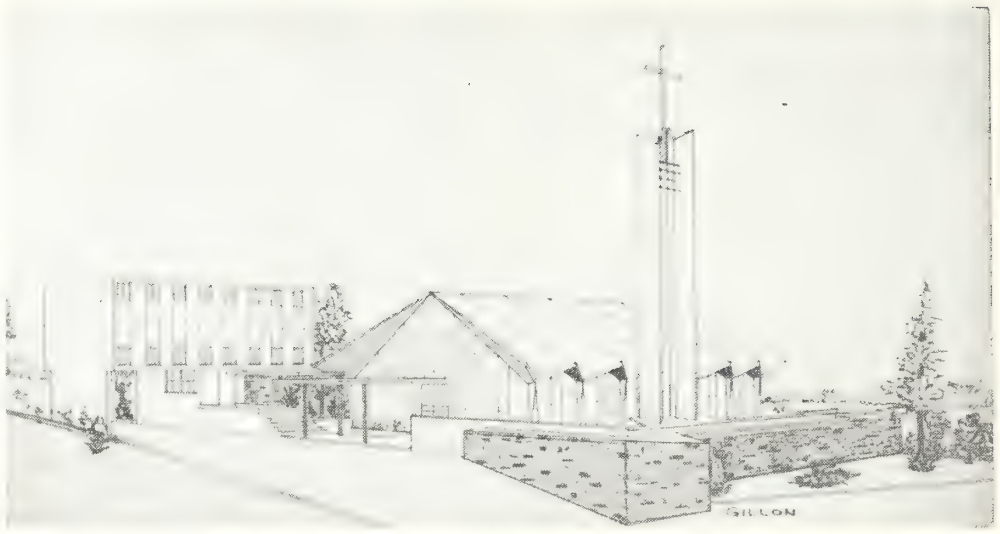
D. E. Earnhardt

I am not disappointed in the Gospel.
Rom. 1:16

A lot of the schoolers and scholars are disappointed in the Gospel because they never get around to it. In many churches the Gospel stock is so watered down that it is a poor investment.

As a young preacher I lived in a village and went to the post office every time I heard a train whistle. Being lost for something to do I laughed with the other loafers, I pitched for the town ball club, I fished in Nowater Creek and took needless trips. The people came to the church to hear me dispense with the Gospel. One fellow did not come but walked alone. He came to town as a mechanic and worked hard and shunned all conversation. He was tall and handsome and looked like good stock. Being lonely and carrying some deep dark secret, he committed suicide and carried his identity and his burden to his grave. Then he became my burden. I had the medicine but I did not give it to him.

WNC Conference Sends $50,000 To Argentina



Here is an architect's sketch of the Bariloche sanctuary and educational unit, which will be built with funds from the Western North Carolina Conference.

Methodists of the Western North Carolina Conference have sent $50,000 to a Methodist congregation in Argentina with which to build a new sanctuary.

The money was raised in slightly more than a year following a request from Bishop Nolan B. Harmon, presiding bishop of the Charlotte Methodist Area, and the spiritual leader of the Conference; and the vivid presentation of the work there by William C. Stokes, a layman of Reidsville, who went and saw the opportunity The Methodist Church has in Bariloche, Argentina.

The money has gone to the congregation of Bariloche Methodist Church, located in the resort city by the same name.

The congregation, lone Methodist church in Bariloche, was organized by a German who has become one of Protestantim's outstanding pastors in South America. He is the Rev. Seigfried Trommer and he has served Methodism in Argentina since 1954.

The story of the Bariloche church is the stroy of this clergyman.

Seigfried Trommer was born in Germany and attended the Methodist Theological Seminary in Frankfurt prior to World War III, and in 1940 was serving as an assistant pastor in the Central Germany Methodist Conference when he was drafted into the German army.

He served in Poland, Bulgaria, Greece, and then in North Africa as a member of Romel's famous Africa Corps.

He was taken prisoner in 1943 and brought to the U.S. and placed in a prison camp in Kansas. There he organized a Protestant congregation and later was called to Washington, D. C., as chaplain to German prisoners.

After the Rev. Mr. Trommer was discharged from the Germany army in 1946, he was selected as one of the first Crusade scholars and attended Garrett Biblical Institute in Evanston, Ill. Here he received a Bachelor of Divinity degree.

He went back to Germany where he met and married his wife, Gerda. They served a church in Ellefeld in East Germany where Johannes, their son, was born. When the child was six months old the Trommers returned to Western Germany where Seigfried served pastorates.

During this ministry in Western Germany the Trommers began a long struggle for a visa to the U.S. with the desire to train for missionary work. Because they were feared to be spies, they were informed by immigration authorities they would have to wait a year. When they returned they found only Mrs. Trommer had a visa, that because of a spot on the preacher's lung he could not receive a visa.

The German pastor spent three months in a rest home, leaving his wife and child behind. His wife sold her blood at regular intervals to get money for food. After that the Rev. Mr. Trommer had to report at regular intervals to immigration offcials for a year to reassure the authorities the spot was gone.

Finally the visa came and the Trommers went to the U.S. to study at Vanderbilt University and Scarritt College for missions work.

In 1954 they were sent to Bariloche to establish that city's first Methodist congregation. Financial help which had been promised never arrived and the Trommers were again faced with difficulties which they struggled to overcome.

Bariloche is a summer resort of about 20,000 people located near the Chilean border in southern Argentina, in the lake country of the Andes. It is about two hours jet flying time southwest of Buenos Aires.

This area, with its mountains and lakes, is considered to be one of the most beautiful spots in the world. It is patronized by wealthy South Americans, mainly from Argentina, Chile and Brazil, during the summer, and skiers from all over the world come here during the winter. The native residents are mostly very poor.

The Rev. Mr. Trommer had begun his congregation in a small, stable-like building of about 800 square feet, within sight of a magnificant cathedral-like Roman Catholic Church.

The small structure, which held only 40 persons at capacity, was soon overflowing with Bariloche residents and classes were extended into a neighbor's back yard.

With no help in sight, the Trommers worked to hold this congregation together in the tiny building, a striking contrast to the luxury of the resort area which could be seen all around the mission. Winter brought special hardships since the outdoor classes had no protection from the cold weather.

This was the situation Bishop Harmon found in 1959 when he made his episcopal tour to South America. The bishop, along with Bishop Sante Uberto Barbieri, who presides over the Buenos Aires Area of Argantina, Bolivia, Patagonia Provisional and Uruguay Conferences, visited Bariloche and spent some time with the Trommers.

Upon his return to the U.S., Bishop Harmon began making arrangements for securing support for the Bariloche Methodist congregation. He talked to an outstanding Methodist layman about the situation—William C. Stokes of Reidsville. Mr. Stokes and his wife were greatly interested and offered to go, at their own expense, to Bariloche and see what could be done.

The Stokes went to Bariloche with a camera and brought back the Bariloche story in dramatic color slides for use throughout the Western North Carolina Conference.

The film story was first presented during the annual meeting of the Western North Carolina Conference and delegates unanimously backed Bishop Harmon's request for $50,000 to aid Bariloche.

Now the money has been sent to the congregation.

Besides the new sanctuary, the Bariloche congregation in 1962 built for their pastor a new parsonage. Both the parsonage and sanctuary will be on a two-acre site, overlooking the lake on which the city is situated.

The Rev. Mr. Trommer, besides being pastor of the Bariloche Church, also heads a provisional Methodist annual conference.*

The work of the German pastor had been so successful that Methodism formed a Patagonia Methodist District and appointed the Rev. Mr. Trommer as first superintendent. The district covers an area of 300,000 squares miles in Southern Argentina.

Then, this past summer, the district met at Bariloche and voted to request from the Argentina Annual Conference that the district be made a provisional Methodist annual conference. Delegates to the annual conference approved this request.

Working with the Trommers in this venture have been the Rev. and Mrs. Robert Stroud, U.S. Methodist missionaries. Mrs. Stroud is the former Betty Lou Rose, and is a native of Winston-Salem. Her parents now live at Lake Junaluska and her brother, the Rev. Mark Rose, Jr., is a pastor for the Franklin Circuit of the Western North Carolina Conference.

* The Methodist Church in the U.S. and overseas is divided into conferences which meet annually. A provisional annual conference has most of the powers of an annual conference, and must always be headed by a bishop who also presides over a regular annual conference.

History of American Methodism Ready for Pittsburgh Session

The first official history of The Methodist Church in America and the first complete history of American Methodism since Bishop Hurst's multivolume set (1902), will be published April 6, 1964, just prior to the quadrennial General Conference.

The History of American Methodism, in three volumes, is the product of forty-four writers working under the direction of an editorial board. The set will be priced at $27.50.

The 1956 General Conference, recognizing that "there is not in print a definite and adequate History of American Methodism and no such work has been written for many decades," adopted Report No. 2 of the Committee on Publishing Interests, which called for publication of such a history.

An editorial board of nine men was formed—three from the Council of Bishops, three from the Association of Methodist Historical Societies and three men selected by The Methodist Publishing House from the faculty of Methodist seminaries.

The editorial board began its work in September of 1959 with the preparation of a careful chronological outline for the three volumes. This outline was submitted to the faculties of the Methodist-related seminaries for their criticisms and suggested refinements.

Invitations to the writers selected were issued in the spring of 1960. First drafts of the chapters were submitted in the summer of 1961, and the next three years were devoted to editing, revision, research and typesetting.

The History of American Methodism includes all branches of Methodism in this country, beginning with the work of the Wesleys in 1736 and ending with the General Conference actions of 1960.

A full history of the AME and the AME Zion Churches is given; also included is the story of the founding of the Free Methodists, the Wesleyan Methodists and the CME Church. Major attention is given to the Methodist Episcopal Church, the Methodist Protestant Church and the Methodist Episcopal Church, South.

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One controversy of long standing in The Methodist Church today is the question of who founded the first Methodist society in America—and where. On one side have been the followers of Philip Embury, who in 1766 established the society which grew into John Street Church, New York City.

On the other side are those who hold that Robert Strawbridge founded the first Methodist societies in Maryland, and that Leesburg, Virginia, can claim the first Methodist building in the country. This claim rests largely on what has come to be called the "Leesburg Deed," which is reproduced, for the first time, in the new *History of American Methodism*. A photostat of the deed, together with a transcription, is included in Volume I. Readers can judge for themselves the relevance of this deed to Virginia's claim.

Two previously unpublished letters of Francis Asbury were discovered in the library of The Methodist Publishing House in Nashville and are included in the new *History of American Methodism*. Written to Nanthaniel Harris, a local preacher in Kentucky, they throw some light on Asbury's thoughts concerning the ordination of local deacons just prior to the General Conference of 1812.

Dr. Earl G. Hunt in Special Services at West Market

Large congregations greeted Dr. Earl G. Hunt, president of Emory and Henry College, as he preached the past weekend at West Market Street Methodist Church in Greensboro. The services began at 7:30 Saturday evening. Dr. Hunt said I can hardly believe there is another church in Methodism that could do this on Saturday night, especially with a championship basketball game in competition. An excellent choir, under the direction of Mr. William Jordan, with Mrs. Jordan at the organ, furnished inspiring music. Dr. Hunt delivered a masterful sermon, centering largely upon an answer to the question, "Does Modern Man Need God?"

Sunday morning's services began at 8:45, with a good congregation present for the early service. Dr. Hunt spoke on the subject, "Losers, Finders." At the 11:00 o'clock hour the church was crowded to capacity. A splendid musical program was provided in which the congregation joined heartily. Dr. Hunt's subject was "Pilate's Washbowl."

The series was brought to a very fine climax with the Sunday evening service at which time Dr. Hunt preached to a fine congregation on "What Happens When You Come to Church." He held the church up as the place where God becomes real to men.

Dr. Wilson O. Weldon, the pastor, said in referring to the services that it was a very fine series and that the church was greatly blessed and inspired by Dr. Hunt's messages, and by the spirit that prevailed throughout the two-day series.

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Lent---Every Day of the Year

By W. W. Reid

During these pre-Easter and Lenten days, the image-provoking and thought-provoking words we hear most frequently in our churches include *sacrifice* (or self-sacrifice), *fasting, self-examination, commitment, self-discipline.* Or we may hear about humility, repentance, faith, perfection, remission of sins.

But these are not words with cannotations to which we are accustomed in our everyday working world. They are more or less familiar to us on Sunday, but for six days of struggle, and tension, and perhaps less in our action. Indeed, the ideas and attitudes conveyed by these words seem in direct opposition to the mores of our western society and the practices of our western culture.

Let us not, however, blame all this on "the world," and stand aloof as "the church" —professing that we know and practice a different creed. Am I in error in saying that these words are not those usually heard in our churches at other than the 11 a.m. to noon hour on Sunday? Are they the words we use *for ourselves* when we meet to make up the church budget? to add names to our church rolls? or when we meet as men's clubs or women's societies?

These words that we have to some extent relegated to the forty days we call *Lent,* have a strange sound and a stranger meaning in the busy world of the 20th Century. The civilization of which we are inescapably part is far more geared to feasting, over-indulgence, and the amassing of perishable things than it is to *fasting.* Its central creed is built around "success"—often at the overriding of others—rather than *sacrifice. Self-sacrifice* is considered the senseless act of a warped idealist: *security* is the goal of all the rest of us. *Self-examination* in the religious meaning of that term, has little meaning for many: "We don't know where we come from, why we are here, where we are going. So, why worry about it?" And if something drives one to too-troubled a mind concerning himself, there is always aspirin or the psychiatrist.

Commitment is a bewildering term. Of course, men sign all kinds of legal commitments: mortgages and loans at the bank; marriage and other licenses; military and other oaths of office and trust. But the commitment of one's life to a great cause, or to a disciplined way of living, seems more than most people are ready to perform. The president of one of America's great colleges for women the other day chided the student body for their "count-me-out" attitude: their refusal to be committed to anything, to being devoted to purely personal ambition while a great social revolution is going on even around the campus. And within the church there are those who will accept its social services, its benefits to them personally, but remain uncommitted to its highest and deepest goals.

Self-discipline is entwined with fasting, sacrifice, and commitment. We can have none of them without a disciplined spirit, controlling both mind and body. Our generation, living in the civilization we have both inherited and created, can scarcely be called a disciplined generation. A fair test of *discipline* might well be that of *doing in accord with the best we know.* We study the *discipline* of science, of mathematics, of law, of theology. But that highest *discipline of the spirit* that shears off the irrelevances and follows the straight line towards the highest goal: in that discipline we are mere kindergartners.

And yet it is the very absence or omission of this self-discipline—and with it loss of sacrifice and commitment—that is the cause of the major problems confronting all mankind. With these offsprings of self-discipline at work in the spirits and minds of men, the whole drama of life could be changed: there need be neither hunger nor poverty; war nor conflict; crime, sin, nor hate.

This, to me, is one meaning and message of the days before Good Friday and Easter. But it is the basic—even the sole—message of Christianity which we have tucked away into a tithe of the year. To Paul and other letter-writers of the early church these were the words and the ideals, the methods and goals of Christ's and his church's message *every day of the year.* Can we recover their centrality for our day and greater need?

Goldsboro Area Christian Workers School

The Board of Managers for the Goldsboro Area (Methodist) Christian Workers' School met recently at St. Luke Methodist Church, to evlauate the school held in January and to begin planning for the 1965 school. The Christian Workers' School, held each year at St. Paul Methodist Church, is sponsored by the 22 Methodist churches of the area.

The meeting was opened with prayer, offered by the Rev. H. L. Harrell, pastor of New Hope Methodist Church. As a first step toward organizing next year's school, the following slate of officers was approved: Dean, the Rev. James H. Miller, pastor of St. Luke Church; chairman, John Lee Smith, Salem Church: secretary, Mrs. Horace Sutton, LaGrange Church; treasurer, Warren Hood, St. Luke; publicity chairman, Mrs. W. H. Edwards, Providence Church. During a brief evaluation of the recent school, the Rev. Mr. Miller reported an enrollment in the school of 135 persons. Of this number 108 received cards certifying completion of one of the four courses offered. Dr. C. P. Morris, executive secretary of the North Carolina Conference Board of Education, then addressed the group, suggesting ways of encouraging attendance at the school.

The board voted to sponsor in the fall a series of laboratory courses for teachers using the new Methodist curriculum matrials for children. The following courses were chosen for the 1965 Christian Workers' School: The Life and Mission of the Church, The Teachings of Jesus, The Church's Ministry to Older Youth and Young Adults, and Hymn Appreciation. Dates and names of teachers for these courses will be announced later.

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NEW DISTRICT PARSONAGE IN ELIZABETH CITY

The Elizabeth City District Conference authorized the purchase of a new District parsonage. It is a two-story, brick veneer colonial house. It was built in 1955 and is in excellent condition. The purchase price was $30,000. The house has a large living room, a dining room, a den, a breakfast room, kitchen, hall and a half-bath on the first floor. It has three bedrooms and two baths on the second floor. The large breezeway has been converted into an office with shelves and cabinets. There is a two-car garage with storage room. The house is heated with radiant heat in the ceilings. The yard is well-provided with grass and shrubbery. It is located just around the corner from the old parsonage at 400 South Griffin Street in Elizabeth City. The Rev. and Mrs. Robert L. Jerome moved into the house on January 27.

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Sunday School Lesson

FOR MARCH 22

By RAYMOND A. SMITH
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TWO MEN — TWO DESTINIES

Background Scripture: Luke 23:32-47
Lesson Scripture: Luke 23:32-43

We come now to Holy Week. Our lessons, since January 5, have been on the general theme: "Personalities Around Jesus." Today we are to look at two men who were with him at the end, men who shared the physical agony of crucifixion, surely one of the worst forms of execution ever devised by man. It is appropriate that we make these two men the subjects of our study at this particular season. The King James Version of the Bible describes them as "Malefactors," which means "evil doers." The Revised Standard Version calls them simply "criminals." Tradition has given them names; the defiant thief is known by the name of Gestas, and the repentant theif Dysmas.

The sharp contrasts in the crucifixion story are impressive. First of all, there is the contrast between Jesus and the criminals. It has been said that the world hates both those who are extremely bad, and also those who are too good for it. Rome was the most powerful government the world had yet seen. It did a great many worth-while things, such as building roads and keeping down wars. But even a relatively good government was unable to distinguish the Son of God from a criminal.

Then there is another contract. Here is Jesus hanging on the cross and uttering what are perhaps the most God-like words ever spoken: "Father forgive them; for they know not what they do." And yet down at the foot of the cross are callous soldiers, gambling for the clothing of Jesus. How close together in this world can good and evil come!

Notice, too, the contrast between the clear understanding of Jesus who had deliberately chosen to play the role of the "Suffering Servant" of mankind, and those who cried: "He saved others, let him save himself if he is the Christ." But precisely because he *was* the Christ, he could *not* save himself. Most of us have known of devoted servants of mankind of whom in a lesser, but still significant way, the same thing could have been said. Think of tired old doctors who have aroused themselves from sleep to go to the help of the sick, of ministers and priests who have not "saved themselves" but spent their lives in service, of mothers who literally have given their lives for their children, of soldiers, and firemen and scientists, and a host of others whose thought was always to put duty above self. Such are the lives that have been inspired by the scene at the cross.

There is also to be seen here a contrast in the meaning of the title written over the head of Jesus: "This is the King of the Jews." Words put there in derision by the soldiers, and yet how full of meaning for believers. It is one of the great ironies of history that Jesus, who cared nothing for political power, should have been executed as a revolutionist. And yet he was King in a greater sense than any of those standing about the cross could ever have imagined. An example of suffering and redemptive love, think of the multiplied millions for whom the cross, a symbol of shame in Jesus' time has become the symbol of life at its meaningful best.

A final contrast we may notice is the character of the two criminals. As Paul Maves has suggested in the International Lesson Annual, we may think of them as representing two sides of our own nature. One is the side which makes us grow bitter and hateful and defiant when we have to suffer. The other, typified by the repentant criminal, shows us as we are when we come to realize the grace of God, shown in all the undeserved good that is ours; an awareness which inspires us to repentance even as Thomas, the doubter, who was moved to cry "My God, My God!"



Members of the Methodist Men's Club of Concord Methodist Church on the Coleridge Charge will hold a Charter Night Banquet March 21, at 7:30. Mr. Charles B. Loflin of High Point, will be the speaker, and Mr. Louis Huff, also of High Point, will deliver the charter. The first project of the Club was to join the Builders' Club of the Western North Carolina Conference. In the above picture are shown 20 of the members. Three others were not present. Officers are: President, W. Reddin Galloway; Vice-President, Lynn Albright; Secretary and Treasurer, Thomas Edward Langley. Rev. John S. Oakley is pastor of the church.

Emphasis on Evangelism at Mebane Methodist Church

The Mebane Methodist Church, in keeping with Evangelism in the Church School, has and is promoting Spiritual Renewal by Honoring God in Studying the Bible, Worshiping; both morning and evening services, and Honoring God by our Service. This has been the emphasis during Lent and will continue through Aldersgate Sunday, May 24. During this time Dr. T. B. Hough, District Superintendent of the Burlington District, and former pastor of the Mebane Methodist Church, will conduct a week of evangelistic services beginning March 15-20.

In preparation for the Evangelistic Mission the Commission on Membership and Evangelism will conduct Lay Visitation and prayer groups in various sections of the city. The Commission on Membership and Evangelism urges all members of the church to be deeply prayerful for this week of evangelistic services.

Dr. Hough will be speaking on the following subjects: God Is a Scientist; Man Is Kin to God; God's Little World; God Is No Isolationist; God and Man's Wretchedness; God and Man as Helper; What Will You Do With God? Rev. A. P. Hill, Jr., is pastor.

Becomes Assistant Director of Admissions at Pfeiffer College

Robert W. Tickle, a 1961 graduate of Pfeiffer College, became Assistant Director of Admissions at Pfeiffer College effective March 1. He will work with area high school guidance directors and principals in connection with the college's admissions program.

Tickle comes to the college from an insurance position in Richmond, Va. Prior to that time he was Assistant Hospital Administrator at Chatham Memorial Hospital, Siler City.

The new Assistant Director of Admissions was a well known campus leader while a member of the Pfeiffer student body. He was vice president of the Student Government Association, a leader in the Religious Emphasis program, was voted an "Outstanding Senior," and is listed in Who's Who Among Students in American Colleges and Universities. He is a graduate of Brevard College where he received the Associate of Arts degree.

Tickle will work with Kenneth D. Holshouser, Director of Admissions and College Registrar. His responsibilities will also include attending College Day programs in high school, admissions counseling, and promotion of the college's Scholarship Committee.

He is the son of Mrs. N. C. Tickle, McCain. He is married to the former Miss Linda Summerville of Charlotte, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. W. M. Summerville, Charlotte.



Woman's Activities

North Wilkesboro Executive Committee Meets

Mrs. E. K. McLarty

Among events announced at the District Executive Committee meeting was the annual district meeting date. This will be April 29 at Behany Jefferenson. The program will include two speakers, the Killingworth sisters, missionaries returned from Malay. There will also be a pledge service, a memorial service, and messages from district officers, including the district president.

The WSCS members from North Wilkesboro District will be hostesses for the annual meeting at Junaluska June 16-18. Members of the Central Jurisdiction WSCS will be invited to attend this year's sessions of the annual meeting of Methodist women.

The district officers could report that about two-thirds of their pledge has been received. The promotion secretary urged increased effort to obtain new members. Mrs. James Day was elected secretary of Spiritual Life; Mrs. James Hauk subdistrict chairman of Ashe County; Mrs. Floyd Fox, subdistrict chairman of Alexander County.

Conference Training Course will be held in Statesville for district officers May 19.

Winston-Salem Won't Be Stopped!

Two more societies for this enterprising district. This time they report Whitaker's Chapel with Mrs. Robert Jewett, president; and Shady Grove with Mrs. Edna B. Murphy, president. Congratulations all the way 'round!

A Day Apart Program on Prayer will be held Wednesday, March 18, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Ardmore Methodist Church, Winston-Salem. Mrs. Dan Drummond is in charge of the day. Mrs. Moddy Dunbar of Limestone, Tenn., will be guest speaker. The Thomasville District has been invited to participate. Luncheon of sandwiches and coffee will be furnished to all attending.

Important dates on the district's spring calendar are:

April 22 District Annual Meeting, Konnoak Hills.

May 21 Officers' Training Day, Centenary.

June 13-16 Conference Annual Meeting, Lake Junaluska.



Albemarle District Observes Quiet Day

Despite the fact that there was snow on the day preceding, Albemarle's Quiet Day had an attendance of 85. Those who attended were inspired by the meditations of Mrs. Anderson, conference secretary of Spiritual Life, which were based on the theme "I Give Myself Unto Prayer." Mrs. Anderson developed three approaches: Silence as Prayer, Work and Self-knowledge as Prayer, Petition and Adoration as Prayer. The meeting closed with a litany of dedication.

Southeastern Jurisdiction Recomendations for Student Work

Mrs. J. Ben Stalvey made the following report and recommendations in her field. They are well stated and have clear, helpful purpose behind them. Even individual persons would do well by the church and themselves to try to vitalize her suggestions. All would be the richer.

In a "world that cannot wait" the women of the Methodist Church must realize more clearly than ever their responsibility to the new generation. This is a world in which youthful leaders have already taken high places in government all over the world and without the benefit of Christian teaching.

It is recommended:

1. That secretaries of Student Work double their efforts to inform and lead the local church membership in co-operating with the ministry to the college and university campuses throughout our nation.

2. That secretaries in local, district, and conference Woman's Societies of Christian Service set the example by making a new effort to know personally the students in her own church so well that she can give them guidance and friendship. Where the number of students is too large for one person to know, there should be a system evolved that would give other groups and individuals within the church the opportunity to know their students.

3. That secretaries in the local society should facilitate the contacting of students from other countries so that these students who are often seeking Christian fellowship may be included in church groups.

4. That each secretary feel it her duty to help Christian families meet a student from another land and give the student the experience of sharing in Christian family life in the United States.

5. That each secretary familiarize herself with publications promoted by the Methodist Student Movement as a means of understanding the thinking of the present student generation and of those who are ministering to them. And, further, read, interpret, and recommend to church members the student publictaion, *Motive*, pointing out the two recurrent themes for 1963-1964: civil rights and Latin America.

6. That conference secretaries pass these recommendations on to the district and local secretary as soon as possible.

N. C. Conference

By Mary Gardner

Raleigh District WSCS Committee Honors Conference President

The Executive Committee of the Raleigh District Woman's Society of Christian Service, meeting at Balentine's Restaurant in Raleigh's Cameron Village, February 19, voted 50 dollars increase in its district's pledge to the Woman's Division of Christian Service for 1964-65. The 18,800 dollars pledge will be made during the pledge service at the Annual Meeting of the N. C. Conference WSCS in Greenville, March 18.

In other actions the group elected Mrs. Bishop Brantley, secretary of Christian social relations as a delegate to the Annual World Affairs Conference; voted to send a delegate to the Leadership Training Workshop at Chapel Hill next July; also, to pay the registration fee of all district officers who will attend the Annual Meeting in Greenville.

Mrs. D. K. Frye, vice president, announced April 1 as the date and Edenton Street Methodist Church as the place for the district's annual spring meeting. Dr. Robert E. Goodrich, of Dallas, Texas, will be the featured speaker. Tentative dates for the spring subdistrict meetings include Raleigh, April 14 at Layden Memorial Methodist Church, Raleigh; Louisburg, April 22, Franklinton Methodist Church; Cape Fear, April 23, Erwin Methodist Church; Vance-Warren, April 30, Schocco Methodist Church. The Rev. Ed Smith, former missionary to Africa and now pastor of the Hillsboro Methodist Church, will be the speaker for the subdistrict meetings.

During the luncheon hour, Mrs. H. C. Turlington, conference president, honored guest, was presented an engraved charm bracelet, gift of the district executive committee. Mrs. John W. Crawford, district president, made the presentation.

Mrs. L. C. Vereen, immediate past conference treasurer, was also a special guest at the luncheon and meeting.

Wesleyan Hospital Serves Alaskans

Wesleyan Hospital for Cronic Diseases opened its doors in June, 1958 with 16 patients. The Woman's Division of Christian Service had remodeled a former nurses' residence to meet hospital standards. It is primarily a hospital for tuberculosis patients; howver, patients with other chronic diseases are also admitted.

Weslevan Hospital is a two-story, modern building overlooking beautiful Resurrection Bay. Patients are admitted on a contract basis as beneficiaries of the Alaska Department of Health and Veterans Administration. The Alaska Department of Health is responsible for the medical care of nonnatives with tuberculosis. This includes the native partners of mixed marriages, and their children. Consequently at Wesleyan Hospital it is not unusual to find native people as patients. At present this is the onlv hospital in Alaska where non-native tubercu-

losis patients can be treated. The incidence of tuberculosis in Alaska in 1948 was five times that of the other states, and is still a major health problem.

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WSG Conference Officer Dies

Wesleyan Service Guilders throughout the N. C. Conference regret the recent passing of one of their conference officers, Mrs. Ernest Harding, of Washington, N. C.

A former secretary of the Elizabeth City District WSG, Mrs. Harding was serving as conference chairman of Christian social relations at the time of her death. Also, as general chairman of the local committees for the Annual Meeting of the N. C. Conference WSG to be held at First Methodist Church, Washington, March 14-15.

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Gibbs Sisters Have Long Connection at Beaufort

By Mrs. Homer Lewis

"The Gibbs Sisters" in their regular pew on the south side of Ann Street Church represents a continuous link with the church in Beaufort since Asbury's second visit in 1806. Grandfather James Chadwick may have become interested in Methodism at the



Pictured left to right: Mrs. Betty Gibbs Dudley, Mrs. Margaret Gibbs Piner, Miss Ruth Gibbs, Miss Laura Gibbs, and Miss Annie Mae Gibbs.

time of Asbury's visit to Straits in 1785 when he was a boy of 17, but it is after he moved to Beaufort in 1805 and established his family on North River that his connection with the church is a matter of record. He was one fo the trustees when old Purvis Chapel was built, and daughter Rachael became the wife of Rev. Bridges Arendell—the first man to appear on the Conference Minutes as minister of the local church.

In the inventory of James Chadwick's estate made in 1827, he left a library of 12 books, most of which were religious: eight volumes of John Wesley's Sermons, Family Bible, Hymn Book, "M. Deceplin," Testament, Pilgrim's Progress, Prayer Book, Buck's Thologicas.

Sunday Morn

On Sunday morn we hurry and scurry
To go to the church of our choice,
Things look very bright, not blurry
For inside we will hear a strong and meaningful voice.

It tells us of the wonderful Gospel;
Folks are quiet and eager, not tired or hostile.
There will be prayer, teaching and singing,
Outside in the autumn air, the church bells are ringing.

They are saying, "Come ye people unto me"
And let me tell you of Thee;
The music catches their attention and they come inside,
Maybe it's an older couple, or a new husband and bride.

They enter taking off their hats,
While commenting on the new mats;
Each one is warmly greated,,
Then is respectfully seated.

The quiet music begins to play,
Then you thank God for this day;
The minister begins with his thought
And the rest of the family you wish you had brought.

Listen to what the preacher is saying
And immediately ohkey him without delaying,
For every moment is precious in His sight;
God gave His Son that we might—

Repent and be delivered of our sins;
He will bless you for every soul he wins.
As you listen you know church going is a must,
The message says to love , pray and trust.

You thank God for your many blessings,
Yet and still you've learned a new lesson;
That's to thank God more for his love, mercy and grace,
And to pray you will be back next Sunday in your same place.

The service has come to an end,
Now go and repent of your sins;
Go to the altar, kneel and pray,
It does not matter how long you stay,

For it is in prayer that you ask God to forgive,
And you wish you could go back and relive
Those weak moments when you were not close to Thee,
But you can't, so you say, "God please forgive me."

You get up and go to the door
And say God I'm going to pray more.
As you step outside the autumn air is chilling
And you say to all the congregation, "I'll be back next Sunday the good Lord willing."

So if a burden you have to carry,
Take it to God, do not tarry;
He is always there and very willing,
And your consequences are very thrilling.

By Mrs. Bobby Deane
Shiloh Methodist Church Morven, N. C.

Methodist Youth In Action

By Mrs. P. C. Coletta
Asheville District Sec. of Youth

Present a challenge to youth, and nine times out of ten they will accept it. Such was the case with a group of MYF young people at Higgins Memorial Methodist Church in Burnsville. The local Woman's



Left to right: Millie Lou Wilson, Betty Cooper, Cheryl Roberts, Claudette Cooper, and Lynne English.

Society of Christian Service needed something dramatic to emphasize their program, "The Church Speaks or Dies." When the MYF was contacted five seniors gladly responded and presented a very unusual and inspiring one — act anti-Communist play, "Nothing to Destroy," by Carl Montgomery. The director was Mrs. P. C. Coletta, Asheville District Secretary of Youth. So effective was the production and so well were the evils of Communism depicted that the cast has been asked to do several repeat performances. The MYF seniors participating were: Betty Cooper, Millie Lou Wilson, Cheryl Roberts, Claudette Cooper, and Lynne English.

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Individual Gives Over $12,000 For Evangelisn

An 86-year-old Atlanta minister has given The Methodist Church more than $12,000 for promoting evangelistic work in the southeast and Cuba.

Dr. Walt Holcombe has given $11,045.14 in a lump sum to the Methodist Board of Missions in New York as an endowment for evangelistic efforts in Cuba, when that country allows admittance of evangelistic church leaders. A spokesman for the board of missions said that the U. S. State Department prohibits money from being expended in Cuba. Dr. Holcombe instructed the board to use the money for evangelism in Mexico if it cannot be used in Cuba in the next several months. Interest on the endowment would be used by the board as it sees fit with Dr. Holcombe reviewing the work from time to time.

The Atlanta clergyman also gave $1,000 as an endowment to provide at least one speaker for the Southeastern Methodist Jurisdiction's annual Candler Camp Meeting and Conference held each summer at Lake Junaluska, N. C.

Dr. D. Trigg James, an executive secretary for the Southeastern Jurisdictional Council, received the money on behalf of the Methodist Board of Missions in New York and the Southeastern Methodist Assembly at Lake Junaluska. Regarding the gifts, Dr. James said: "We are extremely happy about Dr. Holcombe's generosity but not really surprised. He is a man who has given much to his church and who continually comes up with new ideas. This is one more of his ideas for advancing the church."

Dr. Holcombe requested that the money given the camp meeting be designated for the purpose of "the renewal of spiritual life in The Methodist Church in the southeast."

Since retirement from the active ministry 14 years ago, Dr. Holcombe has spent his time conducting "One-day Revivals," his space-age conception of modern-day evangelism. An active evangelist for more than 30 years, the Atlantan has continued his work in evangelism in countries throughout the world. Last year he conducted revivals across Europe and in Mexico City. In his "one-day revivals," the 86-year-old conducts an evangelistic crusade complete with singing, preaching, and counseling but restricts his services to one day. He usually preaches two to four times on that day.

On his revivals, Dr. Holcombe says "People are living in the 'instant age'—instant coffee, instant cream, instant everything—why, then, shouldn't we give them 'instant revivals' as well?"

Dr. Holcombe is the son-in-law of the late evangelist Dr. Sam P. Jones, with whom he traveled for 19 years before becoming a pastor. As a pastor, Dr. Holcombe served leading churches in Tampa, Miami, Memphis, Decatur, Ga., and Atlanta. He has been a Methodist minister for 69 years.

Since retirement, his one-day revivals have been held across the united States, Europe, the Orient, the Bahamas, the British Isles, and Central and South America.

Asked about his longevity as a minister, Dr. Holcombe said "I attribute my long life to the encompassing power of God's love. He called me to preach his gospel so I've lived one-day-at-a-time and everything has continued to go well.



Seated, Dr. D. Trigg James; standing, Dr. Walt Holcomb.

In The Way Of Love

If a man is loved, then know
That man has loved.
The desert land is as dry as dust
Because no earth mist rises
To woo down rain from above.

If a man is hated, then know
That man has hated—
Hated either what some men love,
Or perchance has loved some men
Enough to want their sin abated.

A Man did love men so-so that
He was brutally hated
Hated by those who loved
Their wrongs enough to walk
The very Son of God up Calvary—
There sin was abated!

—O. L. Easter

Board of Evangelism To Honor Bishop Smith

In honor of Bishop W. Angie Smith, Oklahoma City, the General Board of Evangelism of The Methodist Church will have its annual meeting at the Skirvin Hotel, Oklahoma City, March 31 to April 2.

Bishop Smith, head of the Oklahoma-New Mexico Area of The Methodist Church, has been president of the General Board of Evangelism since 1952. He cannot continue on the board because of a rule of the denomination which limits membership on general agencies to 12 consecutive years.

A dinner Wednesday night, April 1, will honor Bishop and Mrs. Smith. It will be attended by general board members, church and civic leaders of the bishop's area, and others.

Bishop Fred P. Corson, Philadelphia, president of the World Methodist Council, will speak at the dinner. Bishop Paul N. Garber, Richmond, Va., president of the Methodist Council of Bishops, will preside.

The annual meeting will open Tuesday morning, March 31, with the presidential address by Bishop Smith and the report of the general secretary of the board, Dr. Harry Denman, Nashville.

Pressures on Methodist Churches

Charles V. Bryant

All across The Methodist Church bishops, pastors, churches, official boards, commissions, and delegates to the general and jurisdictional conferences are renewed targets of a heavy bombardment of literature, mailings, and personal visits attacking The Methodist Church's affiliation with and support of the Natonal Council of Churches in the U.S.A. (N.C.C.).

All sorts of pressure techniques are being used on ministers and conference cabinet members to disassociate The Methodist Church from the N.C.C., the afflux being, of course, the threat to withdraw benevolent and/or connectional apportionments.

To be fair, though, we must acknowledge the fact that many pastors are out-spoken protagonists if not instigators of such pressure as well as laymen.

"But why?" the question is asked. Of all the articles and pamphlets being circulated carrying blatant demands of reproach and reprisal concerning the National Council and The Methodist Church's support of it there seem to be three definite categories.

The first one is that of differences of opinion concerning the nature of the church. This one is a matter of a theology of catholocity, ecumenicity, or unity. But in a highly untheological climate very few persons know enough to argue the point, notwithstanding the constant attacks by certan "evangelical" groups.

The second category of criticism is that of those who are obsessed with the fear of communistic infiltration. While the spread of communism is a goal of communists and every organization is a worthy target—this includes especially the churches—it does not mean that the churches or N.C.C. are infiiltrated. Although professional fright peddlers and other apostles of discord would have us believe that there is such an infiltration, reliable investigations of recent date have ascertained a "zero" mark of a pro-communist spirit.

The third category of attacks is that of those who simply misunderstand the facts or are totally ignorant of them and do nothing to inform themselves or to clarify their feelings.

The time has come for the laymen and ministers to sit down and do a bit of examining. So let us go back to the question: "Why are we being bombarded with attacks upon our relationship with the N.C.C.?"

The most honest answer has very little to do with the first category described earlier. It is a combination of the second and third categories.

But let us clarify a point concerning the first one. The N.C.C. is not a church nor a super-church. In a "Letter to Christian America," issued by the Council's General Assembly in Denver, 1952, it was clearly stated, and subsequently repeated often, that it is not itself a church nor speaks as a church, but is and speaks only as a council of churches. Never does it speak for all the member churches nor any one of them. Nor does it aspire to become a super-church. It does, however, present an unprecedented opportunity to serve as a medium by which churches meet together, worship together, think, plan, and act together. The Denver letter further clarifies the council's theological justification for being by claiming that the Spirit of Jesus Christ "drew us together and holds us together, in unswerving loyalty to Himself and to one another, and leads us to seek an ever greater unity."

Such a testimony is rarely an object of attacks. But what has become the target for so much disapprobation is the council's plea for more unity among its member churches in the application of the Word of God and the Spirit of Jesus Christ to Man's total life in the world. This is where the rub comes.

It seems that every time the council, any of its member churches, or ministers speak openly on matters concerning economics and politcs and public morality there is a highly charged emotional group of self-styled super-patriots waiting with an arsenal of vituperative bombs. The sad consequence is not so much the damage they do to the persons under fire but the irreparable harm that is done to the host of well meaning but insecure, uninformed, and, thus, gullible persons about them.

Those who have been conditioned by these paranoid patriots to yell "Communists!" at every denouncement of social injustice, political immorality, and economic exploitation by the church could do themselves, and their church, a favor by dong a bit of objective research on their own.

The Methodist Church, as well as the N.C.C., declares atheistic communism as an incorrigible menace to the entire society of human bengs. It seems a little ridiculous to have to make such a reminder as this. But there are so many well meaning but uninformed Methodists who cry "Wolf! Wolf!" at the least bit of suggestion by the new crop of apostles of discord and professional malcontents.

Furthermore, one must even apologize for having to use the defense of the F.B.I. for the Protestant clergy who have been falsely accused of being infiltrated by the Communist Party. Yet, for so many persons, it is necessary to point out that the director of the F.B.I. has said "There can be no question as to the loyalty of the American clergy to our nation and that they have been among the most consistent and vigorous opponents of communism." He said further that the Christian pulpit is today one of America's most formidable barriers against communism, and that America owes a great debt of gratitude to the stalwart example of religious leadership.

We should be proud of such a compliment and do all we can to strengthen this image and influence of the church.

Now, if all of this is true, why are so many churches and ministers still under attack? The answer, already hinted at, is that of their open debates with the great issues of public and private concern that the extremists on both sides of the fulcrum interpret as no business of religion. They dare to promote an application of private faith on public affairs!

We are making a serious blunder if we swallow the immature suggestion that our Lord confined himself to so-called "spiritual" matters only, say of comfort, peace of mind, and family conduct. The big questions of His day were those pertaining to the Samaritan segregation issue, laws of the Sabbath (did He break them? This was the law of the land!), Jews and Gentiles relations, and the distance that civilians had to travel carryng the burdens imposed by the Roman military.

Another reason we are under attack is because we feel the very foundation shaking under us and see crumbling all around us the long cherished radical individualism of American Protestantism from which came the doctrine that Christian faith has to do only with religion,and not life!

Too long have we been to a great extent separated from the world in which a Living Christ dwells on behalf of the WORLD—this world, and not another.

We are attacked because we understand our mission as a church to be **involved** in public affairs and that the church stands for God's Word to the world through Christ.

It it so cruel, un-American, unconstitutional, and communist to proclaim to men that he rules, that He loves men and desires men to love Him and to be obedient to Him, that those who love Him must love others whom He loves and for whom He died, and that therefore their relation to Him cannot be separated from their relations to their neighbors in public affairs?

No? Well, for this very reason, and this reason only, our churches and ministers and financial program are under constant attacks.

Dear laymen, you must be careful not to align yourselves with those groups and individuals who in the name of the gospel and patriotism tell you that the church must never speak out on such public issues, who cannot possibly understand the gospel or know the meaning of true patriotism.

Do not be duped into a conspiracy against your church by tall tales of Communist intrique among its leaders by those critics who have never investigated the facts and are not capable of distinguishing the differences between a valid religious or Christian social concern and international conspiracy—as well as the differences between political positions such as liberalism, pacifism, socialism, and Communism.

Do not be so misled as not to realize that the Communist Party in our country has a curious **de facto** alliance with elements of the so-called "Right Wing" extreme to block any amount of progress in social justice within a democratc society. The communists do not want harmony between races, between creeds, between political parties, nor unity among Christians. You see, to have such in a democracy is to discount their dream and theory of Marxist state, as well as their prediction of the inevitable downfall of Democracy. Their claim is that only in a Communist Society can social progress be made in economics, politics, and culture.

Yet, ironically, the stalwart for social justice, politcal integrity, economic morality, and free thinking—as well as freedom to speak—THE CHURCH, is being forced to retreat from its gospel imperatives by irresponsible and duped persons who in their emotional eagerness to combat the enemy of democracy have become their own worse enemy. J. Edgar Hoover has succinctly charged them: "They are against Communism without being for freedom. They are against ignorance without being for education. They are against sin without being for God."

Let, therefore, your church be the church of God and of His ordering and not of someone else's who is out to tear it down. Take that pressure off your minister, distrct superintendent, or bishop and let them be the men of God they were called to be!

Let the secret of your church's success be the Word of God that is present and to be witnessed to in the ordinary, passing, besetting, profane, petty, heroic, wretched, baffling, foolish, wonderful affairs of men in the world.

If you—if any man—would dare hold himself up as the embodiment of the Christian answer to our perplexing problems mounting before us, he will remain a part of the church in spi e of its dsiorder. If any man becomes a true disciple of Christ, he will not only admit and shoulder the burdens of such a disorder, but must also live in this world with which Jesus identfied Himself even in death.

To be a new person in Christ is not to acquire personal salvation and righteousness nor to gain personal power to adjust to seemingly unending hardships. To be a Christ-man does not require membership in a church purged of sinners, but to become alive in the world and to the world. Let the Church, laymen, be the Church not for your sake, and not for the sake of your church, and not for God's sake, but for the sake of the world which God loved, and for which He died, and to which He has sent you!

Activities at North Carolina Wesleyan College

President Thomas A. Collins preached at Grace Methodist Church, Burlington, Sunday, February 23, and at Whitakers Methodist Church Sunday, March 1. He delivered the Brotherhood sermon at Temple Beth El on Friday, February 21.

Dr. James C. Cox, professor of Religion, preached at Hertford Methodist Church on Sunday, February 23. He spoke at the evening service on "Our Mission Today."

Dr. Jack Teagarden, professor of English, served as lay leader for the Church of the Good Shepherd Sunday, February 23, and led the evening prayer service Tuesday, March 3.

Dr. George A. Buttrick spent three days on campus, March 2-4 and delivered two public lectures Tuesday, March 3.

The Gardener-Webb College Glee Club visited Wesleyan on Wednesday, March 4.

Director of Admissions Richard Davis shared in the Personnel and Guidance Confrence in Durham February 28-29. Dr. David R. Batcheller attended the spring conference of the North Carolina Speech Association.

Three Wesleyan students attended the State Student Legislature, as delegates, in Raleigh, February 27-29.

More than 150 attended the Conference Church Music Workshop at Wesleyan College Monday, February 24.

Rev. J. Conrad Glass of Raleigh, was guest speaker at Chapel Thursday, February 27.

President Collins spoke to the Roanoke Rapids P.T.A. Council Monday, March 2. He spoke at Hillsboro Methodist Church Wednesday evening, March 4. His theme was "Christian Perfection."

McMannen Methodist Church To Hold Revival March 15-20

During the week of March 15-20 the McMannen Methodist Church in Durham will hold their first revival service in several years.

The preacher will be the Rev. W. S. "Bill" Davenport. Mr. Davenport is the pastor of the Clark Street Methodist Church in Rocky Mount. He is now in his fifth year at Clark Street. Before coming there he served the Jamesville Charge. He is a native of Plymouth.

The services will begin each evening at 7:30 o'clock. On Monday evening at 6:00 o'clock all families are asked to bring their evening meal with them to the church basement and eat together before the service. There will be special music each evening which will include: Choirs, glee club, quartet, and men's chorus.

The pastor, Vassar W. Jones, welcomes everyone to these services.

Elizabeth City District Conference

Elizabeth City District Conference met in Ahoskie on January 14 with Rev. R. L. Jerome, District Superintendent, presiding. after an opening devotional by the host pastor, Rev. R. E. Walston, and a warm welcome by Joseph Bryant, lay leader, the conference got off to a good start. One special emphasis at the conference was the new curriculum for children which was presented by Rev. Wes Brogan, our conference director of Chlidren's Work. Another special emphasis was the conference benelolence program which was presented through a film strip "When You Know You Care; When You Care You Share," with the commentary being presented by Rev. W. K. Quick of Greenville. Following the showing of the film strip there was a question and answer period during which the follcwing conference officers answered questions concerning their special fields of work: Rev. C. F. Heath on Evangelism; Rev. J. W. Lineberger on the Children's Home; Rev. J. F. Coble on the Retirement Home; Mr. Roy Turnage on Town and Country and Lay Activities; Rev. Bill Lowdermilk, representing Methodist College; Mr. J. W. Joyner, representing Wesleyan College; Mr. Roland Horne, representing Louisburg College.

An important item of business which was acted upon during the conference was the purchase of a new district parsonage for $30.000. The conference also voted to sell the old district parsonage and a house and lot in Plymouth which was owned by the district. The conference voted to meet in Wanchese in 1965. A "Resolution Concerning Separate Episcopal Areas for the North Carolina and Virginia Conferences" was passed unanimously. Various district officers made brief statements about their work. A complete set of reports was presented through the "Book of Reports."

Rev. William K. Quick, pastor of the St. James Methodist Church in Greenville was the conference preacher, using as his theme, "Freedom's Holy Light." The group enjoyed a delicious luncheon which was served by the ladies of the host church.

REV. C. W. BARBEE, *Secretary*

Urge Recruitment

The Board of Education will send a memorial (petition) to the 1964 General Conference asking it to request the Council of Bishops to develop and lead during the 1964-68 quadrennium a program to recruit more ministers.

The memorial which was formulated and voted by the board at its annual meeting in Dallas, Texas, Jan. 7-9, calls for a "church-wide program for acquainting the church with our ministerial need and for the enlisting of men and women for the Christian ministry."

Presents Books Concerning Methodist History

A collection of books concerned with the former Methodist Protestant Church has recently been presented to both the Association of Methodist Historical Societies at Lake Junaluska and the North Carolina State Library in Raleigh. This collection included various yearbooks and histories of the North Carolina Annual Conference of the Methodist Protestant Church, handbooks and disciplines, general histories of the denomination, and other materials specifically connected with that denomination.

These books were duplicates of books which were presented in 1963 to the library of North Carolina Weslyan College and designated as "The Methodist Protestant Church Memorial Collection."

In order to make these Methodist Protestant collections at Lake Junaluska and at the North Carolina State Library as complete as possible, various copies of the annual conference yearbooks, and *The Methodist Protestant Herald*, particularly of the nineteenth century, in addition to significant histories and other denominational booklets or data, are needed. Anyone having such material who desires to have it preserved by placing it in one of these historical collections is asked to contact: Dr. Ralph Hardee Rives, 307 West Burnette Avenue, Enfield, N. C.

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Some Committee Recommendations on Study of the Ministry to 1964 General Conference

The 1964 General Conference of The Methodist Church will receive a recommendation in an offical study of the ministry report that there be one order for all Methodist ministers instead of two as is now the case.

The two orders at present are deacon and elder, with two separate ordinations. It is proposed that the order of traveling elder be continued and that other orders of pastoral service be redefined.

A traveling elder is a ministerial member of an annual conference who is ordained for life and authorized to perform ministerial services throughout the entire connection of The Methodist Church.

The report recommends that the term "deacon" be used to designate the office in which a layman licensed to preach would serve when under a Methodist bishop's appointment as a pastor in charge.

The qualifications for eligibility to appointment as deacon would be in substance the same as the present provisions regarding the qualification of approved supply pastors who have met the requirements for authorization to administer the sacraments. Those now serving as approved supply pastors would be encouragd to qualify to serve in the office of deacon.

To become a Methodist minister in full connection, a seminary degree is required except under special conditions. Though those qualifying to serve as deacons would need to meet certain educational standards, a seminary degree would not be required.

Under proposed legislation based on the recommendations, any ordinations received before the new ruling went into effect would not be canceled or withdrawn.

Among many other recommendations in the report is one that the denomination substantially increase financial support of its theological schools.

In a section on ministerial recruitment, the report says 2,094 new ministers will be needed each year of the church's 1964-68 quadrennium. The total includes needs for expansion and for replacement for those who die, retire, or are discontinued for other reasons.

The 1960-64 Study of the Ministry was requested by the 1960 General Conference, and the report has been mailed to all delegates to the 1964 General Conference.

The quadrennial General Conference, top legislative and policy-making body of the denomination, will convene in Pittsburgh April 26.

The 1960 General Conference assigned the quadrennial study to the Department of Ministerial Education of the Methodist General Board of Education, with headquarters in Nashville, Tenn. The department elected a Study of the Ministry committee, including representatives from among bishops, other ministers, the theological schools, Board of Missions, and Board of Education.

Chairman of the committee was Bishop Donald Harvey Tippett, San Francisco, also chairman of the Department of Ministerial Education. The Rev. Dr. Gerald O. McColloh, Nashville, director of the Department of Ministerial Education, served as secretary of the committee.

Concerning the 120-page report and its many recommendations, Bishop Tippett said that the committee believes approval by the General Conference would 'bring a new measure of clarity of understanding, purpose and devotion in service among those, both ministers and laymen, who will be serving as pastors in charge and in special appointments in the church."

The first seven recommendations of the report follow:

"1. That there be no change in the status or description of the order of elder or the full conference membership of the traveling minister.

"2. That the term "minister' be used only in reference to a ministerial member in full connection in an annual conference who has been ordained elder.

"3. (a) That there be one order and ordination only, that of the elder, which shall be applicable only to the traveling minister in full connection. Election to full membership and to elder's orders shall be simultaneous.

"(b) That elections to the present orders of traveling deacon, local deacon, and local elder be discontinued after the annual conferences of 1964, except that local deacons entering the third or fourth year of the Courses of Study at the time of the annual conference of 1964 may be ordained as local elders if they complete the courses of study and other requirements prior to the 1966 sessions of their annual conferences.

"4. That persons authorized in 1964 to administer the sacraments in accordance with the rules govering the various categories of authorization may continue to qualify by meet ing the present requirements until 1966. By that time they must have qualified for eligibility to appointment as deacons if such authorization is to be continued thereafter. Local preachers who have been ordained as local deacons and local elders by the time of the annual conference of 1966 shall be permitted to retain their credentials thereafter, subject to the conditions governing the authorizaton of such local deacons and local elders and the provisions for the surrender of crendentials provided in the 1960 **Discipline**.

"5. That the term 'deacon,' which is at once biblical and historic in the service of the church, be applied to the office in which laymen who qualify may serve when under appointment as pastors in charge.

"6. That the deacon, while under appointment of the bishop or district superintendent as pastor in charge, shall be authorized to perform the full pastoral services of the church to the people within the bounds of the charge to which he or she is apponted. These services will include preaching, the conduct of divine worship, the administration of the sacraments, pastoral care, and receiving persons into membership in the church. If the laws of the state permit, he or she shall be authorzed to perform the marriage ceremony. The deacon shall be responsible for making full report of the work of the charge to the annual conference and for the administration of all requirements and provisions of the **Discipline.**

"7. That the following definitions be included in Part III of the **Discipline,** 'The Ministry':

"(a) A minister is a member of an annual conference in full connection who has been ordained elder. He is authorized to preach the Word, to baptize, to perform the marriage ceremony, and to administer the sacrament of the Lord's Supper as an elder in The Methodist Church.

"(b) A deacon is a layman who has been licensed to preach and is under appointment of a bishop in The Methodist Church. When he is appointed as pastor in charge he shall be authorized to perform full pastoral services, including the administration of the sacraments, within the bounds of the charge to which he is appointed.

"(c) A minister-on-trial is one who has been admitted on trial in an annual conference, and as such is subject to annual appointment (including appointment to attend school). He shall, by virtue of his appointment, be a deacon, and shall be designated as a "minister-on-trial.'

"(d) A pastor in charge is a minister, a minister-on-trial, or a layman who has been elected to the list of those eligible for appointment as deacon, who is under appointment to the spiritual and administrative oversight of a pastoral charge.

"(e) An associate minister is a minister who is appointed to the ministerial staff of a local church in a position other than that of pastor in charge.

"(f) An assistant minister is a minister-on-trial who is appointed to the ministerial staff of a local church in a position other than that of pastor in charge. In the case of a deacon who is not a conference member on trial, he shall be designated assistant pastor."

The report has eight chapters, as follows: "The Doctrine of the Church and the Ministry in Methodist Perspective," "The Ministry, Ordination and the Office of Deacon," "The Calling the Duties and the Appointment of the Minister," "Steps into Pastoral Service and the Ministry," "Recruitment for the Ministry," "Theological Education," "Continuing Education," and "General Characteristics of The Methodist Ministry, 1959-63."

★ CAROLINA BRIEFS ★

¶ Revival services are being held this week at the Lebanon Methodist Church on the Stantonsburg charge, with the pastor, Rev. F. Roderick Randolph, doing the preaching.

¶ Rev. Bill Bigham, missionary on furlough from Brazil, and a native of Greensboro, will speak to the Methodist Men's group of Centenary Church in Greensboro Monday evening, March 23.

¶ Revival services are being held this week at Mt. Herman Church, Burlington District, of which Rev. H. H. Hodgin is pastor. Rev. Rufus Stark of Swepsonville is the visiting preacher.

¶ Rev. Langill Watson, pastor of First Methodist Church, Graham, is preaching this week in revival services at Phillips Chapel near Swepsonville. Rev. W. L. Crowell is the pastor.

¶ Holy Week services will be held at Central Church, Albemarle, March 22-26. Rev. C. Excelle Rozzelle of Winston-Salem will be the preacher. Rev. Harold Groce is pastor of Central Church.

¶ Rev. Paul Bruton, pastor of Pleasant Garden Methodist Church, Greensboro District, will preach in revival services at the Kilgo Methodist Church, Charlotte, March 22-26. Rev. Kenneth D. Crouse is the pastor.

¶ Rev. J. J. Miller, pastor of the Gibsonville Methodist Church, is preaching this week in revival services at the Epworth Church, Concord, of which Rev. A. C. Kennedy, Jr., is the pastor. The ADVOCATE Editor preached at the Gibsonville Church for Brother Miller last Sunday morning.

¶ The Rev. William C. Tung from Hong Kong, will spend the weekend, March 20-23, in the Hudson Methodist parsonage. Mr. Tung is enrolled this year at Candler School of Theology, Emory University, Atlanta, will preach at Mt. Hermon and Hudson churches on Palm Sunday morning.

¶ Revival services will begin April 19 and continue through April 24 at 8:00 p.m., at the First Methodist Church, Mount Olive. Dr. Howard P. Powell, former pastor of Edenton Street Methodist Church, Raleigh, will be guest preacher. Rev. Christian White is pastor of First Church.

¶ The Chancel Choir of the Central Avenue Methodist Church of Charlotte, will present an Easter Cantata, "The Seven Last Words," by Dubois, on Sunday, March 22. This will be presented under the direction of James P. Stovall, Jr. Soloists: Mrs. Tony Mulea, soprano; Charles Bogle, bass; and George Torrence, tenor. The public is invited to attend.

¶ Rev. W. F. Elliott, an honored member of the North Carolina Conference, who has been retired for the past several years, was taken from his home in Murphy Saturday, March 7, to the Nursing Center at the Home for the Aging in Charlotte. Brother Elliott is 91 years old. He is hoping to be able to return to his home in Murphy soon, and in the meantime will be glad to hear from his friends.

¶ Revival services at the Stantonsburg Methodist Church will be held during Holy Week, March 22-27. Rev. Charles H. Mercer, pastor of Centenary Church, Smithfield, will be the guest preacher. Rev. F. R. Randolph is the pastor.

¶ Rev. Tommy Tyson, conference evangelist, will hold revival services at the Butner Community Church March 22-27, 7:30 p.m. Music will be under the direction of Dr. Norman Desrosiers. On Saturday evening, March 21, the movie "Conversion Plus" will be shown by way of preparation for the revival. The pastor, Rev. Frank I. Lloyd, invites, not only the people of the church and community, but friends of Rev. Mr. Tyson in the Raleigh and Durham area to participate in the services.

¶ The Lewisville Methodist and Shilo Lutheran churches of Lewisville, are planing cooperative Holy Week services, with the Sunday, Monday and Tuesday night services at Shilo with Rev. J. T. Ingram, pastor of the Methodist church preaching, and the Wednesday, Thursday and Friday night services at the Methodist church with Rev. W. C. Wood, pastor of Shilo Lutheran Church preaching. Services are at 7:30 p.m. The Maundy Thursday communion service will be conducted by the two ministers together at Lewisville.

¶ Dr. Morris L. Husted, pastor of Glenwood Methodist Church, Rockingham, will preach in revival services and fill other speaking engagements in Pennsylvania during the month of April. Filling the pulpit at Glenwood during the time will be: Sunday, March 29, Rev. L. C. Vereen of Raleigh; April 5, Rev. S. J. Starnes of Greensboro; April 12, Rev. Hayward Taylor of Hamlet; April 19, Rev. Max Richardson of Glenwood Church; April 26, Rev. William L. Bumgardner of Hamlet. Mr. Husted will be back in his pulpit May 3.

¶ The First Methodist Church of Maiden will be conducting its annual revival March 22-29 with the Rev. Herman F. Duncan, District Superintendent of the North Wilkesboro District, preaching. The Evangelism Commission is promoting Visitation Evangelism March 7 until Easter. Rev. Leroy Walker, from the General Board of Evangelism of the Methodist Church trained the visiting teams March 7, 8, 9, and preached at Maiden First Church on March 8. Rev. Mr. Walker trained teams for several churches of this area. Rev. Jesse L. Johnson, Jr., is pastor.

¶ Holy Week evangelistic services will be held at Central Avenue Methodist, Charlotte, Monday-Thursday, March 23-26. Visiting minister will be the Rev. Bernard Hurley, pastor of Hickory Grove Methodist Church, and District Director of Evangelism. Services will begin at 7:30 p.m. Special music will be presented each evening. Following the services there will be a time of fellowship and refreshments in the church dining room. This will feature a time of informal questions and discussion with the guest minister. Rev. John A. Lowder is the pastor.

¶ Rev J. C. Gilland, pastor Rose Chapel Methodist church at Statesville, is preaching this week in revival services at Lowes Methodist church near Reidsville. Rev. E. R. Lynn is the pastor.

¶ Rev. Warren B. Petteway, pastor of First Methodist Church, Henderson, will preach in revival services at Millbrook Church, Raleigh, April 5-10. Rev. Jack Hunter is pastor at Millbrook.

¶ The Methodist Men's Club of the Coleridge Methodist Church will hold charter night March 21st, at 7:30. It will be a supper meeting. Rev. John S. Oakley is the pastor.: The charge is also working on its Advocate campaign to place the Church paper in every home possible.

¶ Rev. J. Edwin Carter, Associate Minister at First Methodist Church, Hickory, preached at morning services March 8 and 15 at First Methodist Church, Spindale, in the absence of Rev. Sherrill Biggers, who is recuperating in the hospital from an automobile accident.

¶ Rev. and Mrs. William K. Quick, 1209 Ragsdale Road, Greenville, announce the birth of a son, David Christopher, March 10 at Pitt Memorial Hospital. The Quicks have two other chidlren, Stephen 8, and Kathryn, 6. Mrs. Quick is the former Barbara Elizabeth Campbell of Bluefield, West Virginia. Mr. Quick is pastor of Saint James Methodist Church in Greenville.

¶ Creswell Methodist charge will conduct Holy Week services March 22-27. The pastor, Rev. J. T. Fisher, will preach each evening at 7:30 at Creswell church on Sunday, Monday, and Tuesday; and at Mt. Herman church Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday. Special music and singing furnished by other churches of the Creswell community.

¶ Revival services will be held at Rose Hill Methodist church March 22-27. The Rev. D. E. Earnhardt of Durham will be the preacher for the meeting. In preparation for the revival weekly prayer meetings have been held and a prayer vigil on March 21 has been planned. B. L. Harrell, lay leader, will instruct teams for visitation the week prior to the revival. T. Fant Steele is pastor of the Rose Hill church.

¶ The Leasburg Church on the Leasburg-Salem charge will have its annual week of revival services during the week of April 12-17. Rev. Robert W. Bradshaw, pastor of the Duke Memorial Methodist church in Durham, will be the visiting preacher. The services will begin at 7:30 each evening and will include a sng service led by the Leasburg church choir and the pastor, Rev. R. W. Ponder.

¶ New officers have been elected by the Raleigh Wesley Foundation for the 1964-65 school year. They will be installed after the Easter holidays. The new officers are: President, Bill Austin, N. C. State Student, whose home is Raleigh; vice-president, John Roy, N. C. State student, who home is Marietta, Ga.; secretary, Margaret Craven, Meredith College student, whose home is Bethesda, Md.; treasurer, Jack Ritterskamp, N. C. State student, whose home is Charlotte. Rev. Neal McGlamery is director of the Wesley Foundation.

¶ Bishop Walter C. Gum of the Louisville, Ky. Area, is preaching this week in revival services at Front Street Methodist Church, Burlington. Services will continue through Friday evening. Rev. Leon Russell is pastor.

¶ The ministers and their wives of the Statesville district held a special Lenten retreat on March 16, at Wesley Memorial Methodist Church, Statesville. The retreat was singularly blessed by a number of retired brethren and their wives being present.

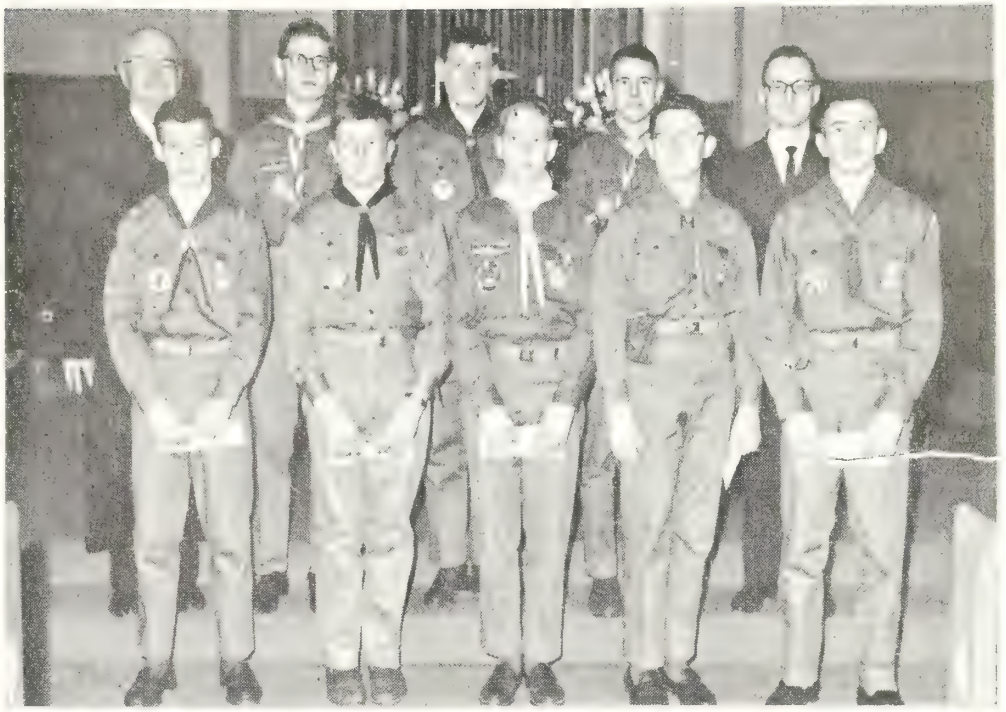
¶ Revival services will be conducted in the Pleasant Grove Methodist Church, Route 3, Thomasville, from March 22 through March 27. Two services daily. Rev. R. Herman Nicholson, district superintendent, will be the guest minister. Music will be furnished by the church choir and the Methodist Men. Everyone is cordially invited to attend these services. Rev. Herbert T. Penry, Jr., is the pastor.

¶ Holy Week revival services will be held in the Center Methodist Church, Concord, beginning Thursday night, March 26, with the Rev. Bill Bigham, our missionary to Brazil, as the visiting minister. The services will run through Easter Sunday night, March 29. The pastor, Rev. Frank S. Starnes, along with the congregation, extends a cordial invitation to the people of this area to share in this effort for spiritual enrichment during this holy season.

¶ The Salem Methodist Church on the Leasburg-Salem Charge of the Burlington District will hold its annual week of revival services beginning March 29 and continuing through April 3. The visiting preacher for these special services will be Rev. H. Langill Watson, pastor of the First Methodist Church of Graham. The services will begin at 7:30 each evening. Spiritual prepperation for the revival is being made in the congregation under the leadership of Mrs. Arch J. Pleasant, chairman of the Commission on Membership and Evangelism, and the pastor, Rev. Reginald W. Ponder.

¶ Dr. Clovis Chappell, who was preaching in revival services at the Ramseur Methodist Church last week, spoke to the High Point ministers monthly meeting held at Randleman on Monday morning. Rev. W. R. Thompson, president of the group, presided over a business session, after which the ministers went to the Fellowship Hall where the ladies of the church served delicious luncheon. Dr. Chappell spoke in his usual interesting manner combining humor and seriousness as he held before the preachers the great responsibility and privilege of preaching the gospel.

¶ Dr. G. Ray Jordan, member of the Western North Carolina Conference, and professor of Preaching and Chapel Preacher in the Candler School of Theology at Emory University, Atlanta, preached Sunday, March 8 in the Abernethy Memorial Methodist Church, Asheville. Dr. Jordan has been engaged in preaching missions in Mishawaka, Indiana, and in a Tri-State Preaching Mission, sponsored by 130 churches in 12 denominations in a Community-wide Christian Advance, which was sponsored by ministerial associations of Huntington, W. Va.; Ashland, Ky.; Ironton, Ohio; and Point Pleasant, W. Va.



Eight boys were given the God and Country Award in Scouting at the Sunday morning service at Jarvis Memorial Church, Greenville, on February 9. All the boys are active members of the Jarvis Memorial Church. The picture shows, from left to right, front row: Vick King, Duke Clarke, Bob Chandler, Delbert Hilligartner, and Billy Talley. Back row, left to right: Dr. Edgar B. Fisher, the pastor; Wyatt Brown, Jr., Marvin Turner, Neil Winslow, and Mr. Curtis Hendrix, Scoutmaster.

¶ The many friends of Mrs. W. L. Clegg of Burlington, will be interested to learn that she is recovering from spinal surgery in Memorial Hospital in Burlington. She has been a patient for several days, and it is understood she will of necessity be there for some time. In the meantime she will be glad to hear from her friends.

¶ The Rev. Dr. J. Manning Potts, editor of *The Upper Room*, and Mrs. Potts are visiting Seoul, Korea, Tokyo, Japan, and Hong Kong, where three editions of *The Upper Room* are published. *The Upper Room* is the world's most widely used devotional guide. It is published bi-monthly. It is circulated in 35 languages and 41 editions throughout 120 countries of the world. Its readership is estimated at 10 million.

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Ministerial Qualifications Meeting

The Board of Ministerial Training and Qualifications of the N. C. Conference will meet in St. Paul Methodist Church, Goldsboro, April 6 and 7. The schedule by districts is as follows: Monday, April 6, 9:30-12:30, Rocky Mount and New Bern districts; 2:00-5:00, Elizabeth City and Durham districts; 7:00-9:00, Goldsboro district. Tuesday, April 7: 9:30-12:30, Raleigh and Fayetteville districts; 2:00-5:00, Burlington and Wilmington districts. The board will also meet at Duke Memorial Methodist Church, Durham, on Wednesday, April 8, beginning at 9:30 a.m. This arrangement is for students only. All who are not students should go to the Goldsboro meeting, unless an emergency prevents it. The one day at Duke Memorial is too crowded to take others. D. L. Fouts, *Chairman*
J. V. Early, *Registrar*
H. B. Lewis, Registrar Approved Supplies

Report on Membership Study

The 1964 General Conference will receive a report of a study of Methodist church membership with recommendations designed to help bring more rapid growth of the denomination and deepen the commitment of its present members.

Latest membership total of The Methodist Church in the United States is $10,234,-986, a gain of less than one per cent over the previous year.

One of the recommendations of the report is that many more new churches and congregations be established in newly developed population areas.

"The population expansion calls for a daring program of establishing new church units and congregations," says the report.

The study was conducted by the General Board of Evangelism of The Methodist Church at the request of the 1960 General Conference. Copies of the report have been mailed from the board's headquarters in Nashville, to all delegates to the 1964 General Conference.

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EDITORIALS

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Easter, A Season of Enrichment

During the days of Lent the mind of the church is naturally turned more definitely toward the approaching cross and its meaning to mankind. This is the traditional season when some people are more strict in their observance of religious ritual and more committed in practice to Christian principles. And while some of us believe this attitude should be characteristic of the true Christian throughout the year, yet we realize it is certainly a time when special emphasis should center upon the suffering, sorrow, and crucifixion of Jesus, for in this way the individual may come to a fuller appreciation and better understanding of the price paid for his or her redemption.

As our attention is fixed upon the Easter Day, which this year occurs on March 29, we should be thrilled with the thought that it is not just his suffering and death that are so significant, but his glorious Resurrection. This is the relevant thought that banishes the darkness of fear, despair, and hopelessness, and causes life to become radiant, joyous, and meaningful as we hear him say " Because I live ye shall live also." Just as "the darkest hour precedes the dawn," so the suffering of the Saviour marked the approach of the Eternal Day through the Resurrection in which Jesus was to demonstrate that he was master over death itself.

The resurrection of Christ reflects completeness in a number of ways. It marks the completion of his work on earth. He came to reveal God, to establish the plan of redemption, to challenge men to their best; it perpetuates and makes eternal the incarnation—this is not just a passing whim that men glance at—it reaches into the eternities; it cheers the dying and comforts the living, for there is no other one and no other source to which they can turn in the search for satisfaction—"I am the way, the truth, and the life." It strengthens Christian faith, inspires Christian labor, and signifies new life.

On Easter day gaily-dressed crowds will stroll up and down the highways in the annual Easter parade. Millions of people who ordinarily stay away from church will attend services, which indicates that the majority of people have reverence for God, even though they may show it only infrequently by public worship. In a vague way, at least, most people know the meaning of Easter, and at this season the church, by work and prayer, can manifest its interest in them and make its meaning more real to them, helping them to know that their sorrows, sufferings, and defeats can be turned into triumphant joy when united to the suffering of Christ.

Every professing Christian should come to the climax of this Lenten season on Easter morning with a riper, richer, clearer understanding and deeper appreciation of what it means to have faith in the Living Christ.

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THEME FOR THE WEEK

"Blessed is the man that trusteth in the Lord, and whose hope the Lord is: For he shall be as a tree planted by the waters, and that spreadeth out her roots by the river, and shall not see when heat cometh, but her leaf shall be green, and shall not be careful for the year of drought, neither shall cease from yielding fruit."—Jeremiah 17:7,8.

LETTERS

Dear Sir:

I would like for you to clear up a very important question for me. In my travels as a salesman I meet and talk to a lot of people, Christian and non-Christian. The question: What has happened to our home missions? In one city of about 45,000 I found church members in dire need of clothes, food, medicine, etc. This church, to my sorrow, was Methodist. It was raising $2,000 for overseas missions and letting its own members suffer. In another city of around 60,000 15 per cent of one church's members out of work and this church was in the process of building a playground. In another city of over 100,000 the Catholic church was the only denomination helping all faiths, including Jews.

I suppose we Methodists are named right, we have a method of forgetting our own people. The Methodst Church is falling from grace; big fine buildings, playgrounds, and kitchens are killing our spirit. What is your solution?

Tommie Harrison

Gastonia, N. C.

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Comments on Tax Cut

Bishop Fred Pierce Corson has issued a statement calling upon members of all faiths to "carefully and prayerfully consider how best" to use the money they will receive through the federal tax cut.

The president of the World Methodist Council and head of the Philadelphia Area of The Methodist Church, said: "The nation could be about to embark on a wild and perhaps short-lived spending spree with disastrous consequences. This is possible because millions of individual tax savings aggregate into an enormous economic force for evil or good.

"What a tragedy it would be if our country would emerge from this much wanted tax reduction morally and spiritually weakened in a world of social and political upheaval."

Commission on Christian Higher Education Held Meet at G.C.

The Commission on Christian Higher Education of the Western North Carolina Conference met Tuesday, March 10, at 11 a.m. in the Library at Greensboro College. Dr. Wilson O. Weldon, chairman, presided.

The commission heard reports from Dr. Fletcher Nelson, executive director, concerning the progress being made in the program of Higher Education, especially with reference to the financial campaign which has been underwav for the past few years. Dr. Nelson's report shows that of the $3,000,000 pledged, only $575,000 remains to be collected. It is expected this amount will be collected within the next few months and the campaign will be successfully concluded.

Reports were also heard from the president of the various colleges involved, and indications were that much progress is being made in the development of the educational program of the conference with reference to the colleges' part in that program.

Reporting for the various colleges were Dr. Herbert J. Herring, for Duke University, representing Dr. Douglas Knight, president; Bishop Nolan B. Harmon for Emory University; Dr. Emmet K. McLarty for Brevard College; Dr. Harold Hutson for Greensboro College; Dr. Wendell Patton for High Point College; Dr. Lem Stokes II for Pfeiffer College; and Dr. Carl King reporting on the sustentation fund for the colleges.

After adjournment the entire group lunched together in the college dining room.

Miss Mary F. Floyd Elected Trustee of Scarritt College

Miss Mary F. Floyd, professor of Religion at Pfeiffer College, Misenheimer, is one of four newly-elected trustees at Scarritt College, Neshville, Tenn. The announcement was made at the March meeting of the Scarritt Board of Trustees by Bishop Roy H. Short, chairman.

Miss Floyd has taught at Pfeiffer College since 1946. As a teacher of Bible, she is a friend to scores of Pfeiffer students. She is known to hundreds of Methodists through her work as a deaconess.

In 1956, women of the Western North Carolina Conference of the Methodist Church established an endowed Chair of Religious Life at Pfeiffer in her honor.

Professor Floyd is a graduate of LaGrange College, Georgia, and received her M.A. degree from Scarritt. She has engaged in advanced studies at Columbia University, Union Theological Seminary, Northwestern University, and Garrett Theological Seminary.

She has served as a former president of the Deaconess Board of the Western North Carolina Methodist Conference. She is a member of the American Academy of Religion and the North Carolina Association of Teachers of Religion. Professor Floyd is a contributor to various religious journals and a frequent speaker before local church groups and conferences.

All trustees are elected for five-year terms.

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"John, I hope I didn't see you smiling at that girl."

"I hope you didn't, my dear."

News From Brevard College

President E. K. McLarty, Jr., was master of ceremonies at the recent annual Brevard Chamber of Commerce banquet. During the week of March 8-13, he taught in the Wadesboro Training School.

On Passion Sunday, the combined choirs of Brevard College and Brevard Methodist Church will present Mozart's "Requiem," in memory of John Fitzgerald Kennedy. The service will take place in the Brevard Methodist Church.

Rabbi Bernard H. Bloom, leader of Congregation Beth Ha-Tephila in Asheville and a member of the Jewish Chautauqua Society, was on campus March 11 and 12. He was a guest speaker in the religion classes and also led the weekly chapel service.

Mrs. E. K. McLarty was one of three speakers who led the Brevard Methodist Church women in their study of "Three Spiritual Classics." She spoke on one of her favroite subjects, John Wesley, and the contribution he made in the area of spiritual depth and practice.

On March 5, sixteen new members of the student body were initiated into Alpha Beta Gamma, the national honor society for chemistry students in junior colleges. The purpose of the fraternity is to promote scholarship and an interest in the various fields of science.

Members of the biology and Chemistry classes will participate in an edu ational tour to Oak Ridge, Tenn., on April 11. The group will spend their time learning about reactors, isotopes, and computers in the American Atomic museum and the biological laboratory.

A recent Lyceum program featured the National Opera Company in Fraz Lehar's "The Merry Widow." An all-time operetta favorite, the story dealt with romance and court intrique. The last Lyceum of the school year will be given by Philip Tanson, Company of One, on March 20.

The Student Government Association is again raising funds to help with the financial support of a child. Through the "Save A Child" plan, Brevard students hope to make life more meaningful for a young Korean boy, Yung Hwan Yoon. The M.S.F. is assisting in this project.

Dr. Grady Hardin, the stimulating and helpful Plyler speaker for Brevard's Religious Emphasis Week, offered much inspiration to students through his daily worship services, individual conferences, and discussion groups. Chaplain Ed Roy and Religious Council leaders report that much good came from Dr. Hardin's leadership.

The sophomore painting class will exhibit works at the Sixth Carolinas' College Art Annual at the Columbia Museum, Columbia, S. C., during April 5-22. The purpose of the exhibitition is to assess comparative values of advanced art students, to enable them to gain experience for national competition, and to permit their future public to become familiar with new talent.

Mr. and Mrs. Edwin L. Jones of Charlotte recently sent a contribution of money, which will be used to purchase library materials. This gift is to serve as a memorial, in lieu of flowers, to Mrs. T. S. (Bertha Dorset) Ellington of Hartford, Connecticut. Mrs. Ellington, a cousin of Mrs. Jones, was devoted to the Methodist Church and the cause of Christian Higher Education.

The Brevard College Tornadoes have brought considerable recognition and a feeling of justifiable pride to the faculty and student body. They recently won the Western Carolina Junior College Conference championship, the Region 10 championship, and were runners-up for the Western Carolina Junior College Conference tournament. Of twenty-nine games played, the Tornadoes won 23 and lost 6. This qualified them to play in the National Junior College finals in Hutchison, Kansas. Hats off to Coach "Chick" Martin and his boys!

High Point College Elects Two New Board Members

Two new members of the High Point College Board of Trustees were elected at the annual board meeting at the college Wednesday, March 4. They are Delos S. Hedgecock, High Point, and Charles F. Carroll, Raleigh.

Mr. Hedgecock, a High Point business man, began his business career in 1917, and has been interested in farming and cattle, real estate, and contracting and building. He is the president f Hedgecock Lumber Company, Inc., High Point, organized in 1928; president of Kernersville Lumber Co., Inc., Kernersville; and president of Hedgecock Builders Supply Company, Inc., Guilford, organized in 1956. Last year he became owner of the Sheraton Hotel, High Point.



CHARLES F. CARROLL



DELOS S. HEDGECOCK

Mr. Carroll, State Superintendent of Public Instruction, Raleigh, began his career in education as a teacher in 1921. He rose to the position of principal, and became State Commissioner of High School Textbooks in 1936. He became Superintendent of Public Schools in High Point in 1937.

He received his A.B. degree from Trinity College, Durham, in 1921, and his M.Ed. degree from Duke University in 1930. In 1952 he was awarded an honorary LLD. degree from High Point College.

Mr. Carroll has also been active in organization for exceptional children, for educational television, and for the North Carolina Symphony.

High Point Debating Team

High Point College's affirmative and negative debate teams won 50 per cent of their debates at the Thirty-second Annual South Atlantic Forensic Tournament held at Lenoir Rhyne College recently. The affirmative team was the only team to beat the winning negative team from Gardner-Webb.

Participating for High Point College were Jerry Proffitt, son of Mr. and Mrs. Louie Edward Proffitt, 202 Welch Drive, High Point, and David Evans, son of Mr. and Mrs. Otis David Evans, 202 Van Buren Road, Spray; affirmative; Michael Pierce, son of Mrs. Doris B. Pierce, 500 Westwood Ave., High Point, and John Flowers, son of Dr. and Mrs. J. M. Flowers, Jr., 505 Chestnut Dr., High Point, negative; and Bonnie E. Stilwell, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Allen R. Stilwell, Lexington Rd., Thomasville, after dinner speaking and poetry reading.

Fourteen colleges were represented in the competition, with Gardner-Webb and Maryville taking top awards.

He Is Always With Us

Sometime ago a sign was placed in a dry cleaner's window, "We clean everything but reputations."

There has been no machine or bleaching fluid prepared that will reach down into the troubled heart of man with a purifying effect like the love of our Lord Jesus Christ. He loved us enough to die for us.

Are we more interested in the spiritual or the physical things of this life? The Christians *who* reckon ourselves "pilgrims and strangers" should not have the heart to spend all our energy, time and money on things pertaining merely to this earthly journey of threescore and ten.

Our immediate, honest concern, should be that we are busy laying up for ourselves "treasures in heaven," not being contaminated by the transitory things of this world.

> "Turn your eyes upon Jesus,
> Look full into His wonderful face,
> And the things of this earth
> Will grow strangely dim,
> In the light of His glory and grace."

All around us people are continually in search of happiness. But where is peace found? There can be no peace of mind or contentment of soul outside of Christ. We have the peace of God in our hearts—"The peace of God that passeth all understanding."

Let us endure—let us run the race with patience. We are given the capacity to endure without complaint that which is disagreeable, that which is frustrating to the human being.

The truth and faithfulness of God stands ready to make good every promise in His blessed Word.

—MRS. GAITHER BEROTH



By Mary Gardner

Growing Up To Be A Great Man

"I wish I were a great man; I'd do ever so many things to make people happy," said Ralph.

"What would you do if you were a great man?" asked mother.

"I'd help the good people, give money to the poor, give food to the hungry ones, and send doctors to cure the sick ones, and then I'd be great and get my name in the papers."

"Well," laughed mother, "that's a lot, even for a great man to do. But, tell me, did you ever stop to wonder how great men came to be great men?"

"No, Mother."

"Do you think our little new lemon tree will ever grow into an orange tree?"

"Of course not," said Ralph. "it will grow into a big lemon tree."

"Well, then," said his mother, "what kind of a boy will grow into a great man?"

"A great boy, I suppose."

"Then," replied Mother, "suppose you try and be a great boy by making people happy."

"I'll try," said Ralph, "but how?"

"Well, suppose you gather the wood and save father," suggested Mother.

After the wood was in, he pulled up some weeds to surprise father.

Next day it was hard to be great, for his little brother was cross, and Ralph wondered if he would give up trying to be great. Suddenly he ran away on his own; but, instead of being happy, he felt mean and like a coward. So, running back, he got the wheelbarrow and put little brother in it and wheeled him round till soon they were both laughing and happy. —**Clipped.**

Bad Habits Must Not Grow

It is so important for boys and girls to develop good habits while they are young. If they do not listen to the advice of their parents and teachers, they often take on bad habits which follow them all the days of their lives.

There are boys and girls now grown who never did learn to be cheerful and polite. Some never did learn to be obedient and kind. Others never did learn to study and work carefully. When they are grown and in the business and church world you can always pick out those who were boys and girls with bad habits.

When a boy or girl finds he is developing a bad habit, he should immediately set about to break that habit.

There is an old fable which tells how important it is to break habits before they are allowed to grow.

Once there was a crocodile lived near the banks of the Nile River. He was huge and fierce. Every time people went near where he lived he ate them. He ate up the shepherds, the sheep, and all the cows and other animals which strayed near the riverbanks.

Every so often the people of the community would get together and decide on some way to get rid of the mean old crocodile. Whatever they tried did not work, for each time those who tried to get rid of the beast themselves were destroyed.

One day a new meeting was called. As the people were talking and trying their best to find ways to destroy the beast, an ichneumon which is a very small animal, looks like a lizard, and lives on the eggs of crocodiles, stepped to the center of the crowd.

"I can see you are all greatly troubled," he said, "I am sorry I cannot suggest any way for you to get rid of this crocodile, but if you will listen to me, you will find out how to keep from having other such beasts around here. Although you pay no attention to me, I do more in helping you than any of you realize. The crocodile has its worst enemy in me. I don't eat crocodiles — Oh, no, they are much too large. But I do eat crocodile eggs. Every day I destroy at least fifty crocodile eggs and these would have been more crocodiles."

The moral of this little story is told below:

This fable, dear child, is intended to show
The danger of suffering ill habits to grow;
For the fault of a week may be conquered, 'tis clear,
Much easier than if it went on for a year.

Am I Humble?

Draw a cross (X) after each sentence that shows that you are trying to be humble.

1—I must always be "it" when playing games.

2—I gave up playing ball with the boys last night, so I could help Mother.

3—I won't play with my little brother, he's too little.

4—I didn't like it when my sister got a new dress.

5—I like to do kind things for others.

6—I am willing to serve Jesus in any way I can.

7—I never take the biggest piece.

8—I want people to notice me.

Ambition

'Tis not enough to wish to do
A day's toil fairly well;
If you would rise to glory
You must hunger to succeed.

The boy who has the proper stuff
Goes into every test,
Not seeking to be good enough
But eager to be best.

—**Author Unknown**

BIBLE QUIZ

1—What high priest found an old book of the law of Moses while clearing away the idols from the temple and read it to King Josiah?

2—In one of the parables the kingdom of heaven was likened to a man who found a pearl of great price. What did he do about it?

3—Who asked God to save Sodom if ten righteous men were found there?

4—Who told an old father that they had found a coat with blood on it, and thought it was his son's?

5—Who were told to gather up the fragments that nothing be lost?

Answers to Last Week's Questions

1—Saul (I Samuel 9:3)
2—Lost sheep; lost coin; lost son (Luke 15)
3—"How is it that ye sought me? Wist ye not that I must be about my Father's business? (Luke 2:49)
5—". . . was lost." (Luke 19:10)
5—Joseph's brothers (Genesis 42:25)

Just For Fun

Wit: Did you ever tickle a mule?
Nit: No, Wit, I never tickled a mule.
Wit: You ought to try it sometime. You'll get a big kick out of it.

A group of girl scouts, after being introduced to the mysteries of first aid, were being questioned. "What would you do if a small child swallowed the door key," one was asked.

"I guess I'd climb in through the window," she reasoned.



Book Reviews

"THEOLOGY AND PASTORAL COUNSELING" (Volume 9)

By Dr. Edward E. Thornton
Prentice-Hall, 144 pages, $2.95, Mar 17, 1964
New Book For Ministers Emphasizes Place of Theology in Pastoral Counseling

"Theology and pastoral care interpenetrate each other. Like newlyweds, uncertain of one another in their relationship, pastoral counselors and theologians frequently exchange sweet words while anxiously remaining on guard lest the new relationship expose previously concealed weaknesses. The time has come for a frank appraisal of both the conflicts and the creative possibilties inherent in the interpenetration of theology and pastoral care."

This analysis is of present counseling techniques is made by Dr. E. E. Thornton, Professor of Pastoral Theology and Clinical Pastoral Education at the Crozer Theological Seminary of Chester, Penn., in "Theology and Pastoral Counseling," a new book to be published on March 17th. It is Volume Nine in Prentice-Hall's **Successful Pastoral Counseling Series.**

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"GROUP COUNSELING (Volume 10)

By Dr. Joseph W. Knowles
Prentice-Hall, 144 pages, $2.95, March 17, 1964
New Books on Group Counseling For Ministers

"Group counseling embodies a philosophy of healing as well as a methodology. It takes into account the communal aspect of man's nature and the healing potential within experiences of community," writes Dr. Joseph W. Knowles, a member of the staff of the Church of the Saviour of Washington, D. C., in "Group Counseling," a new book to be published on March 17th.

In the book, which is Volume Ten in Prentice-Hall's **Successful Pastoral Counseling Series,** Dr. Knowles explains the growing pastoral enthusiasm for group counseling and outlines procedures for starting such a program in the local church.

Dr. Knowles carefully describes the role of the minister in group counseling activities, and suggests ways of testing and selecting he group's members, of handling the first session and of arousing and guiding member partici pation.

Case histories, recorded from actual group counseling sessions, are used by the author to show how the pastor or group leader can improve his leadership techniques.

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EUB Membership Reported

Current membership in the Evangelical United Brethren Church stands at 757,719. according to the new denominational yearbook issued at Harrisburg, Pa.

In addition to U.S. members, the listing showed a membership of 10,044 in Sierra Leone, West Africa, 32,013 in four European countries and some 100,000 "adherents" who have not yet become members in Germany.

Other current statistics included—Sunday school enrollment, 695,134; Church property valuation, $318,692,143; average per-member giving for all purposes, $67. The church has a total of 3,762 ministers in this country, and 803 retired clergymen.

A proposal for the union of the EUB Church and The Methodist Church will come before the 1964 Methodist General Conference.



Shown with Dr. M. Wilson Nesbitt, second from right, director of the Work of the Rural Church under The Duke Endowment, are four prominent architects, three of whom are winners of 1964 Certificates of Recognition for their work in design of rural church facilities in North Carolina. Cited were James Ward, left, of the M. A. Ham Associates of Durham, for design of educational and fellowship facilities for the Salem Church congregation north of Oxford; Walter Burgess, second from left, of Raleigh, who designed a new first unit for worship and education in the St. James Methodist Church near Raleigh; and Thomas Hutchins of Statesville for his design of the Methodist Chapel in the Lees McRae Junior college community at Banner Elk. At the far right is Harold E. Wagoner of Philadelphia, one of the nation's most prominent church architects who was the principal speaker during the annual meeting of the Bishops' Committees on Church Architecture at Duke University March 9. The Bishops Committee are representatives of both the Western North Carolina and the North Carolina annual conferences of The Methodist Church and serve to help rural church groups plan new construction through the use of professional architectural services.

Bishops' Committee on Church Architecture Hold Meeting

More than 60 Methodist chruchmen and architects were at Duke University Monday for the joint meeting of the Bishops' Committee on Church Architecture—an annual event at which current building needs of rural Methodist churches, architectural counsel, and the quality of church architecture are topics for discussion.

Representatives from both North Carolina Methodist conferences, district superintendents, architects and members of the Rural Church Committee of the trustees of the Duke Endowment were present together with Duke Divinity School officials.

Bishop Paul N. Garber of the North Carolina Conference, The Methodist Church, was a special guest. With Bishop Nolan B. Harmon of the Western N. C. Methodist Conference, Bishop Garber organized the committee to help rural church groups plan for new construction through the use of professional architectural services.

At Monday's worship and business sessions, delegates from the various church groups heard Dr. C. D. Barclift of Fayetteville in a speaking and presiding role.

Principal speaker during the architectural information sessions was Harold E. Wagoner, a conculting architect of Philadelphia, Pa., whose firm is among the foremost in church design in America.

Wagoner's illustrated talk showed dramatically how churches all over the world have been designed and erected to highlight some phase of the worship service, or to present a special aspect of a congregation's need for interpretation of its theological aspirations.

Three North Carolina architects were cited during the meeting for "outstanding architectural solutions to particular problems or needs" of certain North Carolina rural Methodist churches.

They are James Ward of M. A. Ham Associates, Durham, for designs of educational and fellowship buildings at Salem Church of Oxford; Walter Burgess of Raleigh—also a 1963 citation holder—for work on an original unit for worship, fellowship and education at St. James Methodist Church near Raleigh; and Thomas Hutchins of Statesville for his design of the Methodist Chapel in the Lees McRae Junior College community at Banner Elk.

All three architects received 1964 Certificates of Recognition for their work, with their demonstration panels of photos and drawings now ready for use by rural churches which may be planning new construction.

For a number of years under the Randolph E. DuMont Design Program, architects have submitted designs to the Bishops' Committee for selection in the competition. The program, in memory of the late treasurer of the Duke Endowment, is part of the overall rural church programs of the two conferences which are coordinated at Duke in the office of the rural church Duke Divinity School, Dr Wilson Nesbitt, director.

To Study World Mission

Representatives of Methodist and Methodist-related churches in 47 countries on five continents will gather April 1-10 at Gatlinburg, Tenn., for a meeting that is unique in The Methodist Church. The 150 leaders from around the world will probe from a global perspective the meaning of the church's mission in this age.

The meeting is a Pre-General Conference, sponsored by the Interdivision Committee on Foreign Work of the Board of Missions. The majority of those attending will be from overseas.

A highlight will be a series of addresses by the Rev. Dr. D. T. Niles, one of the world's leading churchmen, on the conference theme, "God's Call to Repentance and Renewal." Dr. Niles, a Methodist from Ceylon, is the general secretary of the East Asia Christian Conference.

Methodism and Holy Communion

By Vergil E. Queen

Introduction

The present generation has witnessed a new interest in and concern about the Sacrament of the Holy Communion. This essay is an attempt to review contemporary Methodism's attitudes toward and use of the Holy Communion particularly as they relate to the present state of the church.

The problem stems from a deep anxiety about the present ambiguous state of Methodism as revealed in the inner crisis resulting from the church's failure to understand the nature and function of its own being.

The point of view here is twofold: (a) the present crisis in Methodism's low spiritual state derives directly from a massive and pandemic neglect of its sacramental life, and (b) this loss of the sacramental life stems directly from Methodism's failure in modern times to accept and play the role of a churchly type of Christianity.

Any adequate understanding of the problem will call for a correct diagnosis. Therefore, this paper will undertake: (a) to review the historical background of the use of the Lord's Supper in Methodism; (b) to analyze the present situation in terms of its immediate antecedents; and (c) to look ahead with possible hopes of revival and ultimate solution.

I. Historical Background

The present neglect of the sacrament life in Methodism is neither new nor acute in the history of Christianity. The situation faced by the Wesleys when the Methodist Revival began is a case in point. In Eighteenth Century Anglicanism, the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper was infrequently administered and indifferently regarded by both clergy and laity. Frequent celebration was discouraged because it was feared familiarity would diminish the solemnity of the Rite. An indolent clergy and an ignorant populace had no taste for Eucharistic worship. Also, the Age of Reason made no place for mysteries such as the Holy Communion; moreover, the great stress on thorough spiritual preparation through mediation and discipline discouraged many.

This calls for a look at the place of the Lord's Supper in the Methodist Revival. It is one of the glories of the Revival that the Lord's Supper was used as the traditional means of grace. For the Wesleys, the Holy Eucharist was at once the very pinnacle of devotion and the most comprehensive act of worship which the church could offer. Word and Sacrament became a two-edged sword which was a powerful agent in the spread of the Revival. As in the Acts of the Apostles, the preaching of the Word and the breaking of bread were but different aspects of the same evangel.

At Easter, 1747, Charles Wesley wrote in his **Journal:** "The Lord gave us, under the Word, to know the power of his resurrection, but in the Sacrament, he carried us quite above ourselves and all earthly things." And in December, 1748, he wrote: "Our Lord administered strong consolation to our souls by the Word and Sacrament." In a letter to his wife, Charles wrote: "I am just come from preaching holiness for an hour and administering to a multude of communicants."

The annals of early Methodism abound in references to the rich and full use made of the Lord's Supper in the Revival. Stories of great crowds participating in the Communion and of conversions at the Holy Table are found throughout the history of this period.

John C. Bowmer, in **The Sarament of the Lord's Supper in Early Methodism**, says:

> the Lord's Supper played a vital part in the spiritual life of the early Methodist Societies and of the individuals who made up those societies. Many were converted at the Lord's Table, others partook of its blessings in the sick-rooms and on their death-beds; all joined in those crowded celebrations which were seldom seen in the eighteenth century outside Methodism. The Lord's Supper was never a substitute for ethical religion or for that implicit trust in Christ for salvation which was one of the basic tenets of early Methodism. It was just the ordinary channel of conveying God's grace to the souls of men.

So, the Methodist movement was not only an evangelical awakening; it was also a genuine revival of the sacramental life of the church.

This suggests a resume of Wesley's doctrine of the Holy Communion. According to Wesley there are **four** major emphases in his view of the blessed Sacrament.

1. The Lord's Supper is a real means of Grace, and not merely a memorial meal. There is something **given** in the Sacrament. It is a converting ordinance.

2. The Real Presence of Christ is not localized in the consecrated elements, but is to be discerned in the ordinance as a whole.

3. The Lord's Supper implies a Sacrifice, an offering by the Church, the Body of Christ, of His Body and Blood.

4. The Lord's Supper is a foretaste of the Heavenly Banquet.

The personal practice of the Wesleys and of the early Methodists sheds much light on the implicatons of such a high doctrine of the Eucharist for the disciplined life. John Wesley created and controlled the Methodist Movement. He molded its life and worship after the pattern of his own habits, especially with respect to the Lord's Supper. In his sermon on, **The Duty of Constant Communion,** Wesley urged "constant" attendance at the Lord's Table. He says:

> No man can have any pretence to Christian piety who does not receive it, not once a month, but as often as he can. . . . He that, when he may obey the commandment if he will, does not, will have no place in the Kingdom of Heaven.

Wesley practiced "constant communion" himself. Throughout his life he received the Sacrament on an average of every five days. His custom of regular Sunday morning Communion was seldom broken.

Wesley never, except in 1786, missed the Sacrament on Christmas Day, and never, except in 1791, missed it on the morning of New Year's Day. The Octave of Christmas was celebrated with daily Communion. During the twelve days of Christmas, 1774, Wesley celebrated the Lord's Supper daily.

John and Charles Wesley and Lady Huntingdon all held daily celebrations on special occasions. George Whitefield wrote to the Countess of Delitz on October 11, 1750: "We have the Sacrament every morning, heavenly consolation all day, and preaching at night."

Thus it is seen that among these early Methodist leaders the Lord's Supper was a "Gospel Feast" and a joyous meeting with the Risen Lord.

II. An Analysis of the Present Situation

The fact that the Holy Communion became such a dynamic force in the dscipline and organization of Methodism is one of the historical triumphs of God's grace. When the first Methodists were refused Communion at the hands of the Established Church, it would have been easy for them to have turned to their own distinctive contributions to Christian worship—the Love Feast, Covenant Service, Watchnight, etc.—and to have substituted these for their sacramental life. But the Methodist people were wisely led by the Wesleys and retained a firm hold on the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper. It was subsequently implanted in their discipline and organization so that classical Methodism holds to a high view of the Eucharist.

There were **five** stages in the historical development of the Lord's Supper in Methodism:

1. In the beginning, Methodists returned to their parish churches for the Holy Communion.

2. Beginning in 1743, the Wesleys and their ordained helpers administered the Sacrament in consecrated buildings taken over by the Methodists.

3. At some point the Sacrament began to be celebrated by ordained clergymen in Methodist preaching houses. This date is difficult to determine, but by 1774 the Sacrament was being administered at the Foundry in London.

4. Methodist preachers ordained by Wesley began to administer the Sacrament in Methodist Chapels in England.

5. After John Wesley's death, the Sacrament was generally celebrated by Methodists in all Methodist Chapels.

These **five** stages represent the gradual evolution of the use made by early Methodism of the Holy Communion. Beginning with a high doctrine of the Sacrament inherited from Anglicanism, the Wesleys patiently established Methodism as a truly sacramental society.

The realistic historian might add a **sixth** stage to this development to describe the present sorry state of things in Methodism. The tragic fact in contemporary Methodism insofar as the Lord's Supper is concerned is simply that historic Methodism is heir to a glorious tradition of high sacramental life, but has lost or forgotten this heritage. This neglect is the infection at the heart of the church's sickness.

Now the first step toward understanding Methodism's plight will be to trace the antecedent causes of this decay and decline in her sacramental life. What are they?

1. There was the Reformer's agonizing distrust of the medieval sacerdotalism surrounding the Roman Mass.

2. There was the intrusion of modern science in the 16th and 17th centuries. The scientific spirit and method disavows any co-existence with revelation, super-naturalism, miracle, or sacramental mystery. Scientific knowledge has yet to be reconciled with faith-knowledge:

3. Divisive and faulty sectarian views of the Sacrament, both as to its meaning and proper administration, combined to secularize modern man's view of the Sacrament.

4. The American frontier spirit contributed to the decline of Methodism's sacramental life. This happened in **two** ways: **(a) As Methodism** spread across the continent through the circuit rider and camp meeting aras, increasng exposure came with Baptists, Congregationalists, Disciples, Presbyterians, and others tinged with the Puritan ideal of austerity in worship. Thus an amalgam was unconsciously formed which blurred the distinctive Methodist genius for sacramental worship. The result was an increasingly adulterated conception of the Lord's Supper incapable of containing any Wesleyan content. (b) Frontier Methodism was more exactly **ordered action** than **ordered worship;** and, since most of the Methodist preachers were unordained and could not administer the Sacrament to their converts, the traditional sacramental life of Methodism fell away.

5. There was the curious evangelical divorce between the objective and subjective elements in religious experience. An exaggerated emphasis on the emotions and the inner witness served to downgrade the outer symbols of faith. This mystical emphasis led to the false assumption that ethical religion needed no sacramental assistance; in fact, the Sacraments became optional if not entirely irrelevant.

6. The extreme emphasis on preaching in the nineteenth century at the expense of worship compromised the church's sacramental life. It is curious that this era assumed that faith in Christ as the sole condition of salvation was better mediated through a man's voice than through the consecrated elements of the

Holy Communion. This illusion still lingers in Methodism!

7. Liberalism's Social Gospel theory of the church gave little place to sacramental worship. Social gospel Christianity saw nothing mystical, sacramental, or otherwise efficacious about church membership. It centered on positive activism instead of worship and liturgy.

8. The so-called **Enriched Worship** movement of the Twenties and Thirties led to a loss of sacramental life and practice. This movement aimed to improve through aesthetics, by "dressing up" the service here and there, by tinkering with the liturgy, and generally seeking to produce an "interesting service" that "looked good" and conformed to "what the people enjoyed."

9. The final influence which served to bypass the Holy Communion was the impact of studies in the Psychology, Sociology, and Philosophy of Religion, together with the results of the so-called fields of the History of Religion and Comparative Religion. The basic conclusions of these studies tended to rationalize, and humanize the sacramental element in faith, and to remove the elements of awe, wonder, and even reverence.

III. The Future: Evaluation, Prescription and Prospect

The foregoing has attempted to trace the corrosive and eroding influences which have corrupted historic Methodism as a sacramental society. It has been suggested that (1) Methodism is a **churchly** type of Christianity; (2) that Methodism is heir to a rich sacramental tradition received from the deep wells of Anglican piety through the Wesleys; (3) the historic Wesleyan emphasis requires a synthesis of Word and Sacrament; and (4) contemporary Methodism has forfeited its inner dynamic by reason of its involvement in the modern secular setting which has eclipsed the church's essential spiritual life and power.

Earlier in this discussion it was said that the general neglect of the Eucharist was the sickness at the heart of Methodism. Perhaps it would be more accurate to say that this neglect is but a symptom of that sickness. Methodism's inner crisis lies in an ambiguous view of the church. Its critics are saying that, unless Methodism rediscovers its historic theological foundations, it will die.

That Methodism has failed to understand the nature of its own being is evidenced in the fact that, among the clergy there is no clear and common agreement as to what the church is, what it believes, and certainly there is no common denominator underlying a normative understanding of the Sacraments.

The dimensions of this problem are **ecclesiological, theological, liturgical,** and **sacramental.** The crisis is **ecclesiological** in that Methodism is neither sect nor society, but a **churchly** type of Christianity; however, the movement's preoccupation with its evangelical role has obscured its vocation as church.

The crisis is **theological** in that the Ecumenical movement is seeking the Church among the churches. Hence, Methodism must ask what peculiar genius and mission it posseses. What unique message does it have to proclaim which the world will not hear unless Methodism proclaims it?

The crisis is **liturgical** in that the witness of the Church must be a witness of the whole church. The church is **evangelical** when it looks at the world, but it is **liturgical** when it looks at itself. The proclamation of the Gospel is more than preaching. The **kerygma** of the church involves all the people of God who have been called out to make up the Messianic Community. The whole congregation is involved corporately and concretely in portraying the salvation drama of deliverance from sin, law, death, and hell through praise, prayer, preaching, and sacrament

Finally, the crisis is **sacramental** in that Methodism has largely surrendered the search for sanctity through the disciplined way. The Holy Communion has lost its meaning for modern organization man since the church has given him no **rationale** with which to understand and appropriate its benefits. This loss of the sacramental life is the consequence of a curious sundering of the **evangelical** and the **liturgical** synthesis so vital to Methodism. Methodism must maintain a balanced tension between Word and Sacrament. In fact, Methodism speaks of the visible Church as "a congregation of faithful men in which the pure Word of God is preached, and the Sacraments duly administered . . ."

Clearly then, the Word of God proclaimed is the very same Word offered in the solemn mystery of the Holy Supper. But the plain truth is, the Sacraments are not duly administered and, hence not duly received. **This is our tortured problem.**

But the cure for Methodism's inner crisis is complicated because it is subtle, and difficult to understand by insiders who are the only leaders in any position to apply any remedy. It must be remembered that, even in the halcyon days of the Wesleyan Revival, the Lord's Supper was not thrust on unwilling recipients. Moreover, it is vastly significant that, in early Methodism there was wide agreement among clergy and laity as to the meaning, necessity, and the desirability of the Holy Communion. Today, there is widespread confusion, even indifference among the clergy as to the meaning of the Lord's Supper. Add to this the universal ignorance and lethargy of the laity and the picture becomes dismal indeed.

All this is to say that a sacramental revival cannot be launched by a simple **tour de force.** Nevertheless, Methodism's inner crisis confronts the church with a critical demand for a fundamental restatement of aim and for a **Principle of Cohesion.** For Anglicanism this **Principle of Cohesion** was provided by the **Book of Common Prayer.** The Eucharistic Hymns of Charles Wesley provided this **Principle of Cohesion** for early Methodism. But what can provide contemporary Methodism with a saving **Principle of Cohesion?** Aye, there is the rub!

Certain things come to mind, but they are at once massive and even clumsy. However, it ought to be said here that, the first step is to bring Methodism back into some authentic historical and theological focus. There are two basic types of Methodism today: (1) the classical, definitive Oxford Wesleyanism, with its roots deep in the New Testament, Patristic Christianity, the Ecumenical Creeds of Christendom, and the best of Anglican piety; and (2) the American or "maverick" type of Methodism with its idolatrous fascination with secular culture and its passion for success.

This is not to set the one against the other; rather, it is to say that the clergy must find some common witness as to what they represent and believe.

A second step would be to make use of the findings and the directions of the modern Liturgical Revival which has fostered a wide study of liturgical theology.

The one final hope is that modern Methodism may yet lead the present lost generation to a recovery of spiritual values. Sometimes it is observed that the seat of authority in Methodist theology is the **inner witness;** but, this emphasis on the **inner witness** does not stand alone (as some erroneously suppose). **The Inner Witness** is not self-authenticating in the sense understood by classical Mysticism, but must be validated in Ethics (Conduct) as an **outer witness,** and dramatized in **Liturgy** (Sacrament).

Perhaps here then is the center of whatever churchmanship Methodism may come to glorify and exemplify; namely, that in the earth-bound secularistic culture of this age, wisful and weary souls may be led to see that, the church is indeed the sphere of salvation, and that in the common search for sanctity the blessed Sacrament is but the acted out drama of man's deliverance from sin, law, death, and hell. The hope for Methodism is that her altars may again become the scenes of true Eucharistic worship where the Sacrament is intelligently understood, correctly administered, and faithfully received; and, where light and hope and healing may come to all who worship there.

Dr. J. S. Whale, in **Christian Doctrine** says.

The Church lives not on ideas about God, but on God's grace itself, mediated by his Spirit through the immemorial rites of corporate worship. There the Word of God, contained in the words of Holy Scripture. is proclaimed and heard as the Gospel. There in the Sacrament of the Eucharist, this Word reaches its climax, and action adds something to utterance.

And Dr. A. W. Palmer once said:

When the Church recovers a sense of the Living Presence of God and actually worships in that Presence, the Church will be able to transform the world. . . Only through worship can the social gospel come to power. It is the only dynamic to make men willing to be just.

Easter

Easter time is a happy time; in fact it's a time of joy.
For every Christian person, adult or girl or boy.
The women think of spring outfits or perhaps it's an Easter hat—
The boy is thinking of springtime, a ball and glove or bat.
The man is thinking of fishing or just sitting in the shade—
The girl of all the finery and being in the Easter parade.
Now it has another meaning besides Easter eggs and fun—
It's to commemorate the death and resurrection of God's only begotten Son.
These days of trial and triumph came in the spring of the year,
Lifting mankind from the dephs to the heights of eternal cheer.
For on the Hill of Calvary, they nailed Him to the cross,
And to his devoted followers, he seemed forever lost.
But thanks to the Father, with his Almighty power,
He raised His Son up from the grave in mankind's darkest hour.
For in the Resurrection came hope for those unborn—
Fulfilled by the Saviour on that "Happy Easter Morn."
Now thanks be to Almighty God and his dearly beloved Son,
We have a hope for future life when this earthly race is run.
So, let's all pause and think about this wondrous godly gift,
How He gave His only Son, that sinners might get a lift.
Now, in passing let's remember Easter holidays are grand,
But His death and resurrection gives us hope for the promised land.

—T. A. Gray

Wilson, N. C.

Dean Cleland of Duke Chapel Will Give Lectureship Abroad

Duke University's well-known Dean of the Chapel James T. Cleland will be the 1964 Warrack Lecturer at the Divinity Halls in four famed Scottish Universities—St. Andrews, Aberdeen, Edinburgh, and Glasgow.

The series of lectures, to be given in April and May, were founded in the early 1920s under the title "The Preachers Lectureship." They have since been delivered by some of the world's most famous preachers.

The lectures originated in a trust declaration of the late Frank Warrack, well-to-do Scot who felt the lectureship would provide "more effective training of ministers of The United Free Church of Scotland," (Presbyterian). The five talks at each of the universities have been delivered in other years by such noted theologians and preachers as Dr. Henry Sloane Coffin, the Rev. Prof. Hugh Black and the Rev. Reinhold Niebuhr.

Dean Cleland whose birthplace is Glasgow—is the 40th Warrack Lecturer selected under the terms of the trust agreement by the College Committee of the (New) Church of Scotland.

The conditions in Warrack's agreement include two "guiding principles"—one to the effect that the appointment is not to be regarded as "a reward for services however eminent in order fields of the work of the Church, still less as a 'consolation prize' for comparative failure in all."—And the other stating that "the lectureship is to be offered to preachers most noted for their power to attract and hold the people."

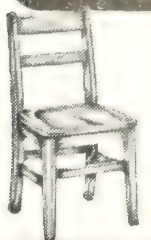
A further stipulation says the main topic of the lectures "must be the sermon and methods of effective preaching." However, Warrack did not preclude the Lecturer from speaking on "anything that is relevant to the seemly and orderly conductof public worship.

Dean Cleland, noted for his forceful and meaningful sermons through many years as James B. Duke Professor of Preaching in the Duke Divinity School, and as Dean of the Chapel, will be at the University of St. Andrews from April 13-17; at Aberdeen, April 20-24; at Edinburgh, May 4-8; and at Glasgow from May 15-18, for this year's Warrack Lectures.

His theme for the series will be: "'Understanding of the People': The Preaching and the Hearing of the Word."

Following preaching engagements through August in St. George's, West, Parish Church in Edinburgh, Dean Cleland will return to his duties at Duke.

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REHOBETH CHURCH DEDICATES NEW EDUCATION BUILDING

Rehobeth Methodist Church on the Polkville-Rehobeth Charge in the Gastonia District dedicated its new education building Sunday, March 1, at 3:00 p.m. Taking part in the dedication were Bishop Nolan B. Harmon, Dr. Cecil L. Heckard, Superintendent of Gastonia District, Rev. J. C. Kendrick, pastor, Rev. Wayne Hoyle and Rev. G. L. Wilkinson, former pastors. Immediately following the dedication service the Woman's Society of Christian Service gave a reception in the Fellowship Hall. A history of Rehobeth, written by Mrs. Paris F. Wilson follows.

Rehobeth Church History

About the year 1820 the people called Methodist began having services ten miles northwest of Shelby in the home of a Mrs. Duncan. During the summer months preaching services were held under some large pea trees. Later when Mrs. Duncan had moved from the community, her former house was used by the young society as a church.

About the year 1830 a log church was erected in a nearby abandoned field, and was called "Duncan's Old Field." The church was called by this name for about 30 years when the name Rehobeth was chosen. This log church was a small building, with no shutters for the doors and windows. The pews were made by splitting logs and then placing supports under the half-logs. During the winter months the cattle and sheep roaming the woods made themselves at home in the church.

We have the names of very few of these early ministers. A great part of these early years the minister was from the neighboring state of South Carolina. The Rev. Abel Hoyle was pastor of this church in 1837-38. The next record was of the pastorate of Rev. A. J. Thompson, 1859-60. Rev. A. W. Avant, 1862. During this period Rev. S. D. Peeler, and Rev. G. W. Ivey were pastors. Adam Elliott a local preacher preached often at Rehobeth during the decade 1850-60. Robert Ledford another local preacher supplied at a much later date, probably 1870-80.

In 1844 when the Methodist Episcopal Church was divided, Rehobeth joined with the other churches in forming the Methodist Episcopal Church South. For 95 years Rehobeth was faithful in her obligations to the branch of Methodism, and gladly reunited with the Methodist Protestants and Methodist Episcopal churches in the formation of The Methodist Church.

At the close of the Civil War the log church was in a run-down condition. Efforts were made to get a new building, that resulted in a new frame church being built several hundred yards west of the log church in what is now the cemetery. Some of the ministers that preached in this church were are follows: Erwn, 1874; Bibb, 1875; White, 1877; Jim Carpenter, 1878; M. D. Giles, 1880; J. S. Nelson, 1881; J. F. England, 1885; W. J. Lowder, 1886; A. M. Lowe, 1890; S. S. Gasque, 1893; Joe A. Cook, 1894; J. H. Bradley, 1895; J. D. Buie, 1896; Joe A. Cook, 1898; R. M. Hoyle, 1901; W. J. Clegg.

A new building was built in the fall of 1902 and spring of 1903. This building was only a few feet east of the one built in 1871. This served as a church for 37 years and much of the timber used in the new church built in 1940 came from the old church. Pastors serving this church from 1905-40 were as follows: J. W. Ingle, D. P. Waters, W. M. Boring, J. W. Strider, S. M. Needham, G. W. Williams, J. M. Barber, J. S. Gibbs, Van B. Harrison, T. H. Swofford.

On Sunday, August 6, 1939 at the close of a series of revival servcies a committee was elected by the congregation and authorized to proceed with plans for the building of a new church. Actual constructon got under way January 1, 1940. The corner stone was laid May 5, 1940. The estimated cost of the church completed was $12,000.00. The church debt was cleared on December 20, 1942 and dedicated April 25, 1943, on Easter Sunday. The church at that time had a membership of 170. Ministers who have served this church to date are as follows: Rev. T. H. Swofford, 1940; Rev. W. L. Scott, 1942-47; Rev. R. H. Nicholson, 1947-52; Rev. A. C. Kennedy, 1952-53; Rev. Auburn Lore, 1953-54; Rev. W. Thornton Hawkins, 1955-56; Rev. B. C. Adams, 1957-58; Rev. G. L. Wilkerson, 1858-61; Rev. Wayne Hoyle, 1961-63.

In the summer of 1962 the church congregation voted to build five new Sunday School rooms at an estimated cost of $14,500.00. In the spring of 1963 the rooms were completed. The church at this time had a membership of 178.

Certain family names have made their appearance so often that the history of the church is to a great extent the hstory of the family. Prominent through these years have been the names of: Philbeck, Duncan, Magness, Williamson, Grigg, Washburn, Walker, Powell, Crawley, Jenkins and Covington.

To this place they have come for 143 years to raise Hymns of Praise to Almighty God, to bow in humble confession of their sins, to mingle in Holy Fellowship with their neighbors and re-affirm their Faith in the Triumph of Right.

By Mrs. Paris F. Wilson
Rehobeth Methodist Church
Records and History.

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"The church today demands very little of a man as far as the Christian way of life is concerned. Many people are discouraged because the church demands so little of them." —The Rev. Frederick R. Silber.

Sunday School Lesson

FOR MARCH 29

By RAYMOND A. SMITH
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THOMAS AND MARY MAGDALENE

Background Schripture: John 20:1-29
Lesson Scripture: John 20:11-18, 24-29

We conclude, with today's lesson, the series on "Personalities Around Jesus." The two persons we are to think about in this lesson are Thomas and Mary Magdalene. Both of these have reputations somewhat lower than some of the others we have studied. We have come to characterize anyone who is a skeptic as a "doubting Thomas." Mary Magdalene has often been thought of as the un-named woman who anointed Jesus with the costly perfume and wiped his feet with her hair while he was a guest in the home of Simon, the Pharisee (see Luke 7:36-50). There is no evidence at all in the New Testament for this notion. It may be based on the statement in Luke 8:2 that she had been cured of demon possession. This, in no way reflects upon her character. Out of gratitude for her healing she became a follower of Jesus.

As for Thomas' reputation as a doubter, there are those who feel this description of him is not fair. For example, Paul Hessert writes: "Thomas doubted, but he was not a skeptic. The skeptic always thinks up new excuses to delay decisions, to avoid commitment. Thomas did not want to commit himself without sufficient evidence, but when the evidence was at hand he was ready to act. After all, the other disciples did not believe either until they had seen the Lord" (see "Adult Teacher" for March. p. 60).

There was a time when it was often said: "Pull up a doubt and you will always find a sin at the root of it." In contrast to this view note this statement by the late Dr. Roy L. Smith, certainly one of Methodism's great men: "Let us give thanks for the doubters, for out of their doubts we have inherited assurances." He then shows how doubts about demon possession led to modern medical science, while doubts about the doctrine of the divine rights of kings led to parliamentary governments. In many cases doubts about the value of a low form of religion has led to the search for a higher and better one. Even our Lord himself appears to have doubted the value of the religion of the Scribes and Pharisees. He did not believe true religion consists in multiplying rules and regulations, as seemed to be the emphasis of the religious leaders in Palestine durnig his life on earth. Jesus taught that the *spirit* of the Law, not the letter, was the important thing.

The words of Jesus to Thomas have been of great comfort to generations of Christians through the centuries: "Have you believed because you have seen me?" Blessed are those who have *not seen* and yet believe" (John 20:29). A generation after the Ascension there remained very few who had seen Jesus. Soon there was no one living who had seen him in the flesh. But there were to be multiplied millions who, like St. Paul, had such a compelling experience of him that their lives were completely made over.

Jesus still makes himself known to men in varied ways, just as he made himself known to those about him in different circumstances. Mary Magdalene recognized something familiar in the way he spoke her name, Thomas was convinced by the scars, to the un-named disciples on the way to the village of Emmaus. Jesus was revealed in the fellowship about the table. To Albert Schweitzer he appeared as one who called him to go and serve the people of Africa, to Dr. Wilfred Grenfell he came calling his attention to human needs in the frigid wastes of Labrador. And so we might go on and on, naming those to whom the eternal Christ has appeared in many forms.

Surely he must be speaking to many of us through the needs in every part of the world today. There is to be found in every part of the globe today the cry for food, for medicine, for simple human justice, for recognition of man as a child of God, for peace and freedom, for employment and for assurance that there are those who care.

In Memoriam

MRS. WILLIAM G. RAGSDALE, SR.
Died February 18, 1964

Many words are not needed in a memorial to our beloved member and friend, Mrs. Lucy Coffin Ragsdale, Sr. She loved many and was loved by all who knew her. Many unnumbered acts of love and kindness endeared her to persons of all classes and races.

She had an eager and intelligent interest in every phase of life around her. Her work among business associates was met with respect and affection. She was a charter member and past president of the Jamestown Garden Club and was ever a vital part of its activities. She was also a member of the Modern Book Club, and to this group she brought stimulating thought and experiences. For long years she was a member of the local school board and took a deep interest in all aspects of the school and its problems. She was chairman of its Cafeteria Committee as long as her health permitted, and gave valuable aid in setting up its modern equipment and in its smooth organization. She was a member and past president of the Jamestown P.T.A. and faithfully attended all its meetings and events. The new modern high school is honored by her name, **The Lucy Coffin Ragsdale High School.**

But, except for her family, her greatest interest was n her church and its work. She was present at all times when its doors were opened for services of any kind. She served in many official capacities in her church, and was a lovely and helpful hostess at all its social events.

We, the members of the Jamestown Woman's Society of Christian Service, are bereft in her death. She was a charter member and carried its burdens with unusual devotion. No one can take her place, but she has left us with an example we may follow but never hope to equal.

Mrs. E. B. Wrike, Sr.
Mrs. E. J. Coltrane

Bishop Mueller Will Visit U.S. Armed Forces Overseas

The president of the National Council of Churches, Bishop Reuben H. Mueller of Indianapolis, will serve as the spiritual ambassador from hometown churches in Holy Week visits to U.S. armed services personnel in defense bases in Spain and Germany. As such he will represent more than 144,000 local churches of the 31 Protestant, Anglican and Eastern Orthodox member communions in the National Council.

Leaving New York City March 20, Bishop Mueller will first fly to Spain for a Palm Sunday visit and preaching mission at the U. S. Naval Station in Rota near Seville.

From Spain, he will go to the U.S. military bases in and near Frankfurt, Wiesbaden and Heidelberg in Germany. He will spend four days, including Easter Sunday, in West Berlin and return to the U.S. on March 31.

Bishop Mueller, who is senior bishop of the Evangelical United Brethren Church, will be accompanied by the Rev. Dr. Fred S. Buschmeyer, New York, secretary to the United Church of Christ.

In Bishop Mueller's first call in Germany, chaplains of the U.S. Army and Air Force in the Frankfort area will be joint hosts, March 23 to 27. On March 24, he will preach at a Holy Week service for combined military personnel, visit U.S. Army headquarters in Heidelberg the next day, and tour U.S. Air Force headquarters in Wiesbaden on March 26. On these visits, he will hold worship services, preach and confer with chaplains and with German church leaders in the area.

At noon. on Good Friday at Tempelhof airfield U.S.A.F. Chapel in West Berlin, Bishop Mueller will preach the first of four sermons in Berlin.

The N.C.C. president will participate in Good Friday evening services at the German Memorial Church, where he will address the congregation in the German language. Guest preacher at the worship service will be Bishop Hanns Lilje of the Evangelical (Lutheran) Church of Hannover. Also in attendance will be Bishop Otto Dibelius of the Evangelical (Lutheran) Church of Berlin-Brandenburg, who made arrangements for the service honoring the American church leaders.

U.S. Army headquarters in Berlin will be the scene of an Easter Sunrise service for Germans and English. The service will be broadcast over Berlin radio and the West German television network.

Later on Easter morning, the N.C.C. president will visit Berlin churches and extend greetings from the American churches. He will meet with American chaplains and German pastors and deliver the sermon at Easter service in the American community chapel.

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Woman's Activities

Mrs. Turlignton Board of Missions Nominee

By Mary Gardner

Mrs. H. C. Turlington, Dunn, president N. C. Conference Woman's Society of Christian Service, is one of 16 nominees for the Methodist Board of Missions by the Southeastern Jurisdiction WSCS. The action was taken at the Jurisdiction's annual meeting in Knoxville, Tenn., last month.

Eight of the 16 nominees will be elected to the Board of Missions by the Quadrennial Southeastern Jurisdictional Conference to be held July 8-12 at Lake Junaluska.

The Southeastern Jurisdiction WSCS nominees, in addition to Mrs. Turlington include Mrs. Charles F. Ratcliffe, Mobile, Ala.; Mrs. Frank Calhoun, Murfreesboro, Tenn.; Mrs. H. E. Arterburn, Park City, Ky.; Mrs. Niles C. Clark, Waterloo, S. C.; Mrs. H. V. Weems, Sebring, Fla.; Mrs. Carl H. King, Statesville; Mrs. Charles M. Henderson, Memphis, Tenn.; Mrs. Arthur Styron, Atlanta, Ga.; Miss Lena Wisehart, Fort Thomas, Ky.; Mrs. O. D. Thomas, Northport, Ala.; Dr. Louise Branscomb, Birmingham, Ala.; Mrs. David R. Thurman, Miami, Fla.; Mrs. H. Olin Troy, Morristown, Tenn.; Mrs. James A. Whitshire, Lynchburg, Va.; and Mrs. Ralph B. Shumaker, Conway, S. C.

Chosen reserve nominees are Mrs. H. T. Tipps, Murfreesboro, Tenn.; Mrs. C. R. Avera, Roberta, Ga.; and Mrs. Thomas H. Fore, Natchez, Miss.

Also at the meeting, Miss Thelma Stevens, New York City, was honored with a citation of appreciation for her service to missions and Christain Social Relations. Since 1940 Miss Stevens has been executive secretary of the Department of CSR, Woman's Division of Christian Service. In 1938 she was elected chairman of Christian social relations in the Woman's Council of the M. E. Church, South, and served in that capacity until elected to her present position.

The Jurisdiction president, Mrs. E. L. Glossbrenner, reported pledges totaling $2,201,300 by the Jurisdiction's 16 annual conferences for 1962-63. The record set by this pledge represents an increase of $103,850 over the previous year and the largest for any year. Mrs. Glossbrenner also reported total giving for 1962-63 as $3,284,973 09.

"Equally noteworthy," she said, "was a rising concern and sense of responsibility for recruitment especially as related to the Deaconess Movement and its 75th anniversary call for 75 new deaconesses in 1963."

Mrs. Glossbrenner said that on January 19 a year of preparation began for observing the 25th anniversary of the Woman's Society of Christian Service and the Wesleyan Service Guild in September 1965. Among the goals of the anniversary observance are a 25 per cent increase in membership and giving by 1966.

Total attendance was more than 500, including delegates from the 16 annual conferences in nine southeastern states — Tennessee, Kentucky, Virginia, Mississippi, Alabama, Florida, Georgia, South Carolina, and North Carolina.

New Bern District WSCS Sets Meetings

Mrs. John F. Wooten, president New Bern District WSCS has announced the dates and places of meeting for the annual district and spring subdistrict meetings.

The Annual District Meeting will be held Mar 31 at St. James Methodist Church, Newport, with Mr. Herbert Waldrop, Jr., as guest speaker.

Dates and places of meeting for the five subdistricts include April 16, Greenville subdistrict, Jarvis Memorial Methodist Church, Greenville; April 21, New Bern subdistrict, Bayboro Methodist Church; April 23, Kinston subdistrict, Grifton Methodist Church; April 28, Jacksonville subdistrict, Queens Creek Methodist Church, Herbert; April 30, Morehead subdistrict, Straights Methodist Church. All meetings begin at 10:00 a.m.

N. C. Conference

Mrs. E. K. McLarty

WSG Plans Training Day

Last year's Training Day for district officers was so successful, that plans have been made for a similar session this year. The Training Day will be held May 16 (Saturday) from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Methodist Center in Statesville. District officers are urged to plan now to come. Since the meeting is held at Conference expense, officers are urged to plan car pools for the day's transportation.

Other WSG News

Items gleaned from the *Guild-O-Gram* include the report on the Crusade Scholarship $1,278. . . . Spiritual Life Retreat July 18-19, Lambuth Inn, Lake Junaluska. Spiritual Life Retreat August 1, Pfeiffer. . . Lorena Kelly, Mrs. Ralph Ward, Lucy Gist, Virginia Miller, Laura Wells are scheduled for the annual meeting June 12-14. . . . 12 persons from Western North Carolina attended Jurisdictional Weekend.

Marion District Reports

The Executive Board Meeting was held February 15, at the Methodist church in Rutherfordton. Twenty members attended.

Mrs. Blanton was able to report that the Marion District was among those showing an increase in membership. The district also reported the largest attendance of any district at the Youth Rally. In giving the MYFund of Marion first in the conference. The conference ranks first in the jurisdiction, and the jurisdiction ranks second in the nation with $33,100 having been given last year. A new society was organized February 23 at Burke's Chapel. Mrs. Robert Nelson reported more mission studies conducted in the past year than during the past four years in youth work. The district decided to furnish the *Methodist Woman* and *The World Outlook*, plus handbooks and program material to each new society formed for its first year.

The annual district meeting will be held in Valdese May 2. The meeting will begin with registration from 9:30-10:00 a.m. The sessions will begin promptly at 10:00 a.m.

Charlotte District Announces Plans

The Day Apart for the Charlotte District will be held on Monday, March 23, from 10:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. The leader this year will be Mrs. H. F. Anderson, our own lovely and dedicated conference secretary of Spiritual Life. Mrs. Anderson's theme will be "I Give Myself Unto Prayer."

We will have a quiet lunch at noon, and each person attending is asked to bring her own sandwiches or lunch. The ladies at Kilgo will furnish the drinks. Also, a nursery will be available for pre-school children. Mothers are asked to bring the child's lunch. Milk will be provided for the children.

District Study—"The Christian Family and Its Money."

Morning Sessions—April 7-8-9-10, 10:00 a.m., Myers Park Methodist Church (a nursery will be provided for the morning sessions).

Evening Sessions — April 13-14-15-16. 7:30 p.m., Calvary Methodist Church.

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Richard Allen: First Colored Bishop of American Methodism

Richard Allen was a man of several distinctions in the annals of early American Methodism. He was the first Negro ever licensed to preach in America, the first colored bishop of American Methodism and a true apostle of "Religious Freedom." As partial commemoration of American History Month, February, 1964, (proclaimed by Governor Terry Sanford) the following minute sketch is provided.

Allen was born in Philadelphia in February 1760 as a slave to Benjamin Crews. He was apparently sold to a Mr. Stokely near Dover, Delaware. He was converted at about the age of twenty. He was an ammunition-wagon driver in the army of General Washington in the American Revolution. When the war ended, he bought his freedom for $1,000 and went to Philadelphia where he joined historic Old St. George's Methodist Church. He was licensed to preach at the church in 1784. He was uneducated, but rose to positions of leadership for his times. In 1787, he with others, "went out" Old St. George's Church and became a shepherd to the flock of his own race. He remained loyal to the Methodist Episcopal Church in subsequent years.

With the official formation of the African Methodist Episcopal Church in 1816, Allen became its first bishop. This church has become the largest Negro denomination in the world today. Bishop Allen died on March 26, 1831, and was buried at Mother Bethel Church, Philadelphia.

Bishop Allen produced a book entitled *The Life Experience and Gospel Labors of the Rt. Rev. Richard Allen.* George A. Singleton edited this small volume and it was made available in 1960 for the commemoration of the 200th anniversary of his birth.

Church historian Albert W. Cliffe's *The Glory of Our Methodist Heritage* and Allen's work have been our sources here.

—GRADY L. CARROLL

Plan Easter Sunrise Service For Mountainside Theatre

Plans are underway to present the annual Easter sunrise service in Mountainside Theatre, Crerokee, N. C. The service will be held on Easter Sunday at 6:15 a.m. in the famous theatre where "Unto These Hills" is presented each night during the summer. The service this year will feature the Waynesville High School Band and Chorus and an address by Dr. George W. Schroeder, Executive Secretary, Baptist Brotherhood Commission, Nashville, Tenn.

Ministers throughout the area will participate through the Western North Carolina Ministerial Association under the chairmanship of the Rev. W. B. A. Culp of the First Methodist Church, Sylva. Mr. Carol White of the Cherokee Historical Association along with his staff gives active support and assistance to this service which is attended by 1500 to 2000 people each year.

One of the unusual aspects of this service is the announcement "He Is Risen" and several appropriate hymns given in the traditional Cherokee language and led by Rev. Arsene Thompson from the cast of "Unto These Hills."



College Visitors—The Board of College Visitors of the North Carolina Conference of The Methodist Church pause to observe a point of interest on the Methodist College campus, Fayetteville, during their annual visit to the college on March 10. They are, from left, the Rev. L. C. Vereen, Raleigh, chairman of the committee; the Rev. James Auman, Garner; the Rev. Paul Browning, Fairmont; the Rev. Louis Aitken, Oxford; Mrs. James H. Horner, Southport; Mrs. C. D. Barclift, Fayetteville; B. M. Fesmire, Raleigh; John N. Turner, Elizabeth City; Dr. C. D. Barclift, Fayetteville; the Rev. J. H. Miller, Jr., Goldsboro; the Rev. E. J. Bedsworth, La Grange. The new library, under construction at the college is in the background.

Loan Fund Honors Dr. A. J. Hobbs

A student loan fund has been established at North Carolina Wesleyan College honoring the memory of Dr. Andrew Jarvis Hobbs, distinguished member of the North Carolina Annual Conference of The Methodist Church.

The fund was initiated by $100.00 from friends at Edenton Street Methodist Church of Raleigh. Family and friends have added to this beginning sum and the fund will continue to grow.

Dr. Hobbs served as district superintendent in Rocky Mount in addition to the New Bern and Durham districts. He was pastor in New Bern, Wilson, Raleigh, and Goldsboro.

Dr. Hobbs received his A.B. degree at Duke, his M.A. at Emory, B.D. at Yale, and was awarded the D.D. degree by High Point College.

He held many high offices in the church through the years but the ones he treasured most were as president of the Conference Board of Education four years, trustee of Greensboro College for 26 years, and instructor of youth at many summer assemblies.

This memorial fund will honor this love as it grows in service to youth at Wesleyan.

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"The nuclear arms race is a dead-end street, creates a balance of terror and destroys the basis for peace and survival."

—U. S. Senator George McGovern.

Should Expand Program

"The Food for Peace program should be expanded, should include the non-surplus foods and should empha ize meeting "the world's hunger," a Methodist woman told a Congressional Committee.

Dr. Flemmie P. Kittrell of Washington testified for the Methodist Division of Peace and World Order before the House Foreign Agricultural Operations Subcommittee recently. Head of the home economics department at Howard University, she is a member of the Baltimore Conference Board of Christian Social Concerns.

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Activities at North Carolina Wesleyan College

President Thomas A. Collins preached in Wesleyan Chapel, and at Whitaker Methodist Church Sunday, March 8, 1964. He preached at Wesley Memorial Methodist Church, Warrenton, Sunday, March 15. Rev. T. J. Barrett is host pastor.

Dr. James C. Cox, professor of Religion, spoke to the Rocky Mount Chapter of Beta Sigma Phi on "The Art of Thinking" on Tuesday, March 3.

Professor Gregory Hung, of the Economics Department, addressed the Rocky Mount Woman's Club Thursday, March 5, on "American Foreign Policy in Viet Nam."

Dr. George Buttrick was Danforth Lecturer on the compus at Wesleyan Monday through Wednesday, March 2-4. He addressed the students in Chapel, met with many classes and discussion groups, and gave a public lecture Tuesday night.

More than 200 High School senior students have spent a weekend as guests of the college during planned gatherings in January, February, and March. More than 150 have taken competitive examinations for Wesleyan and Memorial Scholarship Awards totaling more than $30,000.

The College Board of Visitors of the North Carloina Annual Conference spent Monday, March 9, on campus visiting with faculty at a coffee hour, the administration for a study of operating procedures and a tour of the campus, then luncheon with college student leaders. The Rev. James Auman, pastor of Garner Methodist Church, served as chairman of the Board of Visitors

Dr. Thomas A. Collins presented the mission study "Three Spiritual Classics" at Pine Forest Methodist Church, Goldsboro March 10 and 11.

Dr. William B. Sasser, professor of Music, served as adjudicator for the Eastern Division Trials of the North Carolina Piano Guild Auditions at A.C.C., Saturday, March 7, 1964.

Dr. Louis Hoy was preseinted in the eighth of the Wesleyan Concert and Lecture Program for the season on Thursday night, March 12.

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The Wayside Pulpit

D. E. Earnhardt

Lord, revive Thy work. Hab. 3:2

The devil has had his revival going for forty years—including the backwash of two world wars. His liquor business bleeds us ten billion dollars annually and it has killed more people than all the wars since Joshua stood beyond Jericho. He still sends one-fifth of our marriages to the divorce courts.

But all this just advertises the devil. Now I am going to tell you how to make his blood pressure go to 600. Let all the preachers fear nothing but God and hate nothing but sin. Let every church steeple have a lightning rod grounded in the choir loft. This will convey the fire to the pews. This Twentieth Century Revival is already over-due. Pent-up emotions are waiting for it. Heartbroken fathers and mothers are longing to see the day. Every great revival has had its text. The text for this one will be, "Let this mind be in you that was in Christ."

Mayodan Pastor's Wife Honored

The Wesleyan Service Guild of Mayodan Methodist Church honored their pastor's wife, Mrs. W. Rayvon White by presenting her with a Special Membership Pin in a surprise ceremony during the 11 o'clock service March 8. Mrs. White has served as coordinator in the WSG for the past three years. She is an active member of the WSCS and attends their monthly meetings, she attends all Guild meetings, takes an active part on the programs, attends all district workshops, district study courses, attended the Mission Study Weekend at Pfeiffer College and the Guild Conference at Lake Junaluska. As coordinator she has brought the WSCS and Guild in a better understanding and fellowship and promotes the work of the two groups together. We feel that the outstanding work she has done will long be remembered by the Mayodan Guilders.

Edith Mitchell, *Chairman*
Spiritual Life

Methodists Honored

Several Methodist ministers and laymen and one organization are among those honored by Freedoms Foundation for their words and actions during 1964. The annual awards are "for outstanding achievement in bringing about a better understanding of the American way of life."

One of the five National Recognition Awards for "examplary citizens" went to Virgil M. Newton, Jr., managing editor of the Tampa, Fla., *Tribune.*

Methodists given George Washington honor medal awards included: For sermons, Hal J. Bonney, Jr., Norfolk, Va.; Chaplain George J. Cameron of the Air Force Academy, Colorado Springs, Colo.; the Rev. Christian W. Kocher, Indianapolis, Ind.; Dr. Arthur D. Williams, chaplain in Philadelphia.

For editorials—Luther A. Smith, Washington honor medal under the American awards for its program of rehabilitation, encouragement and citizenship training for the handicapped.

You Made It Possible!

More than 100,000 tourists passed throug Bariloche in January and February. Tl local radio station asked several times f empty beds and sofas to lodge the tourist Hotels and hosterias were completely o cupied. Three different air companies ar some times up to seven trains a day broug the visitors. 600 cars were counted durir the first two weeks as they entered th resort city in the Ande-Mountains.

But something more exciting happene this season the whole city talks about i The Methodist Church started to build a attractive new church at a very strateg point up on the hill. For ten years the con gregation worshiped in a very insufficier wooden shed. Strangers went to see th construction to express their interest t the contructor. Taxi drivers stopped th pastor to inquire about the undertakin and to tell him how pleased they are to se it done. The parochial priest congratulate the minister of the church on it. A congre gation, worshiping in Spanish, English an German, consecrated herself anew to th great task and mission of being a witnes to Jesus Christ. And *you made it possible*

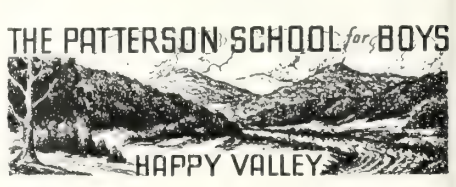
It all started through your donations fo a new church building in San Carlos d Bariloche in Argentina. March 15 will mar a great day in the life of this church; th laying of the corner stone. The sculpto already is engraving on the stone:

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(Jesus Christ is the foundation of th Church—1964). Preparations are made t complete the roof before winter comes— which means summer in the States. Every one works hard. The congregation's de sire is to celebrate Christmas in the nev church. Friends come to help. People, th pastor never knew before, come and offe their services free of charge. A new inter est in the work of the Methodist Churcl has awakened the city. And *you made i possible.*

The members and friends of the churcl in Bariloche want you to know how thank ful they are to you and join hands with you in the wonderful task to witness t Jesus Christ who is the foundation of th Church for salvation of many.

—K. Siegfried Trommer



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Pfeiffer College Concert Choir Opens Spring Tour

The Pfeiffer College Concert Choir will open a seven-day spring tour of Western North Carolina March 29. The tour will end at the Protestant Radio and TV Center in Atlanta where music for six programs on the next Methodist Series of the Protestant Radio Hour will be recorded.

The choir will open its tour with a concert at Central Methodist Church, Asheville, at 8 p.m. on Sunday, March 29. On March 30, they will sing at the North Morganton Baptist Church at 8 p.m. in a program sponsored by several area churches.

On March 31, they will sing at 10:30 a.m. at Taylorsville High School and at 8 p.m. at the First Methodist Church of Lenoir.

On April 1 at 10 a.m. a concert will be presented at Montreat-Anderson College, with an appearance in the evening at Central Methodist Church, Shelby, at 8 o'clock.

Monday, April 2, the choir will sing at 11 a.m. at the Davie County High School, Mocksville, to be followed by a concert at 8 p.m. at the First Methodist Church in Elkin.

At 11 a.m. on April 3, they will give a performance at the Southeast High School at Clemmons. From there, the group will travel to Atlanta for the recording sessions at the Protestant Radio and TV Center.

Music lovers of the area are invited to attend.

The Pfeiffer Concert Choir has won acclaim for the polish, warmth, and skillful handling of a wide range of musical literature. It recently gained further recognition by being selected to provide music for the next Methodist Series of the Protestant Radio Hour which is heard around the world.

Professor Brewer is an experienced church musician and has been a guest lecturer for many church choral clinics and festivals. He holds the master's degree from Indiana University, has done graduate study at Westminster Choir College, and has completed the requirements for the doctoral degree in Church Music from the University of Southern California.

Professor Scheer, organist for the choir, is head of the Department of Organ at Pfeiffer and holds the Mus. M. degree from Westminster Choir College. He is organist for the Henry Pfeiffer Chapel.

"Our concert selections are planned to have appeal to audiences with a wide range of musical taste. We believe the program is one which will provide inspiration and renewal for all who share in the program," Professor Brewer noted.

The concert will be in four parts and will feature works by Palestrina, Schultz, Handel, C. P. E. Bach, Verdi, Thompson, and Nelson as well as selections from familiar folk music.

The Pfeiffer Department of Music attracts many of the college's more than 800 liberal arts students in its programs. A major is offered for students who desire careers in Church Music or public school (choral-vocal) music. A minor is also offered for students who desire to major in another area but who have an interest in music.

Five choral groups provide opportunities for students to share in a variety of choral programs. These range from the Singing Falcons (men's choral group) to the Chamber Singers. In the spring of 1963, the Concent Choir in cooperation with the National Opera Company made a video tape recording of the dramatic presentation of Mendelssohn's "Elijah." The Chamber Singers have given numerous public concerts and were featured in WRAL-TV's Christmas series.

★ CAROLINA BRIEFS ★

¶ Rev. Fred W. Paschall of Hendersonville preached in revival services last week at Saluda Methodist Church. Rev. O. L. Robinson, pastor.

¶ Rev. Morris L. Husted, pastor of Glenwood Methodist Church, Rockingham, is holding revival services there this week. The pastor is doing the preaching.

¶ Holy Week services are being held this week in the Chestnut Street Methodist Church of Lumberton. The pastor, Rev. R. C. Mooney, is doing the preaching.

¶ Rev. and Mrs. James M. Armstrong of Charlotte announce the brith of a son, John Matthew, born March 8. Mr. Armstrong is pastor of the Thrift Methodist Church of Charlotte.

¶ Rev. A. J. Clemmer is preaching this week in revival services at Bethlehem Methodist Church, Monroe. Services run from March 22 through 27. Rev. Fred A. Hill is the pastor.

¶ Rev. Auburn Lore, pastor of Wrightsville Beach Methodist Church, is preaching this week in revival services at Sunset Park Church, Wilmington, of which Rev. J. C. P. Brown is pastor.

¶ Rev. Christian White of Mount Olive preached in revival services last week at Glendale Heights Methodist Church, Durham. Rev. Alison Simonton is the pastor of Glendale Heights Church.

¶ Dr. B. B. St. Clair, pastor of West End Methodist Church, Nashville, Tenn., preached last week in revival services at First Methodist Church, Henderson, of which Rev. W. B. Petteway is pastor.

¶ The Rev. and Mrs. James W. Hamilton announce the birth of their third child, a daughter, Sally Elizabeth, on Tuesday, March 3, 1964. Mr. Hamilton is pastor of the Salem Methodist Church in Fayetteville.

¶ Bethesda Methodist Church of Gastonia is holding revival services this week with Rev. Richard J. Crowder, pastor of the church at Boone, as guest preacher. Rev. Harry G. Long is the pastor of Bethesda Church.

¶ Revival services are being held this week, March 23-29 at Tabernacle Methodist Church, Robbins. Dr. Howard P. Powell of Raleigh is the visiting preacher. Services are held at 10:00 a.m., 7:30 p.m. Rev. W. A. Crow is the pastor.

¶ Rev. William Bigham, missionary on furlough from Brazil, will be the speaker at the annual Hickory Grove Methodist Church Community Easter Sunrise service March 29 at 6:15 a.m. All are invited to attend. Rev. F. W. Dowd Bangle is the pastor of Hickory Grove Church.

¶ Dr. Olin Hunt, who was to have preached in revival services at Southern Pines Methodist Church, has had to cancel his engagement on account of illness. The pastor, Rev. A. L. Thompson, will do the preaching. The services begin Sunday night, March 29, and run through the week.

¶ A subdistrict Spiritual Enrichment school will be held at the Faith Methodist church, Burlington, April 5-7. Courses will be given by Dr. W. Arthur Kale of Duke University; Rev. F. Owen Fitzgerald, of Snow Hill; and Rev. W. R. Locke, of High Point College.

¶ Special services are being conducted this week at the Loves Methodist church of Walkertown by the pastor, Rev. Orion Hutchinson. Rev. James Gibbs, pastor of Crews Methodist church, is leading the song service. Theme for the week is: "Surveying the Cross.'

¶ The High Point District Youth Rally will be held at First Methodist Church, Asheboro, Sunday, April 5, from 2:00-8:00 p.m. There will be 10 discussion groups during the afternoon session. Rev. Elmer Hall, short-term missionary to Malaya will be the speaker at the evening service.

¶ Dr. Wilson O. Weldon, pastor of West Market Street Church, Greensboro, preached in revival services at First Methodist Church, Gastonia, last week. Services ran from Sunday through Wednesday. Dr. Weldon is a former pastor of the church. Dr. C. C. Herbert is the present pastor.

¶ Mr. Philip J. Cartwright, of New Jersey, will conduct special services at Hay Street Methodist Church, Fayetteville, April 5-12. Mr. Cartwright is a bass-baritone, and has been a regular feature attraction at the annual meetings of the Woman's Society of Christian Service in the North Carolina Conference for the past several years.

¶ First Methodist Church, Laurinburg, will observe two weeks of special evangelistic emphasis April 12-24. The first week will be given to neighborhood prayer services and evangelistic visitation. The following week will be given to services in the church when Mr. Phillip Cartwright of New Jersey will present the life of Christ in Music. Rev. Dermont J. Reid is pastor of First Church.

¶ Bethany Methodist Church, Milwaukee, N. C., will hold revival services beginning March 30 and lasting through April 3. Services will begin each night at 7:45. Special music will be featured each night. The guest speaker for the week will be the Rev. J. Thomas Smith, minister of the Marvin Methodist Church, Rocky Mount. The pastor and the members of Bethany Church extends a most cordial welcome to everyone in and around Milwaukee to attend these revival services. Rev. James E. Sutton is the pastor.

¶ The following note from Rev. R. W. Ponder, pastor of Leasburg should be of interest to ADVOCATE readers: "Enclosed is a receipt for the old *Raleigh Christian Advocate* for the sum of $2.00 dated on January 7, 1874 to Mr. B. G. Pulliam. This receipt was given to me by Mr. Pulliam's granddaughter, Miss Mildren W. Connally. Miss Connally said that she knew that the *Advocate* had been in her home since before the above date, continually. The receipt shows us that the price of the *Advocate* has not risen at a rate commensurate with other things."

¶ Salem Church on the Oxford circuit is holding revival services this week with the pastor Rev. R. L. Ossman, doing the preaching. Services will run through Friday evening, March 27.

¶ Bishop Paul Hardin, Jr., Bishop of the Columbia Area, South Carolina, will bring the Easter message at Freedom Park in Charlotte March 29, at 6:30 a. m. The service is sponsored by the Charlotte ministers asociation.

¶ Dr. James C. Stokes, Superintendent of the Salisbury District, is preaching in revival services this week at Maylo Methodist church in Gastonia, of which Rev. G. H. Allred is pastor. An 18-hour prayer vigil was held in preparation for the services from Saturday morning at 6:00 till Saturday evening at 12:00.

¶ Sandy Ridge Methodist church, Rt. 1, High Point, will conduct revival services the week of March 29 to April 3, with services each evening at 7:30. Rev. Coy L. Brown, Jr., pastor of Northwood Methodist Church of High Point will be the guest speaker. Rev. Billy Hunter is the pastor of Sandy Ridge.

¶ Rev. Melton E. Harbin, pastor of Memorial Methodist Church, Thomasville, is preaching this week Sunday through Wednesday in First Methodist church, Key West, Florida. He will be back home in time for the Maundy Thursday Communion service at his church. In his absence last Sunday, Rev. George B. Clemmer, of Winston-Salem, preached at Memorial church.

¶ Joyce Lehman of Charlotte, selected by the faculty of Florida Southern College, Lakeland, Fla., as this year's outstanding student. A senior majoring in sociology, she is active in the Methodist Student Movement and has a four-year "B" plus scholastic average. Her parents are Mr. and Mrs. Fred Lehman of Charlotte. Florida is a Methodist school.

¶ St. Matthew's Methodist Church at the corner of Hope Mills and Banyon Roads in Fayetteville, is holding Holy Week services March 22-27. The services began on Palm Sunday and will continue through Good Friday at 7:30 p.m. The sacrament of the Lord's Supper will be celebrated on Thursday evening. The pastor, the Rev. Sam D. McMillan, Jr., will preach each evening.

¶ Midway Methodist Church, Kannapolis, observed Homecoming last Sunday, March 22. Picnic lunch was served in the Fellowship Hall at 12:30. Holy Week revival services are in progress this week, Sunday night, March 22 through Thursday night, March 26 with Rev. Frank H. Edwards, the pastor, preaching. The song leader is Rev. Henry Flowers, pastor of Bethpage Methodist church.

¶ Barbara Check, active member of St. James Methodist Church in Tarboro, was one of the 12 recipients of the Katherine Smith Reynolds Scholarship at the University of North Carolina in Greensboro. She has served as past president of the local MYF and is now president of the Crusading Subdistrict of the MYF. With her scholarship, she plans to carry her Christian convictions into the field of science.

¶ Rev. Robert L. Jerome, Superintendent of the Elizabeth City District, entered Duke Hospital in Durham last Monday for surgery. He is expected to remain there for about ten days.

¶ Rev. Charles Treihart, pastor of Harrellsville charge in Elezabeth City District, is a patient in the Norfolk General Hospital. He is there for diagnosis purposes. Laymen are filling his pulpits in his absence.

¶ Annual spring revival services are being conducted this week, March 22-27, at Zion Methodist church near Norlina by the Rev. Warren B. Petteway, pastor of First Methodist church, Henderson. The Rev. R. A. McLean of Norlina is pastor of Zion.

¶ Four services were held on the Coleridge charge, High Point District, last Sunday. Preaching at Rehobeth was Rev. Billy Joe Frazier; at Mount Olivet, Dr. Ralph Taylor; at Maple Springs, Rev. C. G. Mitchum; at Concord, the pastor, Rev. John S. Oakley. A revival is in progress this week at Maple Springs with Rev. C. G. Mitchum preaching each evening through March 29.

¶ Rev. Jack Crum, Director of Christian Social Action of the North Carolina Council of Churches, will speak at the Salem Methodist church at Simpson on Sunday, March 29. At 6:00 p.m. Mr. Crum will speak to the Methodist Youth Fellowship. At 7:30 p.m. he will speak and show slides taken while he was on the Churchmans Study Tour of Europe and Russia. Rev. John R. Blue is pastor at Salem church.

¶ Mrs. Carl H. King of Statesville, has been nominated for membership on the national Methodist Board of Missions. She is president of the Woman's Society of Christian Service of the Western North Carolina Conference. Mrs. King is one of 16 nominees for eight positions on the Board of Missions from the Woman's Society of Christian Service, Southeastern Jurisdiction.

¶ Revival services will be held at Mt. Beth el church, Bahama, March 29-April 3. Rev. Al Simonton, pastor of Glendale Heights church, Durham, will preach each night. In preparation for the revival the congregation will participate in a community-wide visitation during Holy Week and a 24-hour prayer vigil will begin at 7 p.m. March 27. Rev. R. H. Lewis is pastor of Mt. Bethel.

¶ Two Youth and Social Concerns Rallies will be held in the Burlington District. The first will be held April 5, at the Grace Church in Burlington at 3:00 p.m. This rally will include the North and South Alamance and the Caswell sub-districtst. The second rally will be held for the Upper Moore, Siler City, and Sanford sub-districts, April 19 at 3:00. The place will be announced at a later date. The main speaker for the rallies will be Rev. Charles Bryant from the Grace Methodist Church, Burlington. Following the main speaker, there will be four discussion groups: on "The Role of Sex and Christian Living"; "Racial Problem and the Christian Prospective"; "Loneliness of Being Unwanted"; and "Youth and the Alcohol Question."



Left to right: Rev. J. M. Cline, Pastor, Fairmont Methodist Church, Raleigh; Rev. C. Franklin Grill, Pastor, Lillington Methodist Church, District Director, Raleigh District of Gifts and Wills; Rev. Graham S. Eubank, Raleigh District Superintendent; Dr. F. Olen Hunt, Director, Department of Gifts and Wills; Rev. Hiram K. King, Department of Gifts and Wills.

Gifts and Wills Dinner Meeting Held at Fairmont Church, Raleigh

A capacity crowd of around 150 ministers and laymen from the Raleigh District of the North Carolina Conference filled the Fellowship Hall at Fairmont Methodist Church in Raleigh Thursday night, March 12 to attend the last in a series of over 40 dinner meetings that have been held in the 9 districts by the Department of Gifts and Wills of the Methodist Foundation, which began the latter part of October.

The Rev. Graham S. Eubank, District Superintendent of the Raleigh District presided over the meeting, introducing the guests, and the host pastor, Rev. John M. Cline, Rev. C. F. Grill, District Director, Rev. Hiram K. King of the Department of Gifts and Wills, and Dr. F. Olen Hunt the director of the Department of Gifts and Wills.

Following the showing fo a color film, "God's Will Through Yours," a discussion on Gifts and Wills by a panel of four was led by Rev. Hiram King, moderator. The panel members consisted of Lee Parker, a banker; Blair Beasley, an insurance man; Marshall Hartsfield, a lawyer; and Mrs. D. S. Coltrane, a housewife.

Rev. Mr. Eubank paid tribute to Dr. Hunt for his accomplishments in the area of Gifts and Wills since coming to the Conference. Dr. Hunt spoke briefly telling about benefits some of the churches and the Conference causes have received from wills that have been made as a result of these meetings. The meeting was closed with the benediction from the host pastor, Rev. J. M. Cline.

That Blessed Easter Morn

Perhaps no darkness was so dense
Than when our Lord hung on the cross;
No time when Christians were so tense
At what appeared to be their loss;
No time when hope seemed, oh, so dead,
And faith for heaven seemed so small;
When hearts were filled with fear and dread
As Satan sought to conquer all!

The foes of Christ and Christian grace
Had sent the Saviour to the grave,
And set a guard about the place—
Yes, men who were both strong and brave
To see that no one took Him out
And say that He had come to life;
That none could lift his voice and shout
That He was victor in the strife.

In spite of all that foes had done
By killing Christ from Heavens throne,
And maybe thinking they had won
The greatest vict'ry ever known,
He arose that blessed Easter morn
Triumphant over ev'ry foe,
Whose grace lives on to lift, adorn
The pilgrim saints where'er they go.

Perhaps the birds that Easter morn
Were singing sweetly in the trees,
To counteract the scoff and scorn
That once had floated in the breeze;
Perhaps the angels sweetly sang
From Heaven's portals high above
While God removed the awful pang
From those who worshiped Christ in love.

Oh, blessed morning, filled with cheer,
And sweet with peace for saddened souls,
It was a time that should be dear
As God the Father still unfolds
The glories of that Easter day,
The vict'ry won near Calvary's hill,
For all who lift their heart's and pray
And look for greater vict'ries still!

Rev. Walter E. Isenhour
Taylorsville, N. C.

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EDITORIALS

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Thev Set A Good Example

It appears to us that the House of the National Congress acted wisely in voting down the proposal to increase the salary of themselves by $10,000 above their present figure. According to the press it would have cost the American economy around $475.000,000 annually.

In the first place, it seems there should be some other method used to determine the salaries of the congressmen and senators rather than having them set their own salary. That appears to be an embarrassing way to handle the matter. If the proposal had gone through it would have set the salary of each congressman and senator at $32,500 annually to say nothing of additional expense money, travel, secretarial help and other items. Of course the claim is made that it takes a lot to live on in Washington, as if the same thing were not true elsewhere. There may be a question as to how many of the brethren would earn that sizeable income if they were not in congress. But the point we are interested in is that since the people elect, they should have some voice in setting salaries. We know of no other agency or industry where the individual sets his own salary. Governmental affairs should be conducted on the same or similar lines. Then the candidates could make up their minds as to whether they were willing to serve for that figure. It may be that some increase is justified, but $10,000 per member is a right sizeble addition.

The public is aware of the fact that there could and should be many economies practiced in the operation of the government which would save the taxpayers a tremendous amount of money. They talk about wanting to reduce taxes, and yet they continue to pile up expenditures. President Johnson gave an illustration of it when he went around over the White House alone turning off lights, and reported they had cut the electric bill for that one item from $5,000 to $3,000 per month and hoped to reduce it even further.

It is our feeling that the American people are willing to pay for what they get, and are willing to do whatever is needful, but they feel that people elected to public office should feel a sense of sacred responsibility and seek to use good judgment in handling the public funds. There are many places where this principle could be applied, and if it were, everyone could have a clear conscience. We salute our congressmen in their refusal to take advantage of their position for personal gain.

THEME FOR THE WEEK

"Seek ye first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things shall be added unto you."—Matt. 6:33.

These Should Be Fruitful Days

The one responsibility which the church should always feel and seek to dischcarge is that of evangelism. Jesus made many statements which lays this responsibility squarely upon the professed Christian. "Ye shall be witnesses unto me;" "Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel;" "Feed my sheep;" "The fields are white unto harvest, pray ye the Lord of the harvest that he would send forth laborers into his harvest" and many others.

Methodism may have made the mistake of taking pride in its large membership while failing to feel the compelling urgency of increasing its numbers by reaching out unto "the least and the last of the lost." Statistics are not encouraging as we note the pityfully small percentage of increase in growth over the past few years. We have become so wealthy, and self-respecting, and self-satisfied, that our fervor seems to have diminished.

During these days preceding Easter we are glad to note that many churches and ministers are exerting every effort to revive and revitalize their church spiritually by having meaningful revivals and periods of spiritual enrichment. Nothing else can substitute for this. As we approach the annual conferences when we shall give an accounting, and when our growth or lack of growth will be noticeable, let us hope and pray that progress in no other line shall be able to overshdow our evangelistic results. Someone has said the church's three most important responsibilities are: First, Evangelism! Second, Evangelism! Third, Evangelism!

Methodism came into existence to meet an evangelistic need, and through the years it has proven itself to be possessed of strong evangelistic fervor. It has been known as a church interested in every individual and has sought to lead people to an acceptance of Jesus Christ as Lord and Saviour. May it never lose its passion for the redemption of mankind.

Whether we come to the close of a conference year, the close of a pastorate, or the close of our ministry, may we not be empty-handed, but have many sheaves, the result of our love and labor for the Master.

LETTERS

Dear Editor:

In my judgment, Brother Bruce Pate is expressing well founded fears at the decision of the Commission on World Service and Finance to make our contribution to the interdenominational fund a separate item of support. (Letter to the Editor, March 12) I foresee this item going begging, receiving only token support from some churches and even less from those churches where the opposition to our interdenominational cooperation is strongest.

As a separate item, it will be also considered an "additional" item, the merits of which the "key man" will be expected to convince his church. It will also be an additional burden on those churches which are most conscientious in trying to meet all items in the budget. To present this along with a sizeable increase in World Service askings is going to bring forth some considerable opposition at the fourth Quarterly Conference. As there are now some who have "demanded" this item be separate, there will be others just as important to the work of the church who will be equally displeased if it is done.

In the long run,, I can see no real benefits of this action, but I **can** see the dangers Brother Pate points out.

Very sincerely,
Vance Lewis

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Easter Means Life

We have heard, we have read of the Life and Way of Jesus Christ. But have we tried His Way? It is Real, it works for all who have. Even our Most Learned recognize His Way, but only the Most Wise follow.

We observe days in memory of His Birth and Resurrection. Chritmas, the time when the Spirit of Good Will is at its Best. Looking for harmony and helpfulness was the expectation of the past ages, the need of the present. Christ fills that need—yet because his Way is simple, sane and requires sincerity, people overlook and refuse the **real value**. We want the joys of the season without the requirements of the Spirit.

Christ taught and showed the good in daily living, the possibility of world brotherhood. The leaders of His day tried to do away with Him. The leaders of our day try to ignore Him. We all seem too willing to try every way except the right way.

Easter is the climax when the disciples, followers, and those who opposed Him found Him arisen, gone from a sealed Tomb; showing His Way is supreme, and as stated by the prophets and recorded: powerful and permanent when compared to world standards. There is hope and assurance in the Christ Way. Government authority, man-made enclosures, even death yields to the power of God.

Easter means new vision, new hope, new life when we see and serve the true Christ.

Let not opinions of others, gifts, and clothes (all these are nice in their place) detract on days when the memory of our Lord is to be observed and honored.

Keep Christmas, Easter, and the Sabbath days holy, that the way of Christ mav be glorified and we may hear the words "Well Done."

D. D. Richardson
West End, N. C.

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"If Methodism is to be renewed in this rapidlv changing world, it must emphasize the importance of a vital and dynamic theolgy." —Bishop William C. Martin.

Some Articles of Historical Interest

By Homer Keever

The Methodist Publishing House is celebrating its 175th anniversary this year. It was in 1789 that John Dickens became book steward and began the business of publication in Philadelphia—with his own money.

Any such celebration should take into consideration the meeting that took place the two days before Easter of that year at George McKnight's on the Yadkin River, just outside the Moravian settlement of Moravia. It was then, on April 10, that Thomas Coke and Francis Asbury wrote the preface to the Arminian Magazine, first American Methodist periodical and one of the primary publications of the first years of the Book Concern.

The conference held there was one of the more important of the earlier Methodist conferences. It was the third of 11 held that year. Coke landed in Georgia early in March, and a conference was held there on March 9. Another one was held on March 17 at Charleston, S. C. Then began the trek into the back country for another one—for Methodism on the frontier.

On April 3, as well as can be made out, Asbury had come up the Pee Dee as far as Randall's near the Narrows of the Yadkin—near the present Norwood and Albemarle. Coke met him there on April 5. Then, according to Thomas Ware, circuit rider on the New River Circuit across the mountains, Asbury came by to get him to go to the conference. They rode back across the Blue Ridge at what Ware called the Flower Gap, Asbury moving too fast to allow Ware to stop and enjoy the scenery. By April 10 they were at the Yadkin, where the Great Wagon Road from Pennsylvania crossed on a ferry from Douthet's to David Jones'—an ideal place for a back country conference. It was nearby at George McKnight's that it was held.

The good Moravian brethren at Salem, who noted everything of a religious nature in their diary in German, noted the preachers as they passed. Their story, told in the translation of adelaide Fries and published by the North Carolina Historical Commission is from April 12. They were usually careful of everything except their spelling of English proper names, and if they spelled "Yadkin" without a "Y" and combined Wesley and Asbury to make a name for the local Methodist leader, Miss Fries has obligingly kept them in her translation. Their story goes:

"Twenty-three Methodist preachers passed through on Good Friday on their way to Mr. McKnight's to hold a church meeting, as they call their conferences, and today stopped on their return trip. The meeting had been called by Mr. Coke, who recently came from England to make a visitation among the Methodists in North Carolina.

"During the meeting seven deacons were ordained. They say that in addition to this church order, which is the lowest, they have elders (presbyters) and bishops. Mr. Coke claims to be a bishop, and this is confirmed by Mr. Astley, the leading preacher and superintendent among the Methodists here.

"From here Mr. Coke goes to Virginia, where he has called a meeting and will make a visitation; and he will continue his work through all the states as far as New England. The Methodists make such visitation here and there each year."

According to early historians, another conference was held at Petersburg on April 18 and one at Leesburg on the 28th. Then there were two or three around Baltimore early in May, with the Philadelphia meeting May 18. Thomas Ware and the Kentucky circuit riders may have thought a conference on the Yadkin too far away; away from the back country there were complaints that they were too close together.

John Dickens was at Philadelphia, and it was likely there that final arrangements for a book concern were made. One of the better educated of the early circuit riders, Dickens had long taken the lead in writing for American Methodism, much of it as a circuit rider in Eastern North Carolina, and while on the Bertie Circuit had begun a movement for an American Kingswood School.

A regular publishing business had been contemplated by the Methodists for two years, and was undoubtedly one of the subjects of Coke and Asbury as they went from "visitation" to "visitation." The writing of the preface to the Arminian Magazine on April 10 was an important phase of the final decision. It forced the question of publicaton from talk to action.

That it took place at McKnight's may have been co-incidental. By the time Asbury arrived there, he had simply decided that it was best to do. Coke, always more insistent on such, likely had decided long before. It may not have been just a co-incidence. Grissom says the ministers from Kentucky came with a request for a school across the mountains. Education was at the forefront at McKnight's, and a grass roots movement may have led Asbury to take a step already under consideration.

A few years later Asbury found and described a school at the other end of the ferry across the Yadkin, named Cokesbury as was the first Methodist attempt at education in Baltimore. He sent James Parks, one of his leading preachers, to take charge of it. It was short-lived, as were several other small schools tried in the 1790s; but its influence was more than its shadowy existence would indicate.

It is certain that the early center of Methodism where the Great Wagon Road crossed the Yadkin, with McKnight's on one end and Cokesbury on the other merits more study. The celebration of the 175th anniversary of the founding of the Book Concern gives a good chance.

Bleeding and Dying for Me

And when they were come to the place, which is called Calvary, there they crucified Him, and the malefactors, one on the right hand and the other on the left. —St. Luke 23-33.

I

I am thinking today,
For my thoughts ever stray,
To that sad scene on dark Calvary,
Where the dear Lamb of God,
Shed His own precious blood,
And hung bleeding and dying for me.

II

How they shouted with scorn
As they crowned Him with thorns,
And then nailed His dear hands to the tree.
With no heed for the pain,
Like a lamb He was slain
And hung bleeding and dying for me.

III

How He suffered that day,
What a great price to pay,
That my soul from all sin might be free,
What a wonderful love,
That the Father above,
Gave His Son to hang dying for me.

IV

Oh how little to give,
If my whole life I live,
For the one now so precious to me,
But I've heard His sweet call,
And I've yielded my all,
To the one who hung dying for me.

Mrs. R. M. Gatlin

Easter Sunrise Service to Be Held At Cumberland Memorial Gardens

The first annual Easter Sunrise service will be held on March 29, at the Cumberland Memorial Gardens on the Raeford Road (Fayetteville).

Plans for the service were finalized at a meeting of the Planning Committee on Tuesday, March 17. The Rev. Robert O. Freeman, pastor of the Westminster Presbyterian Church has served as chairman of the Planning Committee. Others on the committee included Rev. G. W. Crutchfield of Christ Methodist Church, Rev. John Robinson of Lafayette Baptist Church; Rev. Sam D. McMillan, Jr. of St. Matthew's Methodist Church; Rev. Jack D. Weaver of Village Drive Baptist Church; Rev. L. E. Cumbee of Christus Victor Lutheran Church; and Rev. Rufus A. Cromartie of the Village Presbyterian Church. Plans for the service were initiated in February and the details finalized Tuesday March 17.

A need was felt for an Easter Sunrise service for the people of the Seventy-first School District, and as a result 12 churches in this area are uniting in sponsoring the first annual Easter Sunrise service at the Cumberland Memorial Gardens.

The Rev. Robert O. Freeman will preside over the service and the Easter message will be delivered by the Rev. Jack D. Weaver.

The special music will be under the direction of Rev. Grady P. McKeithan and furnished by the choir of Grace Baptist Church.

Boy Scouts from troops of the sponsoring churches will be present in uniform to assist in directing parking.

The service will begin at 6:30 a.m.

In the event of inclement weather, the service will be held in the St. Mathew's Methodist Church at the corner of Hope Mills and Banyon Roads.

McDowell County Churches Hold School of Missions

Three charges in McDowell County have completed the current churchwide School of Missions. The Cross Mill, West Marion charge, the Nebo, Pleasant Hill charge, and the East Marion Church, through a co-operative effort registered 144 persons for a period of five Sunday evenings. The average attendance was 85 per cent.

The pastors of the participating churches were the instructors for the adult course, "Our Mission Today." The school was rotated among the churches during the five weeks. The Rev. Boyce Huffstetler led the school the first night at the West Marion Church. The Rev. Paul Cassell was the leader at the Nebo Church. The Rev. Roy H. Lockridge was the instructor at the Cross Mill Church. The fourth session was held at the East Marion Church and Miss Ruth Byerly from the Brooks-Howell Home in Asheville was the guest missionary speaker. Miss Byerly is a missionary from Mexico. The last evening was devoted to the study of the Methodist Alaska Mission. Mr. Huffsteler spoke and showed slides of his recent participation in the Evangelistic Mission in Alaska.

The ladies of the Woman's Society of Christian Service from each church participated in the school by holding the evening devotions, and serving refreshments.



By Mary Gardner

Marie Learns About Easter

Ann came rushing in from school with pigtails flying and her sweet little face all smeared with tears.

"Mama," she cried.

"Whatever is the matter?" asked Mother, drying her hands on her apron.

"It's Marie!" Ann wailed. "She's going to have a new dress and new socks and new shoes and everything!"

"Why, Ann," Mother said. "I think that's fine. Aren't you glad Marie is going to have nice things?"

"Yes, but—Yes, but—"

Mother found a hanky to wipe the tears away.

"She's going to have them all to wear on Easter Day. And I won't have any! And she laughed at me! And—and she said that's what Easter Day is for! And —and—."

"Poor little Ann!" Mother said. "Marie has got you all mixed up, hasn't she?"

"She's mean!" wailed Ann.

"No," Mother said, "I don't think she's mean. She's just got Easter backwards. Sometimes we have new clothes for Easter, but Easter is not especially for wearing new clothes."

Ann dried her tears, and washed her dirty face.

"I tell you what," Mother suggested. Suppose you ask Marie to come to supper tomorrow. Then we'll get Daddy to read about Easter for devotions.

The next day everybody was seated around the supper table with bright faces and clean hands. Daddy put on his glasses and cleared his throat. He opened the big Bible carefully, and started to read about Easter.

Ann smiled at Mother and Marie sat very quiet to listen.

When he had finished reading, Daddy closed the Bible and began to pray in his warm, deep rumbling voice.

"Dear Father in Heaven, look down on us tonight, and bless our little family and our little friend. Thank You for this food You have given us. Thank You, too, for Jesus who died in our place. Help us to love Him as much as we should, and to keep this Easter with all our hearts. Amen."

After supper, Marie and Ann went out to play, but Marie didn't say anything about the Easter story. Ann was disappointed. But that night when Marie went home, she told her mother:

"I had the most wonderful time, Mother. Before we ate supper Ann's daddy read a story in the Bible and said a prayer, just like church. And you know what? Easter isn't for candy and toys and dresses at all! Easter is because Jesus died in our place. The story is right in the Bible." —*Beams of Light.*

The Traveling Lily

The twelve boys and girls in the fifth grade junior class of St. Mark's Methodist Church school liked the suggestion in their textbook about a "traveling lily." The idea was to put their extra offerings together and buy an Easter lily—securing it a week in advance of Easter Sunday—and to take the lily to the home of a different shut-in on each of the seven days of Holy Week.

By Palm Sunday they had $3.78 in their special offering box and the price of the lily was $3.50. The lily which they bought had one full bloom, a newly-opened blossom, and a bud, so they were assured that there would be a flower for every day of the seven.

"Our Traveling Lily," as they called it, was placed in their room Saturday affternoon—the day before Palm Sunday. By the next morning, its wonderful fragrance had already filled the room and was beginning to drift out into the hallway and to other rooms.

Since several members of the class were busy in the church membership class on Palm Sunday when assignments for delivering the lily was made, a few of the fourth grade juniors volunteered to help.—*St. Mark's Methodist Church* (Raleigh) *News Letter.*

Hymn Story: "Christ, the Lord, Is Risen Today"

Far round the world on Easter morning people will be singing the lovely Easter Hymn, "Christ, the Lord Is Risen Today." It will be sung at sunrise services where people are watching the sun come up with a glory and a beauty that reminds them of the first Easter morning. Choirs—large and small, adult and children's and all people at worship in church school or in church service will sing it. Others will see and hear this music sung on television and radio.

When you sing this hymn you may think of a quiet room in an English house in 1739 where two famous brothers, John and Charles Wesley sometimes talked over their plans as ministers. One year before this time Charles had been preaching to prisoners in Newgate prison. He remembered the happy faces of these men when they really believed what he told them, that God cared for them. Here in Bristol the two brothers preached out-of-doors to the people who did not feel at home in the churches.

Like the prisoners at Newgate, the crowds who came to hear the preaching sang the hymns Charles Wesley wrote especially for them. The hymn, "Christ the Lord Is Risen Today," was probably written for one of their outdoor services at Easter time. As the years went by Charles Wesley continued to write hymns. His brother, John, began to select the hymns Charles wrote and have them printed into small hymns. During his lifetime Charles Wesley wrote about 6500 hymns on all kinds of subjects, almost 60 of which are in our Methodist Hymnal.

The beautiful music for the hymn, "Christ the Lord Is Risen Today" was selected from an older hymnbook. Through the years Easter has been a glad day when Christians sing this hymn and praise God because Jesus lives.

Prayer for the Joy of Easter

O God, we thank You for the joy of Easter. We are glad because we can be sure that when we are loving and kind, we are carrying on Jesus' spirit and are being more like You. We pray that we may keep alive the loving spirit of Jesus so that other people will want to live in His friendly way. Amen.

Bible Quiz

1—Why did the three women go to the tomb of Jesus?
2—What did Mary Magdelene do when she saw the open tomb?
3—Who appeared to Mary and Salome on the way to Jerusalem?
4—What two disciples ran to the tomb of Jesus?
5—When was the Great Commission given to the disciples?
6—Where did Jesus assemble His disciples for the last time with Him?

Answers to Last Week's Questions

2—He sold all that he had and bought it
1—Hilkiah (II Kings 22:8)
(Matthew 13:46)
3—Abraham (Genesis 37:32)
4—Jacobs sons (Genesis 37:32)
5—The disciples after the feeding of the five thousand, when they gathered 12 baskets full of fragments (John 6:12)



Save the Order of Deacons

Bishop Nolan B. Harmon

I am greatly astonished at the effort which will be made at the coming General Conference to vote out of existence the Order of Deacons, as The Methodist Church has known it since John Wesley started us off.

This move is being made by an official Study Commission of the Church under the remarkable plea that the diaconate (deaconate) can be voted to be a sort of office or station in the Church, and done away with as an Order.

This proposal, drawn up as a powerfully supported memorial, is clearly unconstitutional. The General Conference has no right, by a simple majority vote, to change the basic contituency of the Methodist ministry. The Order of Deacons has been a part of our ministry since John Wesley sent it over to us by men whom he had ordained a Deacon, and who were told in turn to ordain Deacons, Elders and Superintendents when they got to America. The Order of Deacons came through the ancient Church, through the Church of England, and then Wesley sent over in the Ritual, which he had carefully prepared for our American use, an Office for the Ordaining of Deacons. Deacons have been a constituent part of our Methodist ministry from that day to this, and we use exactly the same ritual for ordaining Deacons that Wesley sent to us.

For when the Methodist Episcopal Church was organized in 1784, it was agreed that "we will form ourselves into an Episcopal Church under the direction of superintendents, elders, deacons and helpers, according to the forms of ordination annexed to our liturgy." Bishop Whatcoat notes that when Francis Asbury was elected a Superintndent at the Christmas Conference, he was first ordained Deacon on Saturday of Conference; the next day, Sunday, Asbury was ordained an Elder; and the third day, Monday, Bishop Otterbein joined Coke, Whatcoat and Casey in a third ordination, that of the superintendency of the new Church.

Mr. Wesley proceeded—and preceded—in this same way in England—that is, he took a whole day for each ordination. When he got ready to ordain men for America on September 1, 1784, he with Thomas Coke and James Creighton "formed a presbytery" and ordained Richard Whatcoat and Thomas Vasey *deacons*. Then they took the Sacrament as they always did after each ordination. Then on September 2 (the next day) "by the same hands" Richard Whatcoat and Thomas Vasey were ordained *elders*. "And Thomas Coke, LLD., was ordained superintendent for the Church of God under our care in North America."

From that day to this, every minister who has gone into the ordained Methodist ministry, and those who are now serving, have first been ordained Deacon and kept On Trial for a definite length of time until they could be invested with the higher Order—that of Elder. I cannot see how any General Conference, even though it is empowered to "define and fix the qualifications and duties of Elders and Deacons," may stretch this empowerment to where it may kill either one of these Offices by a simple majority vote in Pittsburgh. It is necessary that *minor qualifications* in all our Offices be adjusted from time to time by the General Conference, but this does not give any warrant to *destroy* these. The very names they bear certify to their permanence.

The Order of Deacons began in the apostolic church—read Acts 6—by the need for men to assist the apostles in "serving tables." Seven men were first chosen, and these seven were ordained by prayer and a solemn imposition of hands of the apostles. These men preached—Philip, one of them, certainly did, and baptized—and while the Presbyterian and Baptist churches today stress the lay activity of Deacons, we with the Ancient Church and the Church of England and the Protestant Episcopal Church stress the clerical aspects of the diaconate. It has been wonderfully used in Methodism.

When in the twenty or thirty years after our Church began in this cuontry, there was a continuous storm over the meaning of our episcopacy and what the office of Bishop meant, Bishop Emory, who defended the Wesleyan and Asburian practice, wrote that whatever happened to the office of Bishop, the Deacon's office should be left untouched. Emory wrote: "Some say: 'If we cannot authenticate the claims of the episcopal office we will surrender those of our Deacons, and let all power be confined to one office of presbyters'. By no means. The Scriptural evidence for the Order of Deacons, as an Order of Ministers distinct from that of Presbyters or Bishops, is too plain to be thus lightly treated. . . ." Bishop Emory further added: "Let the deaconate stand on its own ground whether we can authenticate that of Bishops or not; for 'they that have used the office of a Deacon well, purchase to themselves a good degree,' to which their title ought not to be made dependent on the claims of others to any other degree."

Methodism has established all sorts of offices and positions, but only when one is inducted into the Order of Deacons or the Order of Elders, as well as that of Bishops, is a solemn investure by the imposition of hands called for.

There are some of us who conduct ordinations who take care to see that our Deacons are ordained in an entirely separate ceremony from that of Elders. It does not add anything to either office, to telescope, or put together the two separate rites for ordaining Deacons, and Elders—as is sometimes done. Time does press upon us at any Annual Conference, but we ought to take sufficient time for a solemn investiture of our ministers into these two Orders of the Ministry, in such a way as that each Order will be dignified.

I feel sure that the delegates who will go to the General Conference, and especially those who will deal with this matter first in the Committee on the Ministry, will disapprove this effort to destroy what has been an honorable and wonderful Order in our Church. It may be added that this Order keeps us in line also with the Church of England and the Protestant Episcopal Church over the world—a tremendous part of the "World Church" which some hope may yet be.

Even if the General Conference should pass this proposed measure, I do not see how the Judicial Council could fail to recognize the fact that the Order of Deacons was a part of the Constitution of our Church long before there was a written Constitution. The Methodist diaconate is certainly constitutional, as well as a powerful supporting pillar of our whole Church life. To be sure, it may be that the qualifications which admit men to the Order of Deacons may be modified somewhat, so that some of our very able Supply preachers may be able to be ordained to this position. That is an entirely different matter. The Order itself must be maintained.

Two Promoted to Full Professors At Duke Medical Center

Two members of the Duke Medical Center staff have been promoted to full professorships and a third to the rank of associate professor, according to Dr. R. Taylor Cole, university provost.

Promoted to full prefessorships were Dr. John R. Overman and Dr. Hilda Pope Willett. Miss Dorothy Tate has been promoted from assistant professor of dietetics to associate professor of dietetics.

Dr. Overman, a native of Marion, Ind., was elevated to professor of bacteriology. He also serves as assistant professor of medicine. He took his undergraduate training at Duke, Washington and Jefferson and the University of Maryland and received his M.D. degree from the Duke School of Medicine.

A native of Decatur, Ga., Dr. Willet was promoted to professor of microbiology. She received her undergraduate training at Woman's College of Georgia and her M.A. and Ph.D. degrees from Duke. She has been on the Duke staff since 1948.

Miss Tate is a native of State College, Pa., and also serves as director of dietetics for the Duke Medical Center. She received B.S. and M.S. degrees from Pennsylvania State College and is immediate past president of the N. C. Dietetic Association.

Six other persons received new appointments to positions at the Medical Center. Among them are two assistant professors, Dr. Charles Hershel King and Dr. George G. Somjen.

Dr. King, a native of Delaware County, Pa., was appointed assisted professor of enesthesiology. He received his undergraduate training and his M.D. degree from the University of Maryland.

Dr. Somjen was appointed assistant professor of physiology and chief of the laboratory of integrated neurophysiology at the Duke Medical Center. Born in Budapest, Hungary, he received his M.D. degree from the University of Amsterdam, Holland, and taught at the University of Otago in New Zealand for six years prior to coming to Duke.

Other appointments included Dr. Seuk Ky Kim, associate in radiology and Mrs. Marcia Black Steward, instructor in nursing.

In addition, Dr. Ralph J. Gorten and Dr. Howard K. Thompson, Jr., both associates in medicine, were appointed associates in physiology.

Survive As Brothers or Perish As Beasts

F. R. Randolph

The survival of ourselves, the nation and the world will be determined largely by the ability of men of different creeds, colors and climates to live together as brothers. The question is whether you can respect the criminal, the Negro, the Communist, the atheist. Can you love the outcasts, the derelicts of society? Can you honor the freedom of another to believe as he chooses and to worship as he believes? Do you believe in liberty—for every man? "When I say liberty, I mean liberty of the individual to thing his own thoughts and live his own life as he desires to think and live." (Robert A. Taft, quoted by J. F. Kennedy in **Profiles in Courages**,) (p. 224). By offering forgiveness and rehabilitation, can you affirm the dignity of the alcoholic, the prostitute, the pimp, the drug addict? Can you befriend all men while simultaneously standing stalwartly against raceism, provincialism, classism, religious and political bigotry?

It is a tough test that very few of us could pass; and yet, our very survival depends upon it! We now have a direct telephone line from Washington to Moscow. Soon, persons can travel from California to New York in about four hours in jet planes traveling more than 800 miles per hour. American, European and Asian television programs may be interchanged in a few short years. The world has been contracted by modern media of travel and communication. No longer is our neighbor the man next door, or down the street, or the one with whom we work. Our neighbor is now anyone in the world. The earth is now so small that all of us are forced to live together as brothers or die as brute beasts.

Let it be known that whether we survive or perish will not be determined by the size of our nuclear deterrent, as important as that is. For men do not always fight because they think they can win. Sometimes they fight out of sheer foolheardiness. Nor will survival be insured by the number of persons made literate, regardless of the quality of the educational system. For, as people know more, they want more. Nor will the degree of our economic stability save us. How many wars have been born out of the wound of economic competition! Again, the skill of statesmen in making treaties and alliances—as important as that is —cannot save us. History indicates that treaties were "made to be broken," or so it seems. Witness the fact that many must be drawn again after twenty or thirty years have elapsed.

The cultural development of other nations or civilizations will not be decisive. Nor will the question of survival turn on the strength of our Army, Navy and Air Force nor the stockpile of nuclear warheads which is poised and waiting that deadly moment. Nothing that Khrushchev, Castro or Red China does per se will be decisive. Nor will the conquering of outer space guarantee survival.

Indeed, our survival, our future will not be determined by any of these things, however important it is granted they may be, but by the conquering of Inner Space, "Spiritual Space"—if I may so name it—that yawning chasm between what we are and what we were created to be. What good is it to build an Empire State Buildng if only to jump off? If our ministers were as effective and fruitful as our scientists! If the degree of spiritual growth and improvement in men could only keep pace with the degree of mechanical improvement in our machines! We have captured natural forces, harnessed mighty rivers, exploited flora and fauna all to great advantage while "Spiritual Space"—empty, blind and begging—mocks us. This moral lag—the difference in quantity and quality of our mechanical and moral progress — is simultaneously our greatest opportunity and our darkest and keenest dilemma.

The ills of society, the diseases that plague us, are internal. They are in men, not in his environment, his circumstances, in certain artifacts, nor in the plant or animal or mineral kingdoms. "Why do we have war?" someone asks. The answer might be another question, "Why do two men fight?" It may be because of jealously, lust, love of money, suspicion or fear. But man's brokenness is seen in the fact that he does fight: verbally, economically, socially and literally. This estrangement of man in his hatred, prejudice, envy, resentment, pride, selfishness, and lust. The consequences are de-personalization and loss of identity.

If current events tell us anything, it is that money is the god of this age. Money is lord and we are its servants. "Have no other lord but me, before no other idol bend thy knee," to paraphrase the metrical ten commandments. And all the people said, "Amen."

Some Nassau County (New York) wives and mothers (one of which left her husband home baby-sitting), nightly desecrated their God-given bodies in return for cold cash. We read of juries being bribed, price fixing by some of our largest and once most respected companies and of prominent business men offering gifts of money to Senators. The Lucama-Kenly Bank located near Wilson, N. C., was recently robbed. A Nash County farmer was arrested for growing marijuana. Four Burlington, N. C. Negroes were found guilty of cutting off several fingers for a mere pittance of money: $1200 to $3000. This makes it clear that poor persons love money, too. It was the man with one talent who buried it, not the one with five.

We have proclaimed to the world our belief in the dignity and the infinite worth of man. We have claimed to foster integrity and to reverence life. But in the wet counties of our land, we establish little companies on every fifth street corner that manufactures disappointment, destruction and death. To the world we appear to be saying, "Alcohol may enslave our men, pollute our women, dwarf our children socially, spiritually and intellectually and destroy our families, but the tax dollar is more important than all of these put together."

Some have implied that elimination of ignorance would guarantee our survival and secure our future. But to know is not to be! contrary to Aristotle and Erasmus and all the rest. The road from knowledge to character and integrity is a long one. To educate a criminal only makes his crimes more cunning and effective. To educate a man bound by sin only makes his wickedness more subtle and his hatred more demonic. How much more do we already known than we do. How far does our intelligence already exceed our morality. If we had only educated men in the world, would it be any better? Look at all the intelligent men you know: are they free from pride, prejudice, envy, anger, fear and selfishness?

Others have implied that we can survive if we conquer poverty. But, we can raise beautiful buildings, begin a thirty-hour work week, eliminate unemployment and do all the external things that look lovely and at that very time be dying spiritually and destroying ourselves morally. There is now the very real and present danger of drowning in the sea of our own prosperity. "God has granted our requests" but we have brought leanness to our souls. Nietzsche was right in foretelling the "gradual fading of the awareness of God" in western man. If God appears to be dead, it is certain that he has died of sheer neglect. Not that we would ever deny Him; we merely go our own way ignoring Him, acting as it He didn't exist, never consulting Him about the daily decisions of life. Practical atheism is more dangerous and deadly than atheistic Communism. In the very presence of God's goodness to us, if not in fact because of it, we are about to slay ourselves spiritually.

Ultimately, what difference does it make if we are both intelligent and wealthy? We shall only die more fashionably! What does it matter if you perish in a $50,000 house or a $5000 house, wearing a $50 hat or a $5 hat, with a knowledge of 500 books or 5 books? Death is just as painful and just as sorrowful. Is guilt less damning among Senators? Do scholars or statesmen suffer less from hatred, pride and selfishness? Is suffering and sorrow more in the slums? A bullet is as deadly in a palace as in a peasant's shack. Blood is as ugly on marble floors as on rough, hewn boards. If only wealthy men were left in the world, would it be any better? Are men with money free from fear, doubt, hatred?

You can change all the externals you desire; you can give men formal education and money but, in doing so, you will not touch the root of the problem. That is like giving a person who is mentally ill a pill for his pain, another for his nausea and another for his depression while the disease itself, untouched, rushes him headlong toward mental death. The remedy must be applied to the disease, not to its symptoms!

A certain large city decided to rid itself of slums by building large and comfortable if not luxorious apartments. After five years the walls were dirty and, in some places, cracked; doors were off the hinges; and worst of all, the persons living there were themselves no more clean or moral than they had been before. They were the problem, not the houses that sheltered them. They had washed the outside but inside were dead men's bones.

Neither civilization nor culture avails anything; neither education nor wealth, but a new creature! The question is not whether a given person is rich or poor, intelligent or ignorant, but whether he is "a new creature." Neither education nor wealth, civilization nor culture has, per se, saved one soul, transformed one life, cleaned one heart or purified one mind! Any man without God is helpless in the face of the demonic powers of darkness. Any man with God is a majority.

We can change the outside but God can transform the inside. He alone is able to motivate and empower us to become what we were created to be. We can offer a man a job but we cannot make him work. Like a certain private at Fort Jackson, S. C., the Army provided him a shower, soap and towel, but could not force him to bathe frequently. To experience Christ's love while unlovable begets gratitude that issues in motivation to live like Christ. To "repent and believe the gospel" is to receive not only an inner transformation but a person who "never leaves us nor forsakes us."

How do you think? How do you feel? For example, about mulattoes? "Yankees," Negroes, Jews, Indians, Democrats or Republicans, the criminal, the insane, atheists, Roman Cathodics, members of the Holiness Church? The hand follows the heart as night follows the day. "The good man out of the good treasure of his heart produces good, and the evil man out of his evil treasure produces evil . . ." (Luke 6:45): The Lee Harvey Oswalds of the world do not need money or an education as much as a pure heart!

The walls dividing and separating Jerusalem and Berlin were blood and corpses before they became cement and stone. They were in the heart before they were built by the hands. Inword barriers of prejudice, hatred, pride, jealousy, political and social and religious

bigotry are as real as outward walls of stone. And just as real as the "no man's land" in Korea and Nicosia is the spiritual gap in man's soul! When internal walls disappear, external ones will be broken, null and void. The struggle for survival will be won or lost internally—in the heads and hearts of men, in their thoughts and emotions.

What barriers are built in your own heart? What separations exist in your mind? What evil lies dormant only awaiting the proper moment to burst into open, erecting external walls that match your internal ideas and feelings? Are YOU part of the problem or part of the cure? Are YOU part of the world's illness or part of its remedy?

My dear friends, the simple fact is: you will not liver forever. One night, "Your soul will be required of you." Like Job, worse will come to worse—and what will you have left? The pleasures you have rolled over your tongue will be turned to ashes in your mouth. All externals will now be worthless. The "real" world of power, pleasure and plenty you will now clearly see to be a mere shadow. If you will be spiritually bankrupt then, you are now. Our nation's greatest need is not guided missles, but guided men, men whose heads and hearts are guided by the gift of God in Christ. Can you say with Job, "I know that my Redeemer liveth, and that he shall stand at the latter day upon the earth . . . (and) I shall see God."

Our survival as a people and our future upon this earth is dependent upon our learning to live together as brothers. We can live together as brothers only if we become "Guided Men," only if we surrender our heads and hearts, our thoughts and emotions to Jesus Christ. No amount of external change, manipulation of circumstances or so-called progress will avail. For, "The good man out of the good treasure of his heart produces good, and the evil man out of his evil treasure produces evil . . ." (Luke 6:45). Good or evil, life or death, survive or perish—which will it be?

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The Rich Young Ruler

By Carriellen H. Bales

"What can I do?" we heard him say,
That Rich Young Ruler one sunny day.
Of the Master of Life, he asked the way
With little thought of the price he'd pay.
For wealth he had and morals good—
No sacrifice—he understood.
The Master looked upon the lad
And for a moment His heart was glad.
Here stood a boy so good, so strong,
Who had no part in earthly wrong.
The Master thought and made the charge
To the Rich Young Ruler—far too large.
To sell his goods—the poor to feed!
To share his wealth with all in need!
He turned away, reproved and sad.
The Master grieved for the fine young lad.

I often wonder where he went
To spend the day of that first Lent.
Did he gather close his earthly wares
And tell himself that no one dares
Tell me what to give to others lend—
It's mine to hold or mine to spend.
If what I have, I'd give away
What would I have for another day?
How could he know that all we keep
Is what we give to feed His sheep?
Our lives to keep, our lives to lose,
It is our privilege to choose.
But only what we give to others
Will bind our hearts in love as brothers.
I hope the lad learned "What to do"—
To lose his life and find it too.
From: Study of Luke.



FIFTH AVENUE CHURCH, WILMINGTON, PURCHASED NEW PARSONAGE

The members of the Fifth Avenue Methodist Church in Wilmington purchased a lovely new home for the parsonage family in August, 1963. The house, spacious grounds, and furnishings is valued at $25,000. It is located at 9 Colonial Drive in the Forest Hills section of Wilmington.

Philip Bruce: Pioneer N. C. Methodist Preacher

Philip Bruce was born in North Carolina, near King's Mountain, in 1775. He was descended from the Huguenots. The family name was De Bruise, but was corrupted into Bruce by a Scotch teacher from whom Philip received his education. He was the first of his family to become a Methodist. When still a youth, the pioneer preachers reached the wild region of his home, and under their preaching many were brought to God, among them Philip Bruce. His parents were the firstfruits of his labors.

In person, Philip was tall and straight; he was very grave and dignified in his manner. His hair was long; his visage was thin; his complexion dark and his eyes bright and piercing. His countenance was open and expressive; his features were indicative of intellectual powers. In the pulpit he was graceful and impressive. His sermons were usually short, but he excelled in the application. His appeals were often irresistible.

In one of his episcopal tours, Bishop Francis Asbury, as usual, had sent ahead an appointment for preaching. The bishop remarked: "Now Philip, I intend to pile up the brush tonight, and you must set it on fire." Philip Bruce professed, preached, and exemplified sanctification. Like most of the early preachers, he never married. His wisdom on counseling caused the Church to use him in important situations.

In old age, Bruce removed to Tennessee, and his grave is with kindred dust near Pulaski. He died in 1826—ten yeras following Bishop Asbury—the oldest traveling preacher in the Methodist Episcopal Church, at the time, with the exception of Freeborn Garrettson.

The source for this biographical sketch has been Holland McTyeire's *A History of Methodism*, (Nashville, Tennessee, Publishing House of the Methodist Episcopal, South, 1919, p. 312).

—Grady L. Carroll

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Methodist-related schools for which student housing loans have been granted by the U.S. Housing and Home Finance Agency include Duke University, $2,150,000 for two new residence halls; Mt. Union College, Alliance, Ohio, $450,000 for a new dormitory for 124 men.



Carvers Creek Church Will Present Easter Pageant

Historic Carvers Creek Methodist Church, highway 87, 18 miles west of Acme, N. C., will again be the scene for the 24th year of their Easter Pageant, presented on Good Friday night and Easter morning.

The drama has its setting in Jerusalem, and depicts the period from Peter's denial to the day of resurrection. It includes scenes from Pilate's Court and at the Tomb of Jesus. Colorful costumes add to the pageant, and the music, including spirituals, is provided by the Negro A.M.E. Zion Methodist Church. For many of the performers, it will be their 23rd year in the same role.

Carvers Creek Church was founded the latter part of the 18th century. The present building was erected in 1859. The church was founded by Bishop Asbury, the first Methodist bishop in this country. Rev. Travis Owen is the present pastor.

The beginning of this historic church goes back more than one hundred years. Approximately two hundred years ago the first settlers came up the Cape Fear River and settled along the western bank of this stream. Large tracts of land were granted to many of these settlers direct from the King of England.

Between the years 1730 and 1770 many Quakers made their home here, and on the present spot where the present Carvers Creek Church is located, they built a log meeting house which was the first house of worship erected in this section of the state. This building was used for worship until about the year 1800.

About the time of the beginning of the Revolutionary War, however, many of the Quakers left the community and moved to Mecklenburg, Guilford, and other counties. They were a great peace-loving people and dreaded the horrors of war. Approximately fifty graves are still pointed out in the nearby cemetery with only a crude stone marking the head of the grave. Marble in that day had to be imported from Europe, and the finances of most of these people were very limited; besides, their life was always exemplified by honesty and simplicity.

Under the preaching of that great pioneer Christian patriot Bishop Francis Asbury, who passed this way durng the Wesleyan Revival, preaching from New York to Georgia, people were converted to Methodism. The organization of the present Carvers Creek Church was soon underway, and the remaining Quakers and their decendents deeded the property to the Methodists. A small frame building was erected just in front of the present church and this was used until the present church was built in 1859. Carvers Creek Methodist Church was the first Methodist church organized in Bladen County.

Largely through the generosity of the late Andrew Jones and through the sacrificial spirit of the church membership, the present church was built in 1859 by a Mr. Carter who was recognized as the best carpenter in this section of the country. The first church service in the new building was begun by singing that old hymn, "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name." Dr. Charles F. Deems, famous scholar, educator, and clergyman, who at that time was the presiding elder, preached the sermon.

In recent years the membership has grown to such an extent that the addition of Sunday School rooms was found necessary. These Sunday School classes had been held for years overhead in the old slave galleries which are an unusual feature in this old church. In 1952, five Sunday School rooms, an assembly hall, kitchen and restrooms were added to the church.

Today a host of dead sleep in the cemetery nearby, many of them eminent in the history of the Cape Fear section. Among them are Major General Thomas Brown and many of his descendents, including his daughter who was the wife of John Owen, Governor of North Carolina. Recently a trust fund was set up for cemetery care by a descendent of one of the early settlers buried there.

This church may be familiar to many who have attended the colorful Easter Pageant which has been presented annually for the past twenty-four years.

The present enrollment is 147. Due to increased interest and an enlarged program, at the annual conference this past year, the charge changed from a four-point to a two-point charge. Bladen Springs Methodist Church is also on this charge.

A most cordial invitaton is being extended to former pastors, former members and all friends to attend the special service.

The Brightest Day

Rejoice! Rejoice! The Crucified is risen!
Lift up thy voice in praise to God above.
The lowly Nazarene, the marvelous Teacher,
Has proved himself to be God's gift of love;
The Lamb of sacrifice. His life He gave
That from Adamic sin our souls He'd save.

Rejoice! Rejoice! The Nazarene arose;
Arose above the sins of mankind here.
Throughout His daily life on earth He proved
That God the Father's love is always near
To comfort and sustain in time of need
The soul that's trusting Him, indeed, *in deed.*

Rejoice! Rejoice! For Christ the Lord ascended
Into heaven and there prepares a place
For those who love and serve Him here below
Until He comes again; thus, by God's grace,
We'll join the saints in glory to sing
Forever praises to our Savior Lord and King.

—Lena Hammer Thacker
High Point, N. C.

Growth in Puerto Rico

The Methodist Church continued to grow in almost all phases of its work in Puerto Rico during 1963. Significant gains were registered in membership, church school attendance, giving and the church-building program.

The growth in various areas of Methodist work was reflected in reports to the 1964 meeting of the Puerto Rico Provisional Conference.

One of the significant events during the conference was the dedication of Middleton House, which is a new student center to serve the growing Methodist Student Movement at the University of Puerto Rico in Rio Piedras. The new building is named in honor of Bishop W. Vernon Middleton. Pittsburgh, Pa., who before his election to the episcopacy in 1960, was the general secretary of the Division of National Missions.

ST. MARY'S JUNIOR COLLEGE
RALEIGH, N. C.

A small liberal arts college for women. The program is enriched by specialized courses in Art, Expression, and Music. Two years of college preparatory work is also available.

RICHARD G. STONE, *President.*

In Memoriam

MRS. ZEB GIBSON, SR.

Mrs. Nellie West Gibson, 65, of 3532 Old Vineyard Road, Winsotn-Salem, wife of Zeb V. Gibson, Sr., died recently at City Hospital. She had been in declining health five years and seriously ill three weeks.

She was born in Macon County to Jesse L. and Pallie Parrish West and spent her early life there. She attended public school there and Brevard College.

Mrs. Gibson taught school at Webster and in Greene County a number of years. She came to Winston-Salem in 1922. Her husband is a retired employee of R. J. Reynolds Tobacco Co.

She was a charter member of Trinity Methodist Church.

Surviving are her husband; two sons, Zeb V. Gibson, Jr. of 3536 Old Vineyard Road and J. E. Gibson of Houston, Tex.; three sisters, Miss Vonnie West and Mrs. Clara Owens, both of West Mills, Franklin, and Mrs. Gertrude Smith of Cullowhee; three brothers, Clyde N. West of West Mills, Dr. J. L. West of Franklin and Harry H. West of Asheville; and two grandchildren.

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MRS. LEWIS SMITH

We, the members of the Woman's Society of Christian Service of Asbury Methodist church, Lincolnton, North Carolina, offer this tribute of love and respect to the memory of one of our faithful and beloved members, Mrs. Ruth Naomi Smith, who passed away January 26, 1964.

She loved the church and was ever faithful to it and supported it to the very last of life on earth with her prayers, her presence, her gifts, and her service. Also, she was dedicated to all good causes.

We greatly miss her but we shall remember the kindness of her life and the unselfish ways in which she served.

She loved her Lord and served Him well.

Respectfully submitted,
Mrs. S. M. Shrum,
Mrs. Charles Stowe,
Mrs. E. O. Peeler.

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Important Notice!

Our subscription campaign is still in progress. Quite a number of churches have sent in good lists, for which we are grateful. May we urge every church, through its pastor, WSCS, MYF, or other Advocate representative, to make a special effort in these last few days to solicit subscriptions and send them to us at once. Now is the time to act. May we count on you? Your help is urgently needed. Thank you—Ed.



Sunday School Lesson

FOR APRIL 5

By RAYMOND A. SMITH
Head, Department of Religious Education
Greensboro College

THIS IS GOD'S UNIVERSE

Background Scripture: Job 38:1-11; Isaiah 40: 12-26; 42:1-12
Lesson Scripture: Isaiah 40:12-15; 21-26

This is the first of a series of lessons to be followed in the second quarter. The general topic of these lessons is "The Christian Faces His World." Our first unit consists of two lessons on the Christian view of the universe; this first one deals with God, and next Sunday's with man.

The reader will need to study carefully all the background Scripture. It contains some of the greatest affirmations of faith in the entire Bible. In Job, for example, the Lord asks a series of questions, the effect of which is to humble man, and to show him how really insignificant he is. Look at this question found in Job 38:12: "Have you ever commanded the morning ,or assigned its place to the dawn?" This is like saying to man: "If you are so clever, try getting the sun to rise an hour earlier some morning and see what results you get. At the end of God's series of questions Job is forced to admit his ignorance. He says: 'Therefore I have uttered what I did not understand, things too wonderful for me, which I did not know . . . therefore I despise myself, and repent in dust and ashes" (Job 42:3 and 6).

Since the time of Isaiah and Job man has made great strides in his understanding of the world. He has probed the "sources of the sea," entered outer space, conquered stubborn diseases, split the atom and made it serve his purposes, and done many other wonderful things. But with all his knowledge he has not yet found out how to live in harmony with himself, his family and his community, to say nothing of those of other races and nationalities. There is still vast poverty, ignorance, ill-will and disease. Besides this, there hangs over man the threat of nuclear war, over-population and anarchy. Man has more *knowledge*, it is true; but does he have more *wisdom*?

The poem as a whole (Isaiah 40:12-31) which, is the subject of our lesson, may be divided into seven sections (note the discussion in the Lesson Annual, p. 119, if one is available).

Note first the thought in verse 12, where God's mighty acts of creation is described. These are expressed in a way to make the puny putterings of man on planet Earth seem tiny by comparison.

Then follows in verses 13-14 a series of questions the answer to which is the same for each question: "No one." In other words, God did not have to consult any other being in order to carry out his work of creation.

The third section shows how man's striving to build great nations and empires are but feeble gestures in the sight of God: "Lo, the nations are like a drop from a bucket, like fine dust in the scales are they counted."

The fourth section (not printed in the lesson helps) shows the stupidity of idol worship. Man worships the works of his own hands instead of the Creator of all things. Thus, he not only violates the command of God, but makes himself ridiculous in God's sight. (see verses 18-20).

Resuming our consideration of the printed verses, notice how in verses 22-24 appears the majesty of the Creator, who "sits above the circle of the earth" so that men scurrying about on the earth appear like grasshoppers. Furthermore, God "brings the princes of the earth to nothing" and "makes the judges of the earth as vanity, he shall blow upon them and they shall wither.' What a picture this is of the way man's ambitious schemes can appear to the Eternal!

In the sxith section (see especially verse 26) God is shown to be in command of the movements of the heavenly bodies. In Babylon (with which the writer of the poem was familiar) the various stars and planets were thought to operate independently, and could work weal or woe to men. In Hebrew thought they are not a law to themselves, but are seen as obeying the will of God. Thus we have not chaos, but order; that is to say, "the universe is friendly" and a good place for man to live in because it is in the hands of a God who is good.

Book Reviews

CHURCH LEADER WRITES OF HIS WORK IN RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

(Pioneering in Religious Education by Timothy B. Echols, 159 pages, $3.00, Exposition Press, Inc., N. Y.)

Timothy B. Echols, who records his career of rich experiences in **Pioneering in Religious Education**, published by Exoposition Press, sees his life as a series of adventures. These are not of the ordinary variety. Rather, they consist of the more meaningful kind, involving excursions into the human spirit and fellowship in Christ.

As a distinguished educator and minister in The Methodist Church, as a youth worker and pioneer in racial harmony, as the first Negro to serve as President of the Natonal Methodist Conference on Christian Education, his work and "adventures" have been a constant inspiration to all who have come within his wide radius of influence.

Timothy B. Echols was born in the small community of Rocky Crossing, Limestone County, in rural Texas. Before his birth, his mother had vowed to God that her child would be a missionary —although at the time there was no prospect of any money to pay for the necessary education.

Young Timothy never had any doubt about his future vocation. When he became off age, he worked his way through Samuel Huston College, in Austin, where he received his B.A. and some years later became Dean of Men.

From Gamman Theological Seminary, Atlanta, he earned hs B.D. and his D.D. degrees. At Boston University, in 1923, he received his Bachelor of Sacred Theology degree, and his M.A. in religious education from Northwestern in 1934.

He has taught and served in administrative capacities in various colleges, and while at Northwestern and the only Negro in the Religious Education Club, was unanimously elected its president.

Demonstrating that races can work together in concord and for mutual benefit, Dr. Echols throughout his career organized youth institutes for both white and Negro groups in both North and South. He likewise was instrumental in getting Methodist-affiliated colleges to establish courses in religious education.

In 1925 he married Mabel E. Hodges, a mathematics instructor, by whom he had two daughters, Renette, now a teacher of physics and mathematics at Talledega College, Alabama, and Martha, who with her husband is a teacher at the County Training School of Monroe, Georgia.

Mrs. Echols died in 1947. Timothy Echols and his present wife, the former Frances E. Taylor, a teacher in the Dallas public schools, make their home in Dallas, where he is field representative of the General Board of Pensions of The Methodist Church.

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"MISSIONARY, GO HOME!"

By James A. Scherer

Prentice-Hall, 160 p. $3.95, March 20, 1964

Christian World Mission Is Analyzed In New Book

"The cry of 'Missionary, Go Home!' is with good reason directed against those who make the mission of God over nto a human activity, substituting human motives and resources for the power of the Holy Spirit.

This critical analysis of the Christian World Mission is made by James A. Scherer, Dean of the School of Missions of the Chicago Lutheran Theological Seminary, in a new book to be published by Prentice-Hall on March 20th, titled "Missionary, Go Home!"

Continuing his appraisal, Dean Scherer writes: "It would be pointless to deny that the path of Christian expansion has been littered with the unsavory wreckage of unapostolic missionary activity. No rewriting of church history can conceal the fact that, with disturbing frequency, the clear theocentric basis was lost sight of or shoved aside.

"God's mission degenerated time and again into human propaganda. The Body of Christ became a tool manipulated by secular forces. Baptism was turned into forced conversion. Evangelical preaching gave way to proselytism. Our western Christianity is not only the product of largely unapostolic missionary methods; it is also their inheritor."

In "Missionary, Go Home!" Dean Scherer conducts a thoughtful appraisal of the Christian World Mission. He reflects upon its history and development and points out the areas from which today's missionaries can learn valuable lessons for the future.

Bishop Theodor Arvidson Of Scandinavia Dies

Retired Bishop Theodor Arvidson, 70, who administered the work of The Methodist Church in Denmark, Sweden, Russia, Norway, and Finland for seven years, died March 17 in Sweden. The Stockholm Area, of which he was bishop, comprises about 29,000 Methodists (full and preparatory members).

Born in Jerpas, Sweden, Bishop Arvidson was educated at the School of Theology at Uppsala, Sweden, and then traveled and studied in England. He was ordained in 1909 and served as pastor of Methodist churches in Vaxjo and Stockholm. Later he was district superintendent of the Northern and Western Methodist Districts in Sweden and book editor of Methodist Publishing House in Stockholm. He traveled and spoke extensively in the United States, and translated many English books into Swedish.

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Sales Manager: "Married?"

Applicant: "No, I'm not, but I can take orders, if that's what you mean."

Woman's Activities

A Message From Mrs. Allred and Mrs. Medlin

MRS. E. K. MCLARTY

Please note these dates:

May 19, 1964—Mark your calendar now, please, because this is a most important meeting. All district officers and all district secretaries of lines of work of WSCS are asked to come to Statesville, at conference expense, for training. *Fill the cars please.* With the many changes it is imparative that you come to this meeting in Statesville—name of church where meeting will be held will come to you later. Meeting will begin at 10:00 a.m., have lunch and then our meeting should end around 2:30 or 3:00 p.m. I have found in the past that officers who did not come for training enjoyed their work less and sent in less accurate reports. Those of you who came to the training period in 1960 at Statesville will recall that we thought we accomplished a great deal. Mrs. Ayers will notify WSC of training time.

May 25, 1964—Reports are due.

A VERY IMPORTANT MESSAGE

To: Local President
Local Secretary of Youth Work
Local Secretary of Children's Work

The following information from Mrs. J. Fount Tillman, president of the Woman's Division of Christian Service has just been received:

"At a meeting of the Executive Committee of the Woman's Division of Christian Service on February 28, 1964, action was taken with reference to missionary education of children and youth. This action provides that after June 1, 1965, there will not be secretaries of Children's Work and Youth Work of the Woman's Society of Christian Service on any level—local church, district, annual conference, jurisdiction, and national. It is intended that the work of missionary education of children and youth be cared for through Interboard Committee on Missionary Education.

"The purpose of this letter is threefold:

"To ask that on all levels—local church, district, annual conference, and jurisdiction—the secretaries of Children's Work and Youth Work *be retained and continue to function in all ways as they have until June 1, 1965.* If it should be necessary to elect new persons in some cases, this should be done. At this time of transition, it is important that these offices be filled by active persons."

GREENSBORO DISTRICT REPORTS

The executive board of the Woman's Society of Christian Service of the Greensboro District met February 19 at the home of Mrs. Arthur Williams, 4000 Friendly Road, Greensboro.

The president, Mrs. Max Tucker, announced the annual district meeting will be held at College Place Methodist church April 30 at 10:00 a.m.

Featured speaker will be Miss Lucy Gist, director of Bethlehem Center, Charlotte. Mrs. Julian Reeves will give a report from the meeting of the WSCS held at Puget Sound last year.

The executive board ratified the Charter of Racial Policies which will be presented at the annual meeting for adoption.

Other scheduled meetings were announced as follows: Officers Training for conference and district officers at Statesville May 19 at 10:00 a.m.; Greensboro district officers training day May 24 (tentative date) place to be announced; annual conference at Lake Junaluska June 16-19; Spiritual Life Retreat August 1-2 and School of Missions 3-7, both at Pfeiffer College.

Mrs. Harold Moag, district treasurer, reported the 1963-1964 pledge will be amply met by the end of May. She also presented the conference's observance of the 25th year of Unification which will extend through a two year period. As part of the observance each society in the conference is challenged to increase its membership and pledges. The board voted to raise the conference pledge to $27,750 for 1964-65 and 1965-66. This will be subject to approval by the district at the annual meeting.

Mrs. Max Tucker displayed the report which will be used at Junaluska this year. She also asked the board to follow the structural changes that are outlined in *"The Methodist Woman."*

Mrs. D. E. Leonard, district secretary of student work, reported that there were 986 international students representing 80 nations and territories, attending school in North Carolina colleges and universities. About one-third of these are attending Methodist supported colleges in the state. The WSCS Societies were urged to invite these students into their churches for fellowship and worship.

Committee chairmen asked that all reports be sent to them on time so that they may be compiled and presented at the annual meeting.

Mrs. Williams and Mrs. D. E. Leonard were hostesses at a delightful luncheon following the meeting.

N. C. Conference

BY MARY GARDNER

Changes in Board of Missions Expected

The Executive Committee of the Methodist Board of Missions, which has responsibilities on an international level, has approved in principle several plans of reorganization of the board's structure.

If approved by General Conference, to meet in May, the changes will include: 1. Having a general secretary for the board, instead of the present four, one for each of the four major units.

2. Replacing the present duel administration by the general division of the board and by the *Woman's Division of Christian Service,* specifically in relation to Methodism's 44 overseas fields. This action eliminates the present Division of World Missions and the Department of Work in Foreign Fields of the Woman's Division and replacing them with a new overseas administrative division with only one secretary for each mission field. The present Division of National Missions will cease to exist as such to be merged into a new home mission with only one administrator for each mission field or area of work.

4. Strengthening the local *Woman's Society of Christian Service* and *Wesleyan Service Guild* through more intensive leadership-training by the Woman's Division and providing more opportunities for participation of women in all phases of the Board of Missions work. The Woman's Division will continue to raise and receive funds from the Woman's Socities, as at present, and to support projects of the Woman's Division's own choosing in both home and foreign mission fields.

5. Setting up with the new overseas administrative division of the board a plan for channeling the techniques and skills of other national Methodist agencies in such fields as stewardship, evangelism, and Christian education to Methodist and Methodist-related churches overseas.

The new plan of organization was drawn up by a 17-member structure committee, four of whom were representatives of the Woman's Division of Christian Service, including Mrs. J. Fount Tillman, Lewisburg, Tenn., president; Mrs. Harold M. Baker, Toledo, Ohio, chairman of the Woman's Division Finance Committee; Mrs. Glenn E. Laskey, Ruston, La., chairman section on education and cultivation, and vice-president of the joint section of education and cultivation, and Mrs. Porter Brown, New York City, general secretary WDCS.

METHODIST HOSPITAL OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

The Methodist Hospital of Southern California was founded by the Woman's Home Missionary Society in 1903 in a two-story residence on Hewitt Street in Los Angeles. A much larger place was purchased on South Hope Street. A 106-bed hospital was built in 1914. A new wing of 100 beds and a nurses' residence was built in 1925.

The hospital was located in what was for a time the finest residential area of Los Angeles. However, in the post-World War II years, the area became a decadent part of the city. In 1955 the hospital was leased to the County of Los Angeles as an annex to the County General Hospital for obstetrical patients. A new modern hospital was built on a 22-acre site in Arcadia, a suburb of Los Angeles.

The new Methodist Hospital accepted its first patient on May 27, 1957. This fully air-conditioned 138-bed facility is the first general medical and surgical hospital built in California to include a psychiatric department. Facilities include a nursing education classroom and auditorium, and a heliport. The hospital offers services of a full-time chaplain. *From Brochure Medical Work,* Department of Work in Home Fields, WDCS.

Miss Susan Carmichael Heads Deaconess Workers

If the proposed reorganization of The Methodist Board of Missions is approved in May, a Pfeiffer College faculty member knows she will be faced with an out-of-the ordinary leadership task.

Miss Susan Carmichael, of the Pfeiffer College Christian Education Faculty is the newly elected president of the Southeastern Jurisdiction Deaconess Association.

It will be a task over the next four years to assist the 111 active Methodist Deaconesses and the church agencies they represent to adjust to the proposed organizational changes.

Miss Carmichael was named leader of the Methodist Deaconesses workers for the next four years on February 9. The group met in Knoxville for their annual meeting.

Commenting on her leadership role, Miss Carmichael noted:

"At the coming General Conference of the Methodist Church in Pittsburgh this spring, consideration will be given to changing the structure of the General Board of Missions of The Methodist Church. This will affect the Woman's Division, the commission on Deaconess work and the Divisions of World and National Missions."

"If the changes are approved, this would affect the work of each Deaconess to some degree. It will be the task of my office to help all associated with Deaconess work understand and adjust to the new organization."

Methodist Deaconesses work in a variety of projects such as rural work, community centers, schools and colleges, hospitals and in local church leadership roles.

In her new position, Miss Carmichael will set on numerous boards and committees of The Methodist Church. This will include membership on the Commission on Deaconess work of The Methodist Church and the Executive Committee of the Southeastern states of the Woman's Society of Christian Service.

Commissioned a Deaconess in 1960, Miss Carmichael has served her denomination in various capacities. She holds the A.B. and M.A. degree from Scarritt College.

General Funds Reported

An over-all increase of 1.11 per cent in receipts for general funds of The Methodist Church was reported March 4 by the Rev. Dr. Don A. Cooke, general secretary and treasurer of the Council on World Service and Finance. His report covered a nine-month period from June 1, 1963, through February 29, 1964, and compared receipts for this period with the first three quarters of last fiscal year.

Total receipts in 11 general benevolence and administrative funds for the nine months of the current fiscal year totaled $18,871,-381.45—a gain of $206,793.23 over the amount received durnig a similar period last year. While the over-all gain was favorable, World Service and four other funds showed decreases. Gains were registered in six funds. Total received from World Service for the nine months was $9,342,251.78 —only $7.310.45 less than the amount received during the same months last year.



A new chancel remodeled to preserve the spirit and traditions of Pittsburgh's mother Methodist church will be dedicated on May 3 during General Conference. Daily communion, Sunday sermons by renowned preachers, a visitors' lounge and hospitality center with historical exhibit will make Old Smithfield Street the host church of the coming quadrennial event.

Pittsburgh's "Brimstone Corner" To Glow With Warm Hospitality

Smithfield Street Church, because of its history and its location at the heart of Pittsburgh, will, in a special sense, be the host church to the coming General Conference.

Here in a chancel, newly remodeled to preserve the traditions of the sanctuary, will daily be observed the sacrament of Holy Communion at 7:30 a.m.

On the three Sunday mornings, noted preachers will speak here: April 19, Bishop Paul E. Martin, Houston, Texas; April 26, Dr. Marshall Steele, president, Hendrix College, Conway, Ark.; May 3, Bishop Gerald Kennedy, Los Angeles. Dr. David J. Wynne, host pastor and chairman of Pittsburgh's General Conference Committee, will conduct the services.

Bishop Kennedy, during his May 3 visit, will dedicate the new chancel in memory of Dr. C. Lloyd Daugherty, a former pastor of the church. At his death, he was secretary of the General Board of Evangelism. The chancel furnishings were given by Mrs. Daugherty and the official board of the Church.

The social hall of Smithfield Street Church will be an official lounge and information center for the General Conference, open fourteen hours a day. The Northeastern Jurisdiction Historical Society will have a display in the building.

The office of Bishop W. Vernon Middleton of the Western Pennsylvania Area, the Cokesbury bookstore and other Area offices are in four-story office building adjoining the 116 year-old-church.

The first General Conference to be held west of the Alleghany mountains took place in the original Smithfield Street Church. It was during this session that actions were taken that caused the Methodist Protestant secession. However, a century later, on the same spot, the first joint meeting of the commissions on union of the two-long separated bodies was held.

The church, located at Smithfield Street and Seventh Avenue, is affectionately known by Pittsburghers as "Brimstone Corner," the reference being to stirring revivals held there in 1819 and 1820, in the original brick church built the year before.

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Change In Appointments

Bishop Harmon authorizes the following changes in appointments:

T. H. Swofford, Jr., from Balfour to St. John's in Greensboro; L. F. Strader to Dilworth in Charlotte as associate pastor and Fred W. Paschal, retired, to Balfour. These appointments to become effective April 1, 1964.

J. G. Winkler, D. S.
Greensboro District
E. H. Blackard, D. S.
Asheville District

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On Bended Knee

For the House of Gold near a starving race.
For approach too bold to the Holy Place:
For the unkept soul 'neath a burnished face:
Our sorrow, Lord.
For the promise strong without will to pay:
For the feet of pride with the head of clay:
For the death of Hope of a better Day:—
Thy Mercy, Lord.
Our sorrow, Lord, Thy Mercy pleads.
Thy Mercy knoweth all our needs.
Somehow, beyond imperfect creeds—
Still, Still—
Despite poor human deeds,
Thy Glory, Lord!
Thy Glory!

—Snead Ogburn

Death Comes to 3 Missionaries Who Served Total of 120 Years

Three women, who gave a total of 120 years of missionary service to The Methodist Church, have died within recent weeks. They were Miss Nell Margaret Daniel, 94, who served 39 years in Japan; Miss Olive I. Hodges, 87, who served 43 years in Japan, and Mrs. Lahuna Clinton Herrmann, 84, who served 38 years in India. All served under the Womans Division of Christian Service of the Methodist Board of Missions.

Miss Daniel, who died February 18 in Fort Dodge, Iowa, did educational and financial work. She taught in Christian schools in Yokohama, Hirosaki, and Tokyo, and for 21 years was treasurer in Japan of the mission funds given by Methodist women in America. She was one of the founders of the noted Womans Christian College in Tokyo.

Miss Hodges, who died January 21 in Japan, gave her entire missionary career to what is now Ceibi Gakuen, a noted Christian girls school in Yokohama. It has kindergarten, primary, junior and senior high departments. She taught there for two years and was appointed principal in 1904, serving in that capacity until 1938 when the first Japanese principal was appointed.

Mrs. Herrmann, who died February 2 in Des Moines, Wash., worked in the fields of education and finance in India. She was a teacher and later principal at the Johnson Girls High School in Jabalpur. She also taught at Isabella Thoburn College, a noted Methodist girls' college in Lucknow, and at Christian High School for Boys in Jabalpur. For several years she was treasurer of mission funds sent to India by Methodist women in America. In 1947 she married the Rev. Carl C. Herrman, a Methodist missionary to India, and served with him at the Madar Union Tuberculosis Sanatorium for a year. They returned to the United States in 1948 to retire.

Story of Resurrection Messengers To Be On "Church of the Air"

The story of the women who ran to the disciples of Jesus Christ with news of His resurrection will be recalled Easter Sunday, March 29, in a special Easter broadcast of "Church of the Air" on the CBS Radio Network.

The title of Dr. J. Philip Clark's sermon is "It is Worth Running." Dr. Clark is General Secretary of the Independent Board for Presbyterian Missions. He is also chairman of the Radio and Audio-Film Commission of the American Council of Christian Churches.

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A Catholic Congressman is telling how his speaking at a Methodist church in Florida reunited him with his seventh-grade teacher after 52 years. Rep. Frank J. Becker of New York spoke in Christ Methodist Church, St. Petersburg, at a rally in behalf of the Committee for the Preservation of Prayer and Bible Reading in the Public Schools. There to hear him was Mrs. Ruth D. Martin, who had been his teacher in Lynbrook, N.Y.



Leaders in the recent Religious Emphasis Week program at Methodist College, Fayetteville, pause for a few minutes to discuss the progress of events. They are, from left, Dr. Samuel J. Womack, Jr., Chaplain and Head of the Department of Religion and Philosophy; Kermit Norris,, Fayetteville, chairman of the student planning committee; the Reverend Warren B. Petteway, pastor of First Methodist Church, Henderson, guest minister for the week; George Stout, Wallace, committee member; Lorraine Black, Baltimore, Maryland, President of the Student Christian Association; and Betty Mitchell, Richmond, Va., committee member.

Northwest Church, Raleigh, Holds Organization and Charter Day

Northwest Methodist Church in Raleigh, held Organization and Charter Day on Sunday, March 22. Preaching on this special occasion was the Rev. L. C. Vereen, Executive Director of the North Carolina Conference Board of Missions. Also participating in the organizing service was the Rev. Graham S. Eubank, District Superintendent of the Raleigh District and the Rev. W. G. Sharpe, pastor of the church.

The new Church has been meeting for church school and worship services since last October 6. At present the services are being held at Skate Town Roller Rink on the Raleigh-Durham Highway. There are approximately fifty persons participating in the activities of the church. The church school has five classes with a total enrollment of forty-five persons. The MYF, which has been meeting since last summer, has twelve members.

The church has a building site on which a first unit is expected to be erected in the very near future. The property, four and a half acres located on Creedmoor Highway just off Highway 70, was purchased last June by the Raleigh Board of Missions.

Around eighty persons were present for the organizing service last Sunday, and the church was officially named the Benson Memorial Methodist church, in memory of Mr. Baxter Barrington Benson, who passed away in 1951. His wife, who died about three years ago, left an amount of money to be used in the establishment of a new Methodist church in Raleigh. Mr. Benson was an active churchman, and this is a fitting memorial to him. We hope to carry a picture of the Charter member group in the Advocate as soon as the picture and cut can be obtained.

On Organzation Day, the church received some thirty charter members. The period for receiving charter members will continue for several weeks. Under the supervision of the District Superintendent, leaders will be elected to carry on the program of the church, and it will become a chartered church of the North Carolina Conference.

Missions Leader Honored By Schools in U.S. and Japan

The Rev. Dr. Thoburn T. Brumbaugh, one of the senior executives of the Methodist Board of Missions and one of the founders of the noted International Christian University (ICU) in Tokyo, Japan, has been honored recently by ICU and by an American alma mater, Boston University. Dr. Brumbaugh, whose hometown is Kenton, Ohio, but who has lived in New Rochelle, N. Y. for 17 years, is the executive secretary for East Asia of the Division of World Missions of the Board of Missions.

A certificate given to Dr. Brumbaugh along with the award plaque from Boston University said:

"Thoburn Taylor Brumbaugh, Class of 1924, your life has been a world-wide witness to the Christian mission of education, service and reconciliation. Having served your church with distinction in the Far East, particularly in Japan. Your ministry to university students embraces two continents. Editor, author, and correspondent you have been charged with ecumenical duties and with major administrative responsibilities as Executive Secretary for East Asia of the Board of Missions of The Methodist Church. You have embodied the highest traditions of the Christian missionary and have been honored by universities in Korea and Japan."

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"We ought to surrender our lives to the Christ, ground them on faith, build them on love, crown them with the hope of salvation, and flood them with the Holy Spirit."

Future of Missions Declared Bright

The greatest days for missions in The Methodist Church are on the horizon, a quartet of Methodism's highest missions officials declared March 4 in New York City. The four also affirmed the indispensability of the missionary enterprise in the life of the church. They are the president and three vice-presidents of the Methodist Board of Missions.

The four spoke at a dinner in their honor, held in connection with a meeting of the board's executive committee. Those honored were: Bishop Richard C. Raines, Indianapolis, Ind., president of the board; Bishop William C. Martin, Dallas, Texas, board vice-president and president of the Division of World Missions; Mrs. J. Fount Tillman, Lewisburg, Tenn., board vice-president and president of the Woman's Division of Christian Service; Bishop W. Angie Smith, Oklahoma City, board vice-president and president of the Joint Section of Education and Cultivation, and Bishop Gerald H. Kennedy, Los Angeles, Calif., board vice-president and president of the Division of National Missions. All except Bishop Kennedy were present and spoke at the dinner. Bishop Kennedy was unable to attend.

The five officers, constituting the total top leadership of the Board of Missions, rotate off the board in September under the rule which limits membership on national Methodist agencies to a maximum of 12 years (the rule having become effecitve in 1952).

Together the five have given a total of 90 years' service to the board. Bishop Raines has served on the board for 16 years, Bishop Martin for 26 years, Bishop Smith for 20 years, Bishop Kennedy for 16 years and Mrs. Tillman for 12 years. Each received a gold engraved plaque in recognition of the service and leadership given to the board.

The optimistic, confident tone of the addresses by the retiring officers was set by the one who has served longest on the board, Bishop Martin. He declared:

"The reflex action of the missionary endeavor is the most hopeful source of keeping the local church alive. If we did not have the missionary outreach, the local church would become so ingrowing that it would lose almost all semblance of a Christian organization. During my 50 years in the ministry, the church has been kept alive in part by great ideas. No idea or relationship has been more life-giving than my relationship to the great worldwide missionary outreach of the church.

"I thank God for the sense of aliveness in the Christian faith that I have seen reflected in the life-giving witness and service of our missionaries. The greatest days for missions in The Methodist Church are not behind us but are ahead. This I believe with all my heart."

In his farewell address to the board which he has headed for four years as president, Bishop Raines said: "I pray that I may be debtor to the board of Missions in the days ahead for salt to season the church with Christian fellowship, which makes the world's barriers of race and culture open doors of witness to Christ's lordship of all. I pray that through churches brought into being by the Holy Spirit through this Board there may come a recovery of the New Testment dimension and depth of the mission and God-given purpose of the church, that purpose being to serve the world and not itself. I pray that, losing its life in small and large matters, the church may make its living witness to the reconciling and redeeming life, death and resurrection of its Lord."

Speaking for the women of Methodism, Mrs. Tillman said: "The status of women has changed—a fact of which we are frequently reminded. There are men and women who are not aware of the nature of these changes, but those who are alert must provide leadership so the church will be in the forefront in its full recognition and cultivated participation of women in all aspects of life.

"John Wesley started out with rebellion against churchwide indifference to social issues. He went to the rejected and the outcast, to the laborers, to the uneducated (as well as the educated) that he found in his own country, and his mission extended overseas in the proclamation of the gospel. The Board of Missions has been trying to keep The Methodist Church abreast of these ideals of the founder, while cultivating means of meeting new needs of this new day in the church's mission throughout the world. If John Wesley rode stirrup to stirrup with the Industrial Revolution, as has been said, then today Methodists must get off the launching pad if we are to keep abreast of world revolution in a space age."

Bishop Smith said that no one could be more optimistic than he about the future of missions. "I realize that problems and dangers lie ahead," he said, "but I firmly believe that the whole missionary program will eventuate finally in the coming of the Kingdom."

A tribute to the five retiring officers as a group, and to each personally, were given on behalf of the board members and staff by the Rev. Dr. Eugene L. Smith, general secretary of the Division of World Missions and the senior of the board's four general secretaries.

Bishop Lloyd C. Wicke, New York, chairman of the board's Joint Committee on Missionary Personnel, was the toastmaster and chairman of the dinner. Those who presented plaques to the five officers were:

Mrs. W. L. Perryman, Kansas City, Mo., vice-president of the Woman's Division, to Mrs. Tillman; Charles V. Adams, Montoursville, Pa., a layman with 30 years on the board and a vice-president of the World Division, to Bishop Martin; H. E Newton, Muskogee, Okla., a layman on the board for 25 years, and a vice-president of the National Division, to Bishop Kennedy (in absentia); Mrs. Glenn E. Laskey, Ruston, La., a vice-president of the Joint Section, to Bishop Smith, and the Rev. Dr. Dow Kirkpatrick, pastor of First Methodist Church, Evanston, Ill., to Bishop Raines.



Chaplain C. E McFarland of Camp LeJeune, near Jacksonville, N. C., will preach in revival services March 29-April 3 at the Carthage Methodist Church in Moore County. Special music will be provided each evening. Rev. Paul Boone is the pastor.

WNC Conference Third In Mission Special Giving

The Western North Carolina Methodist Conference was third among the 99 annual conferences of The Methodist Church in giving to the denomination's program of overseas mission special contributions.

The 1,145 congregations of the conference gave $288,933 to World Missions Advance Specials. The Advance Specials are voluntary gifts to home and overseas missions by churches, classes, groups and individuals over and above the giving by a local church to World Service—the basic Methodist general benevolence fund to which churches pay an opportionment.

(In Advance Specials, the donor designates the project to which his gift is to go, and 100 per cent of the money goes to the project, with nothing being withheld for overhead).

Two Western North Carolina Conference congregations were among the top 15 in Methodism in Advance Special giving. They are First Church of Charlotte with $17,580 and Centenary Church of Winston-Salem, $17,460.

The Western North Carolina Conference was seventh in Methodism in World Service giving to the Division of World Missions, with $120,729. The Ohio Conference topped the list with $173,730.

The Charlotte Methodist Area, one of 44 episcopal units of The Methodist Church, headed by Bishop Nolan B. Harmon, gave $1.54 per person to the Division of World Missions, to place fifth among the Areas. The Charlotte Area includes the Western North Carolina Conference.


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Dr. Geo. A. Buttrick Speaker At N. C. Wesleyan Commencement

Dr. George A. Buttrick, eminent author, preacher, and lecturer, will deliver the first Commencement Address at North Carolina Wesleyan College for its pioneer graduating class on Sunday afternoon, May 31.

Wesleyan's president, Dr. Thomas A. Collins, made the announcement that Dr. Buttrick, who was a recent Danforth Foundation Lecturer on the campus, would return to charge the first graduates. The announcement was gretted with enthusiasm.

"Dr. Buttrick is recognized as one of America's finest preachers and most distinguished lecturers," Dr. Collins said. "He charmed and challenged our audience on his winter visit to Wesleyan. We are most fortunate to have him return."

At present Dr. Buttrick is Professor of Preaching at Garrett Biblical Institute, Northwestern University of Evanston, Ill. He previously served as professor of Christian Morals at Harvard University and of Preaching at Union Theological Seminary in New York City.

Dr. Buttrick was born at Seaham Harbour, England. He was educated at Leeds Central High School, at Victoria University in Manchester from which he was graduated with honors in philosophy, and at Lancashire Independent Seminary. He holds Doctor of Divinity degrees from Hamilton and Middlebury Collges, and from Yale, Miami, Princeton, and Harvard universities; a Litt.D. from Albright College and an LL.D. from Bethany College, and a D.S.T. from Columbia University. He is a member of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences.

As an author, Dr. Buttrick has written numerous books. Some of the books include "The Parables of Jesus," "The Christian Fact and Modern Doubt," "Prayer," "Christ nad Man's Dilemma," "So We Believe, So We Pray," "Faith and Education," and many others. He is General Editor of "The Interpreter's Bible," which is a twelve-volume commentary on the Holy Scriptures and of the "Interpreter's Dictionary of the Bible."

He was pastor of Congregational and Presbyterian churches in Illinois and New York before taking up college teaching. He has been a guest preacher on many campuses among which are Yale, Princeton, Columbia, Cornell, Hamilton, Dartmouth, Oberlin, and Duke.

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Student Financial Aid At High Point College

The Student Financial Aid Program at High Point College has exceeded $100,000 this year, Duffy L. Paul, Director of Admissions and Financial Aid has announced.

"Of the approximately 1,000 students we have enrolled on the campus, 235, or nearly 25%, are receiving financial aid under one or more of the three programs offered at High Point College," Mr. Paul said.

The three-fold program is designed to be able to fit the individual needs of students who must have assistance in meeting their college expenses.

Of the three assistance programs, one consists of awarding workships valued up to $280 for the academic year.

This program covers on-campus employment, and currently some 140 students are working in the cafeteria, the post office, the library, the language laboratory, the audio-visual room, faculty and staff offices, the mail room, and the science laboratories

"These students are paid an hourly wage," explained Mr. Paul, "and how much they earn depends on how much they actually work, up to $280 a year."

The second program consists of loans to students. To be eligible for any of the college's loan funds, a student must have a "C" average academically. The largest loan fund administered by the college is the National Defense Education Act Student Loan Fund. Each year Congress approves a total amount of money to be used for this purpose to be distributed throughout the nation. Each state is allocated a sum, which in turn is alloted to individual colleges within the state. The Federal Government provides 9/10 of the fund, and the participating college matches it with 1/10. North Carolina received $2,314,000 for the current year, with High Point College alloted $47,761. The college's 1/10 brought the total National Defense Education Act Student Loan Fund at High Point College up to $53,067.

Students who go into teaching are forgiven one-half of the loan, provided that they teach for five years. The loan is repaid over a period of ten years at 3% interest.

The Louise Adams Alumni Scholarship Fund, established by the Class of 1963, has doubled in amount since that class graduated.

Another new scholarship fund is the Grace Methodist Church (Greensboro) Scholarship for a ministerial student.

Aside from these three programs, High Point College grants ministerial concessions for candidates for the Methodist ministry in the amount of $200 a year. This concession is also made for students who are dependents of Methodist ministers.

"We make a $100 concession per year for students going into the ministry of other denominations," Mr. Paul stated: "however, in the event the Methodist or other denominational candidates do not go into the ministry, the concession must be repaid."

The first, the CAP Loan Program, is designed for parents whose children are now in college or about to enter college. Under this plan a series of personal loans is provided, repayable in monthly installments.

The second, the CAP Savings Program, is designed for parents whose children will be starting to college within ten years. Under this plan, the college education is prepaid through a regular savings plan begun well in advance of entrance into college.

Several other banks provide the same or similar services.

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Wait, Little Bud

The wee baby bud on the old tulip tree,
Lay lifeless and sad on a twig,
"I've nothing to do, there's no place for me,
I'm small, and I want to be big."

A voice from the air said, "Wait, little one,
Wait for the time of the Spring.
Be still and reflect, be alive to past joys,
Recall all the birds you've heard sing.

"But I'm restless, I'm tired, I'm full of my grief,
I'm pent up with waiting for weeks.
To be out of this shell that's around me just now,
Is all that my little heart seeks."

The voice from the air came patiently forth
To quiet the storm in the bud.
"Should you come into bloom in the cold air around,
You would soon drop and land in the mud."

Then the seed in the bud lay quiet and calm,
For the voice in the air spoke on:
"I have plans, little one, for you—you alone,
But to rush them would be very wrong."

Some children are coming to play here in May,
They will look for your colors of Spring,
They too have felt the confinement of walls,
And will seek out the bloom that you bring."

On spoke the voice in the air to the bud,
Showing it yet other scenes
Of waters below it that ran now with ice,
But would one day, yes, shine with sunbeams.

The little bud sighed—it could wait, it could wait!
There was reason for staying so still,
For soon it would know the children who come
To see colors of Spring on the hill!

You and I, like the bud, sometimes ask for the bloom,
The waiting is not to our taste,
But God in His wisdom doth quietly reply,
"Eternity is yours, do not haste."

—Johnnie Speas Carter



· CAROLINA BRIEFS ·

¶ The New Bern District Woman's Society of Christian Service met in the Methodist Church at Newport, Tuesday March 31.

¶ Richlands Methodist Church, Rev. Robert F. McKee, pastor, held revival services last week, with Rev. D. W. Charlton as guest preacher.

¶ Rev. E. M. Thompson, Jr., pastor, is preaching this week in revival services in his church at Scotland Neck. Services will run through April 3.

¶ Highland Methodist Church of Hickory, is holding revival services this week with Rev. O. L. Easter as guest preacher. Rev. R. J. Barnwell is the pastor.

¶ Dr. Robert L. Goodrich, Jr., pastor of First Methodist Church, Dallas, Texas, is preaching this week in revival services at Edenton Street Church, Raleigh. Rev. T. Marvin Vick is the pastor.

¶ Rosemary Methodist Church at Roanoke Rapids will conduct revival services April 5-10, with Rev. J. W. Page, Superintendent of the Rocky Mount District, preaching each day. Rev. R. H. Eason is the pastor.

¶ The Chancel Choir of Main Street Church, Reidsville, presented the "Seven Last Words of Christ" on Palm Sunday evening, under the direction of Mr. John Fair, director of music.

¶ Longview Methodist Church of Raleigh will engage in revival services beginning Sunday, April 12 and running through Friday evening. Rev. J. Malloy Owen, pastor of Horne Memorial Church, of Clayton will assist the pastor, Rev. Worth B. Cotton.

¶ The Spring Enrichment services at Hickory Grove Church, Greensboro District will be held April 5-9 with Rev. Douglas Corriher, pastor of First Church, High Point, as the speaker. Rev. F. W. Dowd Bangle is the pastor of Hickory Grove Church.

¶ The Chapel Choir of Westminster Choir College, Princeton, N. J., will sing at Pfeiffer College April 8, at 8:00 p. m. A public concert will be given by the Westminster Choir in the Pfeiffer Chapel. Professor Richard Brewer of the College Music Department invites the public to attend this concert.

¶ The Greensboro College Choir will present a program of choral music in the First Methodist Church of Whiteville, April 16, at 8 o'clock. The public is invited to hear this outstanding choral group. This will be their only appearance in eastern North Carolina on their spring concert tour. Rev. A. D. Byrd, Jr., is the pastor.

¶ All former pastors and friends are invited to attend the service of dedication of the Avery's Creek Methodist Church parsonage in the Asheville District next Sunday, April 5, at 1:00 p. m. Open house will follow from 1:30 to 3:30 p. m. The regular worship service will be at 10:00 a. m. Following Sunday School at 10:50, lunch will be served.

¶ The Bethlehem Church on the Bladen Charge will engage in revival services beginning April 12 and running through Friday evening. Rev. David Jones of Rockingham will be the visiting speaker. Rev. T. R. McKay is the pastor.

¶ Knightdale Methodist Church recently had beautiful stained-glass windows installed in the sanctuary. The windows were given as memorials by family groups within the church membership, and the total cost of the project was approximately $2,500. On Sunday, April 5, the windows will be dedicated at the 11 o'clock worship hour.

¶ The first worship service in the new sanctuary of the Haymount Methodist Church of Fayetteville will be held Sunday, April 5, at 11:00 o'clock. The formal opening of the new church will take place Sunday, April 26. The consecration of the new sanctuary will be held at that time. Rev. T. R. Jenkins is the pastor of Haymount Church.

¶ An Easter Cantata was presented Palm Sunday morning at the Hickory Grove Church, Greensboro District. The cantata, "No Greater Love" by John W. Peterson, was directed by Mrs. F. W. D. Bangle, with Mrs. Kenneth Walker as piano accompanist, and Mr. Larry Smith as narrator. The cantata was repeated at 5:00 o'clock in the afternoon at Piney Forest Methodist Church, Danville, Va. A supper was given the visiting choir.

¶ Dr. Leroy Walker, a member of the General Board of Evangelism of The Methodist Church, Nashville, Tenn., held the revival services at Broad Street Methodist Church, Mooresville, during Holy Week. Dr. Walker, a member of the Pacific Northwest Conference, is currently secretary of membership, cultivation, and attendance in the department of the local church of the Board of Evangelism. Rev. Robert J. Goldston is pastor of Broad Street Church.

¶ The Hon Horace Kornegay, United States Congressman, will speak at High Point College on Thursday, April 2, at 10:20 a.m., in Memorial Auditorium. Sponsored by the Department of History and Political Science, Congressman Kornegay will speak on "Domestic Issues Facing the Congress." Speaking as a Congressman and not as a political party member, Mr. Kornegay will have as hosts on the stage with him Ralph Hoar, president of the campus Young Republican Club, and Bill Phillips, president of the campus Young Democrats Club.

¶ Miss Carolyn Shore, a member of the sophomore class at Pfeiffer College, has been named secretary of the Future Teachers Division, The North Carolina Education Association. Miss Shore, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. F. B. Shore, 204 Country Club Road, Mount Airy, was elected to the position at the 80th Annual Convention of the NCEA in Raleigh on March 21. An elementary education major, she has served as secretary of the Pfeiffer Chapter of the National Education Association. Miss Shore is holder of an honor academic scholarship and is a Dean's List student.



Center Methodist Church near Yadkinville, recently organized a Men's Club with thirty members. This is a picture of the Cabinet who are left to right: O. J. Fleeming, treasurer; Bill Whitaker, secretary; Bickett Holcomb, president; Paul N. Whitaker, reporter; Vern Harrison, vice-president.

In Memoriam

MRS. ADDIE LEONARD LAMBETH

On February 3, 1964, God called from our midst Mrs. Addie Leonard Lambeth. She was born on July 11, 1873 in Davidson County, but for the last forty-five years of her life she lived among us in the Hopewell Church Community of Randolph County. During those years she inspired us and gave willingly of her time to direct us toward "the high calling in Christ Jesus our Lord." She was deeply interested in the work of her church and the Woman's Society of Christian Service of which she was a charter member. Her interests and concerns did not stop at these for she did what she could to help all people of the community. "Miss Addie," as she was affectionately known, will be greatly missed, but her example will always be remembered and give encouragement to those of us who remain. We of the Woman's Society of Christian Service are saddened by her death, but we are comforted in our sorrows by the knowledge that God called unto Himself one of His saints.

Therefore, we of the Woman's Society of Christian Service recommend that a copy of this memorial be sent to the North Carolina CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE for publication, and a copy be placed in our permanent records.

MRS. ANNIE CASHATT, *President*
MRS. JEANETTE BROWN, *Secretary*

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Meet to Consider Merger

Negro and white ministers of the Salisbury districts of the Delaware and Peninsula annual conferences met at Maryland State College in Princess Anne, Md., on March 2 in an historic gathering.

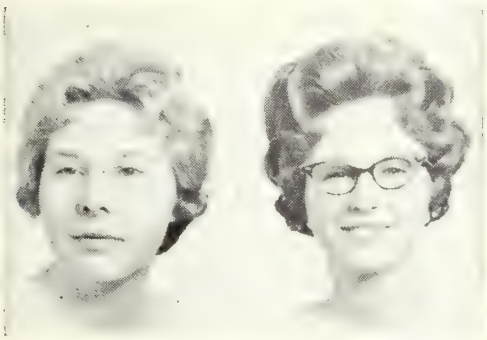
Only two days after civil rights demonstrations had erupted into near violence in that Eastern Shore town, the clergymen met on the campus home of students who had started the demonstrations in protest against segregation policies in two of the town's main restaurants.

The pastors came to hear a report on plans to merge the churches of the two conferences into one. Speakers included Bishop Edgar A. Love of the Baltimore Area and Bishop John Wesley Lord of the Washington Area.

Pfeiffer Students Enter Short Term Mission Service

Two Pfeiffer College graduating seniors have been selected for short term service with the Board of Missions of The Methodist Church. They are Mary Benfield, Newland; and Gloria Coltharp, Charlotte.

Both students will serve under short term plans. Miss Benfield will be under the U.S.-2 plan for two years in rural churches



MARY BENFIELD GLORIA COLTHARP

and community work while Miss Coltharp will serve under a three-year program with an assignment abroad. She will probably go to the Philippines.

This "short term" missionary service program allows individuals, particularly young college graduates, the opportunity to serve The Methodist Church for a brief period in a variety of service areas.

Miss Benfield is a 1960 graduate of Hilderbran High School and is the daughter of Rev. and Mrs. C. M. Benfield, Route 2, Newland. Rev. Benfield is a minister of the Western North Carolina Methodist Conference.

A Christian Education major, Miss Benfield holds a Woman's Society of Christian Service Conference Scholarship and has served as a Town and Country Summer Service worker in Western North Carolina in 1962 and as a church summer service worker in Maine in 1963.

Miss Benfield is president of The Mission Club and is a member of The Christian Education Fellowship, The Methodist Student Movement, The Fellowship Teams, and the Young Democrats.

Miss Coltharp, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. L. M. Coltharp, 1812 Merriman Ave., Charlotte, is a Christian Education major, is a 1960 graduate of Garinger High School, and holds a Woman's Society of Christian Service Scholarship.

She has worked as summer counselor at Camp Tekoae, Methodist Youth Assembly Camp, as a summer youth worker at Charlotte's First Methodist Church, and has shared in numerous student projects.

Miss Coltharp was co-chairman of the 1964 Statewide Methodist Student Movement, was a delegate to the 7th Quadrennial M.S.M. Conference and to the 19th Ecumenical Student Conference at Athens, Ohio.

She has also been a leader of the Pfeiffer Methodist Student Movement, was student chairman of the 1963 Religious Emphasis Week, a member of The Missions Club, The Christian Education Fellowship, the Concert Choir, and the Fellowship Team.

Miss Benfield expects to work for two years in rural work in Missouri or Georgia following a training program. Miss Coltharp expects to be assigned to the Philippines as District Christian Education worker.

Both of the Pfeiffer seniors attribute interest in the church's mission program to encouragement given by their local churches. Miss Benfield lists contacts made during summer work projects with U.S.-2's (short term missionary workers) as most important in her decisions to enter this program.

High Point College Magazine Is Rated in Top Three Nationally

High Point College is to be congratulated on the success of their literary magazine, *The Apogee*, which is in its first year of publication, and which has received national recognition. *The Apogee* was printed by the Piedmont Press, operated by the Methodist Board of Publication, which produces the North Carolina CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE.

Certainly no publication is more deserving of the high rating it received at the recent convention of the Columbia Scholastic Press Association in New York. Actually, *The Apogee* does not compete with publications from any schools other than colleges with from 800 to 1,000 population. Four ratings are given to publications of this kind, and of the 150 literary magazines entered from collges in this particular category, *The Apogee* was one of the top three in the nation. Only one first place was awarded, and two second places, one of which was the High Point College publication. Judging *The Apogee* was Dr. Herman A. Estrin, professor of English at Newark College of Engineering and president of the National Council of College Publications Advisors.

Since this was the first year of publication of *The Apogee*, it is a credit to Dr. Charles Eugene Mounts and his staff that they were able to win this high rating and be numbered among the top three of the nation in their category.

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The vision of things to be done may come a long time before the way of doing them becomes clear, but woe to him who distrusts the vision.—Jenkin Lloyd Jones.

Items of Interest From Brevard College

President and Mrs. E. K. McLarty announce the angagement of their daughter Peggy to Kenneth Alfred Byrd of Erwin, North Carolina. Miss McLarty, who was graduated from Duke University and holds the Master's Degree from Scarritt College, is currently Director of Christian Education at Highland Methodist Church in Raleigh. Mr. Byrd is a graduate student in applied mathematics and physics and N. C. State. The wedding will take place on April 3 in Brevard.

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Congratulations are in order for three faculty families who have recently added baby daughters to their households. Judith Ann McDonald, born February 6, is the daughter of Engineering Drawing Instructor and College Architect Henry McDonald and Mrs. McDonald. Jennifer Hart Miller, born February 27, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Miller of the Music Department. Kristine Lynn Adams, born March 17, is the daughter of Rev. and Mrs. Nelson Adams of the Music Department.

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The Rev. Louis Miles, professor of Old and New Testament studies, as well as professor of history, has been asked by the literature committee at the Nashville Board of Education office to write a five-lesson unit for older youth entitled "Toward Understanding the Church." The series will be published in *Christian Action* during 1965. Mr. Miles is an A.B. graduate of Beria College and holds the S.T.B. and S.T.M. from Boston University School of Theology.

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The Brevard College Tornadoes journeyed to Hutchinson, Kansas, on March 13 to represent Region 10 in the National Junior College Conference Tournament. Although the Tornadoes won only one of their scheduled three games, they made an excellent showing. The illness of one of the team's outstanding players caused the team to be handicapped during the final two games.

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Mr. and Mrs. Mario Perez, who have been members of the Brevard College faculty since 1961, have applied for residency in the United States. They and their daughter Violita escaped from revolutionary Cuba in 1960. Mrs. Perez formerly taught at the University of Havana. Mr. Perez has taught at Candler College and the University of Havana.

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A recent Lyceum program featured Philip Hanson in *Kings and Clowns*. One of Americas foremonst solo dramatic performers, Mr. Hanson presented material based on scenes of kingship and foolery from the plays of William Shakespeare, in observence of the worldwide celebration of the 400th anniversary of Shakespeare's birth.

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EDITORIALS

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Secularizing The Sacred

One can hardly view television and listen to radio programs, or read certain newspapers, magazine articles and advertisements without being impressed by the fact that more and more the tendency is to take the sacredness from everything and place it upon a secular basis. Furthermore they sneak in advertising for liquor, thievery, murder, and the rest. Even religion and the church are made the butt of jokes.

Back preceding the Christmas observance a certain television show had two of its characters playing drunk as they celebrated the birth of Christ. When some one objected and called this to their attention the only response was that it was intended only to be humorous. There is a place for humor, and we like it, but we have never seen anything funny in celebrating the birth of Jesus Christ by getting drunk, or even playing so, under the guise of humor.

It is a sad state of affairs that the producers of many of the television programs feel they must play to the liquor interests in practically every performance. It has been suggested that they are paid to do so. We cannot vouch for this, but do know they seem never to let an opportunity pass by unused. These, along with other "rotten" programs are forced upon the American public if they are to enjoy the luxury of watching television.

We also would like to pay tribute to other programs which are kept free from such practices. They endeavor to be entertaining and informative, but they refuse to sink to the low depths of making their programs a device for promoting evil instead of encouraging good.

It seems the American people should rise up in their resentment and let these producers know in no uncertain terms that they do not appreciate being insulted in their homes or anywhere else. If it is necessary to cut off television, or tune to other pragrams, do so. If they knew the viewing audience had left them and would continue to do so as long as such practices were engaged in the chances are they would make proper adjustments. But as long as we, the public, condone such, they will continue to provide it.

As Christians it is our responsibility to let ourselves be heard on these matters, and we are not giving a convincing witness of our faith unless we do so. By means of public communication the forces of evil are "taking us for a ride." It is time we awoke from our lethargy and demanded better things.

THEME FOR THE WEEK

"I am the resurrection, and the life; he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live."—Jn. 11:25, 26

LETTERS

Dear Editor:

The article, "Pressure on Methodist Churches" by Brother C. V. Bryant, (Advocate, March 12) is truth well presented and timely—except for the last paragraph, which cannot be accepted as being true to the theology of the Methodist Church.

"To be a new person in Christ is not to acquire personal salvation and righteousness nor to gain personal power to adjust to seemingly unending hardships. To be a Christ-man does not require membership in a church purged of sinners, but to become alive in the world and to the world. Let the Church, laymen, be the Church not for your sake, not for the sake of your church, and not for God's sake, but for the sake of the world which God loved, and for which He died, and to which He has sent you!"

It is true that "salvation" does not *end* with being a personal experience, but it most certainly does *begin* there! That first sentence would be true to our position if it included the word "only"—"To be a new person is not (only) to acquire, etc. . . ." However, to omit that word changes the meaning of the statement completely.

Having experienced "salvation" personally, then by all means let the Church go on to pray for, and to *work* for, the coming of God's Kingdom in its fulness, "the Kingdoms of this world are become the kingdoms of our Lord, and of his Christ."

To this end The Methodist Church has always been committed, and must remain so, notwithstanding the braying of many theological asses; but a redeemed society must begin with redeemed men.

Sincerely,
VANCE A. LEWIS

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Dear Mr. Starnes:

With utmost respect for the rights of others to express their opinions freely, my deep concern is aroused by the emphatic endorsement of the interdenominational or "One Church" idea as expressed in an article and a letter to the editor in the March 12, 1964 issue of the **Advocate.**

Methodist is my denomination, and as a humble believer in the teachings of The Man of Galilee, it is my intentions to continue to worship God as a member of The Methodist Church. Under the provisions of the Constitution of the United States, it is my precious privilege, to worship God in accordance with the dictates of my own conscience. And, up to this good hour, I am not compelled to worship according to the whims of any other mortal man or group of men. My worship is voluntary. As a miserable sinner, I trust in the promise of the Lord's forgiveness.

As a Methodist layman, I know of no one who is keeping our churches and ministers and financial program under constant attack. How long would The Methodist Church survive without constructive criticism by her lay members? Why should my preacher be immune to constructive criticism from me, any more than I am from him. The late Bishop R. S. Cushman, one of the great men of our church, told a meeting of the men of our church that we would always maintain the proper relationship with our Bishop if we remembered "That the Bishop puts his pants on one leg at a time just like you do." A Bishop of another denomination, located in the same town, was reported to have refused a committee of laymen from his church an audience after they had driven about 50 mles in hopes of seeing their Bishop about a matter of great importance to them. He dispatched a messenger with a curt order to obey his previous command to them before asking for the privilege of talking with him, according to the report. Dr. Cushman said remember the Bishop puts his pants on one leg at a time just like you do. I believe Bishop Cushman was a true follower of Jesus Christ.

Did the Ecumenical Council held recently in Rome abolish the arbitrary rule of the Roman Catholic Church on mixed marriages? Did it say to its laymen, worship in a Protestant church when you please? Did it cancel the concordats with the governments of Italy, Spain, Colombia, and other countries whereby the state supports the Roman Catholic Church and suppresses the Protestant churches? Did it request that the schools built in Columbia with United States tax dollars be operated as are the public schools in the United States instead of as Roman Catholic parochial schools? Did it order the Roman Catholic Hierarchy in the U. S. to cease and desist from trying to secure public tax dollars for the support of their parochial schools?

A definite move was made in 1963 to divert N. C. tax dollars to all parochial institutions of higher learning in our state. This would have cost we taxpayers about $7 million during this biennium. Moreover, it would have put our Methodst colleges under the thumb of an agency of the state of North Carolina.

Now, I would like to ask where the leaders of North Carolina Methodism were when this question was being debated? Of my own knowledge, I know that some of them were working hard in an attempt to get public tax dollars for our church-related Methodist colleges. Traditionally, we Methodists have actively opposed state aid to or interference wth our churches.

My own home church actively opposed this ubiquitous proposal, and it was defeated. One member of the General Assembly said he believed our opposition to that bill was the main reason for its defeat. In an effort to keep us free, it would seem reasonable to conclude that our little group here in my home church "stood and did not retreat, we fought and did not surrender."

The President of the United States proposes to appropriate tax dollars to the parochial schools in the Appalachian area. See the message from Protestants and other Americans united for separation of Church and State, which I enclose. I hope you will publish Mr. Archer"s message and a copy of his telegram to the President of the United States. Mr. Archer is a dedicated Methodist layman, and I know him personally. POAU was founded by a group of men for the sole purpose of keeping church and state separate in order that we might preserve our freedom of worship. Among the founders was the late Methodist Bishop G. Bromley Oxnam, one of our great leaders.

Martin Luther dared to criticize and leave the Church of Rome. John Wesley dared to criticize and leave the Church of England. I remind you of the eloquent obituary which was given at the death of the founder of the Methodist Church "When at length he came to die, he left only a knife, a fork, two spoons, and the Methodist Church."

Sincerely yours,
H. W. Taylor

Mission of Church and World Service

By W. A. Visser't Hooft

(Editor's Note: An increasingly lively discussion has ensued in church circles in recent years about the relative merits of missions and of service, meaning such things as relief and rehabilitation. Some persons in the field of missions have questioned the place of service activities as a part of the church's witness in the world, and some of those engaged in relief and other service activities have said that the end of missions is in sight. This debate is put into international and enumenical perspective by Dr. Visser't Hooft, general secretary of the World Council of Churches. The World Council encompasses both fields –missions in its Division of World Mission and Evangelism, and service in its Division of Interchurch Aid, Refugee and World Service.)

Let us try to throw some light on the relationship between mission and service. We must begin by recognizing openly that this is a very real problem. It is not merely that we have our mission-imperialists and our service—imperialists, the first declaring that service is a lower form of Christian action than mission, the second saying that the day of mission is coming to an end and that service is to take over. We need not take these too seriously because in the light of the New Testament they are so obviously wrong. It is rather that while recognizing that both mission and service are necessary, we do not see how they can be constructively related to each other.

Neither witness nor service are "extras" in the Christian life. Both belong to the very stuff of the Christian existence. And both have that dignity, because they are nothing less than expressions of the work of God in and for the world. In Christ, God becomes known as the original missionary and the original servant, and these two are not parallel and unrelated divine activities. They are simply different ways in which God's love works among men.

The Church, as the instrument in God's hands used for the mission and service operation, must therefore be a witnessing and a serving Church, and that in such a way that its mission is the mission of a servant-Church and its service, the service of a missionary-Church.

What does that mean concretely? If the Church's mission is that of a servant-Church, it means first of all that it offers its message, not in a spirit of arrogance but in a spirit of total humility. It does not behave as if it were the representative of a superior culture. It goes out of its way to prove that it is in no way inked up with any attempt to spread an ideology, not even the best ideology. It does not desire any privileges other than the right to preach the Gospel.

In this connection, I would raise two questions. The first is whether the time has not come for mission boards to internationalize their personnel in such a way that the great misunderstanding about missions as part of the various national cultural policies can be removed. There is much evidence that international teams can break through walls of suspicion and misunderstanding in a way which national teams cannot.

My second question is whether the whole missionary movement should not confess publicly that there are pages in its history about which it is ashamed, pages which carry the story of a mixing up of missions and politics. Is not the best way to answer unfair accusations against missions efforts such as we hear in Africa and Asia the frank admission that there have been occasions when missions served more than one master, but the equally energetic affirmation that we regret these aberrations and that they do not represent the true intention or the general practice of the movement?

Missions of a servant-Church will take wherever they go not only the spiritual heritage of their own confession, but of the whole Church. For in their witness, they are not merely servants of a certain denomination or confession, they are emissaries of the Body of Christ. Missions of a servant-Church will seek to achieve the maximum possible cooperation with other churches. For they are concerned with the total missionary situation, not only with their particular mission field. We cannot fail to realize that in face of the tremendous obstacles to missionary work in the world today a common strategy is indispensable.

On the other hand, what does it mean to render service as a missionary Church? We must say immediately that it does *not* mean that the Church refuses to render any service which cannot be accompanied by the direct proclamation of the Christian Gospel. There is a tenacious and widespread suspicion in the world that the Christian Church is unable to serve without using its service as an occasion for preaching. We are ourselves partly to blame for this, for we have often failed in making the necessary distinctions.

There are many occasions when the Church is called to do nothing else than to meet the direct physical or social needs of man in distress. And no one should say that when the Church renders such service, it is not really and fully the Church. But the service of a missionary Church is nevertheless a very specific form of service. It is not some vague humanitarian philanthropy. It is the expression of the divine philanthropy.

What does that mean concretely? We must distinguish between two forms of service: church-to-church service and church-to-world service. With regard to the first, the service of a missionary church will be concerned with the total witnessing and serving community around the world. It will want to share with its sister churches, all its sister churches and not only those of its own confessional family, the resources which are available to it.

And what characterizes the service which a missionary church renders to the world? First of all, its concern for all men without any distinction. It is a service which demonstrates that God is not against any man, but for all men. It is a service without any strings, without any ideological or political or ecclesiastical calculation. Secondly, it is a service which never forgets that God loves persons, not numbers or cards in an IBM machine. It seeks to deal with the needs of men as individual persons and as persons who have their own specific dignity and calling.

At this point, the experience of the missionary movement, which has by its nature been concerned with individual men, is of decisive importance for all our service activity. If we are concerned with men in the totality of their life, our service will include helping men everywhere to order their societies in such a way that men can live responsibly and meaningfully.

It seems to me that if mission and service are thus both penetrated by the same love rooted in the same Gospel, they will play into each other's hands. The service, if it is truly Christian, will make people wonder about the Christians. The mission will make explicit what really lies behind the service. Both will build up the Church, but both will manifest that the Church exists for the world. We must see both mission and service as part of the cosmic design of God and as expressions of the great reconciliation which has already taken place, but is yet to be made known in word and deed to those who are not yet aware of it.

Albemarle Youth Rally April 5

Methodist youth from Anson, Stanly and Union Counties will meet on Sunday, April 5, at Central Methodist Church, Monroe, for the Albemarle District Youth Rally. Services will begin at 3:00 p.m. with informal fellowship singing.

The theme for the rally will be Christian Citizenship. Dr. Wilson O. Weldon,



Dr. Wilson O. Weldon

minister of West Market Street Methodist Church in Greensboro, will speak to the group. His subject is "Twice a Citizen."

Dr. Weldon received his A.B. degree at the University of South Carolina, his B.D. at Duke University, and in 1952, High Point College awarded him an honorary doctor's degree. Before coming to Greensboro, Dr. Weldon has served as minister of the following churches: China Grove; First, High Point; Memorial, Thomasville; First, Gastonia; Myers Park, Charlotte. He has served on many boards and agencies throughout The Methodist Church.

Music for the rally will be led by the Youth Choir of Central Methodist, Monroe. The Union Subdistrict is host to the rally and will serve refreshments at the close of the program.

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A Methodist layman and a Roman Catholic priest agreed in Lynchburg, Va., as to close relationships needed between religion and politics.

U. S. Rep. John Brademas of Indiana and the Rev. John F. Cronin, assistant director of scoial action National Catholic Welfare Conference, spoke at the second annual "Focus" symposium sponsored by students of Randolph-Macon Woman's College in Lynchburg March 6-8.

Brademas said that his belief in separation of church and state "doesn't suggest" that religion is not related to political action. He held that the relationship is in the concept of justice, since in politics that purpose is justice, and Christians are concerned that people be treated justly because of the command to love one another.



By Mary Gardner

From Spooky to Spunky

"Why don't you want one of my Collie pups, Tom? I've never heard of a boy who didn't want a dog!" Mr. King, one of Father's friends looked at Tom in surprise.

Tom's face turned almost as pink as the strawberry ice cream on his plate at the dinner table.

Mother explained, "I'm sorry, Mr. King, but Tom's afraid of dogs. When he was little, a dog chased him. The dog was only playing but Tom has been afraid of them ever since. We're hoping he'll get over it soon."

Tom was afraid of dogs. He knew it was silly but he couldn't help it. He had tried and tried to stop being afraid, but he could not.

A few days later, on his way home from school, Tom crossed a bridge over a stream. He heard barking and shouts from the bank below. He looked and saw three big boys teasing a little dog in the icy water. Every time the dog tried to climb out, the boys pushed him back in.

"The big bullies!" Tom thought. Then he remembered something. "Hey!" he called. "Officer Bill is up the street. If he sees what you are doing you'll be sorry."

"Go way, Kid!" the boys yelled. But Tom had worried them. They gave the dog a push and ran away.

The dog swam slowly to the bank, but he was too weak to climb out unless somebody helped.

"Help!" Tom cried again and again. But nobody was in sight. Officer Bill must have gone.

Tom was afraid, but he knew somebody had to help. And after all, the dog wasn't very big.

Tom went down by the stream. He dragged the dog out of the water by the wet matted fur on his neck. The dog lay on the bank and panted.

"He'll die in the cold if I don't get him warm and dry," thought Tom. For the minute, he forgot to be afraid. He wrapped his jacket around the dog and carried him home.

"Tom," his mother said, as he came into the kitchen. She was surprised to see Tom carrying a dog. "Where did you get him?"

Tom told Mother the whole story while she got old towels to dry the dog and heated some milk for him.

As soon as the dog could stand up again, he followed Tom everywhere. Tom was the only person he trusted. When Tom's mother or father tried to pat the dog he pulled away.

"What will I name him?" Tom asked Father.

"He's the shyest, spookiest pup I've ever seen—Spooky would be a good name." So Tom named the dog Spooky.

That night Spooky slept close beside Tom's bed. Tom looked at the dog, curled up in a frightened little ball. He felt sorry for him.

"Please God, help him to stop being afraid," he prayed. "And please help me to not be afraid of him, too." Tom sighed sadly. He had asked God to help him get over his fear of dogs many times before, and nothing had happened.

Next morning, Spooky's cold, wet nose on Tom's hand woke him up. He jerked his hand back. But when the dog reached up and licked his hand, Tom laughed. It wasn't easy to be afraid of a dog who licked his hand.

At breakfast Tom said, "Could I keep him, Dad? I-I think I'm going to like him."

"We'll tell Officer Bill we've found him and we'll watch the lost and found page in the newspapers. If nobody claims him, you can keep him," Tom's father said.

When weeks passed and no one called for the dog, Tom knew Spooky was his.

Tom and Spooky became good friends. Tom felt bad when he heard his mother say Spooky was the worst scaredy-cat she'd ever seen. It was true, though Whenever Tom dropped his shoes with a clatter or called downstairs to anyone, Spooky would hide under a chair.

And even though Tom didn't like to think about it, when Spooky barked too loud or ran too fast, Tom was afraid of him.

One day, Tom was walking Spooky on a leash when the same three boys came down the street. The minute they saw Spooky they stopped right in Tom's way.

"Hey, there's that stray dog," the biggest boy said. "Let's give him another swimming lesson."

The boy grabbed for the leash. When Tom wouldn't let go, the boy pulled harder.

Then it happened! With a loud growl, Spooky ran toward the boy. The boy jumped back. Spooky began to bark. He pulled and tugged at his leash. The three boys ran away.

"S-Spooky!" cried Tom. "You aren't afraid any more!" Tom was right. Spooky had growled and barked when somebody tried to hurt him.

Suddenly Tom knew something else—even though Spooky had barked and growled, Tom hadn't been afraid of him. God had answered Tom's prayer.

Tom hugged Spooky. He raced home to tell Mother.

After Tom had told his story, Mother reached out to pat Spooky. This time, he didn't pull away.

"Spooky!" said Mother. "You got a lot of spunk!"

"Hey!, that gives me an idea," said Tom. "I'll give Spooky a new name—Spunky."

"R-r-ruff!" barked Spunky. And it was a brave bark.

I Help God Care for His World

When I bring water for the flowers,
Or feed the birds that fly around,
When I put food out for the squirrels,
Or plant some seeds down in the ground,
I'm helping God care for His world.
And then I say this Thank You prayer,
"Thank You, dear God, for letting me
Help You with all this loving care.

—*Author Unknown*

JUST FOR FUN

Bobbie, shopping with his mother, was given a stick of candy by the sales clerk.

"What must you say, Bobbie," his mother reminded him gently.

"Charge it," Bobbie replied.

Little Janie came in the house with a howl after a big dog had playfully pummeled her in the yard.

"He was only playing," her mother assured her. "He didn't bite you."

"No . . . but he *tasted* me," Janie protested.

BIBLE QUIZ

1—Who was the first person in the Bible to say: "I was afraid?"
2—What wonderful sight did Moses see on the mountain side, which made him afraid "to look to God?"
3—Who said, "It is I, be not afraid?"
4—The man who had been given one talent said: "I was afraid," and what did he do with his one talent?"
5—About whom was it once said: "The glory of the Lord shone around about them: and they were sore afraid?"

Answers to Last Week's Questions

1—The women brought spices and to anoint Jesus (Mark 16:1)
2—They ran to tell Peter and "the other Disciple whom Jesus loved" (John 20: 1-2)
3—Jesus (Matthew 28:8-10)
4—Peter and the other Disciple (John 20: 3-10)
5—In Galilee (Matthew 28:16-20)
6—Bethany (Luke 24:50)

Mrs. Tennie Highfill Fox Set Up Loan Fund at High Point College

Mrs. Tennie Highfill Fox, who all her life was interested in seeing young people grow intellectually, spiritually, and morally, has left a time-enduring memorial to herself at High Point College—a loan fund of $15,000 for worthy and needy students.

Mrs. Fox, who was 84 years of age when she died, was the youngest in a family of 19 children. She grew up at Highfill, the homeplace at Summerfield, and went to school at Whitsett Institute.

A second cousin to Sidney Lanier, renowned Southern poet, Mrs. Fox became interested at an early age in teaching the "young-uns" as she called her youthful charges. Her interest in seeing children learn took her to teaching posts in Siler City, Summerfield, Deep River, Pleasant Garden, Oak Ridge, and High Point, where she taught when there were only two schools there, one located where the post-office now is.

Her former students cherish fond memories of "Miss Tennie" as she was affectionately called.

"I remember her as a teacher I liked," recalls Miss Katherine Hoskins of Summerfield. "She must have loved children very much, for she had the gift of being a child with children. She had a lot of quiet humor about her that endeared her to everyone."

Her devotion to teaching must have been deep and genuine, for she taught at a time, as Miss Hoskins puts it, when "she must have made all of $20 a month."

There were only seven grades in the Summerfield school when Miss Tennie taught there, and she taught the "young-uns" everything there was to teach.

"Miss Tennie walked to school every day from her home," recalls Miss Hoskins. "In the school we had a flat-topped stove on which Miss Tennie used to warm the sausages and biscuits which the children brought to school in their lunches."

Were Miss Tennie alive today, she would be a strong advocate of the program for quality education, for all her actions during her life were directed toward such a goal.

Realizing her own personal need for adequate preparation for teaching, Miss Tennie went to "summer school and summer school and summer school," recalls Mrs. Eva Futrell, a niece in Summerfield.

Perhaps it was this realization that led Miss Tennie to establish a loan fund to make it possible for students to prepare themselves more adequately and more easily than she was able to do herself.

Miss Tennie, who was christened Minerva Centennial because she was born during the 100th anniversary of the Declaration of Independence, was married just before World War I to James Fox, a sportsman. She and her husband leased thousands of acres of hunting land around Siler City and raised pheasants and quail, which they sold in pairs.

Miss Tennie was a teacher in High Point just before High Point College was becoming established on the present campus. A Methodist Protestant, she was keenly aware of the need for the services rendered by a church-related liberal arts college. A deep affection for the college grew and was nurtured as she watched the young college's valiant struggle for survival during the depression years and the recovery period following.

When Miss Tennie died in 1960, this woman of modest means, still crusading for quality in educating the children she so loved, directed in her will that a part of her estate go to High Point College to assist worthy students in obtaining an education.

In its second year of operation, the Tennie Highfill Fox Memorial Loan Fund has provided assistance to four High Point College students in their quest for an education, two in the 1962-63 academic year and two in the current year.

Miss Tennie will always be a living memory at High Point College through the students she is helpnig attain the academic training she considered so necessary for the "young-uns" she loved.



BEULAVILLE METHODIST CHURCH BREAKING GROUND

Pictured above is the Rev. La Fon C. Vereen, Executive Secretary of the Board of Missions, breaking ground for the new church at Beulaville, North Carolina. Participating in this service is the Rev. Grady Dawson, District Superintendent, New Bern District, the pastor, Rev. F. L. Reynolds, Mr. C. L. Raup, chairman of the Board of Trustees, and Mr. Herman Gore, mayor of the City of Beulaville. Construction for the new church will begin immediately at an estimated cost of $32,000.00. The Beulaville Methodist Church is made possible through the efforts of the Ten Dollar Club of the North Carolina Conference.

Calls Upon Young People To Take Stand For Right

The need for young men and women to take a stand in a world marked by conformity was emphasized by Bishop Prince A. Taylor, of Monrovia, Liberia, in his Palm Sunday sermon at Bennett College.

Bishop Taylor, who has spent eight years as a representative of The Methodist Church in the West African republic, deplored the tendency of many persons to throw up their hands in despair as they view the present world situation.

"There is a great temptation," he declared, "to serve the gods that are, rather than the living God. The average person is willing to be swept along with the tide, to become a part of a great impersonal mass. The worth of the individual, therefore, has been lost."

The uncertainty of the present era, in which it is difficult to predict today what tomorrow will be, was also cited as a reason why so few people have "any noble expectancy" or great dreams.

"Perhaps our greatest enemy is not Russia or communism, but possibly this lack of self-assurance," he stated. "Man, at his best, has loyalties for which he is willing to die, if necessary. I hope that you will have the courage to worship the true God and to relate this to all of your hopes and dreams."

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Faith and Fear in Mortal Encounter

By Bishop Eugene M. Frank

Excerpts from the keynote address given by Bishop Frank at the opening session of the annual convention of the National Association of Methodist Hospitals and Homes in St. Louis Jan. 28. Bishop Frank heads the church's Missouri Area.

As is always the case with the species on this little planet we dare to call human, men dominated by fear find the world in a mess while men dominated by faith find it in revolution.

There are those who despair of making anything out of this chaos.

"Stop the World I Want to Get Off" is not only the name of a play; it is a rather important reflection of our generation.

On the other hand, there are those who know that revolution means change and change means choice, and choice means opportunity and opportunity means commitment. In any chaotic, disturbed situation, the future belongs to those persons of disciplined mind and will who have the courage and purpose to take hold of the opportunity.

The entire world is in revolution. Old ideas are being discarded frequently without testing. Tradition is anathema. Authority, restraint and discipline are altogether forgotten words.

Jenkin Lloyd Jones tried to stir up the editors recently in his widely-quoted address, "Who Is Tampering With the Soul of America?" His description of the present situation, the moral tone of the United States, is dramatic and relevant. His remedy fell on deaf ears. Not only the editors, but the general public, are not yet interested in the recovery of any moral character. The price is too high, and just now we are having a tremendous time exploiting the greatest nation in the world, ourselves.

The editors of the highly respected Christian Science Monitor have just published a booklet called "Challenge to Morality." They have turned to observers in every part of the world and in every field of work to examine the moral tone of our society. It is soul-searing report.

Where there is such moral chaos, there is also moral opportunity. Where there is a vacuum, nature rushes in to fill it. Never before has the world been so small in size, so chaotic in mood, so revolutionary in spirit and so open to the leading of men who know where they want to go and why.

Fear dominates the American scene. It manifests itself in the moral tone of our society. Illegitimacy has increased 300 per cent in ten years. Pornography has become a 500 million dollar a year business. Venereal disease increased 72 per cent in one year. Our crime bill has reached 20 billion dollars per year. Crime has increased 4 times faster than our population in the last decade and juvenile crime has increased 5 times faster.

Fear manifests itself in violence. Each year there are some 25,000 suicides. Six times that many persons attempt suicide and ten times that many seriously consider it while 100 times that many others admit they have been on the ragged edge of self-destruction. This is violence turned inward—an anger taken out upon self. But, even more hideous is the toll of anger and violence turned outward. Crimes of violence have increased fantastically. Anger turned outward has resulted in a vote of No-Confidence in our society. Angry persons who can find no heart for crime, have turned their anger against public officals, school authorities, preachers, professors. Vicious attacks upon persons who have no other security than their own integrity have become a tragic sport for scared and angry people all through our society. Character assassination is cheap. The violent and scared individual can attack the church without any danger to himself. This is another evidence of the psychotic fear that grips America.

But, suppose we relate this phenomena to the concern we have for that voluntary generosity, that out-going service to humanity, which makes possible our Christian institutions of healing, Christian care for the aging or for children.

The encounter of faith and fear is a mortal encounter in the area of voluntary, Christian generosity. Such out-going and unselfish cannot grow in an atmosphere of moral decay and the collapse of a world-view which made such a concern possible.

The truth is that all voluntary and private institutions depending upon the generosity and selfless concern of persons are in jeopardy. They can survive only in a climate of faith. The real issue in this encounter is the deterioration of a way of looking at life, a world-view, or if you will permit it, a philosophy of life itself, that results in moral and ethical conduct. Before we can have that kind of climate we must have persons who know with confident assurance who they are, what they are, what they are living for, and why.

The first mark of such a faith is identity. All over the world the human wail is "Can Anybody Tell Me Who I Am?" People are seeking an identity. We have lost ours. There is no great, over-arching understanding of man's place in the universe that possesses us. The result of the loss of identity is chaos. When you and I do not really know who we are as persons, we are lost. Life has no relationship. Man does not know who he is or where he lives. This is fear at its most devastating level. Faith is to know who we are, where we live, what is the infinite value of the individual. The result of this way of looking at life is security and hope. And the climate thus created makes possible the voluntary, self-giving of love and sacrifice which make Christian instutions possible.

Or, another mark of faith is to know the meaning of existance. Professor Paul Tillich reminds us that three fears have gripped mankind. Before the Christian era it was the Fear of Death. During the middle ages, the Fear of Guilt. Today, it is the Fear of Meaninglessness. The mad search for escape, for nirvana, for death itself, is the result. There is no joy, there is only fun. There is no peace, there is only aspirin. There is no hope, there is only alcohol or some other form of narcotic.

Well, there is a faith that restores purpose and order and meaning, but there are not many voices proclaiming it. And in our climate of fear we must expect the Church and all expression of Christian concern and selfless generosity to be in trouble.

One of the great scholars of the world has said that in the 19th century, man was in a desperate search for a merciful God. In the 20th century, man is in a search,, frantic and desparate, for a merciful neighbor. We are not finding each other in any significant relationship. Nations cannot find each other in any vital relationship. We do not know who we are or why we are here. Modern man is fragmented, torn apart, and the bursting of the atom into fragments is the only symbol which fits man's condition in the mid-century. There is not one remedy for fragments. There is no healing for parts and pieces. There is only healing for the whole.

If I did not believe that wholeness for man is possible, I would have to leave my profession. Probably we are nowhere near the end of the cycle of the dehumanization of man. Indeed, it may not be a cycle at all, it may be a mighty current of lostness from which there is no return. My soul cries out for the rediscovery of persons, for the value of the individual, for the healing of broken minds and bodies, for the day when you and I and our fellow-human beings will know who we are and where we live. My heart cries out for that identity and meaning that enables men to find each other in significant relationships and live as persons of value, worth and security.

I suppose what I want to say is that Life Does Not Need Security If We Know Who We Are And It Does Not Need Comfort If It Has Meaning.

If we want a free people, with free, voluntary, private institutions dedicated to the healing of man's body, mind and spirit, which is the Wholeness of Man, the cost of it must be the rediscovery of man's identity and the recovery of his meaning.

Faith and fear are in mortal encounter. The voluntary, Christian institutions of healing in which the Church is deeply invilved are at stake. Mountains of difficulty, coldness of heart, unloving attitudes, selfishness, moral and ethical decay, are confronting the Christian Imperative to heal the sick, bind up the broken-hearted, care for the unloved and rejected. You are the men to match these mountains. Though your faith be as small as a grain of mustard, God can use it with your willingness, to move mountains.

God and one man of faith are always a majority in God's world. When I become depressed at the moral tone of our society, at the religious coldness of America, or the failure of men to rise up to opportunity, I think of the great missionary Apostle. His list of hardships and heartbreaks put mine to shame. He knew his idenity as a child of God. He knew that God possessed the meaning of all existence. He started a march of Christian saints across the world. Wherever the love of Christ was spread, the Inn of the Good Samaritan was founded. It was a daring adventure of faith. I want you to hear his word, and take heart, wrote St. Paul, A Wide Door For Effective Service Has Opened . . . And There Are Many Adversaries . . .

Pheiffer Students to Work At Oak Ridge Institute

Two Pfeiffer College science majors have won appointments for the summer student research program at the Oak Ridge Institute of Nuclear Studies. They are Craig Bolling, a mathematics major, Cameron, N. C., and Richard L. Smith, a biology major, Bridgeton, N. J.

The science majors are both academic honor students and are both members of the junior class. They won the coveted academic appointments on the basis of their academic record at Pfeiffer and recommendations of college faculty members.

Bolling will work in the Physics Division of the Oak Ridge National Laboratories in a research project under the direction of a senior staff member. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Bolling, Route 1, Cameron and a physics minor at Pheiffer.

Smith will work at the University of Tennessee Atomic Energy Commission's Agricultural Research Laboratory at Oak Ridge in a research project. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest N. Smith, 5 Stranger Road, Bridgeton.

Both appointments are for ten-week terms and carry an award of $750 for the project.

This is the third year Pfeiffer students have won appointments to the ORINS-ORNL Summer Student Program.

Newman S. Cryer, Jr., Becomes Associate Editor of "Together"

A career journalist of The Methodist Church will move into a new assignment April 1, it has been announced.

Newman S. Cryer, Jr., of Arlington Heights, Ill., who has edited the monthly magazine, *Methodist Laymen,* for the past



NEWMAN S. CRYER, JR.

four years, will become an associate editor of The Methodist Church's monthly family magazine, *Together.*

Announcement of the shift was made jointly by the Rev. Dr. Ewing T. Wayland, editorial director of *Together* and *Christian Advocate,* and Dr. Robert G. Mayfield, Evanston, Ill., general secretary of the Board of Lay Activities, pubblisher of *Methodist Layman.*

Prior to joining the staff of the Board of Lay Activities, Cryer served for nearly 15 years as an editor for the Methodist Publishing House, including 10 years as editor of *The Pastor,* a monthly magazine for ministers formerly published in Nashville, Tenn., and four years as managing editor of *Christian Advocate,* then published in Chicago.

Commenting upon Cryer's selection for *Together* staff, Dr. Wayland had this to say: "We are extremely pleased to have Mr. Cryer associated with the *Together* staff. He brings to his new responsibility a depth of experience and an understanding of the church which will make his contribution a most significant one thruogh the church's general magazine for the laity, *Together.*"

Dr. Mayfield spoke in high appreciation of Cryer's editorial services and contributions to the Board of Lay Activities and expressed deep regret at his resignation from the board's staff.

A native of Anniston, Ala., Cryer was active in the First Methodist Church in Anniston while he lived there and during the decade he lived in Nashville was an active member of the official boards of Hobson and Glendale Methodist churches. Cryer now lives in Arlington Heights, Ill., where he is a member of the official board of the First Methodist Church.

He was graduated from the University of Alabama in 1940 with a bachelor of arts degree, having majored in journalism.

Mr. Cryer has served as a staff member of *The Daily Christian Advocate* of the 1952, 1956, and 1960 General Conferences.

At the Second Assembly of the World Council of Churches in Evanston, Ill., in 1954 he servel as a member of the Reporting Service of the Committee on Press and Broadcasting.

He was co-editor with Dr. John M. Vayhinger of "Casebook in Pastoral Counseling," published in 1962 by Tbingdon Press.

He was married in 1943 to Dorothy Lucile Allen of Chicago. Their children are Newman Paul and Catherine Elizabeth. The Cryer family home is at 1007 North Kennicott, Avenue, Arilington Heights.

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The Best Way

The Christwas Way is not the only way—yet it is the best standard for living that has ever been presented—not only for the present life but the only hope for a future. If we lived more the Christ Way, we would have good will, peace, all key essentials, better business, and happier homes. Conditions in every place would be greatly improved, much worry would be eliminated, fear would be reduced and hope that is real would be instilled in the minds and hearts of individuals. Overhead costs could be lowered and quality placed to a higher degree. Valuable time would be saved from loafing, also from locking up our possessions. We could accept a person on his word; court expenses would be a minimum; social diseases would be much rarer; the static of cursing would be a thing of the past. Drunkenness would not be dangerous on our highways, nor rob the children of unconcerned parents.

Our children would have the best example and pattern set before them—that of fair living. Our being together would be more pleasant and profitable as conversations would be much cleaner and helpful in the place of demoralizing: tattling and dirty jokes would be secondary. The cost of men and materials in war could be converted to living naturally — developing the barren waste land into gardens of fruitfulness. I dare not say it would be heaven on earth but we would be centuries nearer perfection than we are now.

What is the Christ Way?

Believing in God the Creator as Father; serving as our conscience suggests when we put first things first doing good by aiding any who may be in need; building and bettering conditions, rather than trying to satisfy our own personal desires and delights; reverence for God; restoration for wrong doing; rebuilding the walls of broken down faith; by getting away from this modernism of calling ourselves Christians; living in such a way that others will notice and be inspired to try the Christ Way.

Today is rather late for us but maybe the Lord of Life will look down: lift, light, pardon, and allow us time to help in His Kingdom so that future generations may know of God, Christ and the Christian Church. The Christ Way is our only hope for survival now, or being safe for eternity.

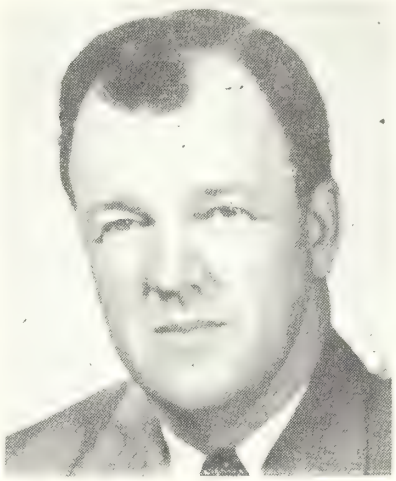
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Methodist College to Inaugurate Dr. Weaver as President

On Friday, April 10, Dr. Lucius Stacy Weaver will be inaugurated as the first president of Methodist College.

Dr. Weaver, who has served as president of the college since its beginning, has insisted on the postponement of his inauguratoin



DR. LUCIUS STACY WEAVER

until the first senior class became a reality.

The Honorable Terry Sanford, chairman of the college's Board of Trustees, will preside over the ceremony which will be held in the Student Union Building at 10:30 a.m.

Dr. John O. Gross, General Secretary, Division of Higher Education of The Methodist Church, Nashville, Tenn., will give the inauguration address.

Special music will be provided by the Methodist College Chorus under the direction of Alan M. Porter and by the Fayetteville Symphony Orchestra under the direction of Dr. Willis Gates, head of the music department at the college.

At one o'clock a luncheon will be held in the college dining hall for official delegates and special guests. At the same hour lunch will be served in the Physical Education Building for ministers who have made reservations, Fayetteville College Foundation members, Honorary Alumni, other guests, and students.

At three o'clock in the afternoon the two new residence halls will be dedicated. From 4:30 until 6:30 p.m., the Fayetteville College Foundation will give a reception in the Student Union lounge honoring President Weaver.



Lake Junaluska Summer Assembly Program For 1964

Dr. Ralph Sockman will be the preacher for the Southeastern Jurisdiction Conference, July 8-12. Bishop Kenneth Copeland of Nebraska, and Dr. J. Wallace Hamilton, of St. Petersburg, Fla., will preach during the Ministers' Week, immediately following the Jursidictional Conference. Dr. Charles L. Allen of First Methodist Church, Housten, Texas, and Dr. Lawrence LaCour of the General Board of Evangelism will be the preachers during Candler Campmeeting, and Conference on Evangelism.

Mrs. Ralph A. Ward, of Taiwan, China, will be the special speaker for the WNC WSCS Conference, and Retreat, and for the Jurisdictional School of Missions of the WSCS, courses on U. S. Responsibility for New Nations, and the Church's Mission to New Nations will be taught by Dr. Graybeal, Mr. Tewksbury, Mrs. Junior Avers, Miss Thelma Stevens, Mr. Herman Will, Jr., Dr. Allen Claxton will teach the course on Spanish Americans, and Prof. Charles Baughman of St. Pauls Theological Seminary in Kansas City, wil teach the Bible course.

The Spiritual Life Conference will bring Dr. Webb Garrison, Dr. Thomas A. Carruth, Rev. W. Douglass Corriher and Dr. G. Weldon Gatlin as speakers, and other group leaders, including Mrs. Milton Randolph and Dr. D. Trigg James.

This year the North Carolina Association of Alcoholics Anonymuos will hold their annual meeting at the Lake. Other non-Methodist groups who will use the Assembly facilities will be The Evangelical Covenant Youth Organization, the North Carolina Garden Clubs, the Seventh Day Adventists, and the Y.W.C.A.

The Church Ushers Conference will hear Dr. R. Kern Eutsler, and Dr. John J. Rudin of Duke University, and the Methodist Lawyers' Conference will have as speakers, Senator Strom Thurmond of South Carolina, Hon. Paul Ervin, Jr., of Charlotte, Dr. Samuel E. Stumpf of Vanderbilt University and others.

The Jurisdictional Family Life Conference is bringing Dr. John Charles Wynn of the Colgate-Rochester Divinity School as Coaching-Conference Leader; and the Methodist Physicians Conference will hear Dr. Walter H. Judd, M.D., of Washington, D. C., Dr. J. Allen Knight, M.D., of Union Theological Seminary, Dr. Carl Michalson, Ph.D., of Drew University, and Dr. Mark Depp, of Winston-Salem, N. C.

Dr. Edwin M. Wright of the Foreign Service Institute, Washington, D. C., will give a series of lectures on the Near East, culminating on "Walt Holcomb Night, July 22, with a discussion of "U. S. Involvement in the Near East, a Critical Problem of Foreign Policy."

The Jurisdictional Missionary Conference will feature many of the General Conference delegates from abroad, and the Youth and Missions Conference held at the same time will have, in addition, Sammy Shamba from the Congo, The David Hiltons from Malaya, and others.

Mr. W. Howard Coble, minister of Music at Wesley Memorial Church in High Point, N. C., will direct the Church Music Institute, and at the same time has been scheduled the Junaluska Bible Week, with Bishop James K. Mathews and Dr. Charles M. Laymon as the speakers.

At the Candler Campmeeting and Conference on Evangelism, group leaders will be Dr. G. Weldon Gatlin, James Roy Smith, Charles D. Whittle, R. L. Archibald and others.

The Jurisdictional Layman's Conference will bring outstanding lay leaders to the Assembly, as always during one of the largest conferences of the summer, Mr. Roy Black and Dr. James W. Sells are completing that program to be announced soon.

A new conference on Architecture and Building will bring to the Lake, Dr. H. L. Johns of Church Extension, and Mr. Norman G. Byar of Church Architecture from the Division of National Missions, together with Dr. S. Turner Riteour of the NCCA and Dr. Edward S. Frey of the Architecture Department of the American Lutheran Church, Rev. J. Clay Madison of Myers Park Methodist Church, Charlotte, N. C., and others.

The Leadership and Laboratory School will have seven staff members of the general Board of Education, as well as Dr. Harvey Pothoff of Iliff School of Theology and Lowel B. Hazzard of Wesley Theological Seminary, with several additional group leaders, seminar directors and consultants. The Church School Administrators will enjoy some of the same leadership, and in addition hear Dr. McMurray S. Richey of the Duke University faculty, Bishop John Owen Smith of Atlanta, Rev. Randle Dew, Dr. D. Trigg James, Dr. Dallas Bass and Dr. T. Cecil Myers.

Church Business Administrators will be led by Dr. James W. Sells, Dr. Thomas S. Newton, Dr. Gilbert C. Stout, Mr. Gordon Danielson, Rev. Dudley Calhoun, Mr. Melvin G. Dodson, Mrs. J. W. McCoy and Rev. Clyde W. Humphrey.

Bishop Pual Neff Garber of Richmond, Va., will be the speaker for the WNC Layman's Advance program, and group leaders include Dr. Gilbert A. Stout and Dr. William McPherson of the Board of Lay Activities.

Dr. James Gustafson of Yale Uuniversity faculty will be the chief speaker at the Student Regional Leadership Conference. Rev. Max Hale and Rev. Robert A. Davis will direct the program.

Among the special features during the summer will be a dozen widescreen movies, symphony orchestra concerts, vocal soloists and ensembles, Coronation of the Junaluska Queen, Fourth of July Field Day and other events.

This year both the Western North Carolina and the Suoth Carolina Annual Conferences as well as the Southeastern Jurisdiction Conference will bring thousands of delegates to the Lake. They will have the priority for accomodations. Visitors planning to attend these meetings should make reservations as far ahead as possible.



UNION CHAPEL METHODIST CHURCH, ALBEMARLE CIRCUIT TO BUILD

The congregation of Union Chapel Methodist Church, south of Albemarle, has approved plans for a completely new building to replace the inadequate present building which was constructed in 1925. The congregation hopes to begin construction late this spring if possible. Ben Sides, Jr. of Charlotte is the architect. Jesse J. Almond is chairman of the Building Committee and Howard Holt is chairman of the Finance Committee. The church has slightly more than 130 members. The new sanctuary will seat more than 200, and there will be ten classrooms, a pastor's study, and a choir room. Rev. James R. Faggart is the pastor.

Fact Book Published

The Methodist Fact Book for 1964 is just off the press. Its publication was announced March 18 by the Rev. Dr. Don A. Cooke, general secretary and treasurer of the Council on World Service and Finance, under whose supervision the book was published.

A project of the council's Department of Statistics, the *Fact Book* was edited by Douglas Crozier, director of statistics. The well-indexed, 175-page volume contains many facts about The Methodist Church in general but focuses especially on the work overseas.

A gatefold world map, numerous pictures from mission centers, regional maps and descriptive material combine with statistical data to give an up-to-date perspective on Methodist work throughout the world.



Sunday School Lesson

FOR APRIL 12

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MAN IN GOD'S UNIVERSE

Background Scripture: Genesis 1:26-30; Psalms 8; Luke 12:4-7
Lesson Scripture: Psalms 8

In our last lesson our subject dealt with the universe as the creation of God. In today's lesson we are to think of man in God's universe; what man is, how he has been thought of, his possibilities and his destiny.

Our Scripture is Psalms 8, a hymn of praise to God. One notices that both the first verse and the last proclaim this central theme: "O Lord, our Lord, how majestic is thy name in all the earth." The psalmist is deeply impressed with the beauty and myterious vastness of the heavens. In verse two he seems to be saying that the sincere praise of children who marvel at the wonder and beauty of God's creation is a greater act than all the power that God's enemies can command.

Then, in verse 3, the transition takes place from the emphasis on nature to the place of man in the created universe. How can the Creator of all worlds be interested in man? This was the question that was raised by the philosopher; Immanuel Kant, in his famous sentence: "Two things there are which, the oftener and more steadfast we consider them, fill the mind with an ever new and ever rising admiration and reverence: the starry heavens above, the moral law within (man)."

The answers to the question "What is Man?" are many and varied. Edmund Burke is quoted as saying: "Man is an animal that cooks his victuals." Walt Whitman wrote a poem in which he admired the animals because they "do not lie awake in the dark and weep for their sins." Shakespeare wrote: "What a piece of work is man. How noble in reason. How infinite in faculty. In form and moving how express and admirable. In action how like an angel. In apprehension how like a god" (Hamlet, Act II, scene 2). None of these quotations really touch the heart of the question, but the psalmist does. He is almost surely thinking of the story of man's creation in Genesis where it is said that man is made in the "image" and "likeness" of God.

But this isn't all. Man is given dominion over creation. Thus he not only is like God, but also is given some of God's power. When the ancient writer thinks about this he is moved to wonder and filled with awe. Reflection upon this great fact, that man owes his origin and his place in creation to God, leads us to ask ourselves this question: how has man used his God-like intelligence, and what sort of account can he render to his Maker of his stewardship?

It has been the fashion recently for many theologians to low-rate man. They insist that he is so different from God that he can scarcely have any communication with Him. Furthermore, they imply that he is doomed to endless alienation from God and must live out his life in anxiety. Many modern novelists, poets, and dramatists likewise take a dim view of man's possibilities. They seem to play up the worst in man and portray him in his most unflattering, even revolting postures. Economists like to tell us that man has done a poor job of his stewardship, that he has run through with earth's resources in a prodigal manner, leaving future generations to suffer for his carelessness and extravagance. Statesmen point out that man is a fighter who insists upon destroying neighboring nations from time to time and loading heavy burdens upon citizens to pay for these expensive adventures. And so we might go on and on, listing the dreary catalog of "man's inhumanity to man that makes countless thousands mourn."

If the above observations were the whole story we should indeed feel discouraged; but it is not. In spite of his failures and weaknesses God believed in man enough to plan for his redemption through Christ. This is the good news of the Gospel. Wherever it has been heard and heeded man's life on earth has been lifted and his hopes aroused for greater life. When men accept God's plans for them, understand it and try to live (by God's help) according to that plan they are able to rise above what has been called "the beggarly elements of the world." It is these who, through all the Christian centuries, have proved that God's great adventures of creation was not in vain.

Ministry Sunday Will Be Observed May 24

Ministry Sunday will be observed in Methodist churches May 24 with the theme, "Our Prophetic Ministry."

It will be the fourth annual observance of the special day established to emphasize the ministry and ministerial recruitment by the 1960 quadrennial General Conference, worldwide policy-making and legislative body of The Methodist Church.

Methodist Bishop William Fraser McDowell, during World War I, said that every pastor is a prophet, and a prophet is "a messenger of God to his own times." This idea will be emphasized in a Ministry Sunday poster, which will be sent to all pastors for use in the churches.

Each pastor also will be sent a suggested worship service prepared by Methodist Bishop John Owen Smith, Atlanta, and "A Prophet's Prayer," a meditation for the pastor by Methodist Bishop Noah W. Moore, Jr., New Orleans.

General supervision of Ministry Sunday plans is by the Rev. Dr. W. Thomas Smith and the Rev. Dr. Gerald O. McCulloh of the Department of Ministerial Education of the Methodist Board of Education, with headquarters in Nashville, Tenn.

"In observing Ministry Sunday, ministers and churches are asked to emphasize the prophetic role of each pastor and each local congregation in this critical and challenging hour," said Dr. Smith.

"One of our concerns," said Dr. Smith, "is whether we will have prophets for the pulpit and the parish tomorrow. Within the church, we have a large company of eager, high-spirited youth, students and young adults searching for a means to express idealism and social consciousness through vocation. On Ministry Sunday, the call of Christ is to be interpreted to these young Methodists that they might consider and respond to the urgent need for modern prophets."

Dr. Powell to Preach at Knightdale

Dr. Howard P. Powell, distinguisher minister of the gospel, will preach a week of spiritual enrichment services at Knightdale Methodist Church, Knightdale, N. C., beginning Easter Sunday night and continuing through Friday. Services will begin each evening at 7:45 p.m.



DR. HOWARD P. POWELL

Dr. Powell was admitted on trial into the Western Conference in 1924 and served appointments there until 1947. In that year he was transferred to our N. C. Conference and was appointed to Edenton Street Church, Raleigh, where he served well as pastor for fifteen years.

Since June, 1962, he has given his efforts to doing special evangelistic work. During the conference year 1962-63 he preached in 33 Methodist churches for revival services in North and South Carolina and Ohio and has been equally in demand this year.

We wish to solicit the prayers of his many friends across the two conferences for these upcoming services and to invite them, if they happen to be in this vicinity, to join us as we seek to go deeper into the Christian faith.

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Divine Partner

Lord, walk with me today
Into the vast unknown;
Too dangerous the way
For me to walk alone.

Lord, I don't know one thing
Out there, but I'll not fear,
And I'll rejoice and sing—
If Thou, O Lord, be near.

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Woman's Activities

N. C. Conference WSCS Elects Officers at Annual Meeting

By Mary Gardner

Mrs. Sam A. Dunn, of Enfield, is the new president-elect of the N. C. Conference Woman's Society of Christian Service. The former conference vice-president was elected during the closing session of the conference society's Annual Meeting held at Jarvis Memorial Methodist Church, Greenville, March 17-19. Mrs. Dunn succeeds Mrs. H. C. Turlington, of Dunn.

Other newly elected officers, to take office on June 1, are Miss Camille Staton, Bethel, vice-president; Mrs. J. E. Davis, Sanford, recording secretary; Mrs. Harold Mann, Sanford, treasurer; Mrs. D. K. Fry, Raleigh, secretary Christian Social Relations; Mrs. Harold Davis, Goldsboro, literature; Miss Bernice Ballance, Dunn, missionary personnel; Mrs. T. B. Upchurch, Jr., Raeford, supply work. Also, Mrs. Shelton Boyd, Mt. Olive, youth work; Mrs. H. W. Doub, Aberdeen, chairman public relations; Mrs. L. C. Vereen, Raleigh, chairman committee on nominations. Mrs. C. H. Boyd, New Bern, was confirmed by the conference WSCS as secretary of Wesleyan Service Guild. The officers were installed by the Rev. Dr. Edgar B. Fisher, pastor of the Jarvis Memorial Methodist Church.

The Annual Meeting had for its theme "The Program That Unites Us in Witness and Service."

A dinner meeting of the enlarged executive committee (including the subdistrict leaders) in the Fellowship Hall of the host church preceded a service of Spiritual Preparation in the chapel, led by Mrs. J. E. Sponenberg, conference secretary of Spiritual Life and Mr. Philip Cartwright, soloist, of Milburn, N. J.

Other Spiritual Emphasis

Mr. Cartwright presented a series of three Meditations in Song on the theme "Faith-Hope-Love." The dedicated bass-baritone, making his fifth visit to the N. C. Conference WSCS Annual Meetings, also presented special music at a number of other points throughout the three day sessions. Mrs. Paul A. Toll, organist of the host church, was the accompanist.

During the service of Holy Communion on Tuesday evening, gifts totaling $2,740.42 were laid on the altar to be directed to scholarships for wives of Southern Rhodesian students who are now studying in the USA. Additional gifts for this love offering are still being received by the conference treasurer, Mrs Harold Mann. Celebrants for the service of Holy Communion were Dr. Edgar B. Fisher, the Rev. R. Grady Dawson, and the Rev. William K. Quick.

Guest Speakers

Miss Dorothy McConnell, of New York City, editor *World Outlook*, was heard in a series of three addresses on the topics "The Twenty-fifth Anniversary of the Woman's Society of Christian Service, "The Ecumenical Council in Rome," and "The Church in Southern Rhodesia." Dr. Tracy Jones, also of New York, and assistant general secretary of the Methodist Board of Missions, addressed the conference on the topics "Lifting Empires Off Their Hinges," and "First Fruits of a New Age." A Crusade scholar from Malaya, currently a student at the Duke University Divinity School, spoke at the closing session on Thursday morning, using as his topic, "Ambassadors for Christ."

The President's Message

Mrs. H. C. Turlington, conference president, in her annual message, cited some changes to be made in the structure of the WSCS and charged that the women of the N. C. Conference present a united witness in fulfilling the total program of the WSCS and WSG. She named as three requisites for a true Christian witness: Look inside ourselves, look at ourselves, and look away from ourselves.

The Pledge Service

During the Pledge Service on Wednesday evening, led by Mrs. Harold Mann and the nine district presidents and treasurers, pledges totaling $150,215 from the conference society and the WSG for 1964-65 were announced.

Honorary Awards

Honorary Life Patron Memberships were presented to Mrs. Allen C. Lee, Mrs. J. Frank Hauser, and Mrs. L. C. Vereen. An Honorary Baby Life Membership was presented to James Clarence Whitehurst, Jr. Receiving Adult Life Memberships were Mrs. R. M. Garrett, Mrs. Arden Tucker, Mrs. Kenneth Quiggins, Mrs. J. C. Galloway, Jr., Mrs. J. Knott Proctor, Jr.

A donation of 100 dollars was given to the Methodist Student Center, honoring the president of the hostess woman's society, Mrs. Edgar Williford, and Mr. Williford.

The World Bank Candle was burned for 45 minutes and 50 seconds, representing gifts totaling $120.00. The honorees and doners included Mrs. W. O. Goad, by the Edenton Street Methodist Church WSCS; Mrs. H. C. Turlington, by Divine Street, Dunn WSCS. All outgoing officers of the Burlington District, by the District WSCS. Deceased members of the Duke Memorial Methodist Church, Durham, memorialized by that society. Also, Mrs. William Wells, Sr., and Mrs. Henry Moss, by the Frist Methodist Church, Wilson WSCS, both of whom have given more than 30 years of service to their church; Mrs. H. C. Turlington, by the Raleigh District WSCS; Mrs. Reginald McCoy, president of the Laurinburg WSCS, by the society's executive committee; Mrs. H. C. Turlington, Mrs. H. W. Doub, Mrs. L. S. Thompson, Mrs. T. S. Newbold, and Miss Mary Gardner, by the conference WECE.

Following adjournment of the Wednesday afternoon session the delegates and visitors were guests of the Jarvis Memorial WSCS at a tea at the Methodist Student Center.

The 1965 Annual Meeting will be held March 11-18 at the Duke Memorial Methodist Church, Durham.

W. N. C. Conference

Mrs. E. K. McLarty

Statesville Calendar Announced

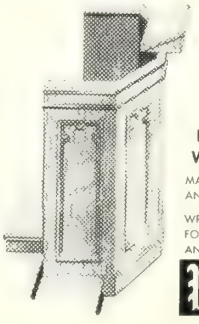
The Statesville District Executive Committee set up the following dates as being extremely important: April 23, Thursday, for all officers to be serving next year; May 24, Sunday, officers training, subdistrict 1 and 2, St. Luke's, Hickory, 2:30-4:00 p.m., May 28, Thursday, officers training, subdistricts 3 and 4, Wesley Memorial, Statesville, 7:30-9:00 p.m. (Each district officer is responsible for conducting the sessions for local officers in her line of work, or arranging for a competent person to do so and supplying that person with the necessary materials); June 16-18, Annual Meeting, Lake Junaluska; June 23, Tuesday, District Executive Meeting, Lenoir, 9:45 a.m.

A new society has been organized at Christ Church, near Statesville. Mrs. Carl King, Mrs. Garland Stafford, Mrs. H. B. Lewis, and the president of the Chapel Hill WSCS, Mrs. Summey, assisted in organizing the new society, which will meet the second Wednesday of each month. Regrattably, Harper's Chapel has ceased to function as a society, so the number of WSCS groups is the same in the district.

Two officers made the extraordinary report of having 100 per cent return of reports! They are Mrs. Courtney, district vice-president, and Mrs. Murray, district secretary of promotion. Mrs. Murray reported a district gain of 34 members.

Looking Ahead to July

One of the organizations in which the WSCS of the Western North Carolina Conference takes interest is the North Carolina Council of Women's Organizations. Each year at Chapel Hill a Leadership Training School or Workshop is held, and it has proved a most worthwhile endeavor. This year the theme for the sessions is "Stepping Stones to Leadership." Four classes are planned: 1. Effective Speaking, Dr. Lucia Morgan, Speech Division of the English Department, UNC; 2. Leadership Skills, "Understanding Work and Emotionality in


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Groups," Dr. Eugene Watson, UNC Extension Division; 3. Leadership Mechanics, Parliamentary Procedure, Mr. Clyde Ball, UNC Institute of Government; 4. At Issue, North Carolina and Poverty, Mr. William H. Kock, NCFund. Evaluator: Mrs. Dwight Rhyne, UNC Extension Division.

Other features of the sessions are an informal musical program Monday evening, dinner and a historical visit to the museum at Hillsboro, and Thursday the annual meeting of the NCWO.

Any member of an affiliated organization is invited to attend the workshop. Those who have been in the past highly recommend it as a most worthwhile experience.

THINGS TO NOTE WITH CARE

The WSG annual meeting *precedes* the WSCS meeting this year at Junaluska. WSG meets June 12-14, and the WSCS June 16-18. . . Mrs. Ralph Ward will be at her home in Hendersonville after March 28th. Welcome home, dear lady! Her address is Route 4, Box 211, Hendersonville. . . . Kentucky reports a record year of giving in the jurisdiction for the WSCS. The increase was $103,850; the year's total $2,201,850. How are we doin'?. . . . The 1965 annual meeting of the Southern Jurisdiction will be held in Penscola, Fla. . . . This year's Annual Meeting at Junaluska June 16-18 will have as its theme "Summoned to a New Age." The theme hymn is one that may not be familiar to many: "Draw Thou My Soul, O Christ." This hymn is a prayer. It would be excellent preparation for each WSCS member to read it carefully many times before June, so that the content of the words may be fully appreciated and learned. Sing it joyfully and in a lively tempo, as any sound prayer would be offered! This is fine preparation for future spiritual returns.

Woman's Division Presents Chapel In Honor of Mrs. Tillman

The national women's organization of The Methodist Church, the Woman's Division of Christian Service, has presented to all of the "people called Methodists" (John Wesley's historic phrase) the beautifully appointed chapel in the Church Center for the United Nations in New York City. The Division made the presentation March 5 in honor of the national leader of Methodist women, Mrs. J. Fount Tillman, Lewisburg, Tenn., who is president of the Woman's Division.

In a brief but deeply spiritual service in the chapel, Mrs. W. L. Perryman, Kansas City, Mo., vice-president of the Woman's Division, spoke for the women of Methodism when she said: "The Woman's Division of Christian Service of the Board of Missions of The Methodist Church presents this chapel to the people called Methodists for the glory of God and in loving recognition of Mrs. J. Fount Tillman."

Bishop Lloyd C. Wicke of the New York Area, chairman of the Building Committee for the Center, responded in accepting the chapel: "In the name of the Father, and the Son and of the Holy Spirit, we (the people called Methodists) accept this chapel to the praise of Almighty God." The service was prepared by Mrs. E. U. Robinson, Madison, Tenn., chairman of the committee on Spiritual Life of the Woman's Division.

The presentation was made by the Division, because a year ago it had voted to spend up to $100,000 to complete and furnish the chapel in honor of Mrs. Tillman. The funds provided a stained-glass window, and organ, an altar, pews and other appointments. The Woman's Division was instrumental in making the $2,000,000 Center possible by giving the initial $500,000 for the building. Dedicated in September, 1963, the Center houses the U.N. offices of the National Council of Churches, The Methodist Church and several other Protestant denominations. It is used for workshops, tours and seminars by church groups.

Valdese World Friendship Group Is Rendering Good Service

The World Friendship Group of Girls sponsored by the Woman's Society of Christian Service, First Church, Valdese, is having a very good year.

Officers are: President WSCS, Mrs. T. J. Cassells; Secretary of Youth, Mrs. C. F. Baugh; Assistant Secretary of Youth, Miss Jane Boggs; WFGG President, Susan Keever; Assistant President, Regina Shook; Spiritual Life, Bayo Monroe; Program Chairman, Bobbie Childers; Reporter, Nancy Searcy; Treasurer, Linda Jones; Sunshine Chairman, Sarah Jones; Secretary, Jean Dalmas.



Left to right, first row: Susan Keever, Linda Jones; second row, Goyna Smart, Bobbie Childers; third row, Jane Boggs, Nancy Searcy, Bayo Monroe.

Special emphasis this year has been on the Spiritual Life with the girls assisting the WSCS in all their Spiritual Life activities and a Spiritual Life Retreat Feb. 8 and 9, at Edgemont.

Other activities have been: Clothing for Cherokee, $50.00 to Allen School, United Nations Day program on Radio, UNICEF, assisted with churchwide Mission Study and WSCS Study Courses, Thanksgiving and Christmas basket, Christmas caroling, visits, cards, special programs each month.

Plans are now underway for two money-raising projects and a spring trip that will include something educational, inspirational and fun.

MRS. C. F. BAUGH

Friendship Methodist Church Dedicated March 1st

Sunday, March 1 was an important day for the people of Friendship Methodist Church, Statesville District. The church and the people of the community rejoiced in the dedication of a new church building.

This building was heroically begun and completed, structurally, under the leadership of the Rev. Donald W. Haynes. He enjoyed the finest cooperation of the people of the church and community. Rev. Rollin Gibbs, Rev. Donald Haynes, Dr. Cecil G. Hefner, District Superintendent, and Rev. Alvin A. Wilson, the present pastor, participated in the dedicatory service.

Rev. Donald Haynes, the former pastor, delivered the morning address and challenged the congregation to live a life of service, which the world needs. Dr. Cecil Hefner climaxed the day with a sermon on the full ministry of the church. Both the address and sermon will long be remembered.

The church was dedicated by Dr. Cecil G. Hefner, assisted by W. Frank Goodman, authorized person to represent the church.

Floyd McLelland, along with the pastor, extended a hearty welcome to all visitors. Mr. McLelland serves the church well as church lay leader. The dedication was a happy day for those who sacrificed in order to make the dream of Friendship Church a reality. The Rev. C. M. White, a former District Superintendent and his wife, were special guests. Rev. Mr. White now lives in Candler. The sanctuary was filled with folks from all parts of the surrounding country and from out of town. A delicious lunch, described by some as a banquet, was served in the basement of the church's educational building. It provided an excellent occasion for pastors and pepole to rejoice with one another at the church dedication. May God help each member and friend to say, "Thank You, God!" "Thank you for letting me play a part in so great a victory."

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Pisgah Charge News Items

Sunday, March 22 was a great day for the pastor, P. E. Bingham, and the people of the South River Church, on the Pisgah Charge, North Wilkesboro District. On that day the pastor baptized and received into church membership six fine boys and girls. These came in as a result of the pastor's membership class.

On Sunday March 29 at the 11 o'clock hour, was held the Easter service for the entire Pisgah Charge. This joint service was at the Rocky Springs Church. A good attendance from each church on the charge was present.

On Sunday, April 5 revival services begin at the Rocky Springs Church. The pastor has been invited to do the preaching. The public is invited.

On Sunday, April 12 revival services will begin at the Center Church, Pisgah Charge. The pastor will also do the preaching there. Everyone is invited, and your prayers for these services are requested. The church has been holding hymn and prayer services in preparation.

Conference on Christianity and Social Revolution at Duke

A program on Christianity and Social Revolution in Newly Developing Nations will be held at Duke University April 9-12. Registration will be held from 4:00 to 6:00 p.m. April 9 in Flowers Lounge. At 6:00 p.m. the opening banquet will take place in the Union Ballroom, and at 8:00 p.m. the keynote address will be given by Miss Barbara Ward in Page Auditorium. Her subject will be: "Am I My Brother's Keeper." A panel discussion will follow at 9:15.

On Friday, April 10, the Rev. Paul Abrecht, of the World Council of Churches, will speak at 9:30 on "The Response of Christians and Churches to the Social Revolution." Seminar discussion groups will follow. At 2:00 p.m. in Page Auditorium Mr. Nicholas O. Anim, of Ghana, and Mr. Mariga T. Wangombe, of Kenya, will lecture on "Christianity and Social Revolution in Africa." A banquet will be held at 6:00 p.m. in the Union Ballroom and at 8:00 o'clock an address will be given by Dr. M. Richard Schull, of Princeton Seminary on "Christianity and Social Revolution in Latin America."

Saturday's session will begin with worship in Memorial Chapel at 9:00 a.m. and a lecture at 9:30 in Page Auditorium by Dr. John Scott Everton, on "Educational Dimension of Social Revolution." Seminars and discussion groups will follow. At 2:00 p.m. Dr. David M. Stowe, Division of Foreign Missions, National Council of Churches, will speak on "The Christian Mission in the Social Revolution." At 8:00 p.m. a lecture will be given by Dr. Byron L. Johnson, of the Agency for International Development, in "Developing an Adequate Sense of Community." This will be followed by panel discussions.

The program will be concluded on Sunday morning, April 12, with the service in Duke Chapel at 11:00 a.m. when Dr. Samuel D. Proctor, president of A.&T. College, Greensboro, will speak on "The Wrong Time to Be Silent."

The conference is sponsored by the Divinity School of Duke University with the aid of the Ford Foundation.

Make Elaborate Plans

From 10,000 to 15,000 Methodists are expected to visit Pittsburgh next month, during the world-wide General Conference of The Methodist Church. The conference will be held in the Pittsburgh Civic Arena, from April 26 to May 9.

Robert B. Pease, president, and Dr. David J. Wynne, executive secretary, of the Pittsburgh 1964 General Conference Committee, have directed the efforts of 250 local ministers and laymen for the past two years, organizing to handle what may be the largest General Conference in history.

Nearly 900 delegates from 43 countries of North and South America, Europe, Asia and Africa, will review the past four years and chart the course of the church for the next four years.

Bishop W. Vernon Middleton of Pittsburgh and Bishop Edgar A. Love of Baltimore will be co-hosts to the conference. All sessions in the Arena will be open to the general public at all times.



CLAUDE GRIGG REV. HERMAN NICHOLSON MRS. V. N. RODENHEAVER

Three Honorary Degrees To Be Given By Pfeiffer College

A prominent North Carolina Methodist minister, a highly respected Albemarle school superintendent and a nationally known Methodist woman will be given honorary degrees by Pfeiffer College at its 1964 commencement.

The Doctor of Divinity Degree will go to the Rev. Herman Nicholson, superintendent of the Thomasville District of the Methodist Church, Thomasville.

The Doctor of Humane Letters degree will go to Claude Grigg, Albemarle, in his 30th year as superintendent of the Albemarle City Schools.

The Doctor of Laws degree will go to Mrs. J. N. Rodeheaver, Winona Lake, Ind., who has been the recording secretary of the Womens Division of Christian Service of the Methodist Church, and a trustee of Pfeiffer College since 1932.

The degrees will be awarded on Wednesday, May 27, at the college's 79th commencement.

Rev. Mr. Nicholson holds degrees from Lenoir Rhyne and Duke University. He joined the Western North Carolina Conference in 1941 and has served churches at Whitnel, Polkville, Shelby, Charlotte and Waynesville. He was appointed superintendent of the Thomasville District in 1963.

In 1962 he was named Man of the Year in Waynesville. Currently he is The Methodist Conference Historian and is a member of numerous church boards. For two periods Mr. Nicholson served as a naval chaplain.

Grigg holds degrees from Duke University and is recognized statewide for his leadership as superintendent of the Albemarle City Schools. He has taught in Cleveland County, served as principal of Hamlet High School, 1921-22, and superintendent of schools in Gibson and Kings Mountain before coming to Albemarle in 1934.

The veteran school leader has served as vice president of the North Carolina Education Association, as president of the NC EA division of superintendents and the South Piedmont District of the NCEA. He has a long record of lay leadership in Central Methodist Church, Albemarle, and in Albemarle civic affairs.

Mrs. Rodeheaver, known to thousands of Methodist women across the United States, holds a degree from Ohio Wesleyan University and an honorary doctorate from Clark College. She served as chairman of the Pfeiffer board of trustees at the time the college moved to the senior college ranks, expanded its student body from 200 to over 800 and launched a major expansion program.

A trustee of five colleges and hospitals, Mrs. Rodeheaver has traveled extensively. She has served on the Alaska Committee and the Indian Committee for the National Council of Churches.

Among numerous leadership posts held in the Methodist women's activities, Mrs. Rodeheaver served as secretary of the department of work in home fields and is a member of the Holding Corporation of the Womans Home Missionary Society. She was a key figure among Methodist women at the 1939 General Conference of the Methodist Church which united the three main branches of Methodism.

Goldsboro District MYF to Hold Spring District Rally April 12

The Goldsboro District Methodist Youth Fellowship will hold its Spring Rally at St. Luke Methodist Church, Goldsboro, on Sunday, April 12, beginning with registration at 3:30 p.m. The program will begin at 4:00 p.m. and will include a panel discussion exploring the theme for the rally "Does It Really Matter?" Rev. Jack Wilson, associate director of Student Religious Life at Duke University, will be moderator. Other panel members will be members of the Fellowship of Christian Athletes from Duke University and the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. Christian attitudes and actions in athletics will be discussed.

Election of officers for 1964-65 will be the main item of business. Rev. Wilson will also lead in the worship service to follow a picnic supper. Installation of officers will be led by Mrs. Shelton B. Boyd, District Director of Youth Work for the Goldsboro District. Billy Crowder of Selma is president of the group and will preside. All Senior High MYFers are expected to attend and take a picnic supper.

1964 General Conference To Study Membership Growth

The 1964 Methodist General Conference will receive a report of a study of Methodist church membership with recommendations designed to help bring more rapid growth of the denomination and deepen the commitment of its present members.

Latest membership total of The Methodist Church in the United States is 10,234,986, a gain of less then one per cent over the previous year.

One of the recommendations of the report is that many more new churches and congregations be established in newly developed population areas.

"The population expansion calls for a daring program of establishing new church units and congregations," says the report.

The study was conducted by the General Board of Evangelism of The Methodist Church at the request of the 1960 General Conference. Copies of the report have been mailed from the board's headquarters in Nashville, Tenn., to all delegates to the 1964 General Conference.

The quadrennial General Conference, top legislative and policy-making body of the denomination, will convene in Pittsburgh April 26.

The Rev. Dr. Ray W. Ragsdale, pastor of Catalina Methodist Church, Tucson, Ariz., and a General Board of Evangelism member, was chairman of the 19-member study committee.

"The weakness of the church today lies in the partial commitment of its members," the report declares. "Steps must be taken to deepen the Christian commitment of those who are within the church."

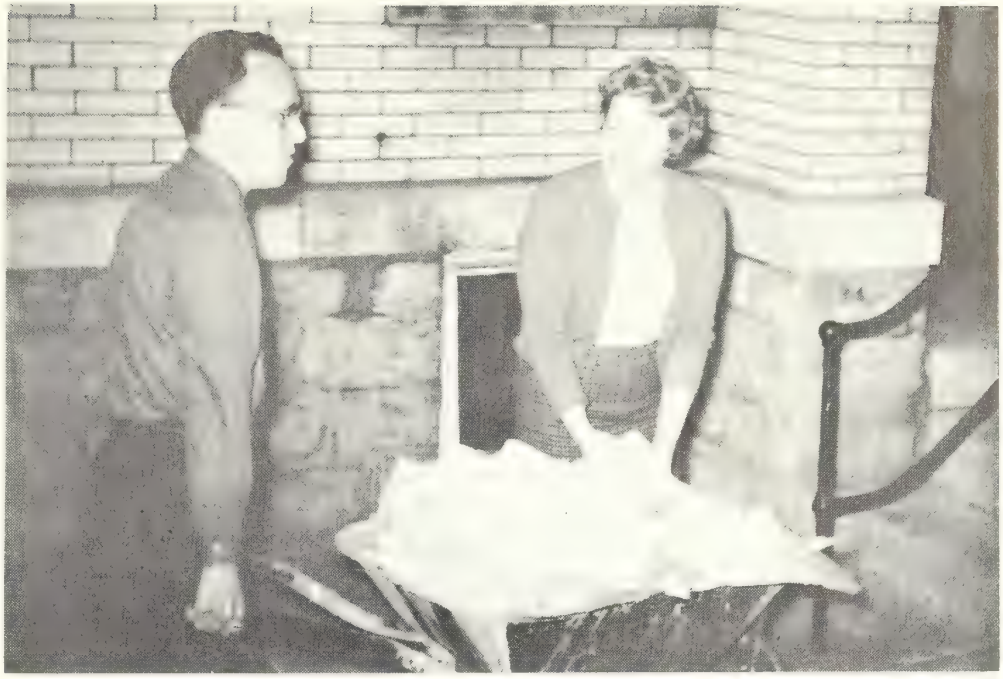
Among the steps recommended to deepen commitment are classes on doctrine, the Bible, and Christian living, private reading of Christian literature, spiritual growth groups, prayer groups, retreats, and more effective worship services.

The report also recommends that a central task in the denomination's 1964-68 quadrennium be greater development and use of a geographic area plan for each local church in an effort to reach "the unchurched who are overlooked."

"At present, Methodist churches define their responsibility in terms of their members and those who express interest in the Church," says the report. "A geographic area may be considered 'overchurched' and yet have hundreds ro thousands of unchurched persons who are not regarded as the specific responsibility of any Methodist church in that area."

"This situation should be changed," the recommendation continues. "Every Methodist church should have a definite membership responsibility. It should be held accountable for its present membership, wherever they live; for persons who choose the church, wherever they live; and particularly for those unchurched or unsaved in a definite geographic area."

"Such parish areas would need to be marked off roughly in cooperation with surrounding Methodist churches," the report explains. "In general, this responsibility area should start at the steps of the church and reach out in every direction at least half-way to the nearest Methodist churches."



Dr. Leo Rippy, Jr. and Miss Phyllis Hail use a wheelbarrow to take questionnaires to the post office. These questionnaires went to 40 churches in the North Carolina Youth research project being conducted by Scarritt College, Nashville, Tenn., in cooperation with the North Carolina Conference Board of Education and the General Board of Education. Dr. Rippy is Associate Professor of Christian Education at Scarritt and Miss Hail is a Graduate Assistant in Christian Education. The survey is designed to find out what is happening to the Methodist Youth Fellowship in the North Carolina Conference.

The report calls for more accurate membership records, especially on transfers from one church to another within the denomination. It states that between 1949 and 1962 more than 5,000,000 were listed as transferred *to* other churches of the denomination in the United States, but not quite 4,000,000 were listed as *received* by transfer *from* other churches of the denomination. Thus, there was a membership loss of more than a million in this category.

Restraint is suggested concerning removal of persons from the membership by action of the Quarterly Conference, governing body of the pastoral charge.

"A church should never, except in the case of expulsion by trial, remove from membership a person who resides locally and whose address is known, unless the member himself requests it," the report says. "The church has a moral and spiritual obligation to nurture its inactive and indifferent members into renewed spiritual wholeness."

"In cases where members are known to have left the community and their whereabouts have not been known for at least two years," it continues, "procedures should be provided for removing such persons from the statistical count of the membership," with their names left on the record books for future reference and possible reinstatement.

Among other recommendations:

—"Consideration should be given to provide that an elective steward should have, among other duties, the responsibility of seeking out at least one unchurched person a year to establish fellowship with him, invite him to church, and ultimately to bring him to Christian commitment and church membership."

—"Bold new programs with specialized ministries and solid support need to be launched to reach and reclaim the many rural Methodists who are moving into inner-city areas. . ."

—"The local church should consider the possibilities of outpost Sunday Schools, missions, house churches, apartment church groups, and, if needed, the sponsorship of new congregations."

—"Small church groups might be organized on a 'block,' apartment, housing subdivision, or other territorial or natural grouping. Such groups could meet for study, fellowship, prayer, and Christian action."

Also recommended are better training of members, spiritual retreats, more attention to "the importance of infant baptism," conserving and nurturing preparatory members, and specialized ministries to the aged, the handicapped, minority and ethnic groups, and other groups.

The recommendations are referred to as findings or implications for strategy." "They are not complete or explored in any great detail," says the report. "They are intended to stimulate thought, discussion, and—in some instances—new legislation."

Among many other things, the study reports that:

—The rate of Methodist membership growth is lagging behind the rate of total U. S. population growth. Between 1952 and 1962, there was a decline each year in the percentage of the population in Methodist membership.

—While the U. S. population has been urbanizing at an accelerated rate, Methodism has been increasing in the urban population at a declining rate.

—Between 1940 and 1960, the "majority" of the denominations grew "at a much more rapid rate" than The Methodist Church.

We Believe in Eternal Life

By D. W. Charlton

A group were once discussing eternal life as they sat by an open fire. Some spoke of death as switching off the lights and the reign of darkness. Others felt their influence would live on earth, but had little positive faith in life beyond this world. One person at least seemed to confirm the belief in the never endng life.

Throughout the ages, however, the church has affirmed: "I believe in the life everlasting." Here we believe because of logic, intuition, faith, hope, and the assurances of the scriptures.

For one thing, we feel that personal relationships will continue on the highest level. The question is often asked: "Will we know each other beyond this life?"

With the upsurge of population and the growing complexity of life, we are inclined to see people in terms of numbers and things.

The personal element in immortality was confirmed in a story Grace Fletcher told about her father's experience in a New England parish. The doorbell rang one afternoon, and one of his members, Molly Stark, stood at the entrance and blurted as the pastor greeted her: "Lee, I've got to talk to you. I'm going to die."

"We all are, Molly," he replied. Come in and sit down and relax." After she sat calmly for a while, she said: "Lee, you are wonderful . . . It's Jimmy. I can't leave Jimmy." He was her ten year old son.

Molly, who was laughing and crying at the pastor's words, went on: ""You make it all seem so — so everday. Funny, everybody has to die, but you never expect it to happen to you."

"What people forget, Molly," the preacher replied: "is that we are living in eternity right now. The Lord holds the past, present, and future . . . together, safe in his hands."

Flesh and blood will not enter the spiritual realm, we are told, but we cherish the belief that the image of people will be recognized. As for the body, we get a new one every seven years.

In the second place, a worthy life must have vitality and embody the highest spiritual values, not by so much in terms of success, money, prestige, power, as in the qualities of love, giving, and sharing.

At a funeral service of a close friend, H. E. Fosdick stated: "To be sure the mystery of immortality is very great . . . It's not so much in the survival of the spiritual life that is a mystery; it is the arrival of such a life in the first place. There is the mystery—the arrival of a quality of life, essentially timeless and eternal."

A yong seamstress, Sadie, lived in a small town, where she felt ignored by society. To get even she dreamed of saving her pennies and taking a trip abroad. She finally made the voyage across the Atlantic Ocean. But war broke out and she was compelled to return home.

Caught on the battlefield on her way to the port of embarkation, she heard a soldier crying: "Water, for God's sake, Water." Leaping from the car, she found water for the dying man. Then she went from one soldier to another, offering a drink to parched lips, binding up wounds, scribbling farewell notes to the home-folks.

Amid so much suffering and death, her outlook on life was changed. The value of earthly things did not loom so large. Nothing mattered now but "God and love, and doing things for others." Eternal life has enduring values.

Another thing, is the continuing life real? The simple, direct naratives of the event of the resurrection, bear every earmark of genuinness. "Last of all," Paul affirmed, "He appeared to me also." Convinced of the living, risen Lord, the whole climate of faith and religion changed. Broken and defeated men were thrilled with new life and power, and victory was wrought out of despair.

The celebrated preacher, Phillips Brooks, once exclaimed: "God is the realest thing in the world to me. I know him, and he knows me." When asked to defne a Christan, the noted philosopher, Josiah Royce, said that he was unable to do so. "But wait," he went on, as he looked out of the window, "there goes Phillips Brooks." If, then, God is so real to a person here, will he not continue to be beyond this earthly life?

Nothing speaks so effectively as a vital experience. Moody was once asked if he believed in the risen Lord. ""Yes, indeed," he replied, "I talked to him this morning."

Finally, is the hereafter life relevant? Some claim they do not care about what "lies beyond the veil of tears." But the vast majority of people cannot accept death as the end of all things for their loved ones or themselves.

We have spoken of the Christian life as one of qualty, essentially timeless and eternal. We do not think of eternal life as a mere extension of time:

"Tomorrow and tomorrow and tomorrow
Creeps on this petty pace from day to day."

As one weary maid declared: "I am going to do nothing for ever and ever."

The practical need for immortality was expressed by William James: "Because I am just getting fit to live." Victor Hugo, on his 75th birthday, wrote: "Winter is on my head, but eternal spring is in my heart. I feel I have not said the thousandenth part of what is in me. When I go down to the grave, I will say like others, I have finished my day's work, but I cannot say I have finished my life . . . The tomb is not a blind alley; it is a thoroughfare. It closes with the twilight to open with the dawn."

So we believe in eternal life: (1) as a continued personal relationship, (2) an embodiment of spiritual ideals, a reversal of many values cherished on earth, (3) the reality of the living Presence of the Lord, (4) the relevance of immortality.

We want the assurance that we are not saying good-by forever to family and friends, and that the embarkation means that we are secure in a seaworthy craft, in the hands of God.

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Dr. Randolph C. Miller

named the lectures in honor of his wife, a 1957 graduate of the college. In announcing the lectures, Mr. Ward expressed the hope that the emphasis be primarily in the area of Christian education.

The first Jean Fortner Ward lecturer is Dr. Randolph C. Miller, who will appear at Greensboro College on April 28. He will deliver two lecturers, one at 10:00 a.m. in Odell Auditorium on "New Thinking in Christian Education," and the other at 8:00 p.m. in Finch Memorial Chapel. The evening lecture is entitled "Resetting Our Sights in Christian Education."

Dr. Randolph C. Miller is head of the department of Christian education at the Divinity School, Yale University, and Director of Christian Education at Trinity Episcopal Church in New Haven, Conn. Prior to his appointment at Yale in 1952, he taught philosophy of religion at the Church Divinity School of the Pacific from 1936-52. During that time, he served also as Episcopal chaplain at the University of California and as vicar of St. Alban's Episcopal Church in Albany, California. From 1946-56, he was a member of the Division of Christian Education for the Protestant Episcopal Church.

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Acton Church, Asheville, to Celebrate 75th Anniversary And Dedicate New Plant

Sunday, April 12, is to be a memorable day for members and friends of Acton Methodist Church, Asheville. On that day the church will be dedicated and, in addition, the church will celebrate the 75th anniversary of its founding.

A building program was launched in 1949 under the pastorate of Rev. V. R. Masters. The first unit, the education building was completed in 1951.

Ground was broken for the sanctuary in November 1955 and the facility was opened for public worship March 3, 1957. This program was carried out under the pastorate of Rev. I. P Rutledge.

Early last fall, under the pastorate of Eugene W. Needham, present pastor, a campaign was launched to raise funds to complete the spacious Fellowship Hall, and to clear the church of a long standing indebtedness. Earlier this year the goal was realized. The present facility is ample for a rapid and prolonged growth.

The service of dedication will be under the direction of the pastor; Dr. E. H. Blackard, Superintendent of the Asheville District, will bring the message. Assisting Dr. Blackard in the dedication, in addition to the pastor, will be Rev. V. R. Masters, Rev. Glenn McCulley, and Rev. I. P. Rutledge, all former pastors of Acton.



★ CAROLINA BRIEFS ★

¶ A laymen's revival will be conducted at the Grace Methodist Church, Wilmington, April 12-17. Rev. Robert L. Nicks is the pastor.

¶ The Westminster Chapel Choir of Princeton, N. J., gave a sacred concert in the Edenton Street Methodist Church, Raleigh, last Monday evening at 8:00 o'clock.

¶ Dr. Howard P. Powell of Raleigh is preaching this week in revival services at St. Luke Methodist Church, Goldsboro, of which Rev. J. H. Miller, Jr., is the pastor.

¶ Rev. John H. Green, a former pastor, will hold revival services at the Oak Summit Church, Winston-Salem, beginnnig April 19. Rev. Kenneth Johnson is pastor of Oak Summit.

¶ The Rev. C. Freeman Heath, Conference Director of Evangelism will conduct the "Sunday for Evangelism Program" at Riverside Methodist Church, in Elizabeth City April 26. Rev. Robert F. Bundy is pastor.

¶ Rev. Robert Versteeg, of Louisburg College will preach in revival services at First Methodist Church of Cary beginning April 26 and running through May 1st. Rev. J. D. Young is pastor at Cary.

¶ Revival services are in progress this week at Aldersgate Church of Shelby, of which Rev. George W. Thompson is the pastor. Visiting preacher is Rev. Brunson Wallace, pastor of First Methodist Church, Newton.

¶ Ground breaking for the new sanctuary of Trinity Methodist Church in New Bern, will be held Saturday, April 11, at 3 p.m. Rev. John T. Smith is pastor of the church. All former members and friends of the church are invited.

¶ A joint meeting of the North Carolina Conference Board of Education and the Conference Commission on Christian Higher Education will be held at Louisburg College Monday, April 13, beginning at 10:00 a.m. All members are urged to be present.

¶ A week of revival services will be held at the Stony Hill Methodist Church of Albemarle the week of April 12. The Rev. David Cowart of Bethany Methodist Church of Albemarle will be the visiting minister. Music will be under the direction of Robert W. Johnson.

¶ Rev. Roland L. Luerich, of the Newark Conference of New Jersey, will preach next Sunday, April 12, at Trinity Church, Wilmington. Mr. Luerich served for forty-one years in the Methodist church as pastor and district superintendent. Rev. Allen Lee is pastor of Trinity Church.

¶ Revival services began last Sunday night at 7:30 at Bethlehem Methodist Church in Claremont, N. C. Dr. John Carper, pastor of First Methodist Church of Lenoir is the visiting minister. The pastor R. L. Oakley extends a cordial invitation to the public to attend these services which will continue each night through Friday.

¶ Rev. John S. Oakley of Coleridge assisted Rev. S. G. Strader, Route 1, Madison, in a revival meeting at Mt. Hermon Church April 1-10th.

¶ Rev. Raymond Wilkinson, pastor of the Marshville Methodist Church, is preaching this week in revival services at Memorial Methodist Church of Monroe. Rev. A. G. Perkins is the pastor.

¶ The Editor had the privilege of preaching to a good congregation last Sunday morning at the Glenwood Church in Rockingham. The pastor, Dr. Morris L. Husted, is filling several engagements in Pennsylvania.

¶ The Marrow's Chapel Methodist Church of the Oxford Circuit will hold its revival services from April 12-17 with the pastor, Rev. R. L. Ossman, preaching. Services will begin at 7:30. Special music is being arranged each evening.

¶ Revival services will be held at Central Methodist Church, Spencer, the week of April 12-17. Rev. Roy E. Bell, pastor of Central Methodist Church, Concord, and Director of Evangelism of the Salisbury District, will be guest minister. Rev. Dwight Pyatt is the pastor.

¶ Dr. A. Purnell Bailey, Superintendent of the Richmond (Va.) District, is preaching this week in revival services at Hawthorne Lane Church, Charlotte. Services begin Thursday evening, April 9 and run through Sunday, April 12. Rev. Robert H. Stamey is pastor of Hawthorne Lane Church.

¶ Thrift Methodist Church, Charlotte, is this week conducting a Christian Family Life conference under the direction of Dr. Mildred I. Morgan, who formerly served as professor of Home and Family Life at Florida State University. She now resides in Black Mountain. Rev. James Armstrong, Jr., is pastor of Thrift Church.

¶ Nancy Huntley and Jeffrey Salter of Ann Street Methodist Church, Beaufort, will be members of the Methodist Youth Caravan to Europe this summer. The Men's Bible Class has started a Huntley-Salter Youth Caravan Fund, and other classes and organizations are invited to contribute to the fund.

¶ The Rev. A. C. Waggoner, pastor of Mt. Tabor Methodist Church, Winston-Salem, preached in revival services at Mitchell's Chapel Methodist Church, Boonville, last week. Services were held from Sunday through Wednesday. These special enrichment services were a great help to all who attended. The Rev. James E. McNeely, Jr. is the minister of this church.

¶ Mr. Roy L. Turnage, lay leader of the North Carolina Conference, spoke at the morning service last Sunday at First Methodist Church, Laurinburg. Rev. D. J. Deid, the pastor, preached that day in the University Church of Wichita, Kansas, of which Rev. C. M. Fogleman, Jr., is pastor. Mr. Fogleman is a native of Burlington, and formerly a member of the Nroth Carolina Conference.

¶ First Methodist Church, Reidsville is this week holding revival services with Rev. Parks Todd, associate minister of Centenary Church, Winston-Salem, preaching each evening through next Sunday. Rev. Thomas B. Stockton is the pastor.

¶ Carr Methodist Church, Durham, will conduct revival services April 12-17, with Rev. Lloyd Hunsucker, pastor of West Irving Park Methodist Church in Greensboro as the visiting preacher. Rev. W. A. Seawell is pastor of Carr Church.

¶ Rev. A. L. Thompson, pastor of the Southern Pines Methodist Church, will be holding a revival at the Goshen Methodist Church, Route 1, Faison, from Sunday, April 12, through Friday, April 17, services at 7:45 each evening. Rev. J. Earl Richardson is pastor.

¶ A Service of Dedication of the New Educational and Fellowship Building of Long's Chapel Methodist Church, Lake Junaluska, will be held on Sunday, April 19, at the 11 o'clock hour of worship. Dr. Mark Q. Tuttle, District Supintendent of the Waynesville District, will speak. Former pastors and friends of Long's Chapel are invited to worship with the congregation on this day.

¶ Women from the twelve counties comprising the Elizabeth City District met at First Methodist Church, Hertford, last Tuesday for their annual meeting of the Woman's Society of Christian Service. The inspirational address was given by Mrs. R. L. Jerome, wife of the District Superintendent, who is also Southeastern Jurisdictional secretary of Youth Work. Mrs. Sam Boyette led a memorial service for those women who have passed away during the year.

North Wilkesboro District Lay Workshop Held

Over 140 North Wilkesboro District laymen and laywomen met at the Wilkesboro Methodist Church, Sunday, March 15, for a District Lay Workshop directed by Wayne Shepherd, of West Jefferson, District Lay Leader, and District Superintendent Herman F. Duncan.

The purpose of the workshop was to give guidance and new ideas in specific areas of lay activities in the local churches.

The workshop was divided into three sections: (1) a Lay Leaders' section for local church lay leaders, led by Conference Lay Leader, Bob Smith of Mt. Airy; (2) a Methodist Men section for officers and potential leaders of local Methodist Men clubs, led by M. L. "Shine" Goodson of Lincolnton; and (3) a certified lay speakers group for present and potential Certified Lay Speakers, led by Dr. Charles Phillips of the University of North Carolina at Greensboro.

Most of the district's ministers also attended the workshop and sat in on the sections provided. The workshop began at 2:30 p.m. and ended at 4:30 p.m.

Also helping with the planning of the workshop were the Associate Lay Leaders of the district: W. W. Chester of Boone, Fred Hobson of Yadkinville, W. "Bill" P. Ingram of Taylorsville, Robert Morrow of North Wilkesboro, and Charles Sasher of Elkin.

Minister's Daughter Loses Life in Accident

The many friends of Rev. and Mrs. Madison W. Maness of Fayetteville will regret to learn of the tragic death of their daughter, Miss Betty Ruth Maness, 21, who lost her life last Friday in an automobile accident. She was on her way to Wilmington to attend the Azalea Festival when the accident occurred about 18 miles east of Elizabethtown in Bladen County. She died in the Bladen County Hospital of multiple fractures received when the car in which was riding overturned.

Miss Maness was the holder of a number of beauty queen titles, including the more recent ones of "Miss Fayetteville Rose Queen" and "Miss Harem Girl" of North Carolina.

Miss Maness, who was chosen "Miss Fairmont" while a student at Fairmont High School, was graduated there in 1960 and attended Appalachian State Teacher's College in 1961. She transferred to Methodist College the next year, and last year was awarded the American Business Woman's Association scholarship there. She served on the women's residence house council, was a cheerleader, and a member of the college chorus. She was a junior and was majoring in elementary education.

She was a member of the Camp Ground Methodist Church.

Funeral services were held at 11 a.m., Monday at the Hay Street Methodist Church by the Rev. Barney L. Davidson, District Superintendent; Dr. C. D. Barclift, and the Rev. T. R. Jenkins. Burial was in Lafayette Memorial Park Cemetery.

In addition to her parents, she is survived by one sister, Miss Ann Maness of the home; and a grandmother, Mrs. Betty Nixon fo Stumpy Point.

Institute For Ministers at Eastern N. C. Sanatorium, Wilson, April 20

The Department of Pastoral Care of Eastern North Carolina Sanatorium, Wilson, N. C., is sponsoring an Institute for Ministers on April 20, beginning with registration and coffee at 9:30-10:00 a.m. The general theme is: "The Church and Its Relationship and Responsibility to Tuberculosis and Other Related Respiratory Diseases." All ministers are invited to attend. In order to facilitate planning for the "dutch" lunch in the Sanatorium cafeteria, advance reservations are requested by April 17th.

The morning session will include a welcome by Dr. H. F. Easom, Medical Director of the Sanatorium; an address on "The History of the Sanatorium System in North Carolina' by Mrs. Paul P. MrCain of Wilson; "Tuberculosis and Its Treatment, Past, Present, and Future" by Dr. H. S. Willis, Superintendent-Medical Director of the North Carolina Sanatorium System; and "The Work of Tuberculosis Associations" by Mr. Kemp Battle, former National Committeeman, of Rocky Mount.

The afternoon program will include presentations on "The Emotional Problems of Tuberculous and Chronically Ill Patients" and "Ministering to Tuberculous and Chronically Ill Pateints and Their Families" by Chaplains William Tyndall and John Pearsall of the sanatorium. Question and discussion periods are scheduled for both morning and afternoon sesions.

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EMERGENCY CALL
For Alaskan Earthquake Victims

The following telegram has been received by the Editor of the Advocate with the request that it be passed on to our readers:

"Free will offering authorized by Council of Bishops and Council on World Service and Finance for emergency needs in Alaska and areas affected by earthquake and tidal waves. Bishop Grant reports the needs stagger the imagination. We have sent telegram to District Superintendents and letters to all pastors. Any help you can give us will be appreciated." Sincerely,

Elliott L. Fisher
Commission on Promotion and Cultivation

This is an emergency which should elicit a response from every person who is concerned with the plight that has befallen these people. Each of us can have a part in helping to meet these needs. Every church should give an opportunity for the people to contribute. Every person who can do so should help. Every bit, even a small amount, will help.



A Big Day at McMannen Church

The McMannen Methodist Church had a big day on Easter Sunday. The church sanctuary would not seat the people, even after the center isle, the vestibule, and the area around the altar railing were filled with chairs. The people overflowed into the hall behind the pulpit.

Pictured above is the group received into the church that day. There were eighteen of them. Thirteen were by profession of faith (one was an 83-year-old lady), two were from other denominations, and three were from another Methodist church.

Also, on this day the minister baptized two infants. In the picture above he is holding both babies in his arms.

This church is now making plans to build a new sanctuary and some additional educational space.

Vassar W. Jones is the present pastor of this thriving old church, on the west side of Durham, and in the very heart of one of the fastest developing communities of that city.

EDITORIALS

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What Makes the Difference?

Sometime ago we wrote an editorial in which we deplored the decision of the Supreme Court in declarng unconstitutional the traditional practice of beginning the school day with scripture reading and prayer. As a result we received a copy of the editorial torn out of the Advocate, and on the margin was marked: "The Supreme Court is right; prayer paralyzes the minds of little children and causes stupid people." Along with this statement was also sent a pamphlet evidently written by an atheist (we will not dignify it nor give him the benefit of publicity by mentioning his name) in which the writer entered into a tirade against God, the Bible, Jesus Christ, and the church, and said religion is a myth and that no intelligent person would believe in its teachings. The writer contended that only a twisted mind would believe what religion, and especially Christianity, teaches. He says the Bible is a complete mess of myths and superstitions—nothing more. He refers to religious people facetiously as the paragons of intelligence, and even denies that there is a good God. He says the money spent on churches would be better spent on schools, roads, libraries and new homes.

These are only a few of the vociferous and ugly charges made aganst everything that has any relation to religion. We have seen some other unkind statements by irresponsible people concerning religion, but it is our feeling that we have never seen such a bitter, vindictive, and utterly senseless expression as this. The poor fellow is to be pitied, although he thinks he belongs to the super-intellectual group. This is an illustration of what the Supreme Court decision is calculated to lead to and encourage. It is a challange to Christians to rededicate themselves and give expression to their faith. Time runs out on such people as referred to above, and the New Testament prediction will come true as they "cry for the rocks and the mountains to hide them."

This is an example of what may be expected from such actions as the Supreme Court decision, and especially when misguided church people and professed Christians support that decision. It indicates the way these forces play into the hands of Khruschev and his expressed purpose of seeing that our children and grandchildren are reared under communism and its godless philosophy.

THEME FOR THE WEEK

"For I know that my Redeemer liveth, and that he shall stand in the latter day upon the earth: And though, after my skin, worms destroy this body, yet in my flesh shall I see God: Whom I shall see for myself, and mine eyes shall behold, and not another; though my reins be consumed within me."

—Job 19:25-27.

This is not the first time we have sounded this note of warning and caution.

A few evenings ago we had another experience in direct contrast to the one mentioned above. We found ourselves sitting in a church on Maundy Thursday evening when a large congregation had gathered to worship and to participate in Holy Communion in preparation for the observance of the approaching Easter Day. As we meditated, naturally these two contrasting situations came to mind and we asked ourselves "What makes the difference?" Having preached the gospel for a good many years, and having found great satisfaction and much assurance in our Christian faith and experience we had no difficulty in finding the answer to our question. A simple faith in God and a genuine religious experience makes the difference.

The odd thing about the brother who claimed that religion paralyzes the mind and makes people stupid is the fact that he said he was a member of the Methodist church. Just why, we do not know, if he is sincere in expressing his disbelief in and opposition to prayer and is a disciple of the man who wrote the atheistic pamphlet. Of course we realize there is a place for such people in the church, and they need to turn to the church for instruction and help. But evidently he had not made much progress up to that point.

Our Christian faith would not let us be harsh toward such people even if we had an inclination to do so, when we remember the words of Jesus, "Father, forgive them, they know not what they do." People can act so foolishly, however, when they assume that because they have not had a religious experience, neither has anyone else, and set themselves up as the accepted authority on such matters. The Psalmist classified such people when he said, "'The fool hath said in his heart there is no God." The pamphlet we referred to is published by a group who call themselves "The Thinkers." Perhaps "The Stinkers" would be more appropriate, but we are not the judge.

Steeleberry Methodist Church Begins With 65 Members

With the names of 65 charter members on the books, Steeleberry Methodist Church began life Palm Sunday, March 22, as Charlotte's newest congregation.

The church serves the Steeleberry Acres housing development and contains a large portion of the members of now defunct Morris Field Methodist Church. Ground-



breaking took place in September of 1963 and worship in the new structure began early in 1964.

The Rev. Thurston St. Clair, pastor, led an elaborate service of an hour and 50 minutes which included the reception of the charter members, baptism, the service of Holy Communion and a communion meditation.

The Rev. Mr. St. Clair also serves Faith Methodist Church in Charlotte.

The morning began with a procession of the people from the fellowship hall into the sanctuary. There followed baptism of seven adults, youths and an infant.

Then, following the scripture and morning prayer, the Rev. Mr. St. Clair welcomed the 65 charter members in three groups—transfer of membership (mostly from Morris Field Church) with 52 in this group; transfer of letter, seven persons; and by profession of faith, six persons.

Special recognition followed for E. L. Mayhew, the oldest member; Miss Janet Lee Schoette, the youngest members; Leon Ramseur, the first member; and Mrs. W. J. Lazenby, the Church Mother.

In his communion meditation, the Rev. Mr. St. Clair charged the members to do the tasks of Jesus and put theirs aside. "Don't let personalities or events of the church drive you from the church," he said. "Put Christ first, and you'll judge everything in His light."

He asked his congregation: "When is the time to begin following Christ? The time is now," he answered, "because you're going to be promising to follow Him when you come to this communion rail."

Officers of the new congregation, besides the pastor, are:

Clarence A. Wingate, lay leader; Forrest R. Wingate, chairman of the Official Board; E. L. Mayhew, chairman of the Board of Trustees; Ralph Robinson, treasurer; Betty Jo Schoette, secretary; L .L. Ramseur, chairman of the Building Fund; and Elizabeth Land, treasurer of the Building Fund.

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The Rev. Dr. John Frederick Olson, vice president of Syracuse (N.Y) University, has been named president of Oklahoma City University. He will take charge July 1.

Dedication and Ground-Breaking Services at Skyland Next Sunday

Plans have been announced for a unique occasion at Skyland Methodist Church Sunday, April 12, at 3:30 p.m. when Bishop Nolan B. Harmon will preside over two special services: the service of ground-breaking for a new sanctuary and the service of dedication of the Marion Case Havener Educational building.

Church officials think that this is the first time that a Methodist church in this area has dedicated one building and broken ground for a new building at one and the same time. It perhaps has never been done before in the history of the Western North Carolina Conference.

Bishop Harmon will preach the dedicatory sermon and preside over both of the services. He will be assisted by Dr. Embree H. Blackard, Superintendent of the Asheville District, and the Rev. Robert T. Young, minister of the church. The Woman's Society of Christian Service of the church is sponsoring a covered dish supper on the grounds following the services.

Skyland Methodist Church was organized in 1887, by some well-known families of this area, the Johnstons, Cases, Lees, Fradys, Millers, Gibsons, and Bartletts. A frame structure was erected in 1888. This building was completely destroyed by fire October 8, 1937. The church continued to meet in the living room of Mrs. Alice Barnard while a new sanctuary building was erected. Twenty-seven faithful members worked with the Rev. T. C. Jordan to rebuild. The new sanctuary was built and was dedicated October 5, 1941 and remains today as the present sanctuary.

The church continued to progress and a new parsonage was built and was dedicated November 2, 1958.

The educational building that is to be dedicated April 12 was begun on April 17, 1960. In June, 1960, the church became a full-time station appointment under the ministry of the Rev. Edwin Houk. July 9, 1961, marked the date of the full use of the facilities of the educational building, and on May 5, 1963, the building was named "The Marion Case Havener Educational Building in honor of the person who has been a member of the church the longest period of time and in honor of one who has served the church in every possible way. October 20, 1963, the building debt was liquidated and plans were begun to dedicate it at an appropriate time.

This building has five large classrooms to care for the Children's Division classes, a fellowship hall, to seat 125-150, kitchen, three rest rooms, and storage space. It was built at an estimated cost of $41,000.

Ground will be broken for the new sanctuary on the present location, with the new building to be located immediately in front of the present sanctuary parallel with the Hendersonville Road. The nave is to seat 256 for the present with space to be included for adding pews for 64 persons later, a total of 320. The choir is to seat 40. In addition to the sanctuary, there is to be a library, church office, study, sacristy, and choir room included.

Members of Skyland Methodist Church invite friends and neighbors in this area to come and share in this most significant occasion, April 12.



DEDICATION SERVICE — The education building at Savage Methodist Church near Gates, N. C. (at left of sanctuary) was dedicated in a special service on March 8, 1964. Begun in 1962, the addition was completed during 1963 and includes a kitchen, three Sunday School rooms, an office, two rest rooms and a hall. Conducting the service were the Rev. Murry L. DeHart, Jr., pastor and the Rev. R. L. Jerome, district superintendent.

On March 8, 1964 at 11 a.m. the Savage Methodist Church held a dedication service of the new educational building. Begun in 1962, the building was completed during 1963 and consists of a kitchen, three Sunday School rooms, an office, two rest rooms, and a hall.

On November 21, 1812, the land for the church was purched from John Savage of Nansemond County, Virginia. The deed stated the lot was to be used for the establishment of a Methodist church.

The building remained as it was constructed until 1908 when it was remodeled. Two new class rooms were built in 1854.

Some of the early pastors were Mr. Roberts, Mr. Robertson, Mr. Jackson and Mr. W. H. Brown. Since that time several pastors have served the church. They include Mr. Vaughn, Mr. Whitehead, Mr. Commander, Mr. Wilson, Mr. Duplissey, Mr. Pierce, Mr. Picket, Mr. Edmonds and the present pastor, Mr. Murry L. DeHart, Jr.

The district superintendent, the Rev. Mr. Jerome delivered the morning message and dedicated the educational building. Also, a communion table and a set of altar ware were presented and dedicated. Mrs. Elton Taylor, Mr. Blackwill Speight, and Mr. Bill Sawyer took part in the presentation and dedication service.

St. John, Kinston, Held Holy Week Lay Services

¶ St. John Methodist Church in Kinston held Holy Week services during Holy Week and used laymen of the local church as speakers. On Monday night, March 23, Mr. Fred Morton brought the message. On Tuesday night, March 24, Mr. Robin Harrell was the speaker. On Wednesday night, March 25, Mr. Bill Kirkland was the speaker. On Thursday night, March 26, Mr. H. E. Dail was the speaker. Following Mr. Dail's message the pastor, H. H. Cash, administered the Holy Communion. On Good Friday night, the pastor brought the message. On Easter Sunday morning, the choir gave some special hymns under the direction of the choir director, Mrs. Mary Rhue, and with Mrs. Dorothea McLawhorn at the piano. At the close of the pastor's message, a mother and her daughter were received into the membership of the church on profession of faith.

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"One has learned the meaning of life only when he invests it in something that outlasts it. —William James

Plateau-Wesley's Chapel Charge

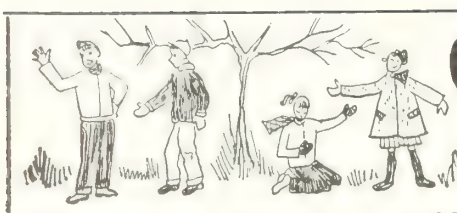
The congregation of Plateau Methodist Church welcomed Easter with an Easter Sunrise Service, climaxed by the taking of Holy Communion together. The service was followed by the traditional breakfast prepared and served by the men of the church. The Sunrise Service is an annual event and is always well attended by the community.

Revival services will be conducted April 5-10 at Wesley's Chapel Methodist Church by the Rev. Olin Isenhour of Ebenezer Methodist Church, Vale.

The Rev. Leo Pittard of Abernethy Memorial Methodist Church, Newton, will preach the revival services at Plateau Methodist Church, April 19-24.

The Rev. James W. Crawley is pastor of the Plateau-Wesley's Chapel charge in the Statesville District.

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CHILDREN'S PAGE

By Mary Gardner

THE ROBIN"S RED BREAST

Long ago, in the Northland, where it is very cold, there was only one fire. An old man and his little son took care of this fire and kept it burning day and night. They knew that if the fire went out, all the people would freeze, and the big White Bear would have the Northland to himself.

One day the old man became very ill, so that his son had everything to do. For many days and nights the boy bravely took care of his father and kept the fire burning. At last he got so tired and sleepy that he could no longer keep working.

Now, the White Bear was always watching the fire. He longed for the time when he should have the Northland all to himself. When he saw how tired and sleepy the little boy was, he stayed close to the fire and laughed to himself.

One night the poor little boy could keep awake no longer and fell fast asleep. Then the White Bear ran as fast as he could and jumped upon the fire with his wet, icy fur. At last he thought it was out, and went happily to his cave.

But a gray robin had been flying near, for it was in the springtime, and had seen what the White Bear was doing. She waited until the bear had gone away. Then she flew down and searched with her sharp little eyes until she found a tiny, live spark. For a long time she patiently fanned the little spark with her wings. After a while, a little red blaze sprang up. Her little breast was scorched red, but she did not give up until there was quite a big fire blazing again.

Then the little robin flew away to every hut in the Northland and sang her joyous robin song. Everywhere she touched the ground a fire sprang up, and soon, instead of one little fire, the whole Northland was lighted up.

Now, all the big White Bear could do was to go back farther into his cave and growl, for now he knew that the Northland was not all for him.

And this is the reason why the people of the north country love the Robin. And they are never tired of telling their children how it got its red breast.—*The Little Soldier.*

THE BROKEN PLATE

Susie is a bright little girl with black eyes, and has many pleasant ways. But she has one bad habit that all children, as well as grown ups should try to shun. It is untruthfulness, and this our Heavenly Father regards as sin.

One day Susie, who was staying with her aunt, broke a plate. She became afraid and wished that she could put the broken pieces together again, but there they were, staring her in the face. She could not make the broken pieces whole. What was she to do? She heard two whispering voices within. The first said, "Now, Susie, run and tell your aunt about it." The other said, "No, no, Susie, gather up the broken pieces and throw them away; you can make up some story about the accident, and nobody will be the wiser for it."

The bad spirit conquered, for Susie obeyed the second voice. She did not know that her cousin up-stairs had looked down and had seen all that had been done, and it made the heart of her cousin sad to think that Susie could be so wicked.

A few evenings later she took Susie on her lap and told her all that she had seen her do. Susie felt very guilty then. She knew all the time she was wrong, and now her sin had found her out. How much better it would have been if she had frankly acknowledged the truth in the first place! Then she would have pleased God and had the approval of her own conscence.—*Clipped.*

Family Devotions Undisturbed

One evening as a certain family was having devotions, the telephone rang. When the little four-year-old girl of the family answered the telephone, the operator said, "This is long distance calling. Can your mother or daddy come to the phone?"

"No, Ma'am," replied the little girl, "We're having our devotions and we can't talk to you now."

The thoughtful and understanding operator said, ""Thank you, dear, "I'll call back in fifteen minutes after you have finished."

After devotions the little girl told about the nice operator. Her only comment was, "I'll betcha that operator has devotions in her home, too."

A BEAUTIFUL DAY

A golden day is before mine eye
Which stirs within me a thankful sigh.
What a beautiful way to start this day;
I wish the glowing, rising sun could stay.

At noon I eat a small meal,
Then run outside and sit in the swing to
be quiet and still.
All afternoon I run and play,
Knowing that night will soon come this way.

And then the evening ends my fun,
But, oh! How beautiful the setting sun.
Now it is time to go to bed,
For the sky is no longer red.

Jennifer Ann Wells
Knightdale Methodist Church

USE YOUR BIBLE

Look up these verses in your Bible and fill in the blanks:

1. Matthew 26:4a: "..... and pray that ye ..... not into ....."
2. Luke 18:1: ".....ought .....to ..... and ..... to ....."
3. 1 Thessalonians 5:17: ".....without ....."
4. Matthew 21:22: "Whatsoever ye shall .....in ....., believing, ye shall ....."
5. Psalms 5:3b: "In the ..... will I direct my ..... unto ....."
6. John 14:14: "If ye shall ..... anything in My ..... I will ..... it."

BIBLE QUIZ

1. What occasion do these words bring to mind: "Then the mariners were afraid, and cried every man unto his god?"
2. Who was afraid to go to Jesus when he saw the boisterous waves? He cried, "Lord, save me."
3. Why were Aaron and the other leaders afraid to look on Moses' face when he came down from the mountain?
4. Why was Jacob afraid of Esau for many years?
5. Why were Joseph's brothers afraid when they found their money in their sack of corn?

Answers to Last Week's Questions

1. Adam, when he hid from God in the Garden of Eden (Genesis 3:10).
2. The burning bush, which was not consumed (Exodus 3:6).
3. Jesus, when He walked on the sea, to the disciples in the boat (John 6:20).
4. He buried it in the ground (Matthew 25:25).
5. The shepherds at the time of Jesus' birth, when they were keeping watch over their flocks (Luke 2:9).

Young Scott came home from church crying: "Christopher hit me and made my Sunday school paper fall in a puddle of water. Do something about it, Mommy. Get after him."

"I'll speak to Chris when we see him next Sunday," his mother said.

"No, no, that won't do," Scott wailed. 'We'll be friends by then!"

Preston Cornelius Writes From Kenya

(Editor's Note: The following letter was written by Mr. Preston Cornelius, a member of the First Methodist Church, Troutman, to the congregation of that church. It was read by his pastor, Rev. G. G. Adams, Jr., to the congregation on Easter Sunday morning. Mr. Cornelius is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Homer Cornelius, Route 1, Troutman. He is a 1963 graduate of N. C. State College, and is presently serving as an "ambassador of good will" to Kenya on the exchange program.)

To the Congregation of the First Methodist Church of Troutman, N. C.:

Easter will have a special meaning for me this year. In the past I have been content to observe Easter without giving much thought to the real meaning of this wonderful Christian occasion. To me Easter was a time when everyone dressed up in his new Spring fashions and the church was filled with members who hadn't bothered to attend on the previous 51 Sundays. I looked forward to the early morning sunrise servce, not for its serenity and majestic beauty, but for the fellowshp that was to follow in the church basement during the breakfast. And, of course, no Easter would be complete without the stately majesty of the Easter lily, but I am afraid that I also took them for granted, without giving any thought to the Master Craftsman who breathed life into the fragile snow-white petals. Yes, I am afraid I took Easter for granted; and it has taken a trip to another continent, practically to a separate world, to rediscover the real meaning of Easter.

Here in Kenya our Creator has painted a masterpiece, exhibiting nature's beauty; but man has painted a revolting cycle of ugliness. Words can't describe the beauty of the stately snow castles of Mount Kenya and Mount Kilimanjara, or the palm-lined beaches of Mombasa. One stands for hours looking out over the Great Reft Valley, too spell-bound by its sheer beauty to press the shutter of his camera. And one only has to see the parade of nature to an African water-hole at sunset to believe in God's beauty. Lines of elephants stretch for miles; lions and buffalo, watering side by side, are at peace with each other for the night. Yes, I have seen the beauty which God has bestowed upon Kenya.

I have also seen the ugliness which man has bestowed—the "Third World" the world of the poor and the disppossessed. I have walked the streets of the modern city of Nairobi and I have seen them lined with beggars in such twisted and distorted forms that I could hardly recognize them as human beings. I have visited a center for destitute children and have seen the look on the faces of children who are not wanted by their own parents. I have stopped by the side of the road and thrown up after visiting human beings living in surroundings too squalid for swine. I have stood beside a wealthy American industrialist and watched him snuff out the life of a second elephant because he wasn't satisfied with the size of the first one. I have observed the hate in the eyes of a young African boy as he watched a white-skinned man in a shiny new automobile force his aged mother to scramble up a bank to avoid being run down.

I have heard the prayer of an African mother, whose spinal column is so deformed from carrying a ten-gallon barrel of water on her back that child-birth is practcally impossible, ask God to allow her next child to be born alive. You say these things are wrong—yes, they are wrong, but at a much more profound level. It is wrong to leave children to starve who could eat with our help, wrong to let youngsters die when medical skill can save them, wrong to leave men and women without shelter, wrong to allow for others, in the midst of our own abundance, the iron pains of degrading want.

These are moral decisions. We are not bound to such evils by necessity or by scarcity. Our modern technology of abundance gives us the freedom to act—if we so decide. There are no restraints now except the restraints of a blinded eye and an unfeeling heart.

Yet, some of the elements in our way of life, as in all the burgeoning, affluent societies of the West, tend to make us allergic to self-denial, to altruism, and to difficult endeavor. All around us are voices which arouse the clamor of desires and claims which can stifle our imaginations and douse our sense of pity.

The more we concentrate on our own needs the less we can measure the needs of others, and the more the gap will grow between the overfed, over-dressed, over-indulgent, over-developed peoples of the Atlantic world and the starving millions.

We cannot enter with emotion and sympathy into the vast drama of "haves" and "have-nots" unless some image of discipline releases us from the pressures of "'smash and grab", or "'Me first," or "'You've never had it so good." Some sudden new light on the ways in which human beings can live is needed to release us from the obsessions of our "getting and spending," our immense preoccupation with "What's there in it for me", and of what short-term thrills or benefits I can extract from this day for my very own.

The people of the newly independent country of Kenya will be extracting from this day the real meaning of Easter. To theme Easter means that Christ has risen and that He lives! He is the only ray of hope they have for a better tomorrow.

Yours truly,
Preston Cornelius

Elizabeth City District Minutes of March Rally

The Elizabeth City District Youth Rally met on March 21, at the First Methodist Church in Hertford, N. C., to elect officers for the coming year.

Aaron Brothers welcomed everyone present and turned the program over to the host church, which gave a very inspiring devotion taken from Matthew.

The meeting was turned back over to Aaron Brothers, who conducted the business session. A motion was made that all the money sent in for the district delegate to Purdue be turned over to the new president, to be used in the best way for trips to A.S.C. and Purdue. This was suggested because the money was coming in so slowly. The motion was seconded and passed.

It was asked that all churches pay their MYF dues by May 15, 1964.

Tom King gave a short informative talk revealing some of the many summer activities available for the youth in our district.

Mr. Gordan reported that each delegate to Purdue would need $35 for meals and transportation, plus $50 for the week itself at Purdue. This would amount to a total of $85. Mr. Gordan encouraged those present to try to send representatives to this Convocation. Eight from Elizabeth City District will be allowed to attend. All applications for delegates should be sent to Mr. Gordan by April 17.

Mr. Still asked each local pastor to write a letter of recommendation for a young person in his church who he feels is qualified to attend a Youth and Missions Conference to be held at Lake Junaluska. All recommendations must be received before May 15. One delegate will be chosen from the district to go to the study session, and the conference will pay up to $50 of the cost to send this delegate.

The program was turned over to Lorre Alligood, district vice president, for the presentation of officers to be elected for the coming year.

Camilla Leggett, Fellowship Chairman, led the group in singing for a relaxer. Susan Cox and Emily Copeland gave a brief report on the U. N. Washington Study Tour they attended.

Secretary, Ruth Harrell called the roll. One hundred eight were present. Rev. Mr. Jerome dismissed the group with a prayer and lunch was served.

Dorre Alligood called the session to order after lunch. New officers for the coming year were elected by standnig vote. The following persons will serve on the district council next year:

President, Sarah Frances Edwards
Vice President, Sandra Toler
Secretary, Dianne Howell
Publicity, Lynn Alligood.

Aaron Brothers opened the worship study with a call to worship and the congregation sang "Love Divine." The Scripture lesson was taken from Matthew 28. Following a prayer by Rev. Jordan, the offering was collected, and the congregation then sang "Jesus Calls Us." The installation service for new officers was conducted by Rev. Jordan and was closed with the singing of "Are Ye Able, Said the Master?"

The speaker, Rev. Dennis Dutton, a student at Duke Divinity School, was introduced by Aaron Brothers. Mr. Dutton, a native of Malaysia, gave a very worthwhile talk on Malay and Singapore, telling of the life there and the various religous practices of the people. He elaborated on the religious customs of the Moslems, Buddihists, and Hindus. It was explained that a very small minority of the people were Christians. Everyone present enjoyed Mr. Dutton's informative and interesting talk. The group then stood and sang "Must Jesus Bear the Cross Alone?" The meeting was dismissed by the new president who led the congregation in the MYF benediction.

Respectfully submitted,
Sarah Frances Edwards
President
Dianne Howell
Secretary



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THE CHRISTIAN COLLEGE:

A TASK FOR ALL

By DAVID DANIEL

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Building and maintaining a Christian college is a task for home and church and college

What can we do about the ineffectiveness of the Christian witness on the church-related college campus? This is a question that has been posed quite frequently. If a school has not had to face up to the problem in a direct manner, it has to deal indirectly with the criticism that it is doing altogether too little to meet its spiritual obligation to stndents.

It would be naive, to say the least, to assume that the Christian college is without problems at this point. But this is not peculiar to our times. Students have their own ideas about their education which sometimes do not coincide with the policies of the school or the church. Faculty members sometimes express divergent opinions about the religious role of the church-related college. Students have always rebelled in some ways against some things —especially religion— and perhaps always will. So often their criticism is justified. It's the way they mete out the criticism that we sometimes do not like; or the fact that they have been so bold as to even mention discontent. Also the anti-religious ways in which they react to their unhappiness and discontent cause us concern.

Revolt Against Required Attendance

Recently our college had its annual Religicus Emphasis Week. We had made it a practce not to require attendance at services held in connecton with Religious Emphasis Week. However, during the other weeks of the school year attendance is required at Wednesday chapel. On the Wednesday of Religious Emphasis Week chapel attendance was at its lowest point for the week. Why Revolt! "We don't have to; therefore, we won't go!" This can be rather embarrassing for the college. Other schools have similar problems, such as with students who show open hostility during chapel worship by occupying themselves with other things: reading magazines and newspapers, sleeping, cat-calling, etc. However, I have an idea that these students were not always exemplary in their deportment in at least three other primary institutions—grade school, church and home.

It is true that some students smoke and drink for the first time in their lives when they reach the college campus. However, most students who are victims to either habit were well acquainted with it prior to arrival at-college. More and more adults drink; some say that the "average" American does. We would never condone drinking, and we do everything possible to discourage it (even expulsion), but it is still with us. The college does not create the problem of drinking; it inherits it. The same can be said in considering other socio-religious problems such as cheating and petting. Young people want to "try their wings." At college the opportunity to try them is present, for we cannot watch them constantly, just as parents cannot.

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Is the Faculty to Blame?

Some are saying that the real problem is with the faculties of our institutions. To quote Dr. L. Nelson Bell, from his pamphlet entitled "Christian Education Gone Sour:"

> There is something radically wrong when Christian students find their faith impaired in the classroom; when their belief in the Bible is made the object of scorn by their professors; when after some months of the 'new approach' to the Scriptures and the Christian faith, students go into a state of rebellion against religion.

I certainly concur with these statements, when they can be made with clearcut veracity. However, it is my belief that many students are already rebelling from an immature "Sunday school religion," even without encouragement from their teachers in college. Now, this is not meant to be a blanket condemnation of all Sunday school teaching. Many of our teachers do a wonderful job. Unfortunately, we do not have enough of this kind. Qualified teachers are needed in every church; teachers whose qualification is not merely the emotional desire, as important as this is, but who have had both a background of spiritual experience and sound learning.

We might also say that some hostility among college students is present because of a lack of the apppropriate Christian education that *is* available both in the home and in the local church. Of course I would never condone such action as throwing the Bible into a corner of the classroom, as one professor in a non-denominational college allegedly did while saying "That's just another book." However, I cannot believe that any of our educated clergy-professor personnel (of any denomination) would take such a crass, bludgeoned, blasphemous approach simply to "shake up" their students. I would be inclined to say that often students take statements and actions out of context to make them appear worse than they are. The stories we hear are too often not actually what happened.

What Should the Schools Do?

Again, what should our schools do? Should they issue long, legalistic rules and regulations, credos, and other prohibitions to which professors must adhere? Can our schools legislate "propriety" in the classroom? Can we afford to impose serious penalties on faculty and student personnel for offenses which have little or no relation to religion itself, but are narrowly interpre'ed moralsms? No! Such policies have always proven to be extremely unwise. Certainly we should require affirmative responses to cardinal questions of the faith from both faculty and student; but we must never resort to a petty legalism.

There is, then, a problem, an age-old problem. It is that some of our constituents do not believe and behave as some indviduals and groups think they should. Who is to blame for this? I do not think that blame can be laid altogether at anyone's feet: parents, school, church or college. Perhaps all four share the blame. But look for a moment at the age in which we live; it is an age of secularism, materialism, of changing mores and moral standards. We ourselves have been insidiously sucked into the vacuum in which "things" bounce around before our eyes. If it has happened to us, it can and does happen to our children.

Timely publications by such modern prophets as Richard Niebuhr, Martin Marty, Charles Malik and others give tremendous insight into what is happening to us. Our idols are looming large.

There Is Hope

Yet, there is hope. I must quickly state that in only a few short years after leaving college most of our young people make adjustments here and there, establish their families, and become our most responsible citizens. Even now, and certainly then, many of them will ask the soul-searching questions: "Who am I? Where did I come from? Where am I going? And many of them will look to God for the answers. As sole blame **cannot** be laid at the feet of parents, school, church or college for their appparent "failure" now, praise **can** be directed at the same four for their cooperative "success" then, with God's help.

Someone has well said that our college students do not lose **their** religion. They may lose their parents' or grandparents, religion, or their Sunday school teachers', but not **theirs.** There should come a time in everyone's life when he abandons childhood, second hand information for that of his own. If the opportunity to do this is not given in our colleges, where can it take place? The point is not that the parents' religion is of no value. The point is that each individual young person must find for himself meaning and purpose for his existence. No one can dish this out: it must be experienced.

In the January, 16, 1964, issue of "The North Carolina Christian Advocate" is an article entitled "Is the Church-Related College Today Christian?" by Barrett Wilson. To quote from his concluding paragraph:

> I close with a story, changed a little from the original. A woman was being escorted through a church-related college campus. She was a prominent person and the president himself was giving her his best tour. He showed her with pride the new dormitories and the beautiful new library. He just kept pointing up this and that and talking incessantly. Standing there in the middle of the campus, this wise woman interrupted him suddenly, saying, 'Young man, tell me: Has anyone been saved here lately?'

This question asks another of us. In our institutions of higher learning is the major emphasis to be on soul-winnng evangelism, or academic excellence? or both? One may say, both; but how can we "force" religion when so much time is taken up in pursuing increasingly high academic standards?

Want Control on Ads

Support for proposed controls on tobacco advertising was voiced in Washington, D. C., by a Methodist layman, a physician, at a Federal Trade Commission hearing.

Dr. Lester L. Keyser of Dallas, Tex., pointed out that, "long before the Surgeon General's Report" linking smoknig and lung cancer, Methodist leaders have regarded smoking "as a custom injurious to health." He noted that a committee of the church's Board of Christian Social Concerns had been studying the issue of tobacco use over the past four years.

Dr. Keyser declared: "The health of our citizens will be protected only when they cease to smoke cigarettes. They will not cease to smoke until the image of smoking changes. The image will not change until the advertising which conveys it is controlled."

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We do not really pray to God until we are absolutely honest with God.

Ministers Attend Clinic On "Renewal of The Church"

Selected Methodist clergymen attended a two-day clinic on "The Renewal of the Church", led by Dr. Earl Brewer of Emory University and sponsored by the Commission on Town and Country Work of the Western North Carolina Conference held in Statesville March 12-13 at the Methodist Building.

Using the text, "Leadership and Dynamic Group Action," the group was shown discussion techniques—those needed to secure more involvement of persons in the life of the church.

By night of the first day, and including most of the second day, those attending had progressed to "role playing", according to Rev. Garland Stafford, executive secretary of the Conference Town and Country Commission, who organized the program.

The feature in the "role playing" was the Official Board of the local church.

So enthusiastic was the response to this clinic, according to Rev. Mr. Stafford, that plans are for another clinic in October of this year and plans are being studied for several such clinics a year in the Conference.

Participants included these clergymen:

Harlan L. Creech, Wingate; Douglas Beard, Jr., Swannanoa; John Burton, Candler; Robert J. Ralls, Charlotte; W. H. Pheagin, Jr., Belmont; William R. White, Mayodan; William H. Dingus, Asheboro; Tracy H. Streeter, Trinity; Ronald Overcash, Henrietta; Morris J. Byers, Marion; Wayne Woodward, Ronda; Dr. M. Wilson Nesbitt, Duke Divinity School; C. E. Simpson, Rockwell; Dean Brown and George Rudisill, Statesville; J. B. Yarborough, Mocksville; James S. White, Lexington; Mark S. Rose, Franklin; and Donald Fisher, Dobson.

Good Crowd Attends Service at Stony Hill

A large crowd greeted Easter at the Stony Hill service on Sunday morning, March 29.

Rev. C. Harley Dickson, minister of Main Street Methodist Church, centered his thoughts on the beauty of Easter and the wonderful hope which the Easter story offers to mankind.

Appearing with Mr. Dickson on the program were Rev. James R. Faggart, pastor of the Albemarle Circuit of the Methodist Church, which sponsors this annual sunrise service, and Rev. David Morrow, pastor of South Albemarle Baptist Church.

Music for the occasion was furnished by the Bell Choir of Central Methodist Church and the Stanly Methodist Chorus, both under the direction of Mrs. John W. Almond.

The crowd was estimated at over 500 people, one of the largest to attend this service in many years. The weather cooperated in that it was not as cold as some recent mornings. The temperature was a comparatively mild 39 and only a moderate wind was blowing.

This was the nineteenth annual sunrise service to be held in the old cemetery of historic Stony Hill. The morning light was breaking over the slopes of Morrow Mountain as the Bell Choir began its musical prelude to the service.



TRYON TO DEDICATE NEW CHURCH AND PARSONAGE

Pictured together are two beautiful buildings of which Tryon Methodists are grateful. The sanctuary and education building will be dedicated on April 12 by Bishop Nolan B. Harmon. These units were built in 1956 during the ministry of the late Rev. H. A. Prupy; John Cowan was chairman of the building committee; Merriweather and Brady were architects and Paul Reneau was the contractor. The spacious parsonage with nine rooms, two and a half baths, and ample storage was also designed by Merriweath and Brady and was built by John L. Edwards at a cost of $30,000 plus donated materials and furnishings. Serving on the building committee were: Dr. R. M. Palmer, J. Lee Lavender, Dr. C. W. McCall, Charles McCracken, and Mrs. Herbert Renner. The parsonage was completed several months ago and is presently being occupied by the family of the Rev. Frank B. Cook.

Methodist Work in Alaska Effected

Reports from Methodists in Alaska are mixed, some good and some bad, with respect to the effect on Methodist work of the devastating earthquake which struck Anchorage and other parts of Alaska on Good Friday, March 27. In the wake of the disaster, an immediate "Alaska Earthquake Appeal" has been authorized by Methodist leaders, and special offerings are being asked in each Methodist church Sunday, April 5.

In capsule form, here are effects of the earthquake on Methodist work in Alaska, as can best be determined at this time:

1. So far as is known, no loss of life among Methodist personnel (pastors, doctors, teachers, nurses, social workers) and no reported injuries. 2. Some damage, the full extent not yet determined, to the $2,650,000 Alaska Methodist University in Anchorage. 3. Heavy damage to the Jesse Lee Children's Home in Seward and minor damage to the Wesleyan Hospital for Chronic Diseases, also in Seward. 4. Some damage to Methodist churches in Anchorage, including First Church and Anchor Park Church. The extent of damage to those and other churches in the Anchorage area is not yet known. 5. No word as yet as to the status of the Methodist churches in Seward, Nome, Saldovia and other isolated points on the Kenai Peninsula south of Anchorage. 6. Heavy damage to several Methodist-owned residences, including the parsonage of the Alaska Methodist Mission superintendent, the Rev. David H. Blackburn, and the home of President Fred McGinnis of Alaska Methodist University. Both are in Anchorage.

When news of the earthquake was received, top leaders of The Methodist Church moved quickly to provide funds for relief, rehabilitation and rebuilding in Alaska. An immedioate churchwide appeal, christened the "Alaska Earthquake Appeal," has been authorized by the Council of Bishops and the Council on World Service and Finance, the two Methodist agencies which must approve any special churchwide financial appeal.

The funds from the offering will be channeled to Alaska through the Division of National Missions of the Methodist Board of Missions. The National Division and the Woman's Division of Christian Service of the Board are the agencies responsible for Methodist work in Alaska.

In commenting on the earthquake's effects on Alaska Methodism and in emphasizing the need for a generous response to the Alaska Earthquake Appeal, Dr. H. Conwell Snoke, Philadelphia, Pa., general secretary of the National Division, said: "There are obvious tangible needs for reconstruction and repair of churches, parsonages and other buildings. The full extent of damage to buildings and furnishings, including those at Alaska Methodist University, may not be known for some time, but we already know that much rebuilding, repair and refurnishing will have to be done. We are starting on the reconstruction and repair immediately.

"In addition to these tangible needs, however, funds will be required to help Alaska meet more intangible but nonetheless real needs in recovering from this disaster. We must remember that many of our church people have suffered severe losses—homes, furniture, personal possessions and, very importantly, income because of job loss. Thus they have heavy financial burdens and will unavoidably have less to give to their churches. This means that funds will be needed for the salaries of pastors and other workers and for operational expense of the churches. Thus, in addition to rebuilding, we need to aid our Alaskan brethren in financing their church budgets, which means actually helping our churches to continue with their work despite the earthquake.

Bishop A. Raymond Grant of the Portland Episcopal Area of The Methodist Church, which includes the Alaska Mission, said he planned to go to Alaska as soon as possible to make a personal survey of the effects of the earthquake on Methodist work.

Information on the extent of damage to Methodist work was hard to come by in the early hours after the quake. Disrupted communications prevented immediate contact between Alaska Methodist leaders and Bishop Grant and the Board of Missions. Information about the Anchorage situation came to Bishop Grant in reports from President McGinnis of Alaska Methodist University by amateur (ham) radio and special-delivery letter. Information about the Seward institutions was received by the Board of Missions from Mrs. Frances Currier, director of the Jesse Lee Home.

Dr. McGinnis' report:

"All of us in Anchorage are in excellent shape. David Blackburns are O.K.; so are all the other Methodist families. All of the homes of the AMU trustees living in Turnagain (a heavily damaged section of Anchorage) are gone—in the Bay. The McGinnis and Blackburn homes have been damaged, although nothing compared to those actually leveled and completely destroyed.

"The university property and church property are all intact with some damage but not destroyed, as can be said for all our spirits. Our Grant Hall at AMU stands in all its majesty and beaty. Considerably shaken up, Gould Hall was damaged slightly.

"While it is too early to assess all the damage to university property, it is negligible as compared to other property in the area. The homes on the campus are all intact, and the balance of campus facilities are all operable—water and light and heat. The McGinneses are living at Gould Hall on the campus.

"We have been host to hundreds of homeless at the university and have assisted Providence Hospital in their insuperable task in these hours."

The report from Mrs. Currier in Seward was received first by a ham radio operator in Spokane, Wash. He relayed it to the Board of Missions by wire. Mrs. Currier said: "No injuries at Jesse Lee or Wesleyan. Jesse Lee building damaged heavily. Wesleyan damage minor." A newspaper report said that aid to Seward quake victims was being given by Jesse Lee Home.

The move to receive a special churchwide offering was begun March 30 in national Methodist offices and among top Methodist leaders throughout the nation. Telegrams were sent to members of the Council of Bishops and the Council on World Service and Finance requesting approval for a special appeal for Alaska relief and rebuilding. Approval from both groups was forthcoming immediately, and by March 31 the Commission on Promotion and Cultivation, the Rev. Dr. Elliott L. Fisher, general secretary, was hard at work sending emergency messages about the Alaska Earthquake Appeal to Methodist district superintendents and pastors. The Commission is requesting a special offering in each Methodist church either April 5 or at the earliest possible date.

The funds from the offering are to be sent through regular Methodist benevolence channels and will be forwarded to the Division of National Missions, which is to administer them in Alaska. Advance Special credit will be given for Alaska Earthquake Appeal gifts.

The Alaska Methodist Mission is comprised of 21 churches with 3,680 members. The principal centers of Methodist work are in Anchorage area and on the Kenai Peninsula, though there are churches in Fairbanks, Nome, Juneau (Alaska's capital) and Ketchikan. Three major Methodist institutions are in the stricken areas: the new Alaska Methodist University with 300 students, the Wesleyan Hospital for Chronic Diseases with 35 patients and the Jesse Lee Home with 60 children. The latter two are projects of the Woman's Division of Christian Service, while the university is a joint project of the National Division and the Woman's Division.

Church Must March

The Church always falters when it stands still, becomes self-satisfied, and does not march forward, Bishop Gerald Kennedy told the 10th Bishop's Laymen Luncheon in San Diego, Calif., March 16.

"The greatest mistake of our missionary enterprise is that we assumed things would not change. Our greatest mistake as a nation is the policy that we contain communism.

"We ought to be going somewhere. Life is not static. Not even civilization stands still. We need a destination toward which we move with confidence," the bishop said.

He spoke to more than 300 business and civic leaders at one of the lay luncheons sponsroed annually in Los Angeles, Tucson, and San Diego by the Board of Lay Activities of the Southern California-Arizona Conference.



Sunday School Lesson

FOR APRIL 19

By RAYMOND A. SMITH
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FACING FAMILY TENSIONS

Background Scripture: Ephesians 5:21-6:4; Matthew 10:34-39

Lesson Scripture: Ephesians 5:21, 6-4

There was a news story a fews years ago bout a couple in a nearby state who got nto an argument about the Bible's teaching n husband-wife relationships. The result vas that the woman shot the man in the ead with a rifle. Fortunately, these matters may be discussed, even in mixed Church School classes, without having them nd in a free-for-all between the men and vomen! The above-related incident is being recalled at this time because one of he passages quoted by the man to the voman was Ephesians 5:22 and 23: "Wives, ubmit yourself to your husbands, as unto he Lord, for the husband is head of the vife." Evidently the woman was not prepared to accept this doctrine, which reflects a position of woman in the family which was natural to people of the ancient Near-East, but seems out of date today when we have adopted a more nearly demoeratic and Christian view of the family.

Scholars think our Scripture for today was one of numerous "tables of household duties" to be found in the Greco-Roman world of the first few centuries of the Christian Era. No doubt many of them were from Greek and Roman customs and made no reference to Christ. But here in Ephesians we have a fine example of teaching about the Christian's family life.

Notice that the author compares these family relationships with those which should exist within the fellowship of the Christian community. Paul had frequently used the symbol of "the body of Christ" to describe the church, pointing out that the healthy body is one in which there is a maximum of cooperation and a minimum of friction between the various parts. Furthermore, the Christian is under obligation to do the things Christ would do and, in Luther's words, "to be a Christ" to every man he meets.

In our lesson Scripture it becomes clear that the Christian family should be a little "colony of heaven," that is, a place which is a sort of ideal example of what the church and the community ought to be. A similar passage is found in Colossians 3:18-4:1. This section should be read and compared with the passages in Ephesians to which reference has been made. The phrase "as unto the Lord" or "as fitting unto the Lord" may be understood as carrying the thought "as proper for a Christian."

Verse 32 may need special mention, what is meant by the phrase "this is a great mystery." The New English Bible translation of verses 31-33 may help us undertsand it better. It reads: "Thus it is that (in the words of Scripture) 'a man shall leave his father and mother and shall be joined to his wife, and the two shall become a single body.' It is a great truth that is hidden here. I for my part refer it to Christ and the Church, but it applies also individually: each of you must love his wife as his very self; and the woman must see to it that she pays her husband all respect."

Coming now to Chapter 6:1-4, we see that the children are urged to obey the parents, for the Commandment "Honor your father and mother" promises prosperity and long life. Much of the Old Testament promises rewards for obedience, such as long life, many children and material prosperity. Jesus, however, promised his followers a cross.

Ephesians 6:4 has a word for fathers in regard to their attitude toward children: "Provoke not your children to wrath: but bring them up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord." According to psychologists, the "father image" will have a lot to do with the person's developing character. From our Scripture we learn that there is no point in building up unnecessary resentment in children, but that discipline and correction when needed is a debt we owe them. They will feel more secure in the world if there exists a restraining hand, than if such control is lacking.

The memory verse reflects the truly Christian view in that it speaks of "being subject" to one another. Our tradition of liberty and freedom makes us resentful of being subject to anyone. This is often carried to the extent of defiance of law and order. This is not the Christian way. When each member of the family is more concerned for the welfare of the others than for his own there will be little or no family tension.



On Sunday, March 15, 1964, Mr. Dick Auger, Field Director, East Carolina Council presented the Eagle Award, the highest rank in scouting, to three Boy Scouts of Troop 15, Bethel, North Carolina, at a Court of Honor held in the Bethel Methodist Church. They are left to right, Edward Hammond, son of Mr. and Mrs. Carey Hammond; Bob Staton, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Staton; and Phillip Michaels, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert P. Michaels, Jr. In addition to the Eagle Award, Bob Staton and Phillip Michaels have already received the God and Country Award. Edward Hammond is the holder of a three-year perfect attendance award. Scoutmaster of Troop 15 is Harold L. Manning, and Assistant Scoutmaster is Carey Hammond.

Rev. and Mrs. J. C. Auman Return To Japan as Interim Missionaries

The Rev. and Mrs. J. Clyde Auman, of Winston-Salem, left for Japan on Saturday, March 28. They have accepted an appointment as interim missionaries under the Division of World Missions of the Board of Missions of the Methodist Church.

The Aumans will be returning to the same city and to the same school in which they worked in the fall of 1921 as missionaries for the former Methodist Protestant Church. Mr. Auman was head of the school until the fall months of 1927 when he and Mrs. Auman returned to the United States. Now they return to the same city to see many changes. The school has become a college with an enrollment of 2,500 and is on a new campus. Centenary shared in a small way toward the construction of the chapel at Nagoya College. Mr. Auman will be teaching English in the college. He and Mrs. Auman will be replacing another couple who are not returning to Japan at this time.

For the last 13 years the Aumans have been a vital part of Centenary Church, in Winston-Salem. Mr. Auman came as associate minister from Love's Church at Walkertown. Their eldest son, Harvey Clyde Auman, was born in Japan and for a number of years has retained an office in Tokyo with International Mineral and Chemical Company. The other son is Dr. Edwin Auman of High Point.

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Woman's Activities

Re-Organization Plan Proposed By Board of Missions

Mrs. E. K. McLarty

The Methodist Board of Missions voted a sweeping re-organization of its structure, designed to unify the administrative and promotional work of Methodist missions in the United States and 48 countries overreas. *Before the new plan can take effect, however, it must be approved by the quadrennial Methodist General Conference.*

The major provisions of the plan are:

1. There will be one general secretary for the Board. The single secretary will supervise the 125 staff executives of the Board, and will correlate and unify the total program of the Board.

2. The top staff executives, in addition to the general secretary, will be four associatte general secretaries, one each for the Division of World Missions, the Division of National Missions, the Woman's Division of Christian Service, and the Joint Commission of Education and Cultivation. At least two of the five top positions must be held by women.

3. The administration of Methodist mission work is to be unified. This means merging the present Division of World Missions and the Department of Work in Foreign Fields of the Womans Division into a new division the name of which will still be the Division of World Missions. . . Similarly, the present Division of National Missions and the Department of Work in Home Fields of the Woman's Division are to be merged into a new home missions division, still to be called the Division of National Missions. . . . .

4. There will be unity in missionary education, cultivation and promotion.

5. There will be one Treasurer for the Board instead of four.

6. *There will continue to be a Woman's Division of Christian Service. It will have as its major functions the building of program for the local Woman's Societies, the training of women for church leadership and the development of an active program of Christian Social Relations (in such fields as race, world peace, etc). The Woman's Division will continnue to receive funds from local Woman's Societies and will allocate the funds to the World and National Missions for home and overseas missionary work. The funds will be used primarily for mission projects of special interest to Methodist women. The number of women members on the Board will be increased.*

7. There will be increased participation and involvment of Board members in the policy-making operations of the Board.

8. The plan sets up within the World Division a system for channeling the techniques and skills of other national Methodist agencies to Methodist and Methodist-related churches overseas.

9. The plan guarantees that a minimum of 40 per cent of the executive staff of the Board shall continue to recruit, utalize and promote staff members without regard to race or color.

In commenting on the proposed plan, Bishop Raines said. . . . "It should be emphasized that the values and heritage of Methodist women are to be preserved. . ."

GREENSBORO DISTRICT PRESIDENT ANNOUNCES MEETING

Mrs. Max Tucker writes: "April 30: Greensboro District meeting will be held at College Place Church, Greensboro. The meeting will convene promptly at 10:00 a.m. There will be no registration at the door as we have done in the past. Your program book will include a registration blank. Further information concerning registration will be given from the platform. The women of the host church will serve lunch for 75 cents. It will be most helpful and avoid congestion at the lunch hour if you have 75 cents in change. Miss Lucy Gist, Deaconess at the Bethlehem Center in Charlotte will be our morning speaker. Mrs. Julian Reeves, President of the North Wilkesboro District, and Conference delegate to the National Seminar at Tacoma, Washington, in August, 1963, will speak to us immediately following lunch. The meeting will adjourn at 1:30 o'clock. Come prepared to make your pledge to missions. Extend an invitation to your pastor, and bring as many of the local women as possible."

N. C. Conference

By Mary Gardner

WSG MEMBERS HOLD ANNUAL MEET

The approximately 300 women representing the 85 local Wesleyan Service Guild units in the North Carolina Conference, meeting in annual session at the First Methodist Church, Washington, N. C., March 14-15, had for their theme "The Program That Unites Us in Witness and Service." Mrs. C. H. Boyd, of New Bern, is the presiding officer.

Guest Speakers

Miss Frances Allen, missionary to India, was heard in a series of two addresses using the topics, "Our United Witness In India," and "When We Care We Share In India." Miss Allen, currently a graduate student at the University of N. C., expects to return to her work at Clara Swain Hospital, Bareilly, India, in September, 1964. Other speakers included Miss Dorothy McConnell, New York City, Editor World Outlook; Mrs. H. C. Turlington, Dunn, president N. C. Conference WSCS, and Mrs. J. E. Sponenberg, Aberdeen, secretary Spiritual Life N. C. Conference WSCS.

The opening session on Saturday afternoon featured an address by Miss Allen the Message of the President of the N. C. Conference WSCS, Mrs. Turlington; reports of officers and chairmen of lines of work; report of the confereince Guild rural worker in the Pembroke area, Miss Martha Schlapbach, and special music by Mr. Philip Cartwright, of Milburn, N. J. An "In Remembrance Service," in music by Mr. Cartwright, was dedicated to Mrs. Ernest Harding, former secretary of Elizabeth City District WSG and at the time of her recent death conference chairman of Christian social relations.

Saturday Evening Banquet

The program for the Saturday evening banquet, held at Washington First Christian Church, was highlighted by the launching of the 25th Anniversary of the WSG. Following remarks by Mrs. L. C. Vereen concerning the Guild's heritage, four of the seven former conference secretaries of WSG were introduced, each of whom lifted up one particularly outstanding achievement during her administration. These were Mrs. R. C. Gary, Henderson; Miss Sarah Godfrey, Sanford; Mrs. Harriett Fralix, Fayetteville, and Miss Juanita Stott, Raleigh. Former conference secretaries absent were Mrs. L. C. Larkin, Lake Junaluska; Mrs. Norman Wood, Burlington, and Miss Elsie Parker, Lakeland, Florida.

A special guest at the banquet, Betty Chang, spoke briefly of her appreciation for the missions program, declaring that because of Christian missions she had declined to accept a position in a bank, choosing rather to enroll in a Christian college and major in Christian education. Miss Chang, of Formosa, is a student at N. C. Wesleyan College, Rocky Mount.

Saturday Evening Session

During the evening session in the sanctuary of the host church, Miss Allen delivered the second of her two addresses and Mrs. Harold Mann, conference treasurer, along with the nine district WSG secretaries, conducted the annual Pledge Service. Pledges for 1964-65 totaling $15,630.00 were made to the WDCS by the conference's nine districts.

Following adjournment of the session members of the WSG of the First Methodist Church were hostesses at a social hour in the church parlor.

Sunday Program

The 8:00 o'clock Morning Watch Service in the church sanctuary, with a meditation by Mrs. J. E. Sponenberg, secretary Spiritual Life, N. C. Conference WSCS on the topic "My Work, His Business," preceeded a Covenant Service, led by the Rev. T. J. Whitehead, host pastor. During the Covenant Service offerings totaling $418.00 were laid on the altar for wives of Southern Rhodesian students who are now studying in the USA.

The Guilders attended the eleven o'clock worship service at the First Methodist Church.

During the closing luncheon session at the First Christian Church, Miss Dorothy McConnell delivered an address on the topic "The Ecumenical Council in Rome,

Miss McConnell was a visitor at the Council meeting at the Vatican. Also at this session were presentation of special memberships, and the report of the Resolutions Committee.

Honors Awarded

Honorary Life Membership pins and certificates were presented to Mrs. Lena Gray, Rocky Mount; Mrs. Joseph Smith, Cary, and Mrs. H. C. Turlington, Dunn.

The World Bank Candle was burned for five minutes ($120.00), memoralizing Mrs. Ernest Harding.

The Annual meeting program was dedicated to Miss Lillie Smith, outgoing conference chairman of Spiritual life.

New Officers

Mrs. C. H. Boyd was re-elected conference secretary of WSG. The four other newly elected members of the Conference Guild Standing Committee include Miss Cornelia Norris, Fayetteville, recording secretary; Miss Lucille Donnell, Sanford, chairman of Spiritual Life; Mrs. Fred Lemmond, Laurinburg, chairman Christian social relations, and Mrs. L. C. Vereen, Raleigh, member-at-large.

The 1965 Annual WSG meeting will convene next March 20-21 at the Duke Memorial Methodist Church, Durham.

N. C. Conference Missionary Dies

Word has been received of the death on March 20 of Miss Ida Hankins, of Wilmington.

A native of Mt. Olive, N. C., Miss Hankins went out from Grace Methodist Church, Wilmington, as a missionary to Korea. She served for 30 years as a teacher at the Carolina Institute in Seoul, and as principal of the Mary Helms School in Songdo—both projects of the Woman's Division of Christian Service. Miss Hankins retired as a missionary in 1947.

Until her illness a few years ago Miss Hawkins was a familiar and beloved figure at both the Annual meetings of the N. C. Conference WSCS and the Conference School of Missions.

Rev. Cyrus B. Hutcherson Speaks To His Church From Greece

Rev. Cyrus B. Hutcherson, pastor of Devon Park Methodist Church, Wilmington, who is touring the Holy Land, had the unique experience of speaking to his Wilmington congregation over a telephone hook-up arranged for his church by representatives of Southern Bell Telephone Company on Sunday, March 1. His audience could hear him plainly as he spoke of the experiences he was having in visiting the city of Athens and of standing where St. Paul stood centuries ago. He said Christianity has deep roots in Greece. It was 6:00 p.m. in Greece when he was speaking to his 11:00 o'clock congregation in Wilmington. His wife spoke briefly to her husband just before the congregation was tuned in.

Mr. Hutcherson has been on a 21-day tour of the Holy Land, and visited his son in Frankfurt, Germany before returning to his home in Wilmington.

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A man that hath friends must show himself friendly: and there is a friend that sticketh closer than a brother.—Prov. 18:24.

Annual Meeting Service Guild North Wilkesboro District

Miss Lillian Johnson, Executive Secretary, Wesleyan Service Guild, New York City, was guest speaker at the annual meeting of the North Wilkesboro District of the



Miss Lillian Johnson

Wesleyan Service Guild held Thursday evening, March 12, at the Boonville Methodist Church. Miss Johnson used as her subject, "New Trends That Effect Wesleyan Service Guild."

Mrs. Glenn Ayer, conference Guild secretary, introduced Miss Johnson who came to the office of the Woman's Division of Christian Service of the Board of Missions of the Methodist Church in December, 1951, after having served as Dean of Women, teacher of Bible, and head of the Guidance Department of Wood Junior College, one of the schools of the Woman's Division of Christian Service. Miss Johnson attended Teacher's College, New Haven, Conn., received degree of Bachelor of Science from Hartford Seminary Foundation, and Master of Arts from Columbia University, majoring in Religious Education. Ordained an elder in the Methodist Church while working as minister's assistant to Bishop W. Earl Ledden, who was pastor of Trintiy Methodist Church, Albany, New York.

Mrs. W. L. Hine, Jonesville, a member of the Elkin Guild, was elected secretary of the North Wilkesboro District Weslevan Service Guild, succeeding Mrs. Odell Brown of Boonville. Other officers named were Mrs. Odell Brown, Boonville, chairman of Spiritual Life; Mrs. Warner Miller, Jr., Wilkesboro, chairman of Christian Social Relations; Mrs. Wayne Shepard of West Jefferson, chairman of Missionary Education; Mrs. Denny Choplin, Jefferson, chairman of Literature and Publications; Mrs. Bill Amburn, Elkin, secretary and Miss Mabel Sale, Research chairman.

Mrs. David Mann, president of Boonville Guild, welcomed the group. Mrs. Woodrow Rogers, president of the West Jefferson Guild, gave the response. Fifty-three Guilders represented Bethany, Boonville, Jefferson, West Jefferson, Yadkinville, Sparta, Wilkesboro and Elkin were present along with seven visitors. A buffet supper was served to the group. The Rev. James McNeely, pastor of the Boonville Methodist Church, offered the invocation.

Mrs. Odell Brown, retiring District Secretary, presided over the meeting. The new officers were introduced by Miss Mabel Sale of the Elkin Guild. Mrs. Gwyn Yates of the West Jefferson Guild, Spiritual Life chairman, conducted the devotional service.

Mrs. Brown announced several dates of importance and projects that were discussed at the conference executive convention in Charlotte.

Miss Johnson installed the new officers who will take office after the Guild Weekend at Lake Junaluska in June, after which the group joined in singing the prayer stanza of the Guild Hymn and repeating the Guild benediction in unison.

Board Reaffirms Support

The Methodist Board of Missions, through its two divisions which work overseas, has reaffirmed its support of overseas churches' developing their own missionary agencies.

At the recent executive committee meeting, the board through the two divisions encouraged Methodist and Methodist-related churches in Asia to set up their own board or commission to promote and be responsible for interchurch missionary activities. The divisions involved are the Division of World Missions and the Woman's Division of Christian Service (through its Department of Work in Foreign Fields).

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Association of the Seattle (Wash.) region's three Methodist homes for older persons at the administrative level has been announced by Bishop Everett W. Palmer, who has appointed the Rev. Clark J. Wood to the new post of executive director, Associated Methodist Homes, Pacific Northwest Conference.

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What Is Happening At Brevard Callege

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The Board of Trustees and the faculty of Brevard College are currently engaged in an institutional research program for the purpose of evaluating every phase of the college operation. The commission on colleges of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools, accrediting agency to which Brevard belongs, requires that all member institutions make such study every ten years.

Content of the study includes examination and evaluation of the purpose of the college, financial resources, administrative organization, educational program, the library, the faculty, student personnel and the physical plant.

As conceived by the commission, "the self-study, while it encourages an institution to examine its history, and to determine its present position in the educational world, is not a status study only but is one which should make it possible for the institution to project its educational program and plan its growth within the framework of its purpose."

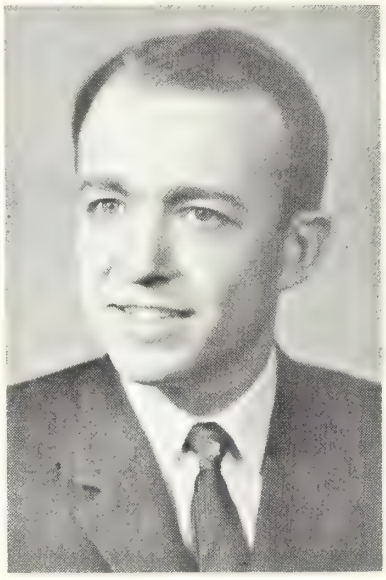
One of the important accomplishments of the Brevard study thus far is the revised statement of the purpose of the college, which is as follows: "With first emphasis on intellectual discipline, Brevard College exists for the purpose of providing a two-year academic program, primarily designed and administered for qualified freshmen and sophomores, enabling them to continue more effectively their studies as juniors in four-year colleges. Committed to Christian concepts, Brevard College is dedicated to a way of life that instills within the student a greater desire to become a more responsible and creative member of society."

Elton Trueblood, in his book *The Idea of a College*, said, "It is not the duty of a college to teach everything but it is the duty of a college to teach well all that it does teach." Brevard College does not try to be "all things to all men." The statement of purpose commits Brevard to an academic program that determines the nature of its student body.

(Subsequent articles will review the history of the college, present a profile of the student body and faculty, report on the findings of the self-study and on the plans for the future of the college).

Rev. J. R. Regan, Jr., Named To New Position

Establishment of a new joint Section on Education and Communication in the Methodist Board of Christian Social Concerns has been announced by the Rev. A. Dudley Ward, general secretary.



Rev. J. R. Regan, Jr.

The Rev. J. Robert Regan, Jr., was named as acting executive secretary of the section, pending action by the board at its next meeting, in October. Mr. Regan has been director of organizational activities for the board, and its predecessor Board of Temperance, since 1957.

The section combines the former departments of communication and of organizational activities and education. An editor of board publications is to be named later. The position is being filled on an interim basis by the Rev. Allan Brockway, managing editor of *Concern* for the past year.

The section's work includes contact with nearly 100 annual conferences and 600 district directors of Christian social concerns, coordination of training programs and direction of the Washington seminar program.

Mr. Regan is a graduate of Duke University and its divinity school. He has served as a pastor and state director of student work and of camping in North Carolina. He is the son of Rev. and Mrs. J. R. Regan of Ellerbe, and is a member of the North Carolina Annual Conference.

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Methodist College Inaugurates First President

Dr. Lucius Stacey Weaver was formally inaugurated as first president of Methodist College at Fayetteville Friday, April 10. Dr. Weaver has served as president since he was elected to head the new institution in 1957, soon after it was founded. Methodist College is one of the two new colleges founded in 1956 by the North Carolina annual conference. The other being North Carolina Wesleyan College at Rocky Mount.

Governor Terry Sanford, Chairman of the Board of Trustees, presided over the inaugural ceremonies, following the academic parade which formed in one of the classroom buildings and proceeded to the Student Union Building where the program was held. Music for the occasion was furnished by the Fayetteville Symphony Orchestra and the Methodist College Chorus, under the direction of Mr. Alan M. Porter, conductor. The invocation was given by Dr. Samuel J. Womack, chaplain to the College. Mr. Julian Jessup, president of the student government association, brought greetings from the student body; Dr. Charles Ott, professor of Chemistry, brought greetings from the faculty; Bishop Paul N. Garber, resident Bishop of the Richmond Area, in which is located the North Carolina Conference, and who is President of the Council of Bishops, brought greetings from the Methodist Church; and Ivy May Hixson, president of North Carolina College Conference, brought greetings from that group.

Governor Sanford presented members of Dr. Weaver's family, including his wife, Mrs. Stacey Weaver; his mother, Mrs. Charles C. Weaver, Sr.; his brothers, Mr. Phil Weaver, and Mr. Jim Weaver, both of Greensboro; Mr. Charles C. Weaver, Jr., of Elkin; Miss Janie Weaver of Winston-Salem, and their families. Two of Dr. Weaver's three sons were present. These were Mr. Lucius Stacey Weaver, Jr., an attorney, of Fayetteville, and Dr. Charles H. Weaver, assistant superintendent of schools in Asheboro. A third son, Rev. Walter Weaver, who is taking graduate work toward his

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Shown are principals in Inauguration Ceremony. Above, left to right, in Academic Procession: Governor Terry Sanford, Dr. L. Stacey Weaver, Bishop Paul N. Garber, Dr. John O. Gross; Below, during ceremony, left to right: Ivy May Hixson, Dr. John O. Gross, Dr. L. Stacey Weaver, Governor Terry Sanford, Bishop Paul N. Garber, Dr. Samuel J. Womack.

★ CAROLINA BRIEFS ★

¶ Contract has been let for the new parsonage for Chestnut St. Church in Lumberton.

¶ Rev. Roy Bell of Central Church, Concord, is conducting revival services this week at Central in Spencer.

¶ The Sunday morning services at Central Methodist Church in King's Mountain are being broadcast over Radio Station WKMT during April.

¶ Grace Church, Burlington, has cushioned the front five pews in the sanctuary as an inducement for early comers to sit up front and leave rear pews for late arrivals.

¶ Judging from the church bulletins in our mail this week, the response to the appeal for funds for Alaska earthquake relief has been unanimous.

¶ Rev. Vergil E. Queen of Elizabeth City, will preach at the formal opening of the new Haymount Methodist Church, Fayetteville, April 26. Mr. Queen was Haymount's first pastor.

¶ Revival at the Bethlehem Methodist Church, Bladen Charge, is in progress this week. It will continue through Friday night. Rev. David Jones, a Methodist minister from Rockingham, is the evangelist of the week. Rev. T. R. McKay is the pastor.

¶ A special revival begins Sunday, April 19, at Bethesda Church, Thomasville District, with the Rev. Don Funderburk as visiting minister. Services Sunday through Wednesday at 7:30 p.m. Fletcher Andrews is pastor.

¶ Revival services will be held at the Hermon Methodist Church of the Oxford Circuit from April 19-24 with the pastor, Rev. R. L. Ossman, preaching. Services will begin at 8:00. Special music is being planned each evening.

¶ Dr. Allen P. Brantley, Executive Director of Christian Higher Education of the North Carolina Conference was the guest minister at Grace Methodist Church, Burlington, on Sunday, April 12, at the 11 o'clock hour. Rev. Charles Bryant is the pastor.

¶ Rev. H. L. Blackwelder, pastor of the Jonesville Methodist Church, will assist Rev. David E. Hubbard in revival service at the Palestine Methodist Church on the Flat Rock Charge, Greensboro District, April 19-24. Services will be held each evening at 7:30. The public is invited.

¶ The members of Shiloh Church, Granite Quarry, opened their new library on Palm Sunday. Librarians are Mrs. W. F. Brinkley, Sr. and Miss Margaret Yost. Serving on the committee were: Mrs. Cary Broadwell, chairman; Mrs. R. J. Bame, Mrs. Melvin McIntosh and Mrs. Arnold Kirk, Jr.

¶ On Sunday, May 10, Concord Methodist Church in Coleridge, will observe Homecoming and Memorial Day. A former pastor, Rev. Lonnie Davis, will preach the sermon at 11 o'clock. On Sunday night, Mr. Davis will preach at the Maple Springs Methodist Church about three miles south of Coleridge. The public is invited.

¶ Dr. G. McLeod Bryan, Professor of Christian ethics at Wake Forest College in Winston-Salem, will speak at the 4 p.m. vesper services at Bennett College on Sunday, April 19, in Pfeiffer Chapel.

¶ Rev C. Freeman Heath, Director of Evangelism in the North Carolina Conference, is preaching this week in revival services at the Wendell Methodist church, of which Rev. W. Allen Wentz is the pastor.

¶ Dr. Samuel D. Proctor, recently resigned as president of A & T College at Greensboro, and presently a member of the Peace Corps in Washington, D. C., preached last Sunday morning in the Duke Chapel at Durham.

¶ Dr. Ford Philpot will begin a union revival series of services in Randleman next Sunday. All churches of the city are cooperating. Morning services will be held in the First Methodist Church, and evening services at the First Baptist Church.

¶ The Advocate Editor preached at First Methodist Church in Randleman last Sunday morning. A good congregation was present. Rev. T. G. Madison is the pastor, and is in good favor with his people. They have a splendid church plant.

¶ Dr. Howard P. Powell will be guest preacher for a series of services at First Church, Mount Olive, April 19-24. Services will be held nightly at 8:00 p.m. in the sanctuary and at 10:00 a.m. each morning in the Fellowship Hall of the Educational Building. All members are praying for this revival that it might truly be a revival in the church and its membership.

¶ Revival services will be held at The Chadwick Methodist Church, Charlotte, April 26-May 1, 1964. Dr. Edgar H. Nease, a former pastor and now pastor of The Hill's Chapel Methodist Church, Charlotte District, will preach each night beginning at 7:30. The evangelistic song services will be led by Mr. Eugene Davis of Charlotte. Rev. F. E. Howard is the pastor.

¶ Dr. Ralph Taylor will preach and lead in the dedication of the education building at Maple Springs on the Coleridge Charge, May 24, at 11 a.m. At Concord Methodist Church in Coleridge, Mr. Walter F. Anderson, will speak on Sunday night, May 24. Mr. Anderson is the director of the N. C. Bureau of Investigation. The public is invited to all these services. Rev. John S. Oakley is pastor.

¶ On Sunday, April 5, the Rev. Herman F. Duncan delivered the morning sermon at the Sparta Methodist Church, after which he led the congregation in the dedication of the parsonage. The parsonage was begun in 1961 and was cleared of debt in December of 1963. An open house was held in the afternoon for those who had not yet seen the interior of the house. Rev. Gary H. Brown is the pastor of the Sparta Methodist Church.

¶ Miss Bernadette Purvis, Bennett College sophomore, of Pittburgh, Pa., has been declared winner of the $300 first prize in the essay division of the annual creative writing competition sponsored by the United Negro College Fund and the Reader's Digest. Title of the winning essay was "The Language I Hear Everyday."

¶ On Easter Sunday Shiloh Methodist Church near Catawba began their annual Easter revival with Rev. Robert Oakley of Claremont doing the preaching. He was graciously received by the congregation, and his good sermons were highly received. Also on Easter the pastor, P.L. Smith led in a sunrise service, baptised three babies, at the morning worship, and received twelve members from the Membership Class.

¶ Two circles of the Woman's Society of Christian Service of the First Church of Mount Olive have recently been named honoring two members who have given of their time and talents for many years to the work of the Woman's Society and to their church. Circle 5 was named the Carrie Mintz Circle and Circle 6 was named the Winnie Cox Circle. Both women have served in many capacities locally, and both had been District Secretaries of Promotion.

¶ St. Andrews Methodist Church, just North of Methodist College, Fayetteville, will conduct revival services April19-24. Dr. J. V. Early of Rockingham will preach each night at 7:45. Mrs. Louis Heuser will be in charge of the music. The pastor, Rev. Paul Scott, and members of St. Andrews invite Fayetteville area friends to share in these meetings. Dr. Early will speak to the Methodist College student body on Monday, April 20, at 11:30 a. m.

¶ It has just come to our attention that Rev. H. E. Lance, a retired member of the North Carolina Conference who lived in Waynesville, died recently. We carried a picture of brother Lance recently just after he had observed his 90th birthday. We hope to have a fuller account of his passing for publication. Mrs. Lance is the daughter of the late Rev. D. L. Earnhardt, who was a member of the North Carolina Conference; and is a sister of Rev. D. E. Earnhardt, a retired member of the conference who resides in Durham. To them we extend our condolence.

¶ The Commission on Promotion and Cultivation, with headquarters in Nashville, Tenn., is planning to produce a picture on the World Service Program. Rev. O. L. Hathaway, superintendent of Durham district, and former executive secretary of the Board of Missions of the North Carolina Conference, has been invited to participate in this production. Mr. Hathaway was connected with the Board at a time when it enjoyed one of its finest periods of expansion. One scene in the movie is designed to show a new congregation gathered at its new church building and holding worship services in the open air. The picture will be produced by taking scenes at various places, and is expected to be ready for its initial showing at the District Superintendent's Conference next fall.

Dr. Denman Gives Reasons For Church's Slow Growth

Dr. Harry Denman, Nashville, general secretary of the General Board of Evangelism of The Methodist Church, said in his annual report to the board that he thinks there are at least three reasons for the denomination's slow growth.

He listed them as follows:

1. Decrease in evangelistic concern on the part of Methodists.

2. Failure to organize enough new churches and church schools in communities where there has been a large population growth.

3. Many Methodists apparently do not believe that "all persons need a Saviour."

"We know persons need morality, ethics, education, respectability, honesty, and right eousness," he said, "but we must come to believe that all men are sinners and need a Saviour."

Dr. Denman reported at the Nashville-based board's annual meeting, held March 31 to April 2 at the Shirvin Hotel there.

He stated that membership of The Methodist Church in the United States grew from 9,815,46 in 1959 to 10,234,986 in 1963, an increase of 419,526. He pointed out, however, that the growth was not what it should have been in view of population increase and other factors.

In its meeting, the board voted to establish a new Department of Family Evangelism and elected the Rev. Dr. G. Weldon Gatlin, Nashville, now director of another department of the board, to direct it. The new department will promote evangelistic efforts by Christian families to families not related to the church.

A successor to Dr. Gatlin was not announced at the board meeting.

The board decided to dedicate a $9,000 addition to its headquarters building to the honor of Bishop and Mrs. W. Angie Smith, Oklahoma City, in recognition of their leadership and service to the church and evangelism. Bishop Smith has been president of the board 12 years.

The addition is under construction and is expected to be completed next year.

The auditorium of the new addition is to be named the Moorman Auditorium in honor of Mrs. E. V. Moorman, Quincy, Ill., and her late husband for their "remarkable ministry" to the Board of Evangelism through gifts and otherwise.

The board room in the addition will be named for the Rev. Dr. C. Lloyd Daugherty, director of local church evangelism of the board before his death in 1961.

The board also voted that the Upper Room devotional library and museum, in its present headquarters building, be named for the Rev. Dr. J. Manning Potts, Nashville, editor of *The Upper Room*, daily devotional guide published by the board.

The board will meet Sept. 29-30 in Chicago to organize for the denomination's 1964-68 quadrennium.

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¶ Dr. Lowell Hazzard, of the Wesley Theological Seminary, Washington, D. C., will speak next Sunday morning at Dilworth Methodist Church, Charlotte. He will also speak at a district meeting in Charlotte Sunday afternoon. Rev. Harold Robinson is pastor at Dilworth.

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Rev. Arthur B. Pearce, Director of the Blue Ridge Methodist Service Program in North Wilkesboro Dstrict, says he has received a large number of packages from churches, and the postage, or carrying charges, is so great it handicaps the program financially. We would suggest that where possible churches or individuals who send material pay the carrying charges if they can. This would greatly relieve Brother Pearce, who is trying to operate the program to the very best advantage of all concerned. Both Brother Pearce and Dr. Herman Duncan, Superintendent of the District are most grateful for the fine response given and we are sure they would appreciate this extra step in paying the carrying charges. For example Brother Pearce had to pay almost one hundred dollars a few days ago on some packages that were sent C.O.D.—Ed.

District Meetings on Christian Education Being Held

Each of the 13 districts of the Western North Carolina Conference is presently engaged in holding a conference on Christian Education. These have already been held in several of the districts and the circle will continue until the round has been made. These conferences have been held in the following districts: Salisbury, Winston-Salem, Greensboro, High Point, Thomasville, North Wilkesboro, Waynesville, and Asheville.

Those to be held include Marion, April 16; Statesville, April 17; Charlotte, April 19; Gastonia, April 19; Albemarle, April 20. The conferences will deal with training in children's work, junior high activities, and young adult and older youth programs. Dr. Carl H. King of Statesville, executive secretary of the Conference Board of Education—which sponsors the conferences, has arranged the schedule of district meetings

Official Opening Banner Elk Methodist Church April 19

The Banner Elk Methodist Church in Banner Elk, will have its official opening service Sunday afternoon at 4:00 p.m. on April 19. Several outstanding persons from the Western North Carolina Conference are expected to attend. The keynote speaker is Dr. Kenneth Goodson, pastor of Centenanry Methodist Church in Winston-Salem. Dr. Goodson is the president of the Methodist Board of Missions of the Western North Carolina Conference. The public is cordially invited to join the host of friends and guests of Banner Elk Methodist Church for this special occasion.

The unusual design of the church building won for the architect, Mr. Tom H. Hutchins, an award of special recognition and a cash prize from Duke Endowment. This award is given annually to persons who make outstanding contribution to rural church architecture.

Sunday School was organized April 5, and will meet each Sunday morning at 10:00 a.m.

Activities of North Carolina Wesleyan College

President Thomas A. Collins preached in Holy Week revival services at Pine Forest Methodist Church of Goldsboro. He preached Monday through Wednesday, April 6-8, at Weldon Methodist Church.

Dr. Jack Teagarden, professor of English, was in charge of morning prayer at the Church of the Good Shepherd Palm Sunday morning.

Dr. Raymond E. Bauer, Director of Athletics, spoke to the Tarboro Rotary Club Thursday, April 2.

J. W. E. Joyner, director of College Promotion, addressed the Rocky Mount Woman's Club Monday, March 30.

The Interfaith Commission sponsored an Easter Sunrise Service on Maunday Thursday. Two student pastors presented the worship program and the college band played.

Fred Wolfe, brother of novelist Thomas Wolfe, was the speaker Tuesday, April 7, at the Assembly and evening convocation. He appeared under sponsorship of the Related Reading Committee to speak of his brother's writings.

Rev. Jack Wilson, director of religious life on the Duke men's campus, was chapel speaker on Thursday, April 9.

Admissions Counselor Bill Garlow recently addressed the Benson Methodist Men's Fellowship.

President Collins spoke Thursday, April 3, to the Nash-Edgecombe Meredith College Alumnae chapter in Rocky Mount. On Wednesday, April 8, he addressed the District Home Demonstration meeting in Warrenton, and preached at Rosemary Methodist Church on Thursday evening, April 9.

Teacher: "Can you name three shooting stars, Louie?"

Louie: "Roy Rogers, Gene Autry, and Wyatt Earp."

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EDITORIALS

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General Conference Opens April 26

The General Conference of the Methodist Church will convene in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, April 26, and remain in session for some ten or twelve days. We are printing in this issue of the *Advocate* the pictures of the eighty-four ministers and laymen and each of our two presiding Bishops who will represent North Carolina Methodism in this great quadrennial gathering, and also in the Jurisdictional Conference which meets July 8 at Lake Junaluska. We feel that our two conferences will be well represented by these dedicated men and women. They have been elected by their respective conferences, and will have the responsibility of entering into the discussions and voting on the decisions which will be made. The several bishops rotate as presiding officers, but have no vote. The first seven ministers and seven laymen in the delegation from the North Carolina Conference, and the first eleven ministers and eleven laymen in the delegation from the Western North Carolina Conference will be representatives at the General Conference at Pittsburgh and the other ten ministers and ten laymen from the North Carolina Conference, and the other fourteen ministers and fourteen laymen from the Western North Carolina Conference will join them as representatives to the Jurisdictional Conference at Lake Junaluska in July.

The Methodist General Conference is a delegated body, patterned after our national government. It is a democratic body representing its constituency and answering to them for its actions. Much of its work is done in committee meetings, but must come before and be voted on by the entire body. There is a Judicial Council, which serves as a kind of "supreme court," which may decide upon controversial questions brought before it from time to time.

The Jurisdictional Conference deals with matters pertaining to the work on the Jurisdictional level, and also elects Bishops to serve in the Jurisdictioon. It is felt there will be three or four new Bishops elected this year in the Southeastern Jurisdiction, since two will retire, one has died, and the rate of growth will entitle the area to one additional Bishop.

Of course we do not know all the matters to be brought before the Conference, but it is reasonably sure there are a number which will demand attention. Among them are such as a plan of church union to join the Methodist and Evangelical United Brethren Churches; the matter of integration by the elimination of the Central Jurisdiction; a new hymnal and book of worship will be presented for action; the old and familiar question of ministers using tobacco; the matter of missionary strategy, increased support, and more volunteers; the ecumenical movement and what is to be the relation of the Methodist Church to such movement; establishment of the financial goal for World Service; temperance; evangelism; the social creed; and other current matters will come in for consideration.

It is only reasonable to expect, that with some nine hundred delegates, representing considerably more than ten million constituents, there will be a divergence of opinion on many matters, but Methodists usually prove to be good Christian statesmen who can discuss differences and seek to reach agreement on important matters.

The editor expects to be in attendance upon the conferences, and will endeavor to give the readers of the *North Carolina Christian Advocate* some coverage of what transpires there. In the meantime, let us all utter a prayer to our heavenly Father for divine guidance for all the delegates, that whatever actions taken may be for His glory and the good of His people.

THEME FOR THE WEEK

"Truly God is good to Israel, even to such as are of a clean heart."
—Psalm 73:1.

The National Convocation of Methodist Youth July 27-31

By H. Elliott Wright

The fact that groups of young people may affect contemporary history is hardly deniable. When one considers the newspaper headlines that narrate the events in the political and social upheaval which seem to characterize our century, the role of youths may seem quite staggering.

Racial tension was stirred to the point of riot in recent months by lines of motto-chanting high school girls in Chicago. Many of those jailed in the integration campaign in Birmingham last spring were teenagers. The opposition to the Diem government in South Viet-Nam was nourished by student opposition.

One thing at least is common to each of these examples: the youths of the world are capable of strong feelings and convictions, and they have the ability to express them loudly.

A gathering of 5,000 youths and adults interested in youths is being planned for July of this year by the National Conference of the Methodist Youth Fellowship.

Far from being a barometer for measuring the intensity of youth's emotions or a training labarotory to express these emotions, the 1964 National Convocation of Methodist Youth is designed to help youth relate the dynamics of their lives to the dynamics of the Christian faith. That is, the purpose of the convocation is to lead Methodist young people to a deeper realization of the relationship between life today and the faith in God which the Christian Church confesses.

The study, worship and fellowship will be intensive. The hope is that the commitment to God which may be born in the lives of many of those attending will add strength to the Church as it strives to be a witness.

Meeting on July 27 at Purdue University in West Lafayette, Ind., the delegates and leaders will focus attention on the Christ and what it means to say that he stands at the center of history and at the center of life of the individual.

The morning programs and the evening worship services on Tuesday through Thursday will explore the Incarnation, the Crucifixion and the Resurrection. Friday's service of Holy Communion will emphasize the importance of the Holy Spirit as "God with man" enlivening and strengthening faith.

Each afternoon selected adult leaders will meet with groups of 15 young persons for sharing and for discussion. These groups will grapple with the content of the Christian message, and the ways in whcih individuals may put into practice the faith in God which they hold.

At various times during the day there will be a variety of activities closely related to the main thrust of the convocation. These meaning-filled activties will include art exhibits, significant movies, experimental drama groups, discussions with overseas delegates, and instructive sessions on the importance of the Gospel in church architecture.

Each annual conference will be represented by adult workers with youth in addition to those who may be speakers or discussion group leaders. There will be one adult for every foun young persons attending.

The directing committee of the convocation has worked out the ratio of youths and adults for each annual conference. These quotas are in the hands of the conference directors of youth work, and registration will be handled through the annual conference offices.

All youth delegates must have completed the 10th grade by July, 1964. Some applications will be accepted from active MYF members who have graduated from high school. The cost July 31, is $50 in addition to travel and perfor the week, Monday, July 27, through Friday, sonal expenses. All delegates will live in Purdue University dormitories, and meals will be available through the university food services.

Each local pastor and adult worker with MYF groups can help stimulate interest by talking with young people about this event.

Before coming to Purdue, many youths may want to ask about the significance of the Christ-event for their lives. The delegates may want to read helpful books and articles on the Incarnation, Crucifixion, Resurrection and the Holy Spirit. The convocation experience will be more meaningful for delegates if leaders at home are aware of these needs.

Adults in the churches should also begin now to help young people make financial arrangements.

The 1964 National Convocation of Methodist Youth is planned to have a significant impact on youth today as they struggle to find identity in the Christian faith.

A Christian life is dynamic and the witness it makes cannot help but affect those associated with it. As the leaven of love and the seeds of peace of the Christian Gospel are confronted by delegates at the convocation, so the vigor of youth may carry God's message into a world hungry for a Savior.

Mr. Wright is pastor of First Methodist Church in Baxter, Tenn., and was formerly a youth director in Tennessee and Massachusetts. The above article is reprinted from **The Methodist Story** by permission.

The Case For Total Abstinence

MELVIN E. HENDRICKS

We possess in the church today many problems. However, one of the problems which we no longer have to face is the question of e a t i n g meat which has been sacrificed to idols. This question no longer has for us the character of "existential involvement."

This question was, however, of pressing and thorny importance to the first century Corinthian Christians. As St. Paul seeks to answer the difficult problems which this issue raises he cites a "principle" or "spiritual guide" which has more general application than the limited issue of idol-meat in first century Corinth. This principle is appropriately considered during the Lenten season.

St. Paul's argument, as it is given in the eighth chapter of I Corinthians, runs like this: "Idols are not really gods and, therefore, meat which has been sacrificed to them can be eaten without danger. The question is of moral and spiritual indifference. However, St. Paul adds—and this is the climax of his argument—"if food is a cause of my brother's falling I will never eat meat."

The essence of St. Paul's argument is that though I am free in Christ to do certain things, nevertheless in Christ I must sometimes limit myself—accept certain restrictions on my own conduct—for the sake of my neighbor.

What, though, has all of this to do with Lent? Is this not a strange time to speak of idol sacrifices in pagan temples? Is not Lent the time when we reflect upon the life, the ministry and especially the death of Jesus. Of course. But it is just at this point that Paul's principle speaks pointedly to us.

Lent is the season when we recall and meditate upon the limitations, the shakles, the restrictions which the Divine Son, the second person of the Trinity, the Eternal Word freely took upon Himself for our sakes. We recall His self-accepted limitation for our benefit. St. Paul said of Jesus, "though He was in the form of God, He did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, but emptied Himself, taking the form of a Servant, being born in the likeness of men . . . being obedient unto death."

Lent is the time when we recall that the Eternal Son accepted the limitations of our finitude—being born in the flesh.

In Lent we remember that the King from the mountain palace has come, for the sake of His people, to dwell in the valley hut. The climax of this self-accepted restriction and limitation for our sakes is seen when Jesus allows Himself to be crucified upon the cross.

This, we can see that principle of self-limitation for the sake of our neighbor which Saint Paul articulates finds its origin and basis in the Incarnate life of our Lord. This is the principle which informs all of Christian life. As Jesus the Christ accepted the limitations of the fleshly Incornation for our sakes, now we must accept certain limitations and restrictions for the sakes of our neighbors.

Yes, I believe that there are. For example, there is an area of traditional importance in Methodism which has received diminishing attention in our day. I speak of the problem of the sale and use of alcoholic beverages. The traditional Methodist position has called for total abstinence. However, as polls of laity and seminary students indicate, this position has found fading favor as of late. It is no longer generally accepted.

We in the Church need to reassert the validity and virtue of this position—not because "Demon Rum" is an inherent evil—not because alcohol inevitably corrupts every user—because it does not—but rather for the fact that alcohol does, for reasons not fully known, possess the capacity to destroy some lives. There are some in our culture for whom alcohol is an inherent and dangerous threat. We have a sacred responsibility to these people.

Therefore, we need to reassert the traditional position of total abstinence not because it is traditional, but because it is right. Alcohol can destroy the physical and spiritual life, as well as the moral and human dignity of certain men. These are men for whom Christ died. We have a responsibility to them.

Let us never forget that our lives influence the lives of others. Let us beware lest our freedom be the means of another's slavery. The principle of self-limitation for the sake of our neighbor is pointedly relevant here.

The imperative of self-limiting Christian love, as it was articulated by Saint Paul, but most especially as it was shown in the life of our Incarnate Lord demands Total Abstinence.

"If meat is the occasion of my brother's falling I will not eat meat."



Above is a picture of a recent presentation of the God and Country Award to Fred Hamlet, an Eagle Scout. Fred is a member of the Pittsboro Methodist Church. At right is the Rev. Randall Baker, pastor, who made the presentation.

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He bid high for the parrot, and finally it was knocked down to him. Paying over his $50, he asked:

"Does this parrot talk?"

"What do you think was bidding against you?" the parrot interrupted.

State Department Officers To Speak at Pfeiffer College

Current developments in the Soviet-Chinese fued will be presented to Pfeiffer College students on Thursday, April 16, in a Convocation address.

A ranking U.S. State Department officer, Herbert Daiser, will discuss the American view of differences between the Soviet and Chinese blocks in the Communist world at 10 a.m. in a program open to the public.

He is the Economic Affairs Officer, Office of Eastern European Affairs, U.S. State Department, Washington. His appearance at Pfeiffer is under the sponsorship of the college's Student Government Association.

During his stay on the Pfeiffer campus, the State Department Officer will lead a series of seminar programs for students and faculty in the college's History and Political Science Departments.

Kaiser will also fill a number of area speaking engagements while in North Carolina.

At noon on Thursday, the 16th, he will address the Albemarle Rotary Club to be followed by an address to the Dilworth Rotary Club, Charlotte, on the 17th.

He will also address students at the North Stanly High School, New London, and history students at Livingstone College.

Kaiser is a graduate of Swarthmore College and has engaged in special studies at Harvard. He has served as Vice Consul, Glasgow, Scotland; Political Officer, The American Embassy, Belgrade, Yogoslavia; and Economic Officer, The American Embassy, Vienna, Austria.

In July, 1960 he attended the Quaker Conference for Diplomats, Warsaw, Poland.

Seminary Interns Announced For Wesley Foundations

The Board of Education of The Methodist Church has announced the selection and assignment of five seminary interns for Wesley Foundations for the 1964-65 academic year.

The internships were awarded to Daniel Joseph Herndon, Creston, Iowa, a student at the Methodist Theological School in Delaware, Ohio; Wayne C. Richards, Athol, Mass., student at the theological school of Drew University, Madison, N. J.; Steven G. Smith, Claremont, Calif., student at Southern California School of Theology, Claremont; James Embree Theselius, Chicago Theological Seminary; and David Leslie Yordy, Eureka, Ill., student at Perkins School of Theology, Southern Methodist University, Dallas, Texas.

As interns, the students, all in their second year of seminary, will receive a year of practical experience in a Wesley Foundation before returning to seminary to complete their degrees. They will serve under the supervision of Wesley Foundation directors.

Wesley Foundations are Methodist campus ministry units at state and independent colleges and universities.

The program is to help train and develop Wesley Foundation personnel, said Dr. Glen Otis Martin, Nashville, staff member of the Department of College and University Religious Life.



By Mary Gardner

The Lost Lamb

Once, a long, long time ago, in the country where Jesus lived also lived many shepherds. These shepherds had many sheep to take care of, and when Jesus was here on earth it was a tremendous job looking after sheep.

The shepherds had no fences and that meant that their sheep would wander all over the place, unless they were watched carefully, some would wander off and get lost. So every morning the shepherds would start off with their sheep and lead them over the hills until they reached a little hillside where the grass was fresh and green. One other thing they looked for, and that was a little stream. Sheep need cool water to drink and the shepherd was careful that he always found some clear, cool water for them.

All day the shepherd watched his sheep. He didn't have much to do, sitting there on the hillside, but that was the time he would practice using his sling shot. He always carried a sling shot because the woods were full of wild animals and unless the shepherd was watching carefully one of those wild animals would come out of the woods and run off with a lamb or sheep that he would use for dinner that night. But a shepherd was always looking about for those animals and if he did see one, out would come his sling shot and whizz would go the stone through the air. And if he had practiced, down would go the wild animal, for the stone would kill him instantly.

Other shepherds would take a flute on the hillside and play psalms and other sweet music when they tired of watching or practicing the sling shot. Then in the evening these shepherds would lead their sheep back home again. Every morning when he left for the hills, he would count them because he wanted to make sure none was missing.

One time a shepherd had one hundred sheep. That is a great many to watch. Some were big sheep and some were baby lambs, but altogether there were one hundred. Many times during the day he counted them and found they were all there. When evening came he gave his special call which meant that the sheep must come quickly and follow him. There they were; he counted 100, so he started across the hills for home.

When he reached home he counted again. There were only 99. He thought perhaps he had made a mistake and counted them the second time—95, 96, 97, 98, 99. Yes, there was one missing!

He didn't even wonder what he should do. He thought of that little lost lamb on the hillside, and leaving the others safely at home, off he started for that far-away hillside.

He hurried along, calling, calling as he went, and listening carefully for the little lamb to answer. After a long time and after walking a long way, he heard a weak "baa! baa!" He hurried along and kept calling and listening to the little lamb's "baa! baa!"

Finally, he reached the spot. The little lamb had slipped on some rolling stones and slid down the hillside. He hadn't fallen very far. He wasn't even hurt. He was only afraid. He was too afraid to move.

All the shepherd had to do was to reach down over the rocky edge and pull up the little lamb. The little lamb was so glad to find his master that he lay very still in his master's arms. And the kind shepherd carried the little lost lamb all the way home. As he neared home he called to his friends, "I lost one of my lambs today, but I found him." He was so happy! Everybody was happy, too, but I think the little lamb was the happiest of all. — Margaret Wilson in *The United Church Observer.*

Don and Ted Show Friendliness

One time, not so long ago, a little boy whose name was Eric came from Latvia with his family. They had been living in a refugee camp in Germany for two years and had had to work very hard.

Eric couldn't speak English the day he was first taken to school. The principal put him in the first grade so he could learn to speak English. Two boys, Don and Ted, had seen Eric in church school the day before and when he was brought into their classroom Monday morning, they went right up to him, showed him the cloak room, took him out with them at recess, and Ted let him use his softball. When lunch time came they stayed with him and showed him what to do. They were Eric's real friends and they were real neighbors.

Don and Ted had just learned a verse in church school that they had remembered: *They helped every one his neighbor.* (Isaiah 41:6).

THANK YOU, GOD, FOR SPRING

We thank You, God, for spring.
For warmer days and brighter sun,
For leaves unfolding one by one,
For the carol of birds at break of day,
For fragrant lilacs along the way;
For the soft brown earth and the sprouts of green,
For the bluest sky I have ever seen;
For the crocus cups on the greening grass,
For the daffies that nod whenever we pass;
For the scarlet tulips, slender and tall—
I think I like them best of all!
We thank You, God, for spring!

—*Author Unknown*

SEVEN MINDS

MIND your tongue! Do not let it speak hasty, cruel, unkind words.
MIND your eyes! Do not permit them to look on wicked books, pictures or objects.
MIND your ears! Do not let them listen to wicked speeches, songs, words.
MIND your lips! Do not let profanity foul them; do not let strong drink pass them.
MIND your hands! Do not let them steal, fight, or write evil words.
MIND your feet! Do not let them walk in the steps of the wicked.
MIND your heart! Do not let the love of sin dwell in it. Do not give it to Satan, but ask Jesus Christ to make it His throne.

BIBLE QUIZ

1—What bird fed Elijah?
2—What bird brought an olive leaf back to the ark?
3—What bird was given to the Israelites in the desert for food?
4—What bird do you associate with Peter?
5—What bird does Isaiah say "chatters"?

Answers to Last Week's Questions

1—The Story of Jonah (Jonah 1:4-5)
2—Peter (Matthew 14:30)
3—Because his face shone with the glory of the Lord (Exodus 34:29-35)
4—Because he had cheated him, and won his father's blessing. (Genesis 27)
5—They were afraid it was some kind of trap; as Simeon had been kept as a pledge that they would return with Benjamin (Genesis 42)

JUST FOR FUN

Teacher: "How many of you children want to go to heaven?"

Children all raised their hands except Johnny.

Teacher: "But Johnny, don't you want to go to heaven?"

Johnny: "I can't, teacher, 'cause mother told me to come home right after school."

"Mother, what does 'apt' mean?" inquired Dot, returning from school.

"Why, it means 'smart—quick to learn.' Why?"

"Oh, nothing much," said Dot airily. "The teacher told me today I was apt to flunk."

Miss Cleveland Will Visit Foreign Fields May 1-July 23

Miss Opal Jean Cleveland, Professor of Social Group Work at Scarritt College, Nashville, Tenn., will spend 13 weeks in southeast Asia, May 1 to July 23, for the Foreign Department of the Woman's Division of the Methodist Board of Missions.

Miss Cleveland will serve as a consultant on Methodist neighborhood centers in Burma, Hong Kong, Taiwan, the Philippines, and Sarawak. She will visit these centers during her first five weeks, will then hold a two weeks workshop for leaders of these centers who will meet in Manila, and then will re-visit as many of these centers as she can to check on their progress.

A year ago Miss Cleveland undertook a similar task for the Home Department of the Woman's Division ,inspecting dozens of neighborhood centers throughout the United States. In her teaching at Scarritt, she directs the training of students working for the Master of Arts degree in Social Group Work.

Miss Cleveland left Nashville March 22 and is in India at the present time touring the country with her sister, Dr. Vela Cleveland, a missionary pediatrician, prior to the beginning of her work for the Woman's Division.

Before returning to Nashville September 23, she will spend eight weeks in Okinawa, Korea, and Japan visiting Scarritt alumni and will stop in Hawaii for one week to serve as consultant for Methodist neighborhood centers there.

Miss Cleveland holds the Master of Arts degree from Duke University and the Master of Science degree from the University of Pittsburgh. She is a candidate for the Ph.D. degree at the University of Chicago. She is a native of Ft. Meade, Fla.

New Policy Announced

The Woman's Division of Christian Service has voted a major change in its approach to missionary education of children and youth in The Methodist Church.

The change, voted by the executive committee of the Woman's Division recently, invloves the elimination of 63,600 volunteer offices for women in The Methodist Church. To be eliminated by June 1, 1965, according to Woman's Division action, are the offices of secretary of youth work and secretary of children's work in the Woman's Society of Christian Service from the local church through the national levels.

In taking its action, the Woman's Division pointed out explicitly that the interest and concern of Methodist women in the missionary education of children and youth will be continued. The interest and concern, however, will be channeled exclusively through the general Methodist agency for missionary education in the church school. The agency is the Interboard Committee on Missionary Education, which is comprised of representatives of both the Methodist Boards of Education and Missions (the latter including the Woman's Division).

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It is predicted that women will constitute over one-third of the nation's work force by 1975.

Miss Margaret McLarty Weds Kenneth Alfred Byrd

Miss Margaret Whitmel McLarty, daughter of President and Mrs. E. K. McLarty, Jr., of Brevard College, and Kenneth Alfred Byrd, son of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Leslie Byrd, Sr., of Erwin, North Carolina, exchanged



marriage vows Friday, April 3, at 4:30 p.m. in the Brevard Methodist Churc.

The bride was given in marriage by her father, Rev. Mr. McLarty, who concluded the ceremony. The bride's uncle, Rev. James B. McLarty of Black Mountain Methodist Church, and Rev. Charles Reichard of the Brevard Methodist Church also participated in the ceremony. Wedding music, which was played by Frank Jordan, assistant organist at Duke Chapel, included selections by Bach, Purcell, and Williams, Wagner's "Bridal Chorus," and Purcell's "Tune and Air for Trumpet."

The bride was attired in a gown of white peau de soei with belled skirt and chapel train. She wore a mantilla of clipped Alencon lace and carried a traditional bouquet centered with gardenias.

Misses Sallie Gordon and Jean Ellen McLarty were their sister's attendants. They wore identical pastel yellow organza dresses, carrying bouquets of mixed spring flowers.

Carl Leslie Byrd, Sr., of Erwin, was his son's best man. Ushers were Carl Leslie Byrd, Jr., John Beard of Raleigh, and Michael Beard of Erwin.

Following the ceremony, a wedding reception was given in the McLarty home. Mrs. Charles P. Bowles of Charlotte greeted guests as they entered, after which they were received by the wedding party.

Following a brief wedding trip through Western North Carolina, the couple returned to Raleigh to resume their present responsibilities. Mrs. Byrd will continue as Director of Christian Education at Highland Methodist Church, and Mr. Byrd will pursue studies in mathematics and physics at N. C. State, where he has a graduate assistantship.

Both the bride and groom are graduates of Duke University. Mrs. Byrd is also a candidate for the M.A. degree from Scarritt College in Nashville, Tennessee.

African Delegation to U. N. Discuss Bishop Dodge's Book

Alarming and ironic is the growing tension between Christian missionaries and the people of Africa. Because of mutual concern, African delegations to the United Nations recently showed keen interest in an invitation to meet Methodist Ralph Edward Dodge, Bishop of a large area of southern Africa, including Rhodesia, Angola and other troubled areas. Sponsored jointly by the Methodist Mission to the United Nations and Dodge's publisher, the Fleming H. Revell Company, the reception took place in the United Nations Church Center. The invitation to the event extended an opportunity to question Bishop Dodge concerning his new book, *The Unpopular Missionary*, and its eyebrow raising implications concerning Christian missions in general.

Children's Choir Directors

You can be a better director of children's choirs." With this goal the Choristers Guild announces its June 15-19, 1964 National Seminar in Indianapolis, Ind. The seminar will be held on the campus of Indiana Central College. A faculty of five national leaders of church music will conduct classes and direct demonstration choirs of Primary, Junior and Junior High children. Other classes will include a discussion of "Arts for and by children," "Handbell techniques," and "Accompanying children's choirs." Dr. Elton Trueblood, religious leader, teacher and writer, will be the speaker at the closing banquet. This seminar is planned for both professional and volunteer directors of children's choirs.

The Choristers Guild is an interdenominational organization of over two thousand choir directors. Its Executive Director is F. L. Whittlesey. For a brochure on the seminar write to him at the Guild office, 440 Northlake Center, Dallas, Texas 76238

Appointment

Bishop Paul N. Garber authorizes the appointment of Rev. George W. Blount, retired, as pastor of the Gibson Memorial Methodist Church at Spring Hope, in the Rocky Mount District. Mr. Blount will serve until the next annual conference.

J. W. Page, *Superintendent*
Rocky Mount District



Bishop Paul N. Garber

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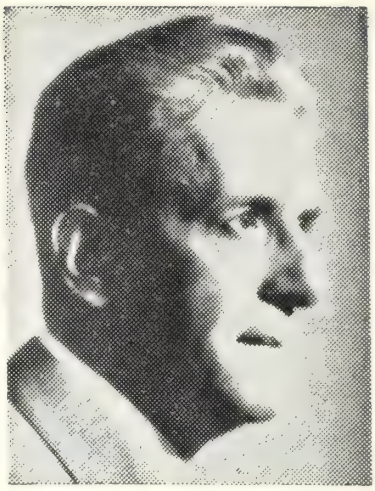
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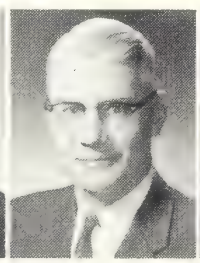
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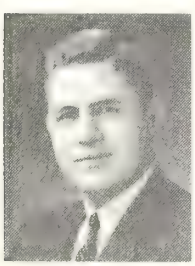
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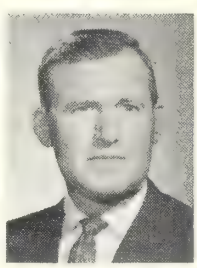
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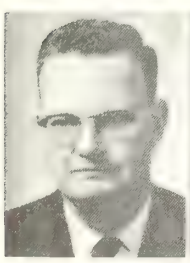
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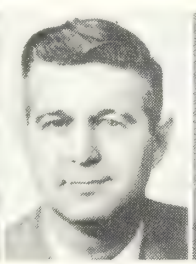
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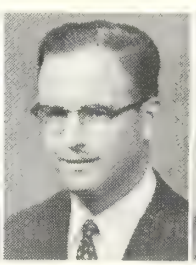
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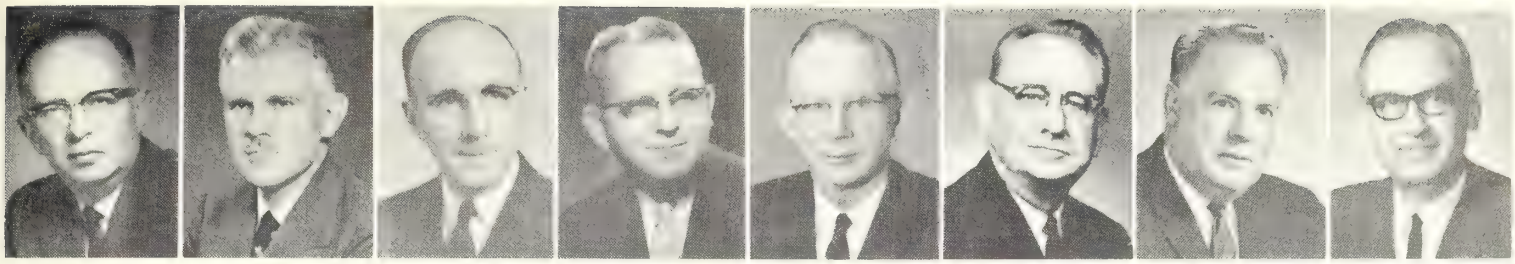
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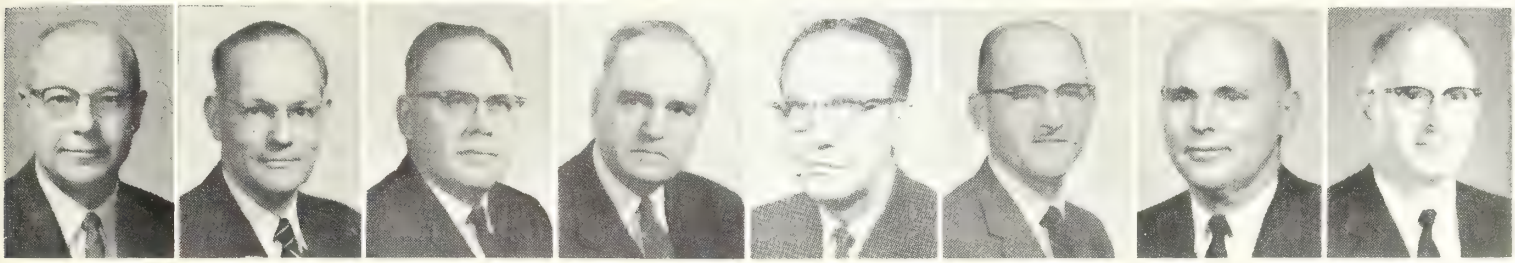
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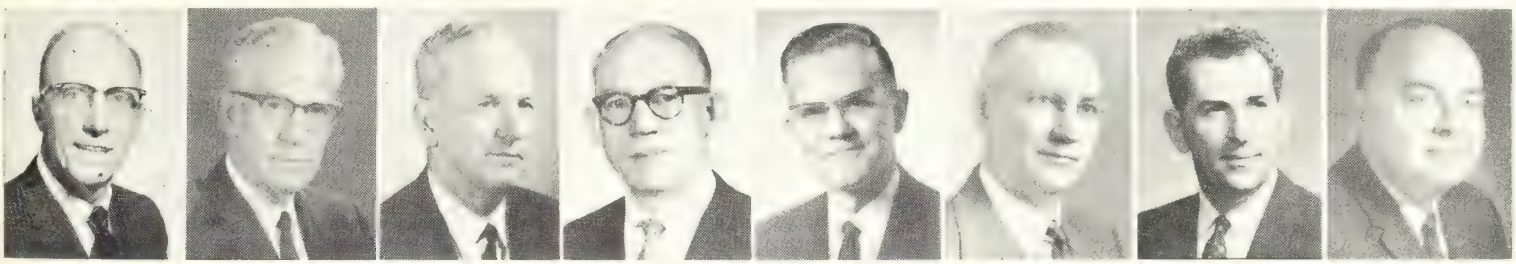
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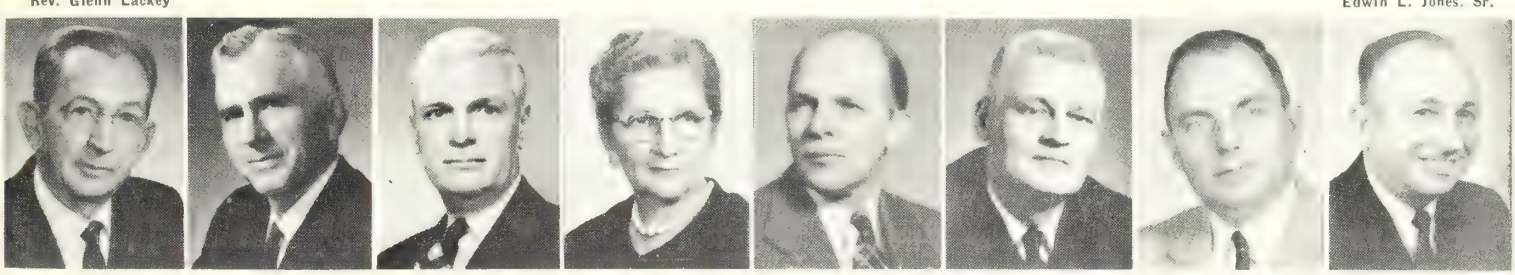
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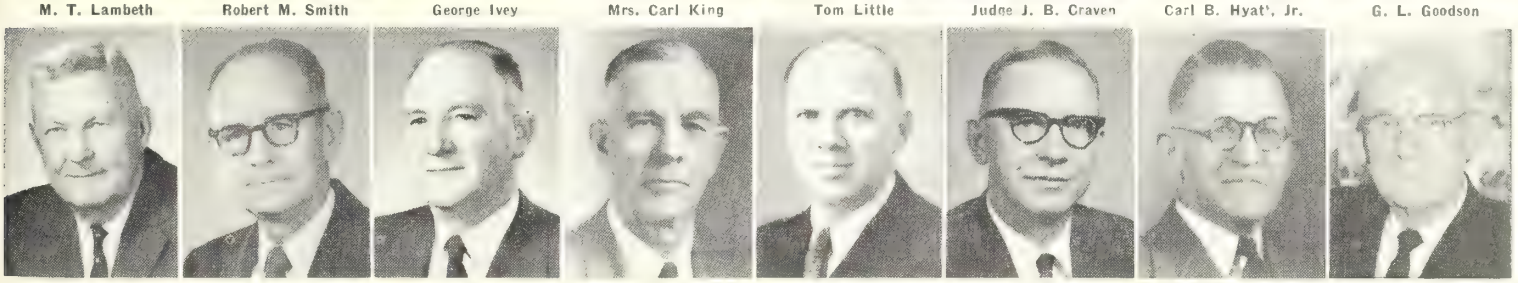
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Gov. Sanford Designates Apr. 19-25 "Youth Temperance Week"

Gov. Terry Sanford has proclaimed the week of April 19-25, 1964, as "Youth Temperance Education Week in North Carolina.

The governor said "this week points up the need for proper training of our children in the home, the church and the school."

As a feature of this week, the Youth Temperance Council of North Carolina will hold its annual rally Friday, April 24 at 6:30 p.m. in First Baptist Church, Wilson. The Youth Temperance Council is sponsored by the Woman's Christian Temperance Union.

Mrs. J. B. Davis of Charlotte is president of the North Carolina WCTU, while Miss Kate Crowell of Charlotte is state secretary for the YTC.

The governor, in his statement, said:

"In view of the alarming incidence of Juvenile delinquency throughout the nation, 'Youth Temperance Education Week' gains added significance this year. Sponsored annually by the North Carolina Woman's Christian Temperance Union, this week points up the need for proper training of our children in the home, the church and the school.

"The North Carolina Woman's Christian Temperance Union merits the commendation of the state for its untiring work in this endeavor. The goal of this week is moral, mental and physical fitness among the youth of North Carolina and the nation.

"Therefore, I am happy to designate the week of April 19-25, 1964, as 'Youth Temperance Education Week' in North Carolina and commend it both to the young people of the state and the adults of North Carolina for support."

Campaign Under Way to Raise Elk Shoals Camp Fund

A $37,000 capital funds drive for the continued development of Elk Shoals Methodist Camp near West Jefferson is underway in the two Methodist districts which are co-owners of the camp.

The Rev. Lee R. Spencer of North Wilkesboro, chairman of the campaign for the North Wilkesboro District, and the Rev. Henry Ridenhour of Pilot Mountain, chairman of the campaign for the Winston-Salem District, will direct the March 15-April 12 drive in their respective districts.

Plans for the "Certificate of Investment Campaign" call for each contributor to be issued a Certificate of Investment representing "one share" or investment "in the Christian growth of the youth, adults and families of the two districts.

Each "share" will represent a contribution of $10 to the camp fund. Campaign officials feel if an average of one dollar per district member can be realized the $37,000 can be obtained.

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Nothing Fails When God Is in It

Nothing fails when God is in it,
Be it great or be it small,
Though sometimes we're made to wonder
Why for us He gives a call,
When we feel so weak and helpless
For the work He calls us to,
As we think there should be others
Stronger far than me and you.

But the God of grace and wisdom
Knows the gifts and hearts of men,
Who whil bless the lives of others
With the tongue or with the pen;
Whi will sacrifice and labor
In the lands both far and near,
Out among all kinds of people,
All of whom to God are dear.

Nothing fails when God is in it—
If it's preach or pray or sing,
Or invite the poor lost sinner
To the altar of our King;
Or to help a little pilgrim
Who is tempted hard with sin,
Just to pray and hold quite steady
That the battle he may win.

Nothing fails when God is in it
When we give our best to Him,
Even if we lift a candle
Just to light a pathway dim;
Or to give a drink of water
To some fainting, thirsty soul,
Who has fallen by the wayside
On his journey to the goal.

Rev. Walter E. Isenhour
Taylorsville, N. C.

A Truck Is Needed

The Blue Ridge Methodist Service Program suffered its first major set-back this week when its only truck threw a rod through the motor. The little truck was on its way from Charlotte where it had picked up the generous contributions of several of our churches. One could certainly say that the little truck had "gone about doing good." Picking up boxes of used clothing donated by our churches to the work of the Program, it had carried them up to the mountain outlets of the Program where families were waiting anxiously to receive its cargo. It has literally happened many times that mothers waiting to secure some needed garments for their children have watched anxiously for the appearance of the little truck in its faithful service.

During the past year the work of the Program could not have been done without the use of the truck. Now it is no longer usuable. What can we do?

Any gift to the Program is tax deductible. The purpose of this notice is to let everyone know our situation and to ask if anyone has a used truck which could be donated to the work of the Program. Call Program Director, Rev. Arthur B. Pearce, Brooks Exchange 468-4151 or District Superintendent, Rev. Herman F. Duncan and we will arrange to have it picked up. The need is urgent. More than a dozen churches have made drives for the Program and are now waiting to have their contributions picked up. Dozens of families are in need of the garments which they include.

Rev. Arthur B. Pearce, Director
P. O. Box 22, Hamptonville, N. C.
Phone: Brooks 468-4151

The Financial Survival of the Small Church Related College

One of the major problems confronting the small church related college today is its fight for life. They are literally fighting for financial survival.

The primary function of a college is to provide stimulation and opportunities for the student to learn. This is also the primary function of the church related college, but in addition, the church related college obligates itself to the presentation of Christian beliefs in an intelligent rational manner in order that the student will accept standards by which to live as well as the information acquired through study.

Christian higher education, as everything else, costs money. Most people are unaware of the fact that they attended college on a partial scholarship. Private schools pay an average of forty-five per cent of each undergraduate's costs of education. Excluding the cost of room and board, the combined students of all the colleges in this country pay only one-third of the total cost of their higher education. In the United States, the college professors, through inadequate salaries, are subsidizing the education of their students.

If tuition were raised to meet the total cost, only the rich would be able to secure a college education.

Some educators predict that by 1970 four hundred private church related colleges in the United States, which is one out of every five of the nation's school of higher education will close their doors because of the lack of financial support.

To add to the plight of the small church related college, which has served the State of North Carolina for many years, is the proposal to establish fifteen community junior colleges which will be supported by taxation.

The answer to financial survival of the church related institutions is not government support to be followed by government control.

The colleges and universities operated by the State are supported by our combined tax dollars, but Christian higher education must be supported by the church, alumni, faculty, students, parents of students, business, industry, and educational foundations.

Business, industry and educational foundations, in many cases, base the distribution of their educational dollars on the percentage of alumni supporting their Alma Maters. Many companies have a matching gift program to match contributions by employees to their colleges. Therefore, the alumni play a most important role in the financial support of higher education.

Too often we find that the churches attitude toward their colleges is that of expecting too much and giving too little. A president of a small church college said recently "we don't need more church related colleges, we need more college related churches."

Few church related colleges receive as much as one hundred thousand dollars a year from their supporting church group. This amount is seldom more than one-tenth of the college budget.

The church related college must therefore present itself to its public and show that it is worthy of financial support.

—Duffy L. Paul

Sunday School Lesson

FOR APRIL 26

By RAYMOND A. SMITH
Head, Department of Religious Education
Greensboro College

THE CHRISTIAN LOVES HIS NEIGHBOR

Background Schripture: Luke 10:25-37; John 4:16 through 5:3
Lesson Scripture: I John 4:16 through 5:3

Our lesson theme is a familiar one. What new thing can be said about a theme that is so old, and so often talked and written about? Many times we have heard it said that all our problems of human relations would be solved if only men would love one another. But we do not always remember that the kind of love that is taught in the New Testament is not the sort of thing that can easily be adopted without effort, and made the rule of life by any unthinking and uncommitted person.

Note that in the first verses of our lesson Scripture it is stated that "we *know* and *believe* the love God has for us. God is love, and he who abides in love abides in God, and God abides in him." The attitude of Christian love is the product of knowledge of and belief in God; that is to say that it is rooted in theology. Theology has been defined as "faith seeking understanding." The great fact of God's love for man comes first. The thoughts we have about this, and the words we write about it are simply our feeble efforts to describe something that is fundamentally too great for us to fully comprehend. However, it is not too great for us to *experience*, as the history of the devoted lines of the apostles, saints and martyrs, both ancient and modern, will testify.

We need first to remember that our language is poor in that the word "love" has stood for so many different meanings. One can switch on his radio and practically anytime of the day or night and hear somebody singing about "love." But what they are singing about is not the kind of love St. John is writing about in our lesson for today. The word "love" has been sentimentalized and sexualized until it seems as if we need a new word to translate the New Testament Greek word AGAPE (pronounced ah-gah-pay) which is used to describe Christian love.

H. F. Rall has written about this problem the following helpful statement: "Without giving up that great word, let us cail it the spirit of holy and redemptive goodwill: *holy* because it is something transcendent, divine and righteous; *good will* because it seeks nobly and highly as well as unselfishly the spreme good of its object; *redemptive* because there is in it not simply a high goal but a *power* to *transform*.

If the reader doubts that last statement let him imagine a world where nobody cares anything about anybody but himself; no hospitals, no social workers, no Red Cross, no sympathizing neighbors, no aid for needy students, no missionaries, no child care institutions, no homes for the aging, no rehabilitation of alcoholics, etc, etc. No wonder a leading American man of letters sadly wrote: "Some of us have long since got used to living in a godless universe, but only when we live in a *loveless* universe will we know what atheism really means."

The Scripture of our lesson for today reveals the fact that even in New Testament times the Church was having trouble in closing the gap between the teachings of Christ and the actual behavior of its members. How modern much of these writings seem! We, too, are having that problem as we have never had it before. St. Paul found that many of his converts brought their pagan ways of thinking and living into the church. Many a heart-broken minister in our churches today must hear outspoken unChristian attitudes expressed by the members of his churches, attitudes that show they do not know (or care) about the deeper meaning of Christian love.

But we may be coming to one of those times in history when the world is tired of hearing preachments about love, and wants to see love in action. They are now saying to us: "Put up, or shut up." Even God may be displeased with some of these comfortable clubs we call churches. We need to read and ponder Luke 10:25-37 (the Good Samaritan) and Matthew 25: 31-46 (the Last Judgment) and then measure ourselves by the ideal of service set for us by Christ.



Here is the new parsonage for the Gastonia Methodist District.

Open House Is Held For New Gastonia District Parsonage

More than 500 Methodists of the Gastonia District visited their new district parsonage during an open house March 15 at the 1540 Westbrook Circle address.

Dr. and Mrs. Cecil Heckard were hosts in the role of the district superintendent and his wife.

Mrs. Lawrence S. Rankin, chairman of the District Parsonage Committee, received, along with her husband, at the office door.

Two other members of the Parsonage Committee also aided with the reception. Mrs. Charles Padgett of Shelby conducted visitors from the parsonage office into the main living room where Dr. and Mrs. Heckard were receiving. And Mrs. Gordon Goodson of Lincolnton bid farewell to the guests as they departed from the parsonage.

Officers of the District Ministers Wives were in charge of registration of visitors and refreshments. Officers include Mrs. W. T. Medlin of Cherryville, president; Mrs. J. Max Brandon, Jr., of Fallston, vice president; and Mrs. Carlton G. Alspaugh, Jr., of Gastonia, secretary-treasurer.

Other clergymen's wives assisting included presidents of subdistrict areas: Mrs. Brown McKinney, Shelby Area; Mrs. Claude Hartsell, Upper Cleveland Area; Mrs. Leon Stubbs, Gastonia Area; and Mrs. Bill Bumgarner, Boger City.

Helping during the evening visitations were Mrs. Mitchell Faulkner of Shelby and Mrs. Leonard Rayle of Gastonia.

This magnificant parsonage, situated on two-and-a-half acres of land, has in the office wing, the office of the district superintendent, the secretary's office, a work-supply room and a bathroom. In the house proper there are four bedrooms, separate living and dining rooms, and a kitchen, three-and-a-half baths and a den with an enclosed porch leading off the den. There is also two-car garage.

The parsonage, located in Wesley Park within sight of Hunter Huss High School, was completed in mid-November.

The District Parsonage Building Committee includes: Harvey A. Jonas, chairman, of Lincolnton; Kenneth B. Beam of Cherryville, Clyde J. Deitz of Belmont, Wade Hendricks, Jr., of Shelby, Robert H. Pinnix and John R. Rankin of Gastonia.

J. L. Beam, Jr,. of Cherryville, was the architect.

In Memoriam

MRS. MATTIE HAIR

We, the members of the Woman's Society of Christian Service of Calvary Methodist Church, wish to pay tribute to the memory of a beloved member, Mrs. Mattie Hair, whose death on January 13, 1964 grieved us greatly.

Mrs. Hair served in many offices of the church. She was a member of the Official Board, Church Treasurer, and President of the Woman's Society. She served as pianist and class teacher for many years. In the course of her labor she earned a reputation as a conscientious church worker.

Our beloved member gave her time unselfishly continually sacrificing for the well being of the church.

In spite of years of failing health, she continued to spread her undying love for her church.

We mourn her passing and extend our love and sympathy, as we bow in submission to God's will, to the family with a feeling that her influence will live on. Our indebtedness will live on as we labor in the field she loved.

Mrs. Nelia Adcox, Presdent
Woman's Society of Christian Service
Calvary Methodist Church
Fayetteville, North Carolina

Woman's Activities

New Program Book Topic Have Fourfold Challenge

By Mary Gardner

The programs in the new Woman's Society of Christian Service program books for 1964-65, under the general theme, "Summoned to a New Age," are designed to present a fourfold purpose. This includes, to summon Methodist women to take a creative part in the New Age; to clarify their role as women; to develop within themselves the spiritual resources for the living of the days, and to evaluate their witness and service in these times.

The new program book follows the same pattern as in recent years, with four blocks of undated programs to be used in the sequence most helpful to each WSCS or WSG. The general topics for the four blocks are "Women in the New Age." "The Life Within," "Outreach," and "Programs for Special Occasions."

The new program book will be available on June 1.

Dallas Minister Addresses Raleigh District WSCS Members

Dr. Robert E. Goodrich, of Dallas, Texas, speaking before the Annual Meeting of the Raleigh District Woman's Society of Christian Service at their Annual Meeting on April 3, cited three significant questions which were raised on the day of the assassination of President John F. Kennedy. These were: Why do such things happen? —the event grew out of a climate of fear and hate, and a realization of the fragilness of life.

Pastor of the First Methodist Church, Dallas, since 1946, Dr. Goodrich was guest speaker at the Edenton Street Methodist Church's revival March 30-April 3.

The minister was introduced by the Rev. T. Marvin Vick, Jr., host pastor.

Tracing the events of last November 22 in Dallas, Dr. Goodrich termed the assassination as something growing out of our freedom, "and yet," he declared, "without freedom life would be worthless." The tragedy can serve a purpose, he said. When we come to a realization of the fragilness of life we know that we cannot have outward certainties, but we can have inward certainties by our faith."

Other speakers on the program included Mrs. L. C. Vereen, Raleigh, on the topic "Observance of the Twenty-fifth Anniversary of the WSCS, and Mrs. John W. Crawford, distrcit president.

Mrs. Hugh Prince, Dunn, district secretary Spiritual Life, conducted the Memorial Service.

Mr. Marvin Burke, director of music at the host church, sang "The Ninety and Nine."

Mrs. W. J. Bradley, of Lillington and Mrs. B. L. Bradley, of Raleigh, were elected secretary of children's work and Christian Social Relations, respectively. Miss Addie Jones, Raleigh was confirmed as district secretary of Wesleyan Service Guild.

The 1965 Annual Raleigh District Meeting will be held at the Fairmont Methodist Church, Raleigh.

Wilmington District WSCS Plans Meetings

The Wilmington District Woman's Society of Christian Service has planned a series of spiritual "spring cleaning" institutes throughout April and May.

April 9 at Fifth Avenue Methodist Church, Wilmington, Dr. Thor Hall spoke before the Annual District WSCS meeting. Dr. Hall is a former Crusade Scholar and is associte professor of theology and preaching at Duke University.

Subdistrict meetings have been scheduled as follows: Bladen County at the Carver's Creek Methodist Church, May 5 at 10:00 a.m.; Brunswick County at 2:30 p.m., May 3, place to be announced. Columbus at Fairbluff, May 7 at 10:00 a.m. Bethesda Methodist Church will host the Robeson WSCS May 14 at 10:00 a.m., and New Hanover WSCS members will meet at Sneeds Ferry Methodist Church May 14 at 10:00 a.m. —Mrs. Leslie Thompson

W. N. C. Conference

Mrs. E. K. McLarty

Winston-Salem District to Meet

The Winston-Salem District Annual Meeting will be held Wednesday, April 22, Konnoak Hills Methodist Church, from 9:45 a.m., when registration begins, through lunch. Each person attending is asked to bring a light lunch. The theme will be "Witness and Service." Mrs. C. C. Weaver, Conference President Emeritus, will present the 25th Anniversary Observance. Other speakers will be Mrs. C. C. Cranford and Mrs. Julian Reeves. A pledge service and a memorial service are also planned into the program.

Did You Notice?

Way back in the December issue of *The Methodist Woman* appeared a picture in which all WSCS women of Western North Carolina can take pride and interest. All five women who have served as Conference President were photographed at Junaluska last June during the Annual Meeting. We are unusually favored to have these women witness to an unbroken line of dedication. In this little picture is a visual testimony of the heritage we have and of the building which co-operative succession makes possible. "Heritage and Horizons" is the theme for the Memphis Annual WSCS Meeting. It would also make a good title for this pose of presidents!

WSCS Recommendations

February 29th a committee composed of Mrs. Chandler, Miss Bright, Mrs. King, and Mrs. Shelley listed the following provisions for the local Guild treasurer. Please read and study so as to be well acquainted with the report's suggestions.

1. Local Guild treasurer will submit a report and remittance each quarter to the local treasurer of Woman's Society. (Since this meeting, we have learned that a copy of this report is to go also to District Woman's Society treasurer.) The local Woman's Society treasurer will send Guild report and remittance directly to district treasurer, setting forth separately Guild report in Guild's name.

2. Local Guild members to continue to pay 25 cents per person cultivation fund. This to be channeled the same as pledge, etc., as set for forth in No. 1. 15 cents of this amount to be kept by the Woman's Society district treasurer for district Guild Cultivation purposes; the balance of 10 cents per member to be sent to conference treasurer to pay cost of *Guild-O-Gram.* This will be sent from district treasurers to conference treasurer quarterly.

3. Expense at conference level of Guild will continue to be paid by conference treasurer. District level officers and lines of work will submit expense accounts to district treasurers of Woman's Society upon approval of Guild Conference Secretary. Should district Guild funds not cover needs, conference treasurer will supplement.

4. Quarterly report of conference treasurer to go to conference Guild Secretary and to all district secretaries of Guild; also to conference chairman of Spiritual Lfie and Supply. Items on report remain same unless changed by Woman's Division or Guild choice.

5. It is the wish that Guild projects be limited to those belonging to the Woman's Division, on which pledge credit is allowed by Woman's Division and for which the Guild has a responsibility.

6. Promotion of Guild projects and all items to which Guild gives to continue through conference treasurer, and other lines of promotion now used.

(The committee hopes you find these most adequate and acceptable.)



Annual Meeting Durham District WSCS

Several hundred women gathered at Long Memorial Church in Roxboro on Wednesday, April 1, for the Annual Meeting of the Durham District Woman's Society of Christian Service. Mrs. J. C. Wingate, District President, presided over the meeting which had as its theme "The Program That Unites Us in Witness and Service."

Miss Uggwala Salve, visiting lecturer in Hindustani at Duke University, was the guest speaker. She received her undergraduate education at Isabella Thoburn College, has been president of a Woman's Society and interstate secretary for the Student Christian Movement in India. She is currently preparing a book on teaching the social studies for use in the Indian schools. Miss Salve spoke inspiringly of the need for Christian women to be as earnest and dedicated in their efforts as Mary Magdalene was on Easter morning when she ran to tell the news that Christ had risen. We must also run to do more than is required of us.

A skit entitled "On Trial" was presented by the district officers to emphasize their work. Special membreships were presented to Mrs. Fred Bishop, past president of the Long Memorial Woman's Society, and to Mrs. George T. Hargitt, District Secretary. Mrs. Paul Mallison reported on the Annual Meeting held in Greenville recently. The memorial service was conducted by Mrs. Alison Simonton, District Secretary of Spiritual Life. The Roxboro High School advanced choir provided special music.

At the conclusion of the meeting, luncheon was served in the fellowship hall. Next spring, the Annual District Meeting will be held at Asbury Church, Durham.

MRS. BRUCE WHITE

Tuition Scholarships For Area Available at Pfeiffer College

North Carolina public school teachers have been invited to make application for 20 full tuition scholarships being offered by the 1964 Pfeiffer College Summer School.

Summer School Director Dr. Cameron West in making the announcement said the scholarships are being financed by the special In-service Teacher Education program being directed by the State Department of Public Instruction.

Area teachers desiring to make application for a scholarship should contact Dr. West at the college prior to May 11. Awards will be announced May 15.

The scholarships will cover study in either session of the 1964 Pfeiffer Summer School. The first session is scheduled June 8 to July 14 with the second session scheduled July 16 to August 20.

The scholarship winners may register for six semester hours selected from an approved list of courses in the following departments: Art, Economics, English, Geography, History, Music, Philosophy, Sociology, and Humanities.

The application procedures require a recommendation from the employing superintendent and a certificate of employment at a North Caroilna Public School for the 1964-65 year.

Korean Women Train In Charlotte

Koreans don't drink coffee and are suspicious of the Japanese, according to three Korean women who trained for community center work in Charlotte during the past six months.

They are Mrs. Sun Sim Kim of Seoul, Miss You Du Kang of Pusan and Miss Ok Sil Lee of Inchon. The three came to Charlotte to train under Miss Lucy Gist,



director of the Bethlehem Center of that city, who served in Korea for several years before returning to the U.S.

They left the U.S. early in April and will arrive back in their native land in mid-April.

The coffee situation, the women said, arises from the fact no coffee is raised in Korea and none is imported, therefore it is considered unpatriotic to drink coffee, and only the nationals of other nations who work in Korea do.

The suspicious attitude toward the Japanese stems from the long years Japan ruled Korea, exploiting the labor and industry. The Japanese used much of the lumber of the country and the Korean War of 1950-53 finished off what was left, particulraly when the North Koreans and Communist Chinese burned whole mountains to flush out infiltrators, according to the women.

Miss Kang said the missionaries had taught the Koreans that Christians did not smoke. "Then came the G.I.s," she said, who attended church and smoked. "Our young people said, 'They are Christians and they smoke, so we will smoke also.' So we cannot stop our young people from smoking now," she said.

However, Miss Kang said, the Christains tell the young boys and girls: "America is a rich country. Americans can smoke. We are poor and don't have money to smoke, so we shouldn't smoke."

The three women said they trained in Charlotte for what they are already doing in Korea, "but our training before was under missionaries. Here we have received college training in this work (at Scarritt College) as well as work in a community center (Bethlehem Center)."

In Korea the community center is highly important in the life of the people. There are 40 in South Korea and the Methodists operate five. "The centers now serve our people from the time they are a baby to the time they are old people," Mrs. Kim said.

The community center workers visit in homes, teach, look after the ill, etc.

The three women were anxious to apply what they have learned about the operation of community councils. In Korea, these are organizations of civic and religious groups who work together for the betterment of the city.

They will have the cooperation of the government in this as the three said the Korean officials "have confidence" in the work of the church.

Korea has nearly three million Christians in a population of 27 million. A hundred thousand of these are Methodists. North Korea, with no active Christian religion under Communism, has a population of three million people.

Mrs. Kim is the wife of a teacher and they have three children, all boys. While she was in the U.S., her mother-in-law took care of the children. She has one brother who is the Korean ambassador to West Germany, another brother who is a professor, a sister who is a physician, another sister who is a widow and one sister lost in the Korean War.

Miss Lee has two brothers who are businessmen in Seoul, and a sister who is a nurse and is married to a Presbyterian clergyman.

Miss Kang suffered the loss of a brother in the Korean War and has a sister who is a housewife.

Miss Kim moved from social work into the community center work, while Miss Lee was a school teacher and the daughter of a Presbyterian minister who listened to the wishes of her mother and went into community center work.

Miss Kang is a third generation Methodist who wanted to do rural social work. This almost brought about her death during the Korean War. She studied at Scarritt College then went to Wonju and started a Methodist rural center two months before North Korea invaded South Korea.

When the war broke out she fled to a mountain village but was captured by the police. They planned to kill her.

"I told them Christianity is better than Communism. I thought for sure I was going to be killed, so I told them what I wanted them to hear," she said.

Her spunky spirit for Christ befuddled the North Koreans and after a series of meetings about what to do with Miss Kang, they told her she was under house arrest in the village. "We found out you did some good things," they told her.

Near the end of the Communist occupation of that part of Korea she was told to hide in a house of the village while word was spread she had left for Seoul, the city she had insisted her Communist captors should take her to.

It was a touch-and-go as Miss Kang hid in the house by day and in a cave at night, switching places with the owner of the house's sons who were trying to escape conscription into the North Korean army.

"Many people were saved in this manner if the neighborhood was good," Mrs. Kim said. "If the neighborhood was bad, they were killed."

Finally the U.N. force drove the Communists north of the 38th Parallel and Miss Kang was rescued.

In Korea Mrs. Kim will be acting director of her community center; Miss Lee, the most veteran worker in her community center, will have increased duties in her role as a group worker; and Miss Kang is the director of her community center.

"From Cotton Field to College"

Inaugural Address of Dr. L. Stacey Weaver at Methodist College, Fayetteville, N. C., April 10, 1964.

Governor Sanford, Our Distinguished Guests, Ladies and Gentlemen:

It would be a poor soul who would not be grateful for your presence here today. And so please allow me to begin by expressing my deep apprecation for your coming. So many of my professional colleagues and my personal friends are present that I could not attempt to enumerate them. To mention some would be to omit others. But perhaps I may be pardoned if I express the gratitude of my heart that my Mother and other members of my family are able to be here; and if I say a special word of appreciation for the presence of the speaker of the morning. He has come a great distance, taking time from a busy schedule, to honor us by his presence and to share his wisdom with us. I count it a blessing that I am able to number him among my friends. He is a great Christian educator of world-wide repute.

New institutions are not bound by tradition. And so, we are probably establishing a "first" here today by holding these exercises almost seven years after the incumbent took office. And the mathematics of the calendar would suggest, if nothing else, that we are probably holding them as near the end as the beginning of my term of office. But for the first three years after I undertook the commission of turning a cotton field into a college there was no institution here, and thus no opportunity to celebrate an inauguration. When the college opened its doors four years ago and admitted a freshman class, we decided that it might be appropriate to further defer these exercises until we became a full-fledged college, having four classes on the campus. And so I welcome today the members of the first senior class of the college, who are participating in the academic procession.

Many questions must be answered by one who undertakes to build an institution from the ground up. Questions of size, design, and construction must be determined. These answers require much time and study before anything tangible begins to appear and take shape. But I shall not dwell on these. Suffice it to say that answers were provided and action taken on the basis of these decisions. I wish rather this morning to make a few suggestions about the direction an institution such as we envision here ought to take in today's world.

I am not interested in the exercise in semantics which attempts to draw fine lines of distinction between the terms 'church college', 'church-connected college', and 'church-related' college. I prefer rather to speak of the 'church-supported' college. Educational history amply demonstrates that those institutions which are supported with reasonable adequacy by their constituent body remain church institutions; those that are not, do not.

The Church was the fountain head of education in the early days. The first nine colleges founded in America were church-related. But the Church is no longer the mass educator. The demands of our industrial society have created an educational need so great so varied, and so complex that all elements of our society have been called upon to help meet the need. It is literally true that the hewers of wood and drawers of water of this generation have to know more than did the professional people of a few generations ago.

So the Church college has come to play a more selective role in the scheme of higher education. This role is likely to proportionately diminish, rather than increase, in the future, in my judgment. Assuming that the role of the Church college in the future will be more qualitative than quantitative, what direction should the emphasis of such an institution take?

The Church college should prepare and train the future leadership of the Church, both lay and clerical. Indeed the Church must be in the business of education for its own self-preservation. If all segments of our society demand a higher and higher level of education, can the Church do less? Can the vital and eternal truths of the Christian faith be entrusted to the ignorant and the ill-informed in a world which needs to hear the message of the Christian church as never before? To ask the question is to answer it. If the Church is to continue to contribute the leaven to our society which only the Church can contribute, the Church college must continue to send into the bloodstream of our culture men and women who will take their place as leaders of our society, in the professions, as teachers, and in all walks of life, who are dedicated to the Christian ethic and whose pursuit of truth gives deserved consideration to the truths of religion. The corollary duty of the Church college to train the clerical leaders of the future goes without saying. Even if we dared entrust this duty to the State, constitutional prohibitions would stand in the way.

The Church college should also contribute its part of the answer to two unanswered questions in higher education today. (1) Who shall be taught and (2) What shall they be taught? Educators constantly change the answers to these questions, as perforce they must. Our answers today are little bettter than expedients. We are still selecting college students on the basis of the economic competence of their parents. The Creator in His divine wisdom did not distribute intelligence on that basis. Then, as a further expedient, we have adopted so-called objective tests to make onerous decisions for us. Now please do not misunderstand me. Testing has value when properly used. We could hardly do without it in any modern system of education. But test results should be evaluated and considered along with other criteria. I do not accept the thesis that a prospective student who makes a specific score on a given test should be admtted to educational oppportunity, while one who makes one point less should be cast into outer darkness. I fear we shall look back in wonderment a generation hence at some of the uses we are making of testing now. The great percentage of failures and dropouts, between the freshman and senior years, indicates that our present methods of selecting candidates for higher education leave much to be desired. The results of a recent four-year experiment at Harvard University, which has caused a change in admission requirements at that institution, give evidence of a return to sanity in this area.

The difficulty is that we have never yet been able to devise a test which will tell us whether a young man or woman has, in addition to intelligence, the fundamental strength of character to meet and overcome hard tasks; to refuse to be discouraged in the face of disappointment and adversity; whether he is genuinely interested in getting an education or is more concerned to participate in the country club activities of the week-end; whether he is motivated to prepare him to make his maximum contrbution to his day and generation or whether he would prefer to join the great horde of beer-bloated sex-seekers who swarm over the Florida beaches during spring vacation masquerading as college men and women. But perhaps the colleges should not be asked to bear too much responsibility for this latter group. They are the product of the culture which has produced them; too much money, too little work, too irresponsible parents. They are the froth foam and effervescence of a too-affluent society.

The second queston relates to the curriculum of the Church college. If it is to meet its objectives this must be in the liberal arts. It is evident that the concept of liberal education has undergone considerable change since its introduction by the Greek philosophers. They conceived of it as educaton for a leisure class. We have no such purpose today. We have broadened it to include the natural sciences, pre-professional training, and teacher education, This latter area allows the Church college to send into the public school system young people who are dedicated to the Christian ethic who will teach by example what they are now proscribed from teaching by precept. Such teachers are imperatively needed now that the Supreme Court is busily engaged in prohibiting the free exercise of religion in the public schools.

One difficulty is quite apparent in our present program of undergraduate education for teachers: we are trying to do five years work in four. Only in teaching, the mother of all professions, do we attempt to complete professional training within the span of an undergraduate program. The necessity for this, of course, arises out of the fact that we have never paid teachers enough to justify the requiring of five years of preparation. As this situation is corrected we ought to move toward a full year of professional training for all teachers,, following the bachelor's degree. However, I believe we ought to make this program available in four calendar years, for those who desire it, by the adoption of a four-quarter or three-semester academic calendar. Another outgrowth of such a program, in conjunction with the community college movement, will probably be the development of institutions which begin their offerings at the present junior year and continue through at least one year of graduate study. Indeed such an institution is opening in Florida this fall.

But to return to the concept of the liberal arts. The basic meaning of the word is to set free. Liberal education, therefore, is an education for free men, designed to preserve that freedom. The road of mankind's struggle for freedom is marked by many milestones: Magna Charta; a division of sovereignty between ecclesiastical and secular government, thus altering the medieval conception of all government as coming from God through Papal hands to a divinely anointed monarch; a religious reformation; a scientific and technological revolution; a political movement in the United States which led to the Declaration of Independence and self-governing system under a constitution; a civil war and an Emancipation Proclamation which freed those whose wrongs caused Jefferson to tremble, remembering God's justice; the Atlantic Charter; President Kennedy declaring in his inaugural address: "We will make any sacrifice, endure any hardship—that freedom may be preserved." By virtue of these we all walk the earth as free men today.

An education for citizens of such a free society is an education designed basically for all, and only limited in apppreciation by natural capacities, which are highly variable. Though we do not limit ourselves to the educaton of an elite, based on heritage and wealth, as other societies have done, this is not to say that, by a continuation of the educative process, a natural elite will not emerge from generation to generation. Nature makes some more able, others less so; who can say just when and where the talented and not so talented will appear?

Finally, I suggest that the pre-eminent task

of Christian higher education is to release and harness the limitless power of the human spirit. This is the only power man possesses which is greater than the natural power he has released and harnessed. The power of the spirit is mankind's hope to control the material power which has been discovered and unleashed in our world. Conscience, no less than competence, is the proper concern of the Church college. Unless we are able to establish the supremacy of the spiritual over the material, it is not beyond the realm of phantasy to imagine that some day a highly intelligent madman may stand on the shore of one of our great oceans, atomic torch in hand, and there produce an explosion of hydrogen atoms so great as to reduce the planet Earth to a lifeless cinder, revolving around the sun for aeons yet to be as a permanent reminder of the failure of God's experiment with man.

Development and strengthening of the spiritual nature of man once occupied a position of pre-eminence among the purposes of higher educaton. Let it be restored.

Methodist College Inaugurates First President

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doctorate at Drew University, was unable to be present.

Dr. John O. Gross, General Secretary, Division of Higher Education, Board of Education of the Methodist Church, brought the address, in which he urged youth to enter the mainstream of American life. He admonished the youth of today to assess their goals and be sure financial gain is not their only aim. Dr. Gross said, "This generation, we are told, lacks a worthy sense of mission. America is selling itself short if the highest goal it offers to youth is to get ahead in the world. If our only mission in life is identified with material things, America ultimately will lose the race with other nations of the world."

The investiture of the president of the college took place following the address by Dr. Gross. The charge was given by Governor Sanford, Chairman of the Board; the affirmative response by Dr. Weaver; the installation by Governor Sanford. and the dedicatroy prayer was given by Bishop Paul N. Garber. Dr. Weaver then gave his inaugural address, which met with hearty approval by those present. We are carrying it in its entirety on page 14 of this issue.

A delicious luncheon was served official representatives and invited guests in the College Dining Hall. At the luncheon greetings were brought by the Honorable Wilbur Clark, Mayor of the City of Fay-Fayetteville; Richard Player, Jr., president Fayetteville College Foundation; A. C. Dawson, executive secretary, North Carolina Education Association; Dr. Charles F. Carroll, State Superintendent of Public Instruction; William C. Archie, Director North Carolina Board of Higher Education; Dr. D. Trigg James, Executive Secretary, Southeastern Jurisdictional Council of the Methodist Church; and Dr. C. P. Morris. Executive Secretary, Board of Education. North Carolina Conference, the Methodist Church. Mr. J. O. Tally, Fayetteville attorney. and a member of the Board of trustees of the college, gave the response to these greetings. Certificates of recognition were presented each member of the Board of trustees.

During the afternoon activities Garber Hall, a girls' residence hall, and Cumberland Hall, a men's residence hall, were dedicated. Taking part in these ceremonies were Dr. Stacey Weaver, presiding; Rev. O. L. Hathaway, Rev. R. G. Dawson, Bishop Garber, Dr. C. D. Barclift, Rev. Barney Davidson, and Richard L. Player, president of Methodist College Foundation.



NEW PARSONAGE AT KITTY HAWK METHODIST CHURCH

The Rev and Mrs. Horace Lee McLaurin moved into the new parsonage during March. It has a living room, dining room, kitchen, one and a half baths, large garage, three bedrooms (one of which has an outside door and can be used as an office, depending on the size of the family. It is furnished with studio couches which can be used in either). It has electric baseboard heat. All rooms are plastered except the combination office which is paneled with wood. The parsonage is furnished in new maple furniture and some restored pieces from the old parsonage which have value in beauty and history. Cost $17,000. Mr. Edgar Perry, P. A. Tillett, Hallet Perry, Herbert Van Vleek, Jack Twiford composed the parsonage committee and have directed the work carried out by the trustees, W.S.C.S., and other church leaders to raise money prepare furniture, and direct the building. Mr. Shelby Hines was the building contractor. He and many other businessmen donated much of their time, products, and talents at small or no cost at times to the church. Open House at the new parsonage was held April 12th from 3:00-6:00

Duke Hospital Chaplains Address W. Va. Meet

The chaplain of the Duke University Medical Center was featured speaker at the two-day workshop on "Religion and Health" April 13-14 at West Virginia University, Morgantown, W. Va.

P. Wesley Aitken, who also serves as assistant professor of pastoral care in the Duke Divinity School, addressed a joint meeting of the Morgantown Ministerial Association and the staff of the West Virginia Medical Center on "Helping People Live." These two groups are sponsoring the workshop.

His address dealt with the joint role of clergymen and medical personnel in helping people live meaningfully.

Mr. Aitken also served as key speaker for a series of workshop programs with the ministerial assication. He spoke on how a clergyman ministers to sick people.

The assistant chaplain of the Duke University Medical Center will be the featured speaker at a two-day meeting at Fairmont State Teachers College, Fairmont, W. Va.

Robert Claytor, who also is instructor in pastoral care at the Duke Divinity School, addressed the Fairmont Wesley Foundation on April 12. His topic was "The Relevance of the Church to the World Through My Vocation."

On April 13, he spoke to the Fairmont Ministerial Association on "The Ministry of the Pastor in Context and Encounter" at two different sessions.

The meetings are being sponsored by the Fairmont Ministerial Association and the Wesley Foundation.

South American Missionary To Tour WNC Conference

The Rev. Siegfried Trommer, one of Methodism's outstanding ministers in South America, will tour the Western North Carolina Conference during April 12-23, according to Dr. Horace McSwain of Statesville, who is executive secretary of the Conference Board of Missions.

The Western North Carolina Conference earlier this year sent the German-born and educated pastor $50,000 for the construction of a new sanctuary-education building in Bariloche, Argentina, a resort city in the mountains where the Rev. Mr. Trommer and his wife went to serve in 1954.

Mr. Trommer's schedule is as follows: April 12—11 a.m., First Methodist Cherryville, the Rev. W. T. Medlin, pastor; 6 p.m., First Methodist Church, Belmont, the Rev. Lon Payne, pastor. April 13—evening, Sharon Methodist Church, Shelby, the Rev. Brown McKinney, pastor. April 15—7 p.m., Pleasant Grove Methodist Church, Charlotte, the Rev. E. D. Page, pastor. April 16—7:15 p.m., Pisgah Methodist Church near Lincolnton, the Rev. Roy Eubanks, pastor.

April 19—11 a.m., First Methodilst Church, Wadesboro, the Rev. Moody Nifong, pastor, 6 p.m., Love's Methodist Church, Walkertown, the Rev. Orion Hutchinson, pastor; 7:45 p.m., New Hope Methodist Church, Winston-Salem, the Rev. Grady Barringer, pastor. April 21—evening, Lewisville Methodist Church, Lewisville, the Rev. Jim Ingram, pastor. April 22—7 p.m., Burkhead Methodist Church, Winston-Salem, the Rev. Lee Barnett, pastor. April 23—Mount Pleasant Methodist Church, Greensboro, the Rev. J. C. Grose, Jr., pastor.

The Rev. Mr. Trommer will attend the General Conference of The Methodist Church in Pittsburgh, Pa., beginning April 26, as an official delegate from the provisional Conference which he heads. He is tentatively scheduled to return to the Western North Carolina Conference in mid May for more speaking engagements, according to Dr. McSwain.

Minister Is Pilot Mountain Citizen of the Year

Henry T. Ridenhour, pastor of First Church is Pilot Mountain's new Citizen-of-the-Year. Announcement of the recipient was made at a banquet at East Surry High School. W. O. Gregory, president of the Pilot Mountain Civitan Club, presented the award given annually by the club.

Mr. Ridenhour, 43, received the award "for that extra effort above the voluntary service rendered this community in the counseling of young people and adults, and the sincere participation in civic, governmental, youth, service and church organizations."

Mr. Ridenhour is also recognized for helping solve many problems outside the direct duties of his pastorate. For example, he assists high school students regardless of denomination get into college, guiding them toward the proper college and often taking them personally for interviews.

During his pastorate here, the church budget has doubled. The church has completed several improvements, including the purchase of land and provision of off-street parking, air-conditioning of the church, and remodeling of the fellowship hall.

Grace Church, Clinton, Will Observe Ninth Anniversary

Dr. Thomas Collins, president of North Carolina Wesleyan College of Rocky Mount, will be the speaker at the Ninth Anniversary Observance (Homecoming) at Grace Methodist Church, Clinton, Sunday, April 19, 11:00 a.m.

Grace Methodist Church was organized nine years ago this month. The membership has now grown to 248. The building will be debt-free by the end of June. Grace has had four pastors: the Rev. A. F. McClung, now pastor of the Lakewood Church in Durham; the Rev. J. H. Waldrop, Jr., now pastor of the Fremont Church; Rev. Matt Gardner, now pastor of Branson Church, Durham; and the present pastor is the Rev. Wilbur C. Teachey.

All former pastors, former members, and all friends of Grace Methodist Church are cordially invited to attend the Homecoming service. There will be the traditional dinner on the ground immediately after the worship service.

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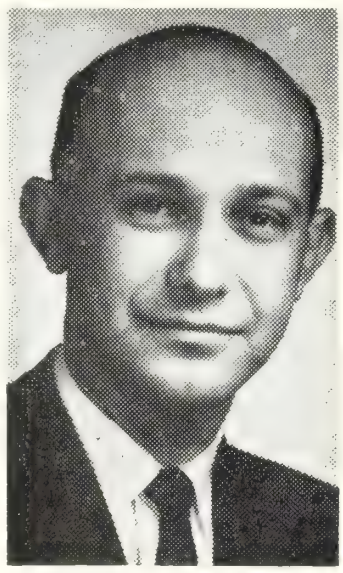
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Rev. Jack Crum Will Speak To Durham District MYF Rally

By Horace Mansfield
Lay Advisor

The Rev. Jack Crum, the new Director of Christian Social Action for the North Carolina Council of Churches, will be the principal speaker for the annual rally of the Durham District of the Methodist Youth Fellowship.

The rally will be held at the University Methodist Church in Chapel Hill, Sunday, April 26. The five-and-one-half-hour gathering will begin at 2:30 p.m. with registration. The 7 p.m. worship hour will conclude the rally. Around 600 youths, counselors and pastors from five counties are expected to attend the session.



Rev. Jack Crum

Mr. Crum will speak during the closing worship service on the general theme of the rally, "The Church: Force or Farce?" Holy Communion will be observed following his sermon.

Miss Jane Dyer, president of the Durham District MYF and the University Church MYF of Chapel Hill, will preside over the worship service and the afternoon session.

Miss Martha Vincent of Chapel Hill, soprano, and Miss Jane Graham of Chapel Hill, the co-fellowship chairman of the district, will be the soloist and organist for the worship service, respectively.

Methodist ministers from the Chapel Hill-Carrboro area will assist with the Holy Communion. Scott Thompson of Chapel Hill, president of the Chathamboro Subdistrict MYF, will assist with the service.

The rally will open with a general session at 3 p.m., during which the roll call will be taken and special entertainment will be presented. The fellowship period will be led by Miss Graham and Miss Welda Rudin of Durham, the district fellowship chairmen.

Miss Susan Belk of Durham, the district vice president, will lead the devotional.

Following the free time period, the picnic lunches brought by the young people will be spread for the supper hour.

An hour-long period during which ten interest groups will be held will begin at 5:45 p.m.

The interest groups will carry out phases of the general rally theme, "The Church: Force or Farce?"

The subjects and the leaders include: improving race relations, the Rev. Jack Crum of Raleigh, director of Christian Social Action, North Carolina Council of Churches; meeting the challenge of Communism, Dr. Samuel Hill, chairman of the department of religion at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill; sponsoring the ecumenical movement, Dr. Boyd Daniels, professor of religion at Duke University, and United Christian Youth Movement advisor for North Carolina; solving the problem of drinking, Dr. Norman Desrosiers of the North Carolina Rehabilitation Center at Butner; supporting world missions, Dr. Erle Peacock of Chapel Hill, a missionary-surgeon; campus life, the Rev. Johnny Frye of Durham; guiding the choice of vocations, Miss Charity Holland of Caswell School, Kinston; Christian education, the Rev. Warren Bishop, associte pastor of the Duke Memorial Methodist Church, Durham; and a movie, "The Red Trap," which deals with Communism vs Christianity, the Rev. Sidney Stafford, pastor of the Amity Methodist Church, Chapel Hill, discussion leader.

Be A Giving Person

When someone mentions giving, our thoughts immediately turn to our pocketbooks. To be sure, giving of our money is a part of being a giving person. But, this is not all there is to this business of giving. To be a real genuine giving person, we must give of our interest, time, talents, and money. We should not give until its hurts, we should give of our total resources, until it makes us feel good. To paraphrase, it is much more important to be a "giver" than to be a "getter."

Some say that they are too busy to give of their time and talents, but most of us manage to find the time if we are really interested.

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—Duffy L. Paul

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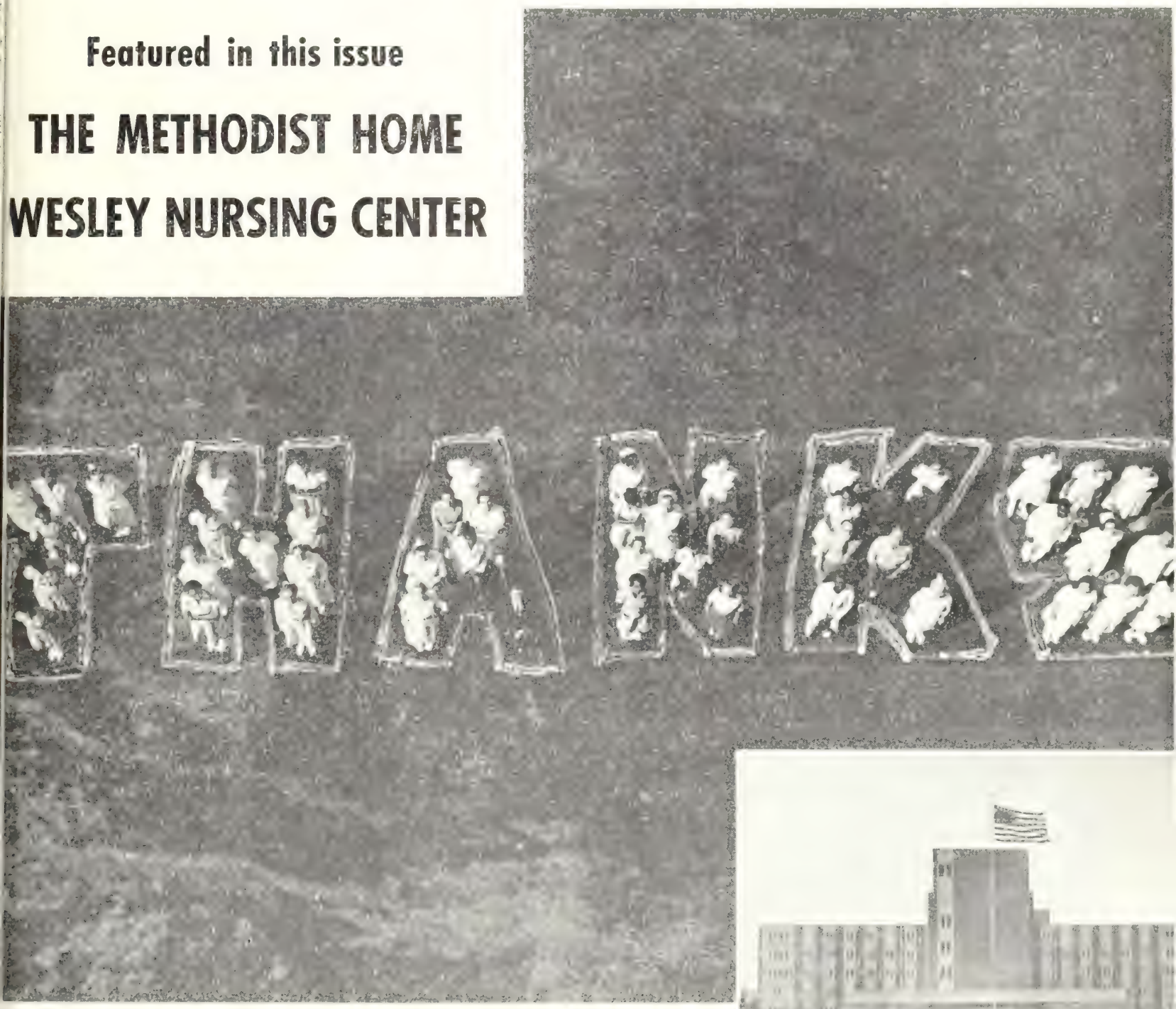
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CAROLINA BRIEFS

¶ A $1,290,000 loan to Methodist College, Fayetteville, has been approved by the U.S. Housing and Home Finance Agency. The loan will aid in construction of dormitories for 150 women students and 160 men students.

¶ Collier's Methodist Church of Route 4, Lenoir, will observe homecoming services on Sunday, May 3, at 11:00 o'clock a.m. All former pastors and members are invited to attend. The pastor, Wm. C. Cockman, will preach the homecoming sermon.

¶ Rev. Bernard Hurley of Hickory Grove Church, Charlotte, will preach in revival services at Mount Zion Methodist Church, Cornelius, May 10-14. Annual Homecoming services will be held at Mount Zion May 7, Rev. Donald G. Bridgers is the pastor.

¶ Revival services are in progress this week at the Oak Summit Methodist Church, Winston-Salem, Rev. Kenneth Johnson, pastor. Rev. John H. Green, retired, and a former pastor of the church, is preaching each evening.

¶ It was the privilege of the Editor to preach last Sunday morning to a fine group of people at the Lillington Methodist Church, of which Rev. Franklin Grill is the pastor. Lillington has done quite a bit of additional building and renovation recently. They have a good church plant and a fine spirit.

¶ Hugh Lawrence Bond will join the faculty of North Carolina Wesleyan College as an assistant professor of Religion and Church History. A native of Memphis, Tenn., he was graduated from Lambuth College in 1958. He earned the B.D. degree from Duke Divinity School in Bible and History in 1961, and is concluding his studies for the Ph.D. degree in Church History at Duke University.

¶ Dr. L. B. Pope, presently at St. Andrew's Presbyterian College, Laurinburg, will join the staff at High Point College next year as Director of Guidance and Counseling. Dr. Pope, who was director of the College Adjustment Program at High Point College last Summer, received his B.A. degree from High Point College in 1948; his M.A. from the University of North Carolina in 1952; and his Ph.D. from UNC in 1958.

¶ Sunday April 5, the Rev. Garland Winkler Superintendent of the Greensboro District, led the congregation of the Bessemer Methodist Church in a ground breaking service for an educational building. Others participating in the service were: H. C. Lowdermilk, Sr., Chairman of Building Committee; Howard Allen, Claude Bailey, Brock Bailey, Ralph Clendinin, Robert L. Heath, Lawrence Whitlow, Glenn Taylor, P. T. Huffman, J. B. Crowder, Joseph J. Hauser, pastor, and Carl F. Andrews, architect. The educational building will have 15 classrooms, two offices, an Assembly room and a fellowship hall.

¶ The Highland Methodist Church of High Point will have revival services beginning on Sunday morning, April 26. Dr. John Church is our visiting preacher. He will preach at the 11:00 o'clock hour on Sunday morning and at 7:30 each evening through the following Sunday. Mr. Sam Allred, the well known evangelist singer of Greensboro, will lead our choir and congregational singing. On Sunday, May 3 we will have Homecoming. Dr. Church will preach at the 11:00 o'clock hour. Picnic lunch will be at 1:00. The minister and congregation would like for all former ministers and church members to attend this Homecoming day.

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"Bad men cannot make good citizens. It is impossible that a nation of infidels or idolators should be a nation of free men. It is when people forget God that tyrants forge their chains. A vitiated state of morals, a corrupted public conscience, is incompatible with freedom."

—Patrick Henry

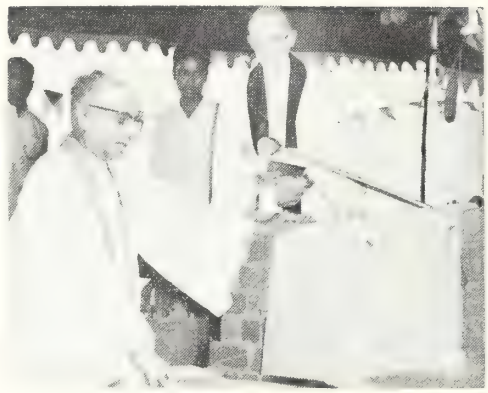
Parents to Attend Classes With Sons and Daughters

The Pfeiffer College Student Government Association will sponsor a "Parents' Day" at the college which will feature parents going to class with their sons and daughters the morning of April 25.

The program is designed to acquaint parents with the college, its various programs, and general academic program.



Miss Lucy Gist, Deaconess at the Bethlehem Center in Charlotte. will be the morning speaker at the annual meeting of the WSCS of the Greensboro district April 30 at College Place Methodist Church, Greensboro. Mrs Julian Reeves, president of the North Wilkesboro District, will speak immediately following lunch. Theme of the meeting will be "The Faith That Compels Us Toward Christian Unity." The meeting will convene at 10 and adjourn at 1:30 p.m.



News From Inda

Bishop S. K. Mondol laying the cornerstone of a church and parsonage in a village in the Patiala district of the Delhi conference on March 20. Standing behind the stone is the Rev. H. F. Townsley, district superintendent of Delhi district. The project was made possible by advance special gifts from two Western North Carolina churches —Madison Methodist, who gave the church, and Vanderburg, who gave the parsonage. Two North Carolinians, Rev. and Mrs. Edwin Hackney, have been engaged in rural uplift in Patiala district for the past five years. Having been supported by Wesley Memorial, High Point, and First Church, Charlotte, they arrive May 20 for a furlough of one year.

—Edwin A. Hackney

North Wilkesboro District WSCS To Meet at Bethany Church

The North Wilkesboro District Annual Meeting of the Woman's Society of Christian Service will be held Wednesday, April 29, Bethany Methodist Church, near Jefferson, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. The women of Bethany Church will be hostess and serve a covered dish lunch at noon.

The women of the local societies are urged to attend this meeting which is the highlight of our year. A good program has been planned featuring the Killingsworth sisters, missionaries to Malaya.

Miss Louise Killingsworth served as a missionary in China and during the past ten years as a teacher in Taiping, Malaya. She has served on the faculty at Paine College, Augusta, Ga., for two years.

Miss Mathilde Killingsworth served in China and Malaya with special responsibility rooted in the local church. She also served as Christian Education Director in Clarksdale, Miss. These missionaries are natives of Mississippi living in Jackson this year.

Mrs. John Christy, Jefferson, will conduct the devotional. Mrs. J. B. Winkler, Boone, district treasurer, will be in charge of the pledge service and Mrs. James Councill of Boone, will hold an election of officers.

Mrs. Julian Reeves of Sparta, president, who is retiring this year, will preside during the business session and bring a special message.

North Wilkesboro District is hostess District for the annual meeting of the Woman's Society of Christian Service at Lake Junaluska, June 16 to 18.

Summer Program of Leadership Training, Camping In WNC

A summer of workshop leadership training, camping and hiking is planned by the Board of Education for the Western North Carolina Methodist Conference.

Dr. Carl H. King of Statesville, executive secretary for the Board, said Lake Junaluska, Camp Tekoa near Hendersonville Pfeiffer College at Misenheimer and the Great Smokie Mountains would be sites for this Christian activity.

The program will begin June 12-14 with the annual Young Adult Assembly at Lake Junaluska. The Rev. Courtney B. Ross, pastor of First Methodist Church in Elkin, will be the leader for this event in Shackford Hall.

The Assembly is for all officers and members of young adult classes in Conference churches. Mrs. Bill (Pansy) Poplin of Salisbury is president of the Conference Council of the Young Adult Fellowship. Other officers include:

Bobby Rudisill of Catawba, William F. Keever of Lincolton, Mrs. Dick (Wilhelmina) Herbin of Greensboro and Fred E. Smith of Charlotte, vice presidents; Mrs. Ben C. (Julia) Wilson of Winston-Salem, secretary; and Mrs. Bill (Mary) Ashley, Jr., of Arden, treasurer.

Camp Tekoa, for junior high boys and girls, 12-14 years of age, will open June 14 and extend to August 19. This is the Conference camp located within five miles of Hendersonville. The Rev. Thomas S. Lee, Jr., of Statesville, Conference director of junior high work and camping, is camp director.

There will be eight one-week sessions, and a final ten-day session. Camp counselors include divinity school students, college girls and Conference clergymen.

The Senior High Officers' Workshop of the Conference Methodist Youth Fellowship will be held June 15-20 in Shackford Hall at Lake Junaluska. The Rev. Paul H. Duckwall, Conference director of young adult and adult work, is in charge.

The Rev. Melton E. Harbin, pastor of Memorial Methodist Church, Thomasville, will be platform speaker. The Rev. D. Leon Stubbs, Jr., pastor of Covenant Methodist Church, Gastonia, will be dean; and his wife will be head counselor. The workshop is open to two senior high MYF officers from each Conference church, and one subdistrict officer.

The Senior High Christian Citizenship Assembly of the Conference Methodist Youth Fellowship will follow June 22-27 in Shackford Hall, Lake Junaluska. The Rev. Mr. Duckwall will direct this also.

The Rev. Julian A. Lindsey, pastor of First Methodist Church, Lexington, will be the platform speaker. The Rev. R. Paschal Waugh, pastor of Jamestown Methodist Church will be dean; and Mrs. I. L. Sharpe of Oakboro, will be head counselor. This event is for three senior high MYF youth from each Conference church, and older youth who are concerned about Christian citizenship.

Elected members of the Western North Carolina Conference Methodist Youth Fellowship Council will meet Aug. 9-11 at Pfeiffer College to plan the Conference youth program for 1964-65. The Rev. Mr. Duckwall will be in charge.

Present Council officers include Roger Briles of Germantown, president; Douglas Tanner of Rutherfordton, vice president; Miss Jane Cashion of Charlotte, secretary; and Miss Carolyn Taylor of Winston-Salem, associte secretary.

The Conference Board of Education will hold a Curriculum Workshop on New Literature for Children Aug. 11-13 at Pfeiffer College. Dr. King will be in charge. Dr. Lowell B. Hazzard, professor at Wesley Theological Seminary, Washington, D. C., will be the speaker, discussing, "Theology in Christian Education." The workshop will feature the new church school curriculum for the 1-11 age group, set for church-wide use Sept. 1.

The Older Youth/Young Adult Trail hikes are planned. The Wilderness Trail Hike is set Aug. 16-21, and the Apalachian Trail Hike for Aug. 23-28. A limit of 12 older youth/young adults of post high school age is set for each hike, originating and ending in the Great Smokies. The Rev. Mr. Duckwall will lead both hikes.



Brevard College Glee Club Makes Spring Tour

The Brevard College Glee Club began its annual spring tour on Sunday, April 19. The group, composed of fifty men and women's voices, was to present programs of sacred and secular music in churches and schools of North and South Carolina, Georgia, and Florida.

Professor Harvey Miller, a native of Salisbury, was director of the choral group. He is a graduate of the University of North Carolina with an A.B. in music. He also has the Bachelor of Music in piano and the M.A. in musicology from U.N.C.

Miss Judy Barnes, a sophomore music major from Easley, S. C., was accompanist. Mike Harris, a sophomore music major from Dillon, S. C., was her assistant.

Among the soloists were Dona Vaughn of Brooksville, Fla.; Donna Hooker of Mt. Airy; Johnny Goforth of Kannapolis; Dean Jevons of Agawam, Mass.; and Priscilla Dalway of Phoenixville, Pa. Several selections were also sung by the Madrigal Singers.

During the week's tour, the glee club sang at Trinity Methodist Church, Greenville, S. C.; First Methodist Church, Gastonia; St. Paul's Methodist Church and James S. Richards Jr. High School, Tallahassee, Fla.; Winter Park High School, Winter Park, Fla.; Orange City Methodist Church, Orange City, Fla.; First Methodist Church and Columbia High School, Lake City, Fla.; Grace Methodist Church, Savannah, Ga.; and the Methodist Home and Hawthorne Lane Methodist Church in Charlotte.

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A Concerned Conference

Our concern as Methodists for the aged and the infirm aged goes back as far as the 1880's. In 1884 Methodism owned and operated five homes for the aged. In 1964 we own and operate 134.

The Methodists of our Western North Carolina Conference can look back with pride to our Home in Charlotte for it is an outstanding example of the best that can be offered in the way of a home to those who are now past 65 years of age. Our facilities are excellent; our program well rounded; and the spirit that undergirds is "'Christian" in every sense of the word.

Credit for the outstanding institution we have in Charlotte goes not only to the Board of Managers, to the Administration and the staff, and to our fine residents, but we as a Conference share in this. Last year we Methodists of the W.N.C. Conference contributed $124,054.00 to our Methodist Home and Wesley Nursing Center. All of this money was used for the purpose of caring for people who could not otherwise pay all of their own way. By so contributing we have enabled retired ministers and laymen who have given much to our Church in days past to have a comfortable home in the latter years of their lives. Currently none of our money goes toward new building or large physical improvements—first always toward care of people. It is a real privilege for us as a Conference to so share. What we do in this area places us near the top of all Methodist Conferences.

Too, your Conference Board of Hospitals and Homes shares closely in the plans and program of the Methodist Home and the Wesley Nursing Center. By maintaining these close ties Methodists need have no fear of our Home ever "slipping" out of our hands. Through close supervision and co-operation, our Home is indeed OUR Home, and we can rejoice that ever there will be, as now, Methodist control, Methodist planning and the Methodist Spirit of "the warm heart."

Edgar H. Nease, Jr.,
Chairman of Western North Carolina Conference Board of Hospitals and Homes.

THEME FOR THE WEEK

"And the King shall answer and say unto them, Verily I say unto you, Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me." —Matt. 25:40.

It Is Time For The Home

The Methodists of our great Conference continue to be proud of The Methodist Home in Charlotte. This towers over our landscape as a haven of refuge for the aged who need our care; and so does The Wesley Nursing Center of which we are equally proud. This has received many comments of appreciation both from the medical and the civic authorities in the Charlotte Area.

Under the leadership of Willard S. Farrow, the Administrator, and of Mr. W. Donald Penley and Mr. John Lambert, his Assistants, and under the overall guidance of a Board of Managers headed by W. W. Hagood, Jr., the Home continues to make progress in every way. It is pointed to with pride by the Methodists of Charlotte, and those who have to do with like institutions over the land often come to see how we do it here in North Carolina.

But every honor carries with it a responsibility. A Home as beautifully appointed as this one, needs not simply the constant supervision of these who give their time to it, but the financial support of our great Conference. Especially as Mother's Day comes near each year, do we think of the Home and call upon all our churches to give what they can for this noble institution.

I am therefore writing these lines not simply to praise what we have already done, but to ask that we may think in terms of doing even greater things as God has prospered us. Do not forget, brethren, to take an offering in your churches nor to mention the fact that on Mother's Day we are to support the Home. Our laymen want a chance to give, and we all feel happy when we can contribute to such a splendid cause. Let us not forget.

Nolan B. Harmon, Bishop

Appreciation and Challenge

At this time we approach the end of the sixteenth year of the service which the Methodist Home has rendered to the constituency of the Western North Carolina Conference. During these years, the Home has been equipped to accept only ambulatory applicants. In November, 1963, the Wesley Nursing Center, built at a cost of $3,100,000.00,, was opened to supplement the services of the Home by adding facilities which allow the acceptance of those who cannot qualify for membership in the Home.

All those who have participated in this undertaking feel that this could not have been achieved without the co-operation and support of many members of the Church, the ministry, the Board of the Home, and the dedicated members of the Home staff.

The institution is the property of the Western North Carolina Conference, and all those who have contributed to the completion of this project are due the gratitude and thanks from the entire Church.

It is hoped that the past success of the Home will inspire the members of the Church to even greater efforts in this direction, and that their interest will be manifested by an increased number of contributors.

W. W. HAGOOD, Jr., President
The Board of Managers of
The Methodist Home

"Christian Family Week" at Pleasant Grove, Charlotte

"Christian Family Week is planned for Pleasant Grove Methodist Church, Charlotte, April 20 through April 22, three nights for the entire church (youngest through the oldest) with speakers using the topics related to the family.

Monday night, Mr. Ed Nadleman, director of Charlotte Family and Children's Service, will speak on "How to Fail in Marriage Without Even Trying."

Tuesday night, Mr. Joseph Frankford, Coordinator of School Social Work Services for Charlotte-Mecklenburg Schools will speak on "Delinquent Problems a Family Faces."

Wednesday, Mrs. Milton Randolph, director of Family Worship of the Upper Room of Nashville, Tenn., will be speaking to the mothers of young children at 11 a.m.

At 1:00 o'clock Mrs. Randolph will speak to the Golden Age Senior Citizens.

At 7:30 o'clock Mrs. Randolph will speak to the entire church, all ages, from Junior High up on "Making the Home Christian."

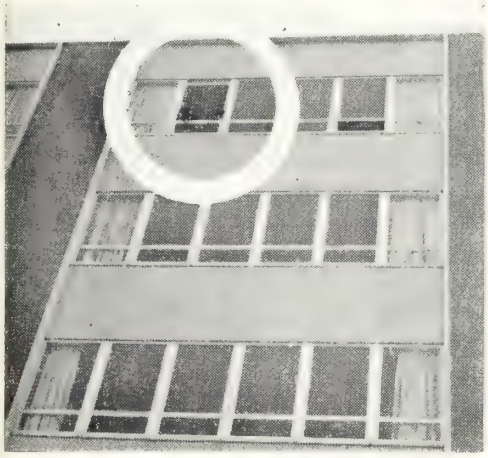
The Rev. Ernest D. Page is pastor of Pleasant Grove.

OUR COVER

Applause, well spoken words, and carefully written letters may all express appreciation for a performance or an accomplishment admirably completed. The unique way the professional staff of Wesley Nursing Center elected to use in saying "Thanks" to those who have had a part in bringing into reality the new 250-bed facility only goes to emphasize the sincerity of their expression! Of the 50 persons involved in the cover picture, 19 served ably in the old 3rd Floor Methodist Home Infirmary for varying lengths of time. Our photographers snapped this from the 6th Floor of the West Wing. The "Thanks" is directed to the Board of Managers, to the individuals who contributed their time and substance so generously, to their fellow staff members involved in the study and planning, along with the interest and efforts of the resident membership of the Home, itself. Wesley Nursing Center is truly a product of untiring team effort to meet the challenge presented by a 20th Century need.

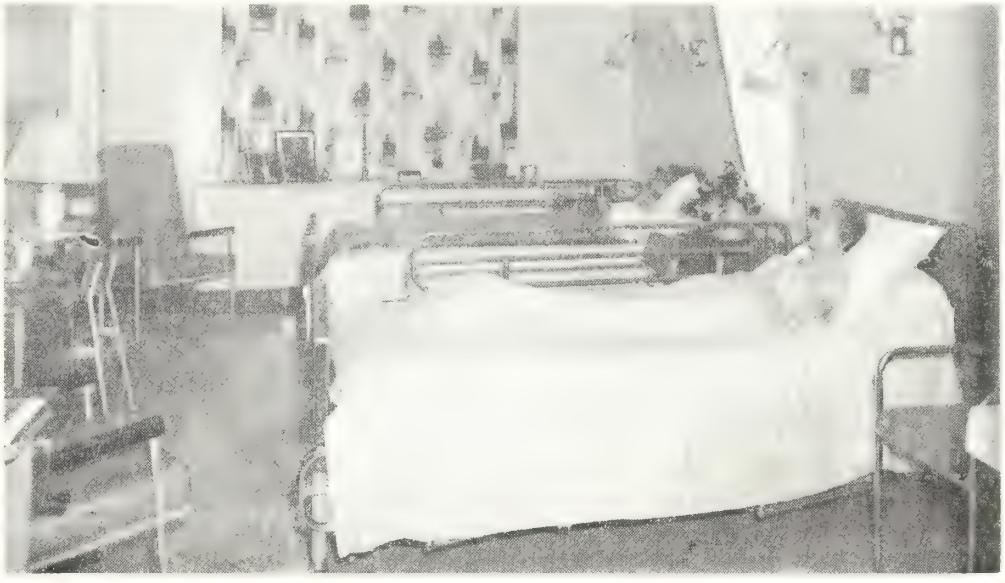


The above is a typical private room, with full bath, of which there are 100. The fiber glass draw drapes vary in colors and patterns throughout the building. The lavatory outside the bath protrudes from the wall in such a manner that wheelchair patients may use it advantageously. Marble window ledges in the double windows are ideal for potted plants and similar living decorations. Every safety devise along with the most modern nurse call system is included.



OUR PHOTOGRAPHERS

High in a 6th story window barely visible are Ted Hoffmann and John Lambert. These two staff members have provided all the pictures used in this special edition, using the Home's equipment. Their efforts and abilities are appreciated by the whole Methodist Home family.



The 13 semi-private or two-occupant rooms are proportionately larger than the private rooms, and have double furnishings, including two built-in wardrobes. Cubicle curtains adequately provide privacy, when desired.



On each of the six patient floors is found one 4-bed ward. Here much thought was given to providing spaciousness and cheerful atmosphere. Each is located a very short distance from the nurses station, and has such added features as piped oxygen and suction, plus all the other equipment found in any of the accommodations.

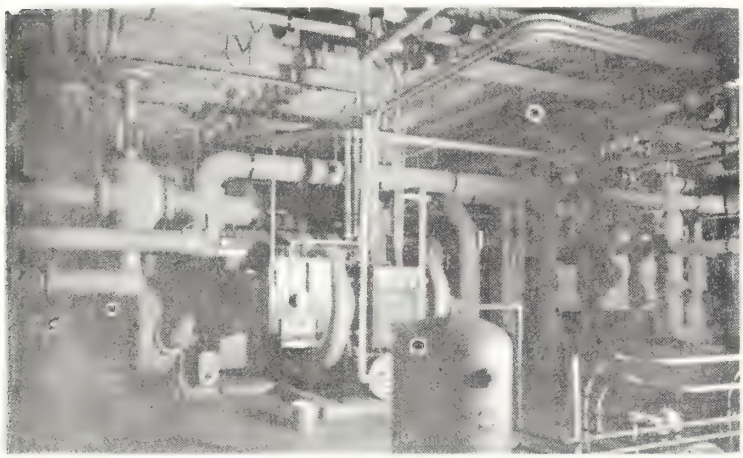
WESLEY NURSING CENTER



The 18 bright, cheery, varied exposure solaria are used for a variety of purposes and enjoyed by many. The weekly Sunday School lesson is held in the front west solarium of the 4th Floor on Tuesday afternoons at 3:45 P.M.



Each floor has a dining area in which all patients, who are physically able or desire, come for their meals. Specially designed tables enable four-wheel chairs to be utilized without bumping or inconveniencing a table mate.



One of the most modern, well-equipped, professionally-engineered mechanical equipment rooms is located in the basement of Wesley. Machinery to provide the latest in filtered air handling, heating and air conditioning are present, along with a large diesel auxiliary power plant, should the commercial electricity source fail.



Under the direction of a professionally trained Crafts Director, creative and therapeutic crafts are taught and enjoyed. This specially designed program of practical occupational therapy for Senior Citizens has prompted many words of commendation from those interested in the overall care of nursing home patients.

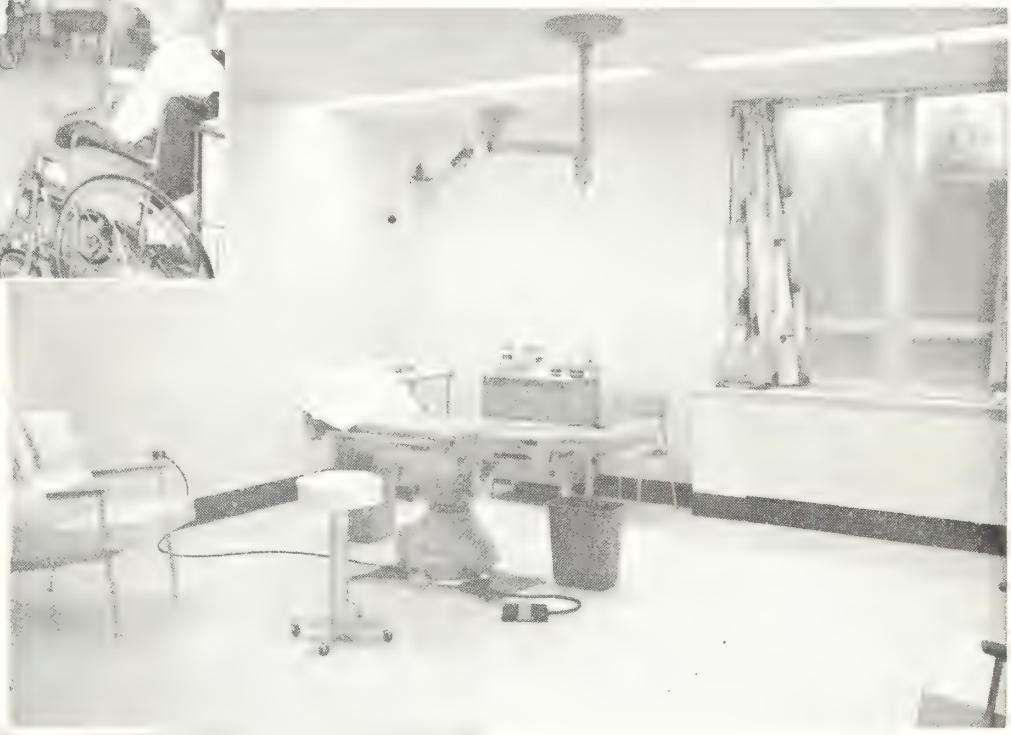


The Chapel at Wesley is a worshipful area of beauty. Regular morning devotions, as well as special religious worship opportunities, take place here. Staff and resident Members of the Home volunteer for participation in many of the devotional periods under the direction and leadership of the Home's Chaplain.

NURSING HOME CARE



In a nursing home, just as in a resident retirement home, the Beauty Parlor plays its important role as a morale booster.



The large treatment room, shown, as well as five other small treatment rooms, make the professional medical examinations and treatments much easier to administer.



In a most functionally designed room is the modern dental equipment for any patient's own dentist to use at any time. Too, it is here that a complete layout for the podiatrist or chiropodist is found. It is utilized on a regularly scheduled basis, adding much to the "foot comfort" of the patients.



A 100% medically oriented service agency has consistant need of mountainous quantities of printed office supplies, charts, record blanks, and report forms. Among the labor saving pieces of equipment are: addressograph, multilith, verifax, and other modern office machines.

THE METHODIST HOME



The location of the Home, on its beautiful 225-acre site, presents many enjoyable opportunities. One of these is the feeding and encouraging of the different types of birds, which may be found almost the year-round on the grounds. The several coveys of quail, the presence of cardinals, bluebirds, robins, mockingbirds, towhees, tufted titmouses, wrens, bluejays, tanagers, juncos, brown thrush, plus sparrows and chickadees, are the subject of many conversations. Numerous feeders may be noted around the cottages and apartments, all vying for "customers."



A variety of table games are enjoyed throughout the main building of the Home, as well as in the Member's individual rooms, apartments, and cottages. Perhaps a listing of the most popular games played would include Chinese Checkers, Canasta, Scrabble, Bolivia, and Bridge.



Emphasizing the fact that the Admissions Committee of the Home is constantly endeavoring to serve approved applicants from each of the 13 Districts of our Conference, the picture at right shows a group of the Home family with representatives from every District of our Conference. They are, from left to right: Mr. and Mrs. James E. Dewhurst from Rutherfordton in the Marion District; Mr. J. C. Bunch from Asheboro in the High Point District; Miss Blanche Thompson from Canton in the Waynesville District; Mrs. W. I. Pitts coming from the Statesville District, having formerly lived in Lenoir; Mrs. Adelaide Farrow, from Black Mountain in Asheville District; The Reverend J. L. A. Bumgarner whose Quarterly Conference relationship is at Millers Creek Methodist Church in the North Wilkesboro District; Mrs. G. A. Stamper represents the Salisbury District by virtue of having come into the Home from Concord; Mrs. Janie K. Sanders entered the Home as a member of Grace Methodist Church, Charlotte; Mrs. R. M. Andrews entered the Home from Grace Church, Greensboro; the Thomasville District is represented in the picture by Mrs. Sarah Keith, who was living in Denton at the time she entered the Home; Mrs. R. E. Ward came to the Home from Tobaccoville in the Winston-Salem District; Mr. E. R. Chandler was a member of Union Chapel Methodist Church in the Albemarle District; and, standing at the extreme right: Mr. Ed G. Ramsaur came to the Home from First Church, Lincolnton, in the Gastonia District. It is interesting to notice that the greater number of these fine Members came in during this Conference year.



A newly-discovered natural beauty area on the Home's grounds is that which encompasses the new path connecting the Home's main, or original, campus with that of Wesley Nursing Center. Members of the Home walk to Wesley to visit their loved ones and friends, as well as just using it as a safe beautiful route to hike.



Tuesdays and Fridays bus shopping trips continue to be popular and looked-forward to by the Home's membership. The weather, the season, and other scheduled activities, of course, cause the number participating to vary. The Home's Director of Special Services states, however, that the average number leaving the Home at 9:15 A. M. on a shopping day is 30. As has been the custom since the Home's opening in 1948, the bus always returns from these trips in time for dinner, which is served at 12:45 P. M.

A RETIREMENT HOME



Interest and speculation has been at a high ebb relative to the new enclosed fire tower stairway being constructed at the extreme north end of the Home's main building. This enables the Home to meet the latest building codes and safety regulations. The Board of the Home has always given top priority to the recommendations or official suggestions that add to the safety, security, happiness, and contentment of our large Christian family.



The pictured solarium, constructed above an existing second floor solarium, replaces the old sundeck that originally faced due south on the 3rd Floor. With the 3rd Floor being converted into residence area, this new beautiful room will be most functional .



After burning coal for almost sixteen years, the Home's No. 1 Heating Boiler and a new Boiler Burner unit for producing hot water and steam, will now use natural gas as a fuel. Oil is available as a standby when, in extremely cold weather, the natural gas service is interrupted. The total conversion of fuel and the revamping of our Boiler Room constituted one of the major improvements completed during the past months.



A featured occasion during the course of each year is the party which honors the persons who have come into resident membership in the Home since the preceding year's celebration. On the night of such party, Fellowship Hall acquires a real festive atmosphere as the entire Home family honors the "new additions." The flowers, the fellowship, the refreshments, and the group photograph are highlights to be remembered.

Those shown above left to right include: Miss Lewis Dull, Mrs. Mary Duncan, Miss Mary Chapman, Mrs. Maude E. Pitts, Miss Emma Walker, Mrs. Janie K. Sanders, Mrs. J. E. Faulkner, Mr. James C. Bunch, Mrs. Ellen J. Lefler, Mrs. Mary Gelbach, Mrs. R. M. Andrews, Miss Marie Andersen, Mrs. Adelaide Farrow, Miss Lois Nixon, Mrs. Leona B. Porter, Mrs. Elise S. Sifford, Miss Estelle Wolfe, Mrs. Flora Sory, Mrs. Mamie Boyles, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Vaughn, Mr. and Mrs. George H. Woolley, Rev. and Mrs. H. M. Shadle, Mr. Ed R. Chandler, and Mr. T. Byron Goode.



Electric carts owned by individual Members have made their debut on the campus, with several being acquired during the past year. There are convenient locations for the battery chargers both at the Member's apartment or cottage, as well as at the designated parking area in front of the Home's main building.



The Home's lake is stocked with both bream and bass to challenge the Senior "Izaak Waltons." Too, the lake and the surrounding area is conducive to promoting "ooh's and ah's" from our nature lovers during each of the four seasons.

Goldsboro District MYF Rally

The goal of an attendence count of 300 was exceeded Sunday, April 12, when St. Luke Methodist Church was host to the Annual Goldsboro District Methodist Youth Fellowship Rally. Billy Crowder, president, presided and during the business session reports from the secretary, Judith Bass; treasurer, Jenny Talton; and vice-president, Ellen Blackman, were given.

The Senior High MYF from Centenary Methodist Church, Smithfield, under the direction of Richard Williams, gave a skit to introduce the program. Rev. Jack Wilson, associate director of Student Religious Life at Duke University, moderated a panel discussion on Christianity and Athletics, with panel members being Bob Jamieson and Bob Dow of Duke University chapter of the Fellowship of Christian Athletes.

Election of officers was held prior to a picnic supper, and following supper Mr. Wilson led the group in a hootenanny. The group moved then to the sanctuary for the closing worship service led by Mr. Wilson. Installation of officers for 1964-65 was led by the District Director of Youth Work, Mrs. Shelton B. Boyd. Those elected and installed were: president, Cathy Mattocks of Rose Hill; vice president, Paul Couch of Goldsboro; secretary, Nancy Honeycut of Clinton; treasurer, Debbie Boyd of Mount Olive, and publicity superintendent, Mickey Peeler of Goldsboro.

The 300 plus youth and adults were challenged by the entire program to assume more responsibility in their churchmanship as well as to be more Christian in athletics.

Scholarship Fund

Through contributions from a number of friends and interested persons a scholarship fund has been established at Methodist College in memory of Betty Maness.

Miss Maness was a junior at Methodist College at the time of her death in an automobile accident on April 3, 1964.

She was the daughter of the Rev. and Mrs. M. W. Maness of Fayetteville.

Other contributions to this fund may be sent to Betty Maness Scholarship Fund, Methodist College, Fayetteville, N. C. The fund will be used to give assistance to some worthy student at Methodist College during the 1964-65 academic year.



REPUBLIC OF GERMANY DECORATES DR. WARFIELD

Acting Consul General, Dr. Ulrich von Rhamm, who read the citation, congratulates Dr. Gaither Warfield as Consul Dr. Gertrude Thiry presents the Methodist relief leader with the Federal Republic of Germany's Officer's Cross of the Order of Merit. The citation signed by President Heinrich Lübke recognized Dr. Warfield's "contribution toward the rehabilitation of Germany."

Dr. Warfield Is Decorated By Republic of Germany

The President of the Federal Republic of Germany, Dr. Heinrich Lubke, has bestowed upon Dr. Gaither P. Warfield the Officer's Cross of the Order of Merit, First Class.

The decoration, in the words of the citation, was "a recognition of Dr. Warfield's contribution toward the rehabilitation of Germany" and a tribute to his "fine spirit of brotherhood and charity."

Dr. Warfield, since 1946 the general secretary of the Methodist Committee for Overseas Relief, has administered each year more than a million dollars for the alleviation of suffering. Allocations have been made without regard to race, color or creed.

The award was conferred April 2 in the New York Consulate of the Federal Republic of Germany by acting Consul General Dr. Ulrich von Rhamm. He was assisted by Consul Dr. Gertrude Thiry and Consul Dr. Walther Oppenheimer.

"Dr. Warfield has inspired and participated in many constructive programs leading to the relief of thousands of warstricken families in the Federal Republic of Germany and the Soviet-occupied Zone," the citation read.

Consul General von Rhamm referred to Dr. Warfield's great "understanding and sympathy for the need and despair of thousands of pepole." He said, "You did all you possibly could to help and be of utmost assistance."

Special mention was made of allocations of more than $300,000 in cash and hundreds of thousands of dollars worth of material aid.

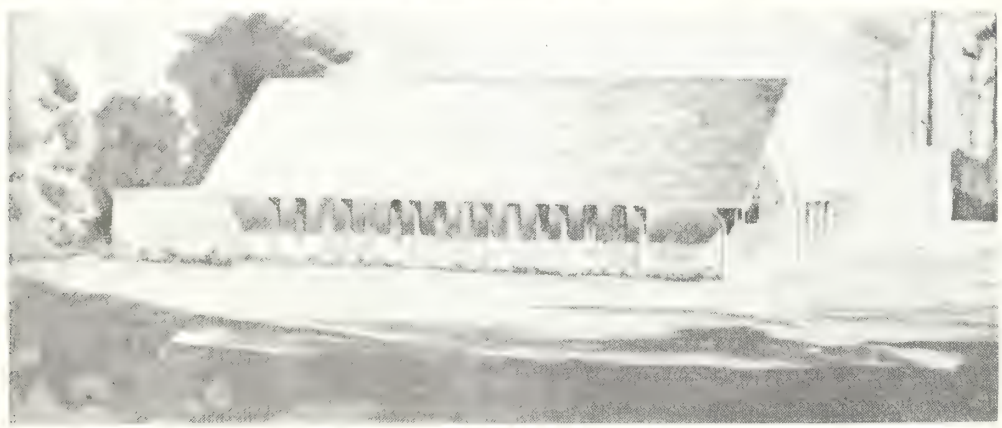
Dr. Warfield went to Poland in 1924. At the outbreak of World War II he was superintendent and treasurer of the Polish Methodist Church. Soon after the war began in 1939 he was arrested and imprisoned by the Soviet Army. Upon release he returned to Warsaw and organized the American colony. Immediately following Pearl Harbor he was imprisoned by Hitler's agents, then later held in an internment camp at Laufen. After a year he was exchanged and returned to America.

Dr. Warfield's long experience in Europe particularly fitted him for leadership of his denomination's overseas philanthopies and for participation in interdenominational relief programs. He is vice chairman of Church World Service nad past chairman of its executive committee.

Staff members of MCOR attended the presentation. Also present was the Rev. Dr. James Roy Smith of Arlington, Va., a reserve (Col.) Army chaplain, and the Rev. Dr. Ernest P. Scholtz, who heads Methodist relief work in West Berlin.

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"We ought to surrender our lives to the Christ, ground them on faith, build them on love, crown them with the hope of salvation, and flood them with the Holy Spirit."



Participating in the dedication of the education building and ground-breaking services for a new sanctuary for the Skyland Methodist Church, Asheville District, held April 12, were Bishop Nolan B. Harmon, Dr. E. H. Blackard, District Superintendent, and Rev. R. T. Young, pastor. The education building was cleared of debt last October and the church now enters into its building program for a new sanctuary.

Sunday School Lesson

FOR MAY 3

By RAYMOND A. SMITH
Head, Department of Religious Education
Greensboro College

CHRISTIAN PRINCIPLES IN DAILY WORK

Backbround Scripture: Luke 12:13-34; 16:1-13; I Thessalonians 4:9-12

Lesson Scripture: Luke 12:22-31; I Thessalonians 4:10b-12

In the first verse of our lesson Scripture Jesus uses the word "therefore" as a preface to what he is about to teach. This means we need to begin our less discussion with the immediately preceding Scripture which relates the parable of the rich fool.

This parable describes a man who had bent all his energies upon the acquisition of material wealth. He had been successful in his aim. The mistake he made, however, is revealed in what he said: "Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; take year ease, eat, drink, be merry," as if the soul could be fed on the material things of life. The story ends with the man's untimely death, and no prospect left but a group of heirs quarreling over his hard-won wealth.

"Therefore," said Jesus, "do not be anxious about your life, what you shall eat, nor about your body, what you shall put on." Our immediate response to this statement is one of astonishment. Should one really make no provision for the future? The answer is that one should; but not the kind that was made by the man in the parable. The provision we need to make is first to decide, not what we want out of life, but to what we are going to commit our lives. This means we need to get the material and the non-material in proper perspective.

Now, according to Jesus' teachings we are to make the *Kingdom of God* our chief concern. All else is to be secondary. F. C. Grant has written: "Jesus did not promise luxuries—only enough to enable us to serve God without distraction." The wealth of the Christian may be of a different kind from that of the world. His wealth may consist in the *fewness of his wants*. Not being distracted by many things to own, to take care of, to protect, to defend against enemies, to keep in repair, etc., he is free to devote himself to the things which matter most. Certainly Jesus gave us an example of this kind of life when he declared to the youth who wanted to follow him: "The birds have nests and the foxes have holes, but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay his head."

But Jesus' teaching regarding indifference to possessions was misunderstood by some of his early followers. Some of the members of the Church at Thessalonica had given up working, apparently believing Jesus was to return almost any day to inaugurate "the end of the age." Some of them had spent what they had accumulated and were living on the church's gifts to them. Paul had to warn them to go back to work and not to "sponge" on others. His first warning was evidently not heeded, for he mentioned the matter again in his second letter to that Church (see II Thessalonians 3:10).

It is in the memory selection (Colossians 3:23) that we have a fine summary of what the Christian's attitude toward his work should be: "Whatever you are doing, let your hearts be in your work, as a thing done for the Lord and not for men" (Weymouth's Translation). In order to comply with this direction regarding our work, we have, first of all, to be sure it is a work which is useful, not harmful. Only in such circumstances can it be "done for the Lord." There is another aspect of this question of Christian vocation which is even more important. Actually, our calling (vocation) is, first of all, to serve Christ. Our daily work is, in the words of William Carey, "only to pay expenses."

Think what a great difference it would make in our Christian witness if we really looked at it this way. Think what a difference it would make in our Churches if they were filled with people who regarded their first duty as being to God and their fellowman, and only secondarily to themselves. If only we could grasp the fact that our *work* and our *worship* might become *one* under God, then we might be really living in the Kingdom of God.

IN MEMORIAM

MRS. VIRGIE KINDER

The members of the Woman's Society of Christian Service of the Harmony Methodist Church, Harmony, North Carolina, wish to pay tribute to one of our members, Mrs. Virgie Kinder, who died on February 2, 1964. . . .

Having lived in the same community for many years "Miss Virgie," as she was fondly called, was known and loved by many.

We are thankful for the privilege of knowing and loving one who, by her daily living, showed her great devotion to home, church and community. Her example of quiet service and compassion will always characterize her in the minds of those who knew her as a friend and neighbor. Our prayer is that this example will always be remembered and give encouragement to those of us who remain.

We recommend that a copy of this be sent to the North Carolina CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE for publication, and a copy be placed in our permanent records.

MRS. C. E. HEATH, *President*
MRS. JAMES HIX, *Secretary*

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MRS. ADDIE LEONARD LAMBETH

On February 3, 1964, God called from our midst Mrs. Addie Leonard Lambeth. She was born on July 11, 1873 in Davidson County, but for the last forty-five years of her life she lived among us in the Hopewell Church Community of Randolph County. During those years, she inspired us and gave willingly of her time to direct us toward "the high calling in Christ Jesus our Lord." She was deeply interested in the work of her church and the Woman's Society of Christian Service of which she was a charter member. Her interests and concerns did not stop at these for she did what she could to help all people of the community. "Miss Addie," as she was affectionately known, will be greatly missed, but her example will always be remembered and give encouragement to those of us who remain. We of the Woman's Society of Christian Service are saddened by her death, but we are comforted in our sorrows by the knowledge that God called unto himself one of His saints.

Therefore, we of the Woman's Society of Christian Service recommend that a copy of this memorial be sent to the North Carolina CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE for publication, and a copy be placed in our permanent records.

MRS. ANNIE CASHATT, *President*
MRS. JEANETTE BROWN, *Secretary*

HERBERT J. BROWN, SR.

Herbert J. Brown, Sr., was born October 16, 1887 and passed from this earthly life March 8, 1964 in Roanoke Chowan Hospital, Ahoskie, N. C. Services were conducted by Reverend Nelson Fullford of Washington, N. C., assisted by Reverend R. H. Jordan of Murfreesboro, N. C., and Reverend G. P. Sullivan of Union Baptist Church on Tuesday, March 10, 1964.

The church could not accommodate overflowing crowds who came to pay last respects and tributes of love, truly showing the high esteem and genuine affection with which this noble Christian was regarded.

Records indicate that Mr. Brown joined the church in his youth, coming by letter to Union Methodist Church in 1918. For some 25 years he was Sunday School Superintendent and was a member of the Official Board some 30 years.

This servant of God showed his love for his church by his presence and his material possessions as well as his sincere interest in his fellowman, by his gentleness, dignity and kindly sympathy. With his passing, Union Methodist Church and the Harrellsville Charge has lost a Christian friend and valuable servant, a steadfast believer and faithful steward.

The Official Board of Union Methodist Church, Ahoskie, N. C., hereby expresses genuine appreciation for long years of Christian service rendered by H. J. Brown.

We convey our sympathy and appreciation to members of his family and respectfully request that a copy of these sentiments be sent to the family, that this statement be published in the N. C. CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE and Elizabeth City District News and that a copy be entered in the minutes of the Official Board and of the Quarterly Conference.

Respectfully submitted,
CHESTER W. ROGERSON
Chairman of the Official Board

New Business Manager at High Point College

Commander Earle G. Dalbey, Supervisor of Ships, U.S. Navy, Ingalls Shipbuilding Corporation, Pascagoula, Miss., has been appointed Business Manager at High Point College for next year. Commander Dalbey expects to retire from the Navy this summer. W. Lawson Allen, present Business Manager, will return full-time to his duties as Director of College Relations.

Commander Dalbey received his B.S. degree from Drexel Institute of Technology and his M.B.A. ffrom Ohio State University. In addition, he has had training through the Navy at the Navy Supply Corps School, Harvard University; the Industrial Relations Seminar; the Personnel Management Seminar; and the Petroleum Management Seminar.

Before reporting to High Point College, Commander Dalbey will attend the University of Omaha's summer course in College Business Management.

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RICHARD G. STONE, *President.*

Woman's Activities

Returned Missionaries to Speak

Mrs. E. K. McLarty

RETURNED Missionaries to speak 14 blc dc

We have been fortunate to have Misses Louise and Mathilde Killingsworth agree to be with us in our district meetings. They could only meet with part of the districts, since they are working throughout the church. They will be in the High Point District Tuesday, April 28, in the North



Louise Killingsworth *Mathilde Killingsworth*

Wilkesboro District Wednesday, 29, Charlotte District Thursday, April 30 and Marion District on Saturday, May 2.

They are native Mississippians and served two terms in China as missionaries of The Methodist Church. When it became apparent in 1950 that they could not work under the Communists, they returned to the United States.

In 1954, after a period of study and work in this country, they were transferred to Malaya and Singapore. Methilde first worked in the Kampong Kapore Methodist Church, Singapore, and later transferred as treasurer and field correspondent for the Woman's Division of Christian Service. Louise taught in a Methodist secondary school and worked in Wesley Church, Taiping. Last July they returned to the States on furlough, and are now traveling across our entire church telling the story. We in Western North Carolina are very fortunate to be able to have them and we invite all to hear them.

A WORD FROM THE CONFERENCE VP

You have already heard about the Training Day for District Officers, I am sure. It would be a great achievement to have all officers there. Race Street Church, Statesville, Tuesday, May 19, 10:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Conference Annual Meeting comes soon after that, June 16-18. I am hoping for your presence there also. We have excellent speakers for the program; Mrs. Ralph A. Ward, Dr. Clayton Calhoun, Mrs. E. L. Glossbrenner, Rev. Herman Duncan, Bishop Nolan B. Harmon, Mrs. Carl King and Mrs. Julian Reeves. In addition to music by the Junaluska Quartette, The Chapel Choir from St. Petersburg, Fla., will sing. (It will not be possible for Miss Lorena Kelly to be with us as we had hoped.) With reports from projects and Conference Officers, business meetings, singing led by Mrs. C. C. Herbert, Jr. and communion services, we are expecting a lively and inspirational meeting.

The Woman's Division is "majoring" on vice presidents for this next year's work. It will be your job to be chairman of the planning committee for District (or subdistrict) Workshops this fall. (Formerly called Educational Seminars). However, to do so it will be *necessary* for you to attend training at the Conference School of Missions, Pfeiffer College, August 3-7, and study "Program and Purpose in a New Age." *Other* District Officers whose office corresponds to those on a local Program Committee, are also urged to take this class. Likewise, encourage your local vice presidents and other officers of the Program Committee to enroll for this course.

At Pfeiffer there will also be clinics again: For District Officers on August 4, Tuesday, 2:00 p.m.; and for Local Officers on August 5, Wednesday, 2:00 p.m.

I have been concerned about the Black Muslim appeal. Now it is coming to light. We need to understand more about it. What a challenge this puts on our shoulders as Christians to bear the message that all mankind is created in the image of God, and all people are our neighbors. Jesus said we should love the Lord our God with all our hearts, souls, minds and strength, and our neighbors as ourselves. Please take it upon your hearts to feel the urgency of putting this message and its implications into our programs and prayers. For many of us this may be the "one thing that is needful." We have committed all else to Christ, but here we need to "give" to truly follow Him.

Albemarle District Annoucement

The Albemarle District Annual Meeting will be held April 14, at 10:00 a.m., at Marshville Methodist Church, Marshville.

Mrs. Ralph Bisel, President of the Albemarle District will preside. The highlights will be the two addresses. Miss Lucy Gist, who spent several years in mission work in Korea and is now serving as deaconess at the Bethlehem Center in Charlotte, will speak on the "The Faces We Create." The second address will be by Mrs. Julian Reeves, the president of the North Wilkesboro District, who will speak on "Our Witness in a New Age."

Other items on the program are the Service of Commemoration, presentation of special memberships and election of officers. Rev. Raymond Wilkinson, pastor of host church, Mrs. Carl L. Dean, president of host society.

Mrs. Paul E. Wrenn
Albemarle District Secretary

MRS. KING AT ASHEVILLE DISTRICT

Mrs. Carl King of Statesville, president of the Woman's Society of Christian Service of the Western North Carolina Conference was guest speaker at the annual meeting of the WSCS of the Asheville District which met on Tuesday, April 21, at the First Methodist Church, Hendersonville.

The Rev. A. J. Cox, pastor, conducted the morning worship service and Mrs. William T. McShane, president of the hostess society, gave the welcoming address.

Several new district officers were elected and at the end of the morning session Mrs. J. H. Bancroft, former district secretary of Spiritual Life, installed the group. Mrs. B. C. Adams, district treasurer, conducted the pledge service and Mrs. Vernon Hall, secretary of Spiritual Life, gave the memorial service.

Mrs. C. G. Norton, district presdent was in charge of the meeting.

N. C. Conference

By Mary Gardner

New Bern District WSCS Has Annual Meeting

The Rev. Herbert Waldrop, Jr., pastor of the Fremont Methodist Church was principal speaker for the Annual Meeting of the New Bern District Woman's Society of Christian Service held at the St. James Methodist Church, Newport, March 31.

A member of a 32-member team of pastors who spent five weeks on a mission to South America last fall, the minister related a number of interesting experiences of preaching, visiting, and living in the homes of the people of South America. He cited as their needs both prayer and financial aid of the people of our country.

A former pastor of the St. James (Newport) Methodist Church, the Rev. Mr. Waldrop was introduced by Mrs. Howard Rhodes.

Other speakers included Mrs. Ellis Pierce, of Kinston, reporting on the recent Annual Meeting of the N. C. Conference WSCS; Mrs. J. H. Ipock, New Bern, on the twenty-fifth anniversary of the WSCS; Mrs. L. W. Swink, of North River, and Mrs. Stanley Potter, Kinston, giving a preview of the Annual Conference School of Missions, to be held at Methodist College, Fayetteville, and the Spiritual Retreat, June 3-4 at Louisburg College.

Mrs. J. C. Stanton, Kinston, conducted the pledge service and Mrs. Potter led the Memorial Service, with special music by Mrs. Ray West, of Harkers Island and Mrs. Herbert Waldrop, Fremont. The Rev. Irving Cook, host pastor, gave the invocation. Mrs. W. H. Bell, president of the hostess WSCS welcomed the group.

Mrs. John F. Wooten, Kinston, district president, introduced the newly elected officers, including Mrs. Howard Rhodes, Kinston, presdent; Mrs. Irving Cook, Newport, vice president; Mrs. Harold Leatherman,

Morehead City, secretary missionary education and service; Mrs. H. D. Hall, Havelock, Christian social relations.

The 1965 Annual Meeting will be held at the Pollocksville Methodist Church

Crusade Scholar Speaks at WSCS District Meet

The Rich Square Methodist Church was host to the Annual Meeting of the Rocky Mount District Woman's Society of Christian Service, April 2, with Miss Camile Staton, of Bethel, district president, presiding and 198 representatives of the four subdistricts attending.

The Rev. Dennis Dutton, of Malaya, currently a Crusade Scholar at the Duke University Divinity School, was the inspirational speaker, using as his topic, "We Would See Jesus." Describing the religions of the nine million peoples of Malaysia and Singapore, the speaker urged that his hearers live the truth that others might "see" their dedication.

Mrs. H. C. Turlington, Dunn, conference president, spoke on the topic "Our Heritage," and Mrs. Russell Johnson, Conway, lifted up the twenty-fifth anniversary of the WSCS. Mrs. Joseph Newsom, Littleton, gave highlights of the recent Annual Meeting of the N. C. Conference WSCS. The district officers gave their reports in a Hat Fashion Parade.

The Service of Remembrance was conducted by Mrs. J. C. Reynolds, Rocky Mount.

John Kenneth Tisdale, six months old son of the Rev. and Mrs. W. E. Tisdale, was presented an Honorary Baby Life Membership, gift of his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. J. K. Tinsdale, of Saxapahaw, and Mr. and Mrs. Jester, of Columbia, S. C.

Special music was presented by Miss Miriam House, of Garysburg, and Mrs. Linwood Bryant. Mrs. J. R. Baugham was the organist.

Conference officers and special guests were recognized, including Mrs. T. S. Newbold, Mrs. Harold Braswell, conference secretaries of Christian social relations and missionary education and service, respectively; Mrs. J. W. Page, wife of the district superintendent; Mrs. J. H. Cutchin, and Mrs. Pierce Johnson, former conference presidents; the Rev. O. S. Williams, host pastor; the Rev. T. H. House, and the Rev. Jimmie Jones, of Jacksonville.

The 1965 Annual Rocky Mount District WSCS Meeting will convene at Rosemary Methodist Church.

Rare Art Exhibit

"Calligraphy III," an art exhibit sponsored by the Piedmont University Center under the auspices of the Japan Society, will be open to the general public in the Patton Galleries of Memorial Auditorium, High Point College, until April 9, Raeford Porter, Department of Fine Arts, has announced.

The exhibit will be a display of the brush work in handwriting, which is considered one of the highest arts in the orient.

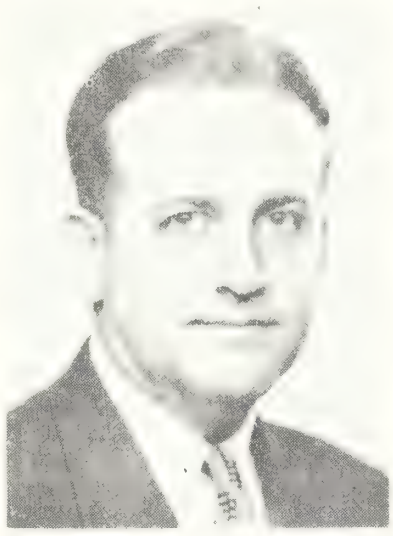
"The work is beautifully framed," stated Porter, "and explanatory labels accompany them."

Following this exhibit will be one of work done by the art students of High Point College, and the final exhibit of the season will be the work of senior art majors at the college.

Wilkinson Elected Editor Of Chaplain's Publication

Chaplain Howard C. Wilkinson of Duke University has been elected editor of the National Association of College and University Chaplains' newsletter at a meeting held in Denver, Colo.

The position also makes Dr. Wilkinson a member of the Executive Committee of the 610-member association, and continues his



DR. HOWARD C. WILKINSON

service on the executive body for the fifth consecutive year. He is a former national secretary of the Chaplains and later held a three-year at-large membership on the committee.

As editor of the newsletter, Dr. Winkinson will be responsible for regular issuance of the association's only publication designed to keep chaplains of the nation's colleges and universities informed of issues, personalities and events with which they should be familiar to grow in their service to their respective academic communities.

Dr. Wilkinson is also director of Religious Activities at Duke and serves as a member of the university's Religious Council.

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MY TRIBUTE

Peoples of the world united,
In a loss we had to bear;
When the black horse lost its rider,
Hearts were heavy everywhere.

May the tears that have fallen,
Wash the sin of hate away;
Teach all nations love and forgiveness
To live in brotherhood, we pray.

Ask not what our country can do for us,
We will rise up and labor hard;
Now we must do for our country
If we're a nation under God.

MARY TAYLOR MUMFORD

Miss Benoy to Wed Rev. Clifton C. Johnson

The engagement of Miss Anita Lee Benoy of Nashville, Tenn. to the Rev. Clifton C. Johnson of Franklin, Tenn., was announced this week by her parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. P. Benoy of Gastonia.

Miss Benoy is a former church and community worker of the Greater Mt. Airy Parish and is presently on the staff of the Board of Education of the Methodist Church in Nashville, Tenn. She was graduated from Holbrook High School and received her degree from Pfeiffer College at Misenheimer. In her work in the Mt. Airy Parish she traveled all over the Western North Carolna Conference and in other sections. She was an employee of the Woman's Division of Christian Service of the Board of Missions of The Methodist Church.

The Rev. Mr. Johnson is the son of Mrs. Robert E. Johnson of Wetumpka, Ala. and the late Mr. Johnson. He was graduated from Wetumpka High School and from Huntingdon College at Montgomery, Ala. He received his Bachelor of Divinity degree at Vanderbilt University, Nashville, Tenn., and is now pastor of Bethlehem Methodist Church, Franklin, Tenn.

The wedding is planned for early June.

Goldsboro District WSCS

The ninth Annual Meeting of the Goldsboro District of the Woman's Society of Christian Service was held at the Fremont Methodist Church in Fremont on April 9. Mrs. L. H. Lane, president, presided. "The Program That Unites Us in Witness and in Service" was the theme of the meeting. Worship was led by the Rev. J. H. Waldrop, Jr., pastor of the host church.

With the assistance of district officers, district secretaries of areas of work, and subdistrict leaders, Mrs. W. Robert Johnson presented the "Master Report."

Mrs. B. C. Melton, district treasurer, led the Pledge Service. She was assisted by the five subdistrict leaders, who are: Mrs. John Paul Gore, Clinton; Mrs. G. T. Malpass, Goldsboro; Mrs. C. W. Surratt, Kennansville; Mrs. Ben Boyette, Smithfield; Mrs. D. B.Murphrey, Snow Hill.

Mrs. Cecil Pate made a report on Town and Country Work of the Goldsboro District.

Mrs. John B. Chase introduced the guest speaker, the Rev. Ed Smith, pastor of the Hillsboro Methodist Church and former missionary to the Congo.

A Memorial Service was led by Mrs. Lemuel Dawson, district secretary of Spiritual Life.

The meeting was closed by the benediction, said by the Rev. H. F. Crawley, pastor of the Yelverton-Eureka Charge.

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By Mary Gardner

GRANDMOTHER'S EXPERIENCE

Martha and Gracie were on their way home from school one day, and Martha was trying to coax Gracie to do something she didn't want to do.

"Come on, Gracie; it's just as easy as anything," Martha said, in a persuading tone. "Instead of putting your money into the collection on Sunday, just keep it. I'll do the same, and Monday morning we'll just go to the store and get our jacks."

"But that would be the same as stealing from the Lord," protested Gracie.

"Don't be silly," Martha flung at her angrily. "Just tell me that you will do it. If you don't I won't call for you any more, and you can just walk to school by yourself, Miss Smarty."

Gracie hardly knew what to say. She hated to go all alone. Of course she could stop by for Doris Winters. Doris was rather quiet and shy, not half so much fun as Martha.

"Maybe I will—I'll see," she faltered. I'll let you know tomorrow,' and then ran as fast as she could up the path to her home.

Everybody was gone but Grandmother. She was sitting in her big chair piecing a quilt.

"Home from school already?" She peered over her glasses at Gracie. "It seems you just left with your lunch pail. Come here, child, and sit beside me. Was that Martha Douglas I saw you walking home with?"

"Yes, Grandmother," answered Gracie, rather quietly.

"Humph," nodded Grandmother, "And what's the matter with you, child? There is something troubling you. I can see it written all over your face."

"Oh, it's nothing really," Gracie insisted. "But listen, Grandmother," she went on hurriedly, 'if I rub your feet, will you tell me something interesting?"

"All right,' off with the shoes," consented Grandmother only too readily. "What would you like to hear this time?"

"Tell me about the time you were lost in the woods and your dog Jerry found you," Gracie said excitedly.

"No, I'm going to tell you the one that I've never told before," answered Grandmother. "It happened a long time ago when I was a little girl about the age you are," she began, with a faraway look in her eyes. "Well, it so happened that a man used to station himself outside our school. He had a pushcart filled with sweets that he sold to the children. There was a certain kind of taffy which I longed to buy, but I knew my mother would not give me any money for candy. You see, my mother and father owned a small candy store.

"It was Sally Jones whom I used to walk home with, who put a naughty thought in my head. She told me to tell my mother that the teacher said I must bring five cents for a notebook. Now, Sally had often tried to get me to do things that were not right, but I had always refused. However, this time I listened to the voice of temptation. I asked Mother for the money for a notebook. Trusting me, she gave it to me at once."

"O Grandmother" cried Gracie, breathlessly, "and did you buy the candy?"

"'Yes,,'" admitted Grandmother, "I did. I remember, too, what a bitterly cold day it was, and from the moment I stepped up to that pushcart and bought the candy, everything went wrong. Stopping to buy the candy had delayed me. My fingers being numb with the cold, I couldn't get the schoolhouse door open. By the time I did, the late bell had rung and I was counted late.

"This had never happened before, and the new teacher we had that day gave me a severe scolding. I could not see to get my lessons, because my eyes were blurred with tears. Finally, I could not control my feelings any longer, and my sobs filled the room.

The teacher told me to go home, and not return until I knew how to behave better. You may be sure that I ran all the way home. The first thing I did was to find mother and sob out my feelings in her arms."

"'Was she angry with you," interrupted Gracie.

"Not angry, but just hurt and disappointed. She took my hand and we both knelt down, and I asked God to forgive me. It remained a lesson for me all through my life, that it never pays to do wrong."

"But the candy—you never said a single word about that?" asked Gracie.

"I found it a sticky mess in my pocket the next day, and threw it in the trash can. From that day I avoided Sally Jones as much as I could. Bad companions can lead one astray faster than anything else that I know," concluded Grandmother wisely.

It was very quiet in the room now, except for the tick-tock of Grandmother's clock. Presently, Gracie looked up into Grandmother's face and said earnestly, "'I'm so glad you told me today what you did one time. Someone was trying to get me to do something wrong; and, O Grandmother, I might have done it if you had not told me this. After this, when I am tempted, I am always going to think of you and your experience."

Gracie crept into Granmother's comfortable arms, and whispered, "Grandmother I think I'll call for Doris Winters; she's always trying to get me to do good things."

Grandmother did not answer a word, but drew Gracie closer, and gave her two or three satisfied, contented nods of her head.—*The Methodist Christian Advocate.*

CHOOSE THE RIGHT LETTER

If you will print one large letter before the three words written below, you will learn something about God's guidance.

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TOO BUSY

I say I am too busy
Scouts and Junior Choir, too,
Music and Thursday dancing class
And a thousand things to do.
I say I am too busy
But I feel, without a doubt
That I'm really not too busy
To do the things I care about.

BIBLE QUIZ

1—What bird does Solomon say "makes its home in the fir trees?

2—Name two birds of prey mentioned in the Bible.

3—What bird was sold at "two for a farthing?

4—What bird is mentioned by Jesus in a figure of speech as He gazed over Jerusalem in sorrow?

5—What birds did Jesus' mother offer in the temple as a sacrifice after Jesus" birth?

Answers to Last Week's Questions

1—Raven (I Kings 17:6)
2—Dove (Genesis 8:11)
3—Quail (Exodus 16:13)
4—Cock (Matthew 26:34)
5—Swallow (Isaiah 38:14)



Concerning the "Blue Ridge Methodist Service Program"

The people of Wilkes County have been beneficiaries in recent months of the generosity and Christian charity of Methodists from every corner of the state. As a part of the work of sharing of the Blue Ridge Methodist Service Program, over 400 pairs of new shoes have been provided for the needy school children of the county. In addition, great amounts of clothing have come and more continues to arrive every day. The clothing is distributed to needy people through the service of the Wilkes County outlet store.

Early in December, Rev. Arthur Pearce, Director of the Blue Ridge Methodist Service Program, wrote an appeal to Methodists of the State. He asked their help in providing a material Christian ministry to the needy children of the mountain area which the program serves. His appeal was published in the Christian Advocate. The response to it was overwhelming. Contributions to his work poured in from every corner of the state — from churches, MYF and WSCS groups, private individuals and even friends from other denominations. More than $8,000 has been received as a result of Mr. Pearce's article in the Advocate.

In respect to the wishes of the donors, Mr. Pearce set out to translate their gifts into shoes for needy children. Local committees were set up in all eight counties of the District. The work of the Wilkes Committee is typical of the stewardship of this program carried out through the District.

First of all the committee wanted to find out who the most needy children were—regardless of race or creed. To do this we enlisted the special services of Mr. J. Van Caudill, County School Supervisor and also a member of the Executive Committee of the Blue Ridge Service Program. Mr. Caudill consulted with every school principal in the county. From them he secured a list of the children who they felt were most in need of help. Providentially his list when completed, was almost exactly equal to the number of shoes that had been allotted to the county.

The simplest way to get these shoes to the children might have been through the schools. However, we felt that a personal visit by a concerned layman into the child's home would make the gift more meaningful. We called upon all the Methodist Churches in the county to help with this task.

The local chairmen worked diligently and made a great contribution to the success of the program. Especially helpful were Let McMillian of Wilkesboro, Herman Elmore of Eschol, Ralph Hubbard of Moravian Falls, Clate McClamery of Charity, Mrs. Edd Gardner of North Wilkesboro, Miss Mary Nichols of Union, Mrs. Vance Owens of Millers Creek, Rev. Wayne Woodward of Elkin Circuit, and Rev. Richard Harris, Pastor of Denny Grove African Methodist Church. Dozens of our Methodist laymen worked under the leadership of these local chairmen.

This part of the program was actually more rewarding even than the material help supplied to the needy children. Our laymen became concerned; they began to involve themselves (and Christ) in the lives of the needy families —many of whom had been fairly close but unfamiliar neighbors. The eyes of a great many people have been opened through this program, initiated by Rev. Pearce and Rev. Herman Duncan, and assisted so generously by the Methodists of North Carolina. Our laymen have discovered the meaning of Christian service anew, and personal relationships have been formed that will have eternal consequences.

We of Wilkes County want to express to North Carolina Methodists, our hearty thanks and a "God bless you" for your interest, your help and your prayers.

Gratefully yours,
Rev. R. L. Clayton, Jr.
County Representative
Blue Ridge Methodist
Service Program
Pastor Miller's Creek Charge
North Wilkesboro District



The Randolph Hills Methodist Church at Archdale was formally organized March 22, 1964. Rev. Coy L. Brown, pastor, led the service. Dr. Ralph Taylor, district superintendent, delivered the sermon and organized the church. The Randolph County Misson Society, the Methodist Builders Club, and the Conference Board of Missions sponsored this new project.

Miss Neese Awarded National Methodist Scholarship

Miss Margaret Ann Neese, daughter of the Rev. and Mrs. William J. Neese, 407 Roanoke Avenue, Roanoke Rapids, has been awarded a National Methodist Scholarship by the Board of Education of the Methodist Church to attend High Point College next fall.

Miss Neese, who will be freshman at High Point College next fall, is a 1964 graduating senior of Roanoke Rapids High School, ranked fifth in a class of 170 students.

National Methodist Scholarships are granted on the basis of superior academic standing, leadership ability, active churchmanship, character, and personality.

About 500 such awards are given annually by the Methodist Board of Education and its nationwide scholarship program. More than 8,000 National Methodist Scholarships have been granted since the program was started in 1945.

Wesley Heights, Fayetteville Having One of Best Years

A week of revival services will be held at Wesley Heights Methodist Church, Fayetteville, the week of April 26-May 1. The Rev. Everett Eason, Four Oaks, will be the visiting minister.

In preparation for our revival services, cottage prayer meetings was held each evening, Monday through Thursday, April 20-April 23. A twelve-hour prayer vigil will be held April 24, beginning at 12 noon and continuing until 12 midnight.

Wesley Heights is enjoying its most fruitful year since being organized October, 1946. Sixty-nine new members, forty-four on profession of faith and vows and twenty-five by letter of transfer, have been received thus far this year. The Rev. N. B. Hill, Jr. is the present pastor of Wesley Heights.



Receiving the God and Country award at Jackson Park Methodist Church, Kannapolis, are from left to right: pastor, W. Q. Grigg, Jerry Wilhelm, Ronnie Wilhelm, Larry Wilhelm, Steve Culp, and Jeff Boggs.



Wesley Nursing Center is the infant service agency of Western North Carolina Methodism.

The Wesley Nursing Center is **a nursing home** and not a general hospital.

This 250-bed facility was constructed to meet the known medical needs of many persons with disabilities or illnesses that might be adequately cared for in the nursing home type facility, as opposed to the general hospital serving primarily the acutely ill.

Among the pertinent informative statements to admission and patient-care at Wesley Nursing Center, the following are note-worthy: (A) Religious—There will be no religious restriction on patient-applicants. (B) Age—Preference will be given to those patient-applicants 65 years of age and over. Other age groups will be considered at the discretion of the Admissions Committee. (C) Need—Patient-applicants will be considered for admission to the Nursing Center when the need is immediate and not an anticipated one. (D) In each case, the patient-applicant must be referred by a Doctor of Medicine.

Most common in the acceptable category of patients are those that are: (1) Infirm and bedfast; (2) Ambulatory, but need protective care; (3) Mildly disoriented and disturbed, but manageable and his behavior is not dangerous to self and others; (4) In need of terminal care: (5) Post operative cases.

Among the conditions that might cause a patient-applicant to be in a non-acceptable category would be those: (1. Who are known alcoholics and addicts; (2) Who have communicable or infectious diseases; (3) who are mentally deranged, or who are not manageable or are dangerous to self or others.

Wesley Nursing Center, although a non-profit church sponsored and operated facility, is to be operated on a sound financial basis. It will be the policy of the Wesley Nursing Center not to accept any patient-applicants on a pre-emptive scale of charges fixed by a third party which do not reimburse the Nursing Center for its whole charges.

The patient-applicant or the responsible party will complete satisfactory financial arrangements for the total payment of care before the patient is admitted. Deposit will be required of the patient-applicant or the contractual party. There are modest Conference funds available to assist patient-applicants who lack some personal resources to pay their care in full. Full information regarding the funds and the procedures of applying for such is carefully explained prior to admission.

The administration has a clearly defined criteria for continued stay at Wesley Nursing Center, as well as for termination of residence of a patient.

Requests for application blanks, or further information may be directed to:

WESLEY NURSING CENTER
3700 Shamrock Drive
Charlotte, North Carolina 28205



The Methodist Home, as a retirement facility for healthy ambulatory Christian persons of good character, has now completed sixteen years of successful operation. However, misinformation and twisted statements relative to admission policies and financial arrangements are still occasionally heard throughout the Conference.

It should be restated for emphasis here in 1964 that membership is by voluntary application. No older person can be committed to or placed in this Home. All Members have wholeheartedly sought the privilege. The minimum age for membership is 65. All applicants, to be approved, must fulfill the necessary physical, mental, and moral requirements as established by the Admissions Committee, assisted by the Medical Department, under the regulation of the Board of Managers. The Home is **not a nursing home.** It does give care for life to persons who enter the Home in good health, and expect to meet their health needs continuously as they arise.

The Methodist Home desires to serve members of the Western North Carolina Conference regardless of their economic circumstances. Financial arrangements with such applicants are made on the merits of the individual case.

Members are not required to turn over **all** resources they have, and receive, to the Home.

The Home works on a life expectancy, life-care contract-basis only, requesting deposits to cover such—if available—or part deposit combined with the use of set or guaranteed income. Surplus assets, over and above the expected cost of life care, are expected to be shared with the Home.

Although the Home's primary responsibility is the constituency of the Western North Carolina Conference of the Methodist Church, it can serve non-Methodists and out-of-Conference Methodists when the persons interested are financially able to pay their full Cost of Care and to provide their own living accommodations by virtue of becoming donors for cottages and/or apartments.

Thus, the Home can serve people in all financial circumstances. All receive the same service. However, supplementary financial assistance is restricted to those who entered the Home after being long-time members of Methodist Churches within the Bounds of our Conference.

By the Home writing Life Care Contracts and by the care given being as inclusive as it is, the worries, anxieties, and fears of the resident Members are reduced to a minimum.

Although there are many already-approved applicants, no person in our Conference should hesitate making an inquiry relative to resident membership if they recognize that the Home could possibly meet their retirement desires and needs. The Home is in the truest sense the property of all those who make up the contituency of our Conference.

Detailed information regarding the Home may always be obtained by writing:

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CAROLINA BRIEFS

¶ High Point College's summer school will begin June 8, Dr. Harold E. Conrad, director has announced. Registration will begin on that day at 8 a.m. in the Student Center.

¶ A successful revival was held at the Bethlehem Church on the Bladen Charge the week of April 12-17. Rev. T. R. McKay is the pastor.

¶ Pantego Methodist Church in the Elizabeth City District is engaged in revival services this week with the pastor, Rev. C. L. Cherry, preaching each night.

Mrs. Florence Brown Manly, a retired missionary who, with her husband, had served in China for 44 years as missionary of The Methodist Church, died recently in Walnut Creek, Calif. She was 97.

¶ Rev. and Mrs. R. E. Walston of Ahoskie are visiting their daughter and her family in Smyrna, Tenn. In the absence of Mr. Walston, Mr. John R. Jenkins, an attorney of Aulander, spoke at the Ahoskie Church Sunday morning, April 26.

¶ The Rev. H. Claude Young, Jr., minister of the Sedge Garden Methodist Church, Kernersville, conducted revival services last week at the Robbinsville Methodist Church, Robbinsville. Rev. Henry A. Justice is the pastor.

¶ Rev. Hiram K. King with the Department of Gifts and Wills of the Methodist Foundation, was guest preacher at First Methodist Church in Elizabeth City on Sunday morning, April 26. The Rev. Vergil E. Queen is pastor of the church.

¶ Miss Ramona C. Morton, educational assistant at Hickory Grove Church, Charlotte, is one of the recipients of a $1,000 John Q. Schisler graduate scholarships for 1964-65. Miss Morton, who is a graduate of Greensboro College, plans to enter Scarritt College next fall as a candidate for the Master of Arts degree.

¶ Woodland Methodist Church observed Homecoming and Dedication last Sunday, April 26. Rev. R. L. Jerome, District Superintendent, delivered the message. Dinner was served following the service, and in the afternoon a song service was conducted in which several different choirs participated. Rev. Dan E. Meadows is the pastor.

¶ Dr. David W. Cole, Acting Dean of High Point College, will be a member of the Visitation Committee for the North Carolina Department of Public Instruction on the self-study for the teacher education program at Catawba College May 3-6. A state-wide program, all the colleges in the state will be conducting such studies next year.

¶ Revival services are being held at the Pleasant Grove Methodist Church, Raleigh, April 26-May 1. The Rev. Ernest Porter, associate pastor at Hayes Barton Methodist Church, Raleigh, is the guest speaker. Rev. Mr. Porter spoke at the 11 o'clock service Sunday morning, April 26, and each evening the services will begin at 7:45. Rev. B. H. Wilson III is the pastor.

¶ Rev. O. N. Hutchinson, Jr., of Love's Church, Walkertown, was Chapel speaker at St. Andrews Presbyterian College in Laurinburg on April 10.

¶ Revival services are in progress this week at Saint Peter's Methodist Church, Morehead City. Dr. Howard P. Powell of Raleigh is the visiting preacher. Rev. J. S. Epperson is the pastor.

¶ The Rev. Charles V. Bryant, pastor of Grace Methodist Church in Burlington, presented a program on his recent peace study tour of Russia and Europe to the Randleman Rotary Club on April 19.

¶ Rev. Johnnie E. Hawkins, pastor of Harmony Methodist Church, of Concord, preached Sunday, April 26, at First Methodist Church, Asheboro. Mr. Hawkins formerly served as associate pastor of First Church.

¶ The Rev. Charles V. Bryant was the main speaker for the South Burlington District MYF Rally which was held in Carthage Methodist Church. Two such rallies were held: one in Grace Methodist Church, Burlington.

¶ Andrea Wynn, born April 17, in Asheville, N. C., to Rev. and Mrs. John M. Burton, Mr. Burton is pastor of Pleasant Hill Methodist Church, Candler, N. C., and director of the Hominy Valley Group Ministry. They have two sons, Matthew, aged 5; and Mark, aged 3.

¶ Dr. Howard C. Wilkinson, Chaplain at Duke University, preached last Sunday at First Methodist Church, Charlotte in the absence of the pastor, Dr. Philip L. Shore, who was attending the General Conference in Pittsburgh. Mr. Wilkinson formerly served as associate minister of First Church.

¶ Rev. Leon Russell, pastor of Front Street Church, Burlington, conducted four nights of preaching and counseling at the new Benson Memorial Church, Raleigh, last week. Services were held Sunday night through Wednesday night. Rev. W. G. Sharpe is pastor of the Benson Memorial Church.

¶ Winston-Salem Youth Rally was held last Sunday afternoon at Centenary Church. Dr. William B. Oglesby, Jr., Professor of Pastoral Counseling at Union Theological Seminary, Richmond, Va., was the featured speaker at the worship hour. High Point College Chorus rendered the musical program. Rev. R. A. Foster is the district youth director.

¶ The Weekday Kindergarten of Love's Methodist Church, Walkertown, is being recommended for "approval" by the State Department of Public Instruction following a comprehensive examination of procedures, personnel, and equipment and an inspection by educational officials. Only 55 of the 100 Kindergartens in the state have obtained this certification of achievements. Mrs. C. O. McLamb directs the Kindergarten which is in its second year of operation under the Education Commission of Love's Church.

¶ The guest preacher for the morning service at First Methodist Church in Henderson on May 3 will be Dr. F. Olen Hunt, Director of the Department of Gifts and Wills of the Methodist Foundation. Dr. Hunt will also be the speaker at the Loyalty Dinner on Monday night, May 4. The Rev. W. B. Petteway is pastor of the church.

¶ Rev. and Mrs. J. Garland Winkler were hosts to a number of retired ministers and their wives and invited friends at the Greensboro District parsonage last Friday. A delightful meal was served at 12:00 noon, and some time was spent in fellowship in the afternoon. Those present were Rev. and Mrs. W. T. Albright, Rev. and Mrs. T. R. Wolfe, Rev. and Mrs. Lester Ballard, Rev. and Mrs. C. O. Kennerly, Rev. and Mrs. Joe L. Trollinger, Rev. and Mrs. Paul Fields, and Rev. and Mrs. S. J. Starnes.

¶ Revival services will be held at the Atlantic Methodist Church, Atlantic, N. C., May 3-10. The Rev. J. H. Bryant of the Sea Level Methodist Church, Sea Level, will bring the message Sunday evening, May 3, at 7:30 p.m. Rev. H. F. Leatherman, pastor of the First Methodist Church, Morehead City, will be the guest speaker the rest of the week, Monday through Friday evenings. Dr. F. Olen Hunt, Director of the Department of Gifts and Wills of the Methodist Foundation, will be guest speaker May 9th and 10th. Services will begin at 7:30 p.m. Special music is being planned each evening. The Rev. M. S. Amspacher will lead a youth choir of about 0 in addition to the adult choir.

Council of Bishops Names Taylor President Designate

Bishop Prince A. Taylor, Jr., 57, a native of Oklahoma, has been named president-designate of the Council of Bishops of the Methodist Church. He was chosen at the Council's meeting in Pittsburgh preceding the opening of the General Conference.

For the past eight years he has been head of the Monrovia, Liberia, area of the church. He also has served as pastor of churches in North Carolina, faculty member of Bennett College, Greensboro, and professor at Gammon Theological Seminary, Atlanta. He is the first Negro to be named president-designate of the Council.

Bishop Lloyd C. Wicke of New York City, president designate for the past year, was elected president of the council, succeeding Bishop Paul N. Garber of Richmond, Va. He took office last Tuesday.

Bishop Roy H. Short of Nashville, Tenn., was re-elected secretary.

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More than 1,200 Greater St. Louis Methodists paid tribute to Bishop and Mrs. Eugene M. Frank of the Missouri Area at a testimonial dinner April 6. Principal speaker was Bishop Kenneth W. Copeland of the Nebraska Area. During the seven and one-half years of Bishop Frank's administration, 137,099 members have been received into the 1,122 active Methodist churches in the area. Greetings were received from the Governor of the state, the Mayor of St. Louis, Senator Symington and other church and civic leaders.

"Laymen of Quadrennium" Honored at General Conference

Seven Methodist leaders were honored as "Laymen of the Quadrennium" at a laymen's banquet in Pittsburgh, Pa., on Saturday evening, April 25, on the eve of the 1964 Methodist General Conference, which opened its quadrennial session in that city April 26.

The announcement was made by Dr. Robert G. Mayfield of Evanston, general secretary of The Methodist Church's General Board of Lay Activities.

Those honored were R. Howard Berg of Melbourne, Fla., president of the General Board of Lay Activities and lay leader of the Florida Conference, and six other prominent laymen—one from each of the denomination's six jurisdictions. Those honored were chosen by ballot by the annual conference lay leaders of their respective jurisdictions.

In addition to Berg, those named as "Laymen of the Quadrennium" are:

Central Jurisdiction—Joseph T. Johnson, 462 West Division Street, Chicago. Mr. Johnson is a member of the denomination's Council on World Service and Finance.

North Central Jurisdiction—H. Owen DeWeese, Elwood, Ind., lay leader of the North Indiana Conference and vice president of the General Board of Lay Activities.

Northeastern Jurisdiction — Thomas B. Clay, 584 Richmond Ave., Buffalo, N. Y., long-time lay leader of the Genesee Conference and chairman of the Stewardship Committee of the General Board of Lay Activities.

South Central Jurisdiction—Robert L. Lay, Shreveport, La., lay leader of the Louisiana Conference from 1952 to 1960; former member of the General Board of Lay Activities, and currently serving on the General Board of Evangelism.

Southeastern Jurisdiction — Roy Black, Nettleton, Mississippi, lay leader of the North Mississippi Conference and chairman of the Committee on Methodist Men of the General Board of Lay Activities. He is chairman of Lay Activities for the Southeastern Jurisdiction and a member of the State Legislature.

Western Jurisdiction—George H. Atkinson, 150 Sycamore Avenue, San Mateo, Calif., general manager of an internationally-known construction firm that built the Grand Coulee Dam and many other projects. He is currently a member of the church's Commission on Inter-Jurisdictional Relations.

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Trinity Church, New Bern, Holds Groundbreaking Ceremony

Groundbreaking services were held for a new sanctuary at Trinity Methodist Church, Saturday, April 11, at 3:00 p.m. Reading from left to right in the picture above are those who participated on the program: Rev. R. Grady Dawson, New Bern District



Superintendent, Rev. LaFon C. Vereen, Executive Director, North Carolina Conference Board of Missions, Admiral C. S. Barker (USN Ret.), Mayor's representative; Rev. John T. Smith, Pastor of Trinity; Wade B. Murchison, Chairman of the Building Committee; James C. Briley, Chairman of the Board of Trustees, Roland E. Hill, Jr., Chairman of the Official Board; and Harold D. Elliott, Church School Superintendent.

Admiral Barker, representing the Mayor of New Bern, gave the address stating "I know this sanctuary started here today will some day be numbered among the beautiful and historic landmarks of New Bern."

Rev. Mr. Dawson in bringing the message emphasized that "the physcial structure is not nearly as important as the kind of church you have to put into this structure."

"I am sure the architect has planned a beautiful structure and when it is completed, it will be admired and will present an atmosphere, condusive to the worship of Almighty God."

J. T. Smith, pastor, said that he looked forward to a "church which may rise here where the word of God shall be so read and preached that it shall become the living Word and the sacraments so administered that all life shall become a sacrament."

The Scripture lesson from Psalms 100 was by Rev. Mr. Vereen, who also delivered the prayer of thanksgiving.

The responsive prayer was led by Rev. J. T. Smith and the benediction was pronounced by Rev. W. R. Stevens of Centenary Methodist Church.

Trinity Church had its beginning in 1953 under the leadership of Dr. H. K. King, then New Bern district superintendent. The need for the new church was dictated by the rapid expansion of the city.

Charter Sunday in 1953, the church contained a membership of 41. Today the membership has grown to 373. Since last July, the church has received 57 new members.

Originally this congregation met in a business establishment "Neuse Manor." In November, 1955, the educational building, only present unit, was built and was used for services. The chapel in the educational building has a seating capacity of 135 but for recent months, the average attendance at morning worship services has been 163.

Initial plans for the building of this sanctuary were conceived in 1961 when Rev. R. N. Knight was pastor of the church. In May of 1962, a building fund crusade was begun to obtain pledges for the new sanctuary, with $40,000 being pledged over a three-year period.

Mr. Murchison and all members of his committee have worked diligently with the architect, Walter C. Burgess of Raleigh, to smooth out the many details in bringing to fulfillment the construction of the $70,000 sanctuary. Along with the untiring cooperation of the district superintendent, R. Grady Dawson, the late Dr. A. J. Hobbs and his successor, Rev. LaFon C. Vereen, and Dr. H. L. Johns, executive director of the National Board of Missions in Philadelphia, Pa., the complicated plans of approved blueprints, legal technicalities, and the loan have been worked out and the actual construction will be underway no later than May 1. The contract signed March 16, 1964, with L. R. Thomas & Sons, local contractors, is scheduled to be completed within nine months.

Dr. Cole Appointed Dean of High Point College

Dr. David W. Cole, acting dean of High Point College, has been appointed dean of the college for next year, Dr. Wendell M. Patton, president, has announced. Dr. Harold E. Conrad, former dean of the college who this year has directed and coordinated a curriculum study for an improved academic program, has been appointed dean of academic planning.

As a part of modifications in the administrative organization of the college, Dr. Cole's duties will be to direct, supervise and administer all academic functions of the college under the general supervision of the president.

Dr. Conrad's basic duties will center in enhancing, encouraging and improving academic quality and scholarly attainment at the college.

He will work with Dr. Cole in developing long and short term plans for the attainment of the academic objectives of the college; promote and encourage the development of higher standards and improved methods, procedures and techniques for increasing academic quality and scholarship; plan and direct all academic ceremonies on the campus pertaining to the overall college; act as chairman of the Curriculum Committee; plan and instigate experimental projects, programs, methods, and controls for improvement of curriculums; evaluate the effectiveness of such projects and make recommendations for needed curriculum changes; plan and conduct institutional research in all areas of academic functioning; and encourage and aid faculty research.

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The Rev. Dr. Jack S. Wilkes, mayor of Oklahoma City and pastor of Wesley Methodist Church there, has resigned to become president of Centenary College, Shreveport, La. He will succeed Dr. Joe J. Mickle, who retires on May 31. Dr. Wilkes was president of Oklahoma City University until June, 1963.

EDITORIALS

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General Conference Opens In Pittsburgh

Pittsburgh, Pa., April 26—Some 10,000 persons gathered tonight in Pittsburgh's mammoth Civic Arena for the opening of the 1964 session of the General Conference of The Methodist Church. Bishop Paul N. Garber, President of the Council of Bishops, presided.

The main item of business was the reading of the episcopal address of Bishop Gerald H. Kennedy, dealing with the status of the church and setting forth recommendations for action by the 900 official delegates. Chief among these were the matters of recruitment of the ministry, the responsibility of the laity, the question of integration, missions, the ecumenical movement, social responsibility of the church in many fields, and a look at the church of tomorrow. The editor of the ADVOCATE hopes to carry the text of the episcopal address in a forthcoming edition.

The General Conference is one of the most important meetings, not only in Methodism, but of Protestantism, to be held in the United States. This session is expected to run through May 9.

THEME FOR THE WEEK

"I charge thee therefore before God, and the Lord Jesus Christ, who shall judge the quick and the dead at his appearing and his kingdom; preach the word; be instant in season, out of season: reprove, rebuke, exhort, with all long suffering and docrine."

—II Timothy 4:1.

How The Retirement Home Has Influenced My Ministry

J. W. LINEBERGER, JR.

For three years, 1960-63, my wife and I were privileged to be a part of the staff of *The Methodist Retirement Home* in Durham, N. C. We came there two weeks after we were married, so it was our first home. The experiences which we had while we were there have meant a great deal to us, both at the time and in our work in our first parish.

By far the greatest value to us was the privilege of working with Rev. Joseph F. Coble, the Superintendent. Through his kindly guidance and timely advice, we were able to come to know at first-hand the problems, not only of older people, but of people in general. And in learning of these problems, we also learned how to effectively deal with them. He taught us how to listen lovingly as we were told by some of the loneliness which comes from the neglect of families. And he taught us how to minister to families who have discovered too late how much a loved one meant to them and therefore are overcome with grief and guilt. But most of all, he taught us how to love people, all kinds of people, even those who do not wish to return your love. And since we have been in the parish, we have discovered how similar all people are, regardless of age.

Along with the privilege of working with Mr. Coble came the privilege of knowing some of the finest people in the world—people who formed an inexhaustible library of knowledge about every subject in the world.

Some of these people stand out especially in my memory because of what they have meant to me as a young minister—people like "Uncle Billy" Brown, who has attended more consecutive sessions of the North Carolina Annual Conference than any other minister; W. A. Jenkins, pastor, scholar, church historian, and college president, who shaped my theological education as much as did any of my professors; Dr. Hugh Hartshorne, whose books and studies in Christian Education are still being used in my classes in the Duke Divinity School; Dr. Hershey E. Spence, professor emeritus of the Duke Divinity School, who taught me the value and feasibility of drama in Christian Education; Mrs. Gertrude Litten, widow, mother, and grandmother of Methodist Ministers; Mr. Joseph Stinespring, whom I never knew to have a pain-free moment or to be without a smile for any and everyone; Mr. and Mrs. O. K. Hopkins, retired Methodist Missionaries who served most of their ministry in Cuba; Mrs. W. W. Peele, the widow of Bishop Peele, whose character now is even more lovely than I remembered it to be as a child, when they had their home on my father's charge; Mrs. Etoie Williams, who paints such lovely pictures from her memory; Mrs. Matilda Pickett, who, though blind all her life, still gathers around her old reed organ all who wish to spend an hour or so singing the old, familiar hymns; Mr. Gideon Pendleton, who found a second love too late in life; Mr. James B. McKeithan, who used to hold me on his knee when I was a child, and whose third bride was a maiden lady of 79 whom he married after coming to the Home; Miss "Kitty" Foster, who spent her life as a housemother at The Methodist Home for Children; Mrs. C. A. Jones, whose husband was a great inspiration to me in my high school years and whose influence helped greatly to guide me into the ministry; Rev. E. R. Clegg, whose words of comfort and inspiration have helped me greatly in understanding my own ministry; Mrs. Cora Kale, who so appreciated even the smallest kindness; and many, many others whose memories tug at my heartstrings.

But as I think of *The Home* and what it has meant to us, a series of pictures keep flashing into my mind of those whom I have met who could not become members of *The Home*. I keep remembering some of the lovely ladies who were not able to care for themselves and therefore could not be admitted, because *The Home* has no Chronic Illness Facility to care for those who are already chronic illness cases.

And every time you had to say to one of them, "I'm sorry, but *The Home* cannot take chronic illness cases because we have no Chronic Illness Facility," it nearly broke your heart. And I remember others who were physically qualified and cleared for admission, those on the waiting list, who kept calling and to whom we had to keep saying, "I'm sorry, but we cannot take you now, because we are full—we have no room and we do not know when we will have." There is a desperate need for additional facilities, both for a Chronic Illness Facility and for more retirement homes within our own conference. Even if construction were started today, many of the prospective members on the waiting list would not live in good health long enough to see it completed. As a pastor I feel this even more keenly when I have parishoners who must make arrangements for their elderly parents and grandparents and I have to tell them, "*The Methodist Retirement Home* would be an ideal place, but I don't think you will be able to consider it, because *The Home* is filled and there is a long waiting list ahead of you." We must, in this conference, provide these facilities, and we must do it immediately. The need is critical.

Trinity, Raleigh, MYF Honors Counselors

The Junior-Hi and Senior-Hi Methodist Youth Fellowships of Trinity Methodist Church, Raleigh, dedicated a piano in honor of Mr. and Mrs. Otis Barnes, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Moye and Mrs. Paul Gibson on Sunday, April 12, 1964.

These young people bought the piano for the sanctuary, financing it for 3 years, but were so enthusiastic toward this endeavor that they paid for it in one year. After paying for it, they decided to dedicate it in honor of their counselors and educational assistant.

The members of Trinity are indeed grateful for the fine work of these two MYF's and appreciate this service to their church. Young people are indeed the future of the churches of tomorrow.

MRS. PAUL GIBSON, *Educ. Assistant.*

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Dr. Ralph C. John was inaugurated as president of Simpson College, Indianola, Iowa, April 5. Since 1949, Dr. John has been associated continually with The American University, Washington, D. C., where he received his Ph.D., and where he was dean of the College of Arts and Sciences before accepting the Iowa post.

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The Rev. Dr. Alan K. Waltz, associate director of the Department of Research and Survey of the Division of National Missions, Philadelphia, began his new duties April 1 in Evanston, Ill., as director of the Department of Research in the Council on World Service and Finance.

The Methodist Layman to Be Discontinued

Discontinuance of the monthly magazine, *Methodist Layman,* following its June issue has been announced by Dr. Robert G. Mayfield, general secretary of The Methodst Church's General Board of Lay Activities and publisher of the magazine. His announcement, which will be carried in the forthcoming May issue of publication followed action by the board's executive committee.

Dr. Mayfield said that the executive committee has had the future of the magazine under consideration for about three months and has "reluctantly come to the decision to discontinue publication" following the June issue.

The magazine has served as a basic medium of communication between the General Board of Lay Activities and the men of the church, with a readership of more than 40,000, including officers of Methodist Men's Clubs and other paying subscribers.

"In view of the establishment by General Conference in recent years of two new church-wide publications, *Together,* an all family magazine, and *The Methodist Story,* a program journal, there does not now appear to be the need for our magazine that there was at the time of its inception," Dr. Mayfield said.

Dr. Mayfield cited what he termed "a growing sentiment over the church for a reduction in the number of church publications" as another factor in the decision to discontinue *Methodist Layman.*

To replace materials now appearing in *Methodist Layman,* Dr. Mayfield said that the board will issue an annual program guide book for Methodist Men, an orientation handbook, and suggested program activities and procedures.

Book Reviews

THE MINISTRY OF PARENTS

by Elizabeth and William Genne

The Reverend and Mrs. Genne are the parents of four children. Out of their experiences in their own home they combine viewpoints of husband and wife, father and mother, to make this book a means of inspiration and helpful guidance in the day-to-day decisions parents have to make in communicating God's love to their children.

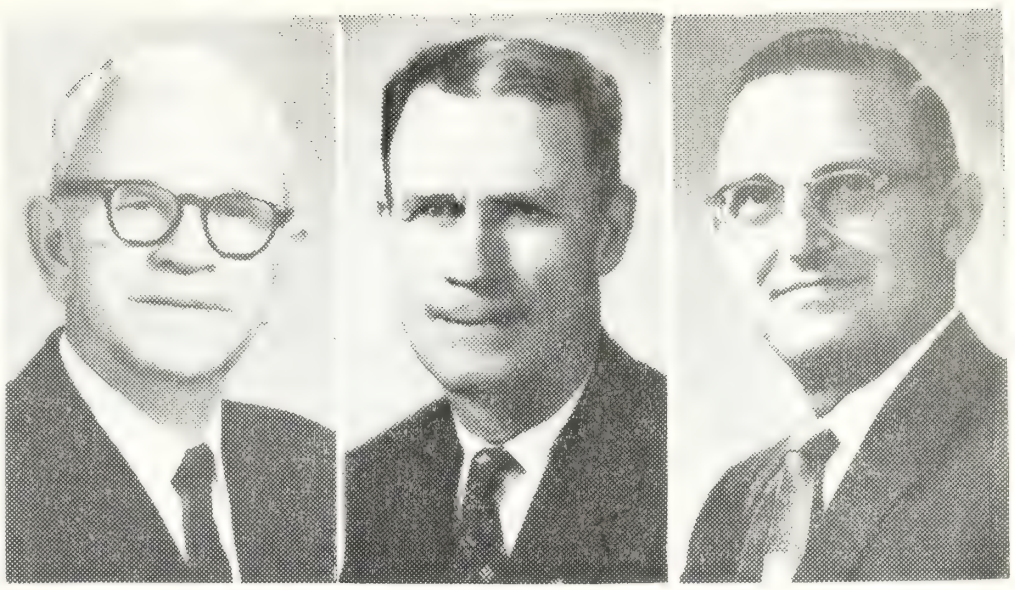
The Reverend William H. Genne is the Executive Director of the Department of Family Life of the National Council of Churches. Single copy 35c; $3.50 per dozen. THE UPPER ROOM, 1908 Grand Avenue, Nashville, Tennessee 37203

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J. Paul Ingle — Paul R. Irvin — Rev. T. Marvin Vick

High Point College to Confer Three Honorary Degrees

Three honorary degrees will be awarded at the May 31 graduation exercises at High Point College, Dr. Wendell M. Patton, college president, has announced.

Receiving the degrees will be Paul R. Ervin, senior partner of the law firm of McDougle, Ervin, Horock and Snepps, 2035 Sharon Lane, Charlotte; I. Paul Ingle, vice president and general manager of High Point Paper Box Co., Inc., and president of Carolina Container Co., High Point; and the Rev. T. Marvin Vick, Jr., pastor of the Edenton Street Methodist Church, Raleigh.

Mr. Ervin received his A.B. and LL.B. degrees from Duke University and was admitted to the North Carolina bar in 1930. He has practiced law in Charlotte since 1931 and served as a member of the North Carolina State Legislature from Mecklenburg County from 1935-1937. He was Public Guardian and Public Administrator for Mecklenburg County from 1936-1950

Mr. Ervin has served as a delegate to the Southeastern Jurisdictional Conference of The Methodist Church, as a member of the General Conference, and as vice president of the Judicial Council.

Presently chairman of the board of trustees of Pfeiffer College, Mr. Ervin has been a member of the board since 1956. He has served as a member of the Charlotte Board of Health and is a past president of the Myers Park Country Club. He is a past judge advocate of Civitan International.

Mr. Ingle received his degree from Elon College.

A member of the First Presbyterian Church, he is presently an elder and trustee. He has served 30 years on the Glade Valley School Board of Trustees, and is now chairman of the High Point Board of Wachovia Bank and Trust Company.

Mr. Ingle is a past president of the Executives Club and has served as a scoutmaster for the Boy Scouts of American since 1925. He is a past president of the YMCA, where he has served on the board for 37 years.

He has served as a member of the High Point Memorial Hospital Board of Trustees for eleven years, six as chairman. A member of the Human Relations Commission, he has also served on the Urban Renewal Commission, the Three-Cities Development Committee, and the North Carolina Committee on Nursing and Patient Care. In 1962 he was named Citizen of the Year by the High Point Civitan Club, and in 1944 he was presented the Rotary Club Meritorious Service Award.

Appointed by Governor Hodges, he represented North Carolina at the National Conference on Citizenship in Washington, D. C., in 1958.

The Rev. Mr. Vick received his AB degree from Southern Methodist University and his BD degree from Duke University Divinity School.

Licensed to preach in 1930, he joined the North Carolina Conference in 1938 and was ordained an elder in 1942. He has served in churches in the Roxboro area; the Bahama Circuit; Jonesboro Heights, Sanford; Mebane; Queen Street, Kinston; and Edenton Street, Raleigh.

From 1942-45 he served as chaplain in the U. S. Army, serving with the infantry in the European Theatre of Operations. He is currently a lieutenant colonel in the U. S. Army Reserve.

A member of the board and past president of the North Carolina Family Life Council, the Rev. Mr. Vick has also participated in the Midcentury Conference on Children and Youth and the White House Conference on The Family.

A member of the Regional Personnel Committee for General Board of Missions of The Methodist Church, the Rev. Mr. Vick is president of the Board of Missions, North Carolina Conference of The Methodist Church.

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NOTICE

Anyone who would be willing to supply a hearing aid for a worthy minister, whose salary is very limited, may contact the Editor of the Advocate and he will put them in touch with the party. This is a worthy cause and an opportunity to render a valuable service. Any type of an aid would be acceptable.

YOUR GIFTS HELP

The Methodist Retirement Home to continue the Christian Traditions of



The aerial view shows the Main Building with the twenty apartments located a few feet away, among the pines.

The support you render The Methodist Retirement Home helps carry on the Christian Tradition of Healing and Helping. Jesus, in His command from the cross that the beloved disciple care for His mother, expressed the concern for older persons which through the centuries has continued to arouse in us the concern to care for the needs of these persons. The early Church caught this concern, for in the Book of Acts we read of the widows being cared for by the Church.

John Wesley caught the spirit of Christ's compassion for people. Along with medical care for the poor and provision for the orphan child, Wesley provided care for the older people. "Healing and Helping has been a Methodist tradition since 1748 when Founder John Wesley converted the Old Foundery in London in order to care for nine widows, one blind woman, and two poor children; two upper servants, a maid and a man."

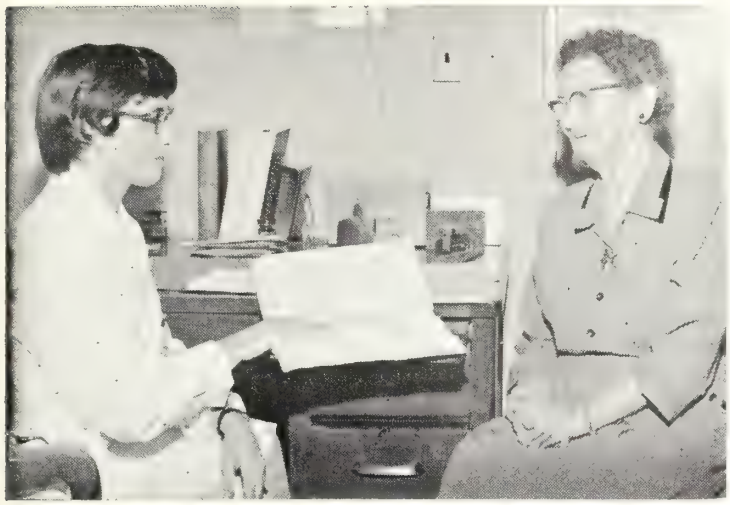
There are two reasons why the Church should accept the challenge of caring for these older people: the first is that it is the command of Jesus Christ—a command which was accepted by the early church, and by our founding father, John Wesley. The second is that The Church having a concern for all its members must be compelled to accept the challenge of caring for its senior members, for it can do this better than any other agency. Today, care of the aging is one of the most rapidly growing fields of service for our Church. There are 18 million over 65 in our country today with this number increasing at the rate of nearly one million per year.

The Methodist Retirement Home is one of the North Carolina Conference's finest efforts to meet the needs of people in the Master's Name. A deep consciousness of the need for Christian care of both clergy and laymen in the sunset of life challenged a small group of consecrated laymen and ministers. They gave of their time, talents, and money to make their dream come true. The dream became a reality in 1945 when the North Carolina Conference authorized the incorporation of The Methodist Retirement Homes. A tract of land situated adjacent to the Duke University campus was accepted by the 1947 Annual Conference, and The Home opened September 1, 1955, with 13 members. The Home was filled to its capacity of 44 before the next Annual Conference Session. Realizing that the need was far greater than could be handled in this unit, an addition to The Home, raising the capacity to 130, was occupied in July, 1959, and it too was soon filled to capacity.

Recently 20 apartments, exterior to the main buildings, have been completed and filled. Providing the finest facilities available for retirement in Eastern North Carolina, The Home offers companionship, love, and security to those who are tired of living alone, giving them freedom from the fear of economic insecurity, illness, pain, senility, loneliness, and lack of purpose as the staff endeavors to make this period of life one of deep meaning for its 136 members.

Admission requirements are a minimum age of 65 (62 for apartments) and a life of service to the Church and community. As a retirement home, nursing cases are not accepted, but a member is kept for life once accepted. Each

HEALING and HELPING



The Home's Physician, Dr. Cynia Shimm, interviews Mrs. Junius Wren as a part of her annual check-up.



The U. S. Mail Carrier's visit is looked forward to daily. Assisting with The Home's mail are Miss Jane Umstead, Secretary, Mrs. Jennie Moore and the Reverend E. R. Clegg.



The Social Director, Mrs. Ronald Wachs, assisted by her husband, a student assistant to The Home's Minister, guides the members in planning the Religious and Social Program of The Home. Here she is sharing with the Reverend J. C. Harmon a choice selection from a new book.

case is considered on its own merits as to physical condition and finances. Members are accepted on a monthly boarding basis or on a life contract. Those who are financially able pay the cost of their keep, and in addition are urged to make gifts to The Home. Others pay according to their ability, and the Church, through its benevolent program, provides the difference. Forty per cent of the members are subsidized in this way.

Members entering The Home on a Life Contract find complete security. The Home guarantees care for the member as long as he remains in The Home. In exchange for this protection and security, the member is asked to leave part of his estate to The Home.

The monthly rate covers room, board, laundry, maid service, services of The Home's physician, the routine medicine and the nursing and geriatric care available in The Home's infirmary, along with the religious and social program of The Home.

The Home has never had a Capital Funds campaign. It was built with borrowed money. The current indebtedness is $465,000 and the equity is in excess of one million dollars. The Home is filled, with a long waiting list, so The Home is faced with the reality of needed expansion. This expansion will be along three lines. First, more apartments will be constructed as they can be financed. Secondly and greatly needed are facilities for the care of the chronically ill. The third future development will be construction of additional facilities at another site in eastern North Carolina.

Support for The Home comes from the CONFERENCE BENEVOLENCES, which are a part of each local church's budget and which are used by The Home for debt retirement; from the MOTHER'S DAY OFFERING in the churches, which is used for the benevolent work of The Home; from PAYMENTS by members; and from GIFTS such as bequests in wills and legacies, memorial contributions sent upon the death of a friend, and gifts from individuals and groups. The furnishing of rooms and other memorials are suggested as appropriate gifts to The Home.

Through The Methodist Retirement Home, The Methodist Church is giving the Methodist people in the North Carolina Conference the privilege of obeying the command of Jesus Christ to "look after my mother" and to follow the example set by the good Samaritan when he took his unfortunate friend to the best place available and said, "Care for him; I'll pay the bill." This is right, for "The test of a culture, or of a religion, is how it cares for its aging members."

The memory of

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This memorial will endure in the security care and abundant life made possible for aged men and women of Christian character

WHAT THE HOME



Joe H. Brintle, Business Manager and Howard Sparrow, Superintendent of Buildings and Grounds, examine the newly planted dogwood trees in front of the apartments.



Members sit at small tables and meals are served family style in the main dining room. Mrs. George Parker, Mrs. C. A. Jones, Mrs. T. J. Horton, Mrs. William Bailey and Mrs. D. B. Parker.



Miss Ruth Edwards, cousin of Bishop Costen J. Harrell, enjoys the comfort, privacy, and protection of The Home's apartments.

Dr. W. A. Kale

My mother, Mrs. Cora Kale, spent the last twenty-eight months of her life in The Methodist Retirement Home in Durham. There she felt protected and secure and knew she was among friends. While frail and aged (she passed her 91st birthday while living in The Home), she participated in a variety of enjoyable, creative activities and was pleasantly related to the staff and other residents. Her daily life was observed and supervised without being unpleasantly restricted. She had all the privacy she needed and almost all the freedom she wanted. She and all members of the family agreed that one of the best moves she ever made was when she moved to The Home. She frequently expressed gratitude for the privilege of living there.

The reasons for my mother's happiness as a resident of The Retirement Home are not difficult to express. In the first place, the physical facilities, while not luxurious, were comfortable, modern, attractive, and in excellent repair. She lived in her own room and had her own clothes and scores of personal items that helped distinguish her from the other residents and preserved for her a measure of independence. The room was convenient to dining halls, the infirmary, telephones, elevators, and other facilities. From her windows, she could observe a woodland scene and beds of flowers as well as the moving traffic of a busy street.

Another source of satisfaction was her relationship with the people around her. The staff workers were well-chosen, efficient, patient, and kind. She liked some more than others, but she knew she could call on any of them at any time. With the other residents, she had a normal and healthy relationship. Some she loved devotedly; toward others she was indifferent. Occasionally she was out of sorts with a few. She indulged in the gossip that regularly went the rounds. She contributed her share to the complaints. The Home was her neighborhood.

Since her death in February, 1963, members of her family have remarked that Mother was happier while living at The Retirement Home than she had been for many years. Perhaps the chief reason lay in the fact that the major sources of anxiety were reduced to a minimum. She did not and could not escape physical suffering and weakness, but she knew she was safe and that responsible and competent friends were always nearby to help her in every moment of need. In addition she felt an appropriate obligation to participate in the life of the community—the common worship, the neighborly visiting and gossiping, the lively fellowship at meals, and the countless opportunities to enrich the lives of others in the golden years of life.

Mrs. F. S. (Phala) Love

When Dr. Love and I decided to come to The Methodist Retirement Home in Durham, we chose an apartment for the days of our retirement living. The apartment is compact and most comfortable, and furnished with our "belongings." It seems to us quite home-like, and we are relieved of the responsibility of many of the household duties and of the maintenance and care of a home.

We planned, when we came here, to come and go as we pleased, and the first year we did just that—visiting friends and relatives and spending the summer months at Lake Junaluska.

Dr. Love's illness has completely changed our way of living. He has to be in the infirmary part of the time, and I am close enough by to be with him whenever I want to, and bring him to the apartment for periods of quiet and privacy, and we always have our evening meal here in the apartment.

Many friends tell me how fortunate we are to be here where Dr. Love can be in the infirmary and I am so near that I can go to the infirmary without effort, as often as I desire. I appreciate the fact that Dr. Love can be in the infirmary when he needs to be, and for everything that is done for him, and for the kindness, sympathy, and helpfulness of the staff and members.



The Home's bus at the front of the Main Building as the members leave for a shopping trip.

MEANS TO . . .

DR. A. PURNELL BAILEY

While on a recent trip to Durham, I was invited to dinner at The Methodist Retirement Home, by the superintendent, the Rev. Joseph F. Coble. The experience of sharing in the life of that wonderful home is one that I shall not forget.

One of the mottos I saw at The Home became a theme for my memory of this lovely place: "The test of a religion is how it cares for its aged!"

After dinner I was invited to the apartment of the Rev. and Mrs. E. R. Clegg. What a wonderful way to retire! Those desiring more room than the facilities in the main building can secure these apartments just a few feet away. Each apartment is self-contained with two outside entrances. They are of fire-resistant construction with circulating hot water heat. Each apartment includes 1,000 square feet, with a screened porch, living room, kitchen complete with stove, refrigerator, sink and cabinets, two bedrooms, and full tile bath with tub and shower.

Those living in the apartments no longer have to worry about finding a maid, a cook, or someone to fix the leaking faucet. And when medical help is needed one is cared for in The Home's infirmary. Members can eat in The Home's dining room or cook in their apartments.

I wanted to know what happened when someone became ill enough to go to the infirmary—say for three months. Could they return to their apartment? The answer was, "Yes."

Our North Carolina friends call this living in The Methodist Home: "Retirement at its best!" And I agree, for I have seen none better.

The high-light of my visit to this wonderful Home was the privilege of calling on Mrs. Peele, the widow of our late Bishop William Walter Peele. She has been there for some time, and has every care that Bishop Peele could have wanted for her. Age has dimmed her memory as I tried to recall some personal kindness she had extended to us years ago in Richmond. As I left she thanked me for coming.

What a wonderful evening! North Carolina hospitality was here in the finest sense of its tradition, but there was one thing that lingered with me—perhaps it will stay with you: "The test of a religion is how it cares for its aged!"

THE REV. WILLIAM A. JENKINS

It gives me pleasure to say a word in appreciation of our Methodist Retirement Home in Durham. It has been my home for four years come June. It was on account of my wife's failing health that we came here. She was tenderly cared for until her passing in May 1962. My gratitude is unbounded for what this Home did for her.

My own health has been better than ever since our coming—only one night have I spent in our well equipped infirmary. Never have I seen better treatment for people who are ill than one receives here. After just one night in our infirmary I told our head nurse and her assistants that I was almost sorry that I had to go back to my quarters, they were so sweet, sympathetic, and generous in their efforts to relieve my distress and restore my health.

In my sixty years in the ministry I have been in dozens of hospitals visiting members of my church who were ill. Not a one of these hospitals gave the close attention our patients receive here, from both doctors and nurses. When my turn comes to enter The Home's infirmary, as surely it will some day, I know that I shall receive all the tenderness and care that I see others get every day. I doubt if one could get better treatment anywhere.

Again, if you want to know what Christian fellowship really means, just visit us sometime. We are here from all walks of life, not just those who are ministers and their wives. We have dozens of people—men and women—who spent nearly all of their lives teaching the children and youth of this and other states. Many of them hold M.A. and Ph.D. degrees. Several were leaders and directors of music in our schools and colleges. Association with such fine people is a joy that would be hard to find elsewhere.

Our Home is located in one of the beauty spots of Durham, in a thirty-eight-acre pine forest adjoining the campus of Duke University on Erwin Road.

Our buildings are modern in every way, as neat and well-kept as any up-to-date hotel. Near the main buildings there are three units of apartments that are the equal of any up-to-date apartments in this or any other city.

Our Library is well-stocked with books and all the best magazines.

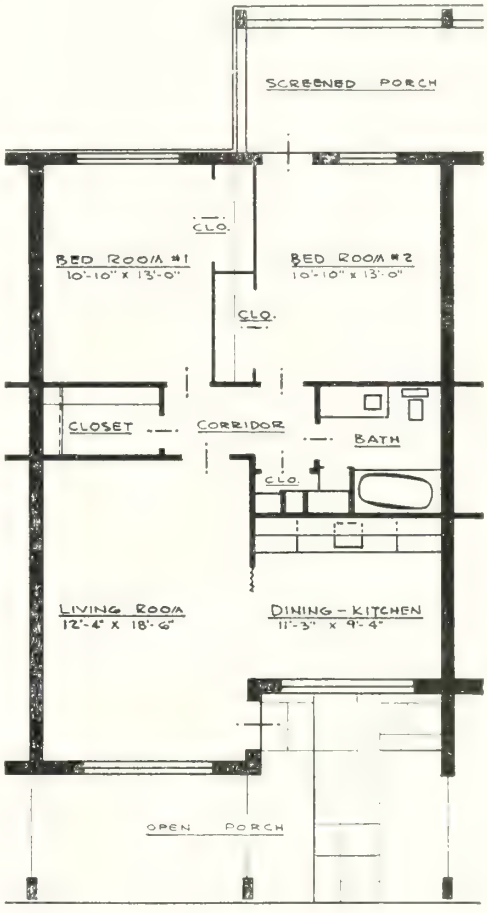
Our Chapel is a lovely room, so arranged and furnished that it is suitable for worship, funerals, or entertainment.

Our board is excellent, and in many ways better than many of us had in our own homes.

If one does not like it here he ought to take something for it, for he is sick somewhere, in body, mind, or spirit—perhaps in all three!



Sharing one's talents and possessions make life more interesting. The Reverend W. A. Jenkins, Editor of The Home Newsletter, sponsors a "Music listening hour." The Reverend and Mrs. W. H. Brown arrived early.



A typical apartment floor plan

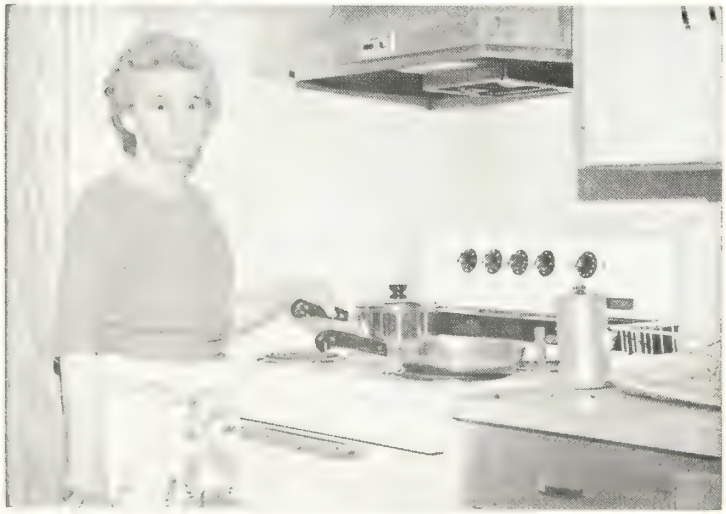
Retirement at Its Best



The Religious Life at The Home is very meaningful to everyone. Kneeling for Communion are Mrs. Rena Woods, Mrs. Sallie Johnson, and Mrs. D. P. Woodall. There are two services each Sunday—one in the Chapel and one in the Infirmary. The Reverend Joseph F. Coble, assisted by others, celebrates Communion the first Sunday of each month.



Friends of The Home help in many ways. Mrs. Melissa C. Henly looks forward to the weekly visit from Mrs. A. M. Bynum, who writes her letters. Volunteer help is always welcome to assist members with reading, letter writing, mending, shopping, etc.



Miss Pearl Fishel enjoys preparing her favorite dishes in the kitchen of her apartment.

The Methodist Retirement Home provides a new era of life. The members proudly say, "We did not come here to die—we came here to live!" Watching the many activities that go on daily at The Home, one knows that the residents find a rich fellowship of new friends and interesting activities to enjoy.

Over 200 older people, since it opened in 1955, have found in The Home an answer to loneliness, for here they find security and meaning for life.

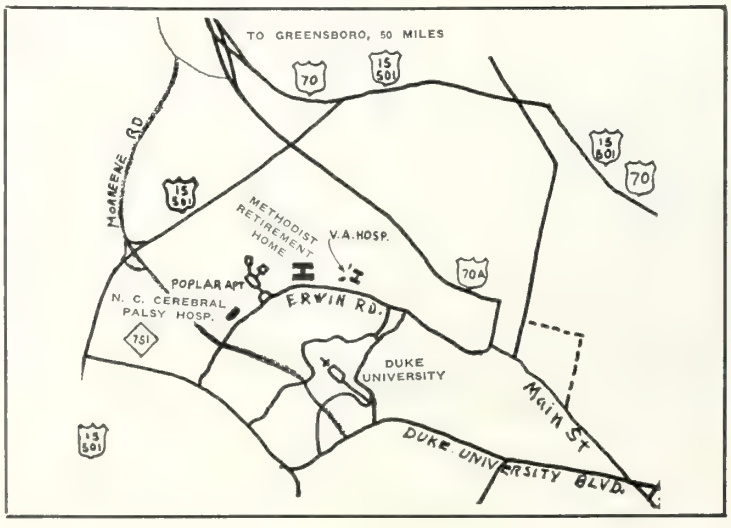
Members find that the religious life in The Home is an inspiration to them. For many, this is the first time they have been able to attend Church Services in years. The day begins with a morning devotional which is conducted by one of the members or by a guest speaker. There is a weekly Bible Class and Sunday Services are held in the Chapel and in the Infirmary.

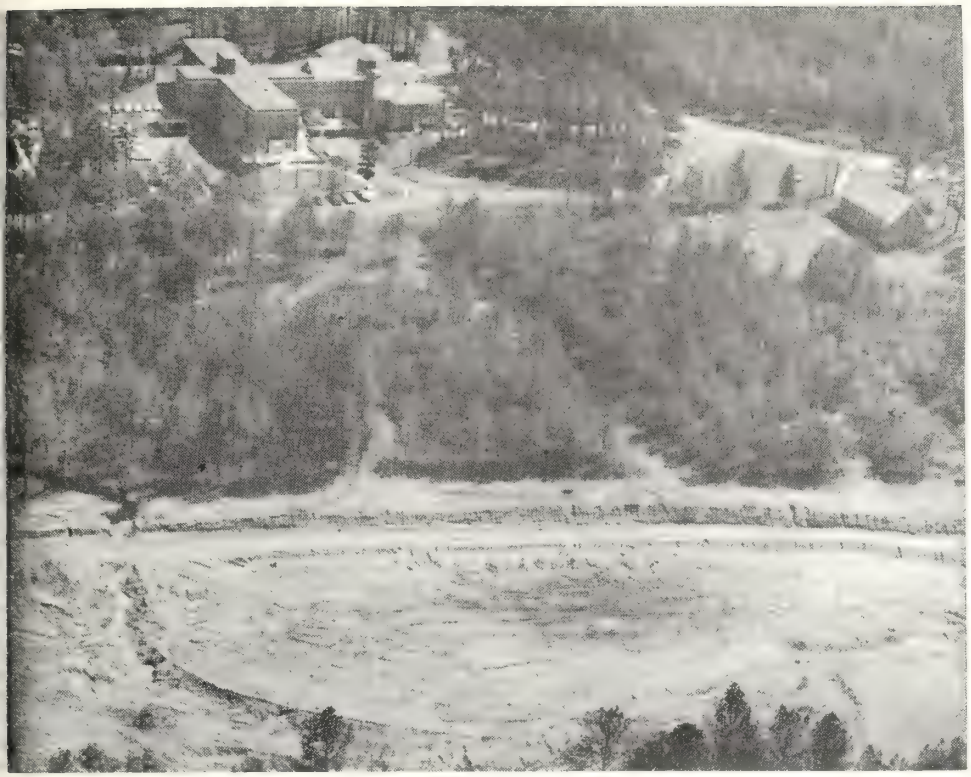
The social life is interestingly varied, so that everyone is able to participate in some activity. Directed activities, such as parties, shopping trips, movies, and outside entertainment, are under the supervision and guidance of the Social Director. On a more informal level, members engage in a social life very similar to that which they have enjoyed all of their life—parties which they plan and give, visiting each other, and gathering in small groups.

Experience has demonstrated that older persons have as wide a variety of interests as any other group; that they



The World Day of Prayer Service was planned and presented by Mrs. F. S. Love, Mrs. J. A. Edwards, Mrs. J. A. Martin, Mrs. O. K. Hopkins, Mrs. E. R. Clegg (front row); Mrs. Paschel Di Florio, Mrs. D. B. Parker, Mrs. C. A. Jones, all ministers' wives or widows. The group was assisted by Dr. H. E. Spence, President of The Home Council and teacher of the Bible Class.





The lake, which is to be stocked with fish, located in the lower front is a gift of Nello Teer Co. A possible location for the desperately needed chronically illness facility is between the lake and the Main Building. St. John Methodist Church is at the right.



Mrs. W. L. Clegg, Director of Crafts, is assisting Mrs. Lucy Kennedy pour a ceramic vase.

can and do learn new skills; and that the opportunity for interesting and worthwhile activites contributes much to their mental and physical health, as well as to their morale.

Each member brings to The Home life-long hobbies which he or she enjoys sharing with neighbors. In addition, new hobbies, such as weaving, ceramics, and china painting are learned. The greenhouse brings many hours of joy, both for those who work in it and for those who watch. The Home's grounds have been made beautiful by the flowers and shrubbery which many of the members have brought from their home gardens to share with those at The Home.

THE HOME NEWSLETTER receives talented effort from the members, who report on The Home's activities and on other items of interest to the members. The Home Council works as liaison between the home members and the Home Staff.

If you are interested in RETIREMENT AT ITS BEST, with privacy plus protection and security, and with the best medical and nursing care available when needed, you should consider retirement in The Methodist Retirement Home.



The greenhouse beauty is an evidence of many hours of tender care given the plants. Mrs. Ettye Parks and Mrs. Mary Smith enjoy the beautiful flowers.



"Be fashionable" is a motto of the ladies of The Home. Mrs. Mabel Bland in The Home's Sewing Room remodels a dress.



"The trial of Father Christmas," written and directed by Dr. H. E. Spence, was presented by the following cast: H. E. Spence, Howard Sparrow, W. A. Jenkins, J. F. Coble, J. H. Brintle, Miss Pearl Fishel, Hugh Hartshorne, W. H. Brown, standing; E. R. Clegg, kneeling.

Woman's Activities

Spiritual Life Retreat Slated

By Mary Gardner

The Director of the Family Life Department of *The Upper Room,* Nashville, Tenn., will be the leader for the Annual Spiritual Life Retreat sponsored by the N. C. Conference Woman's Society of Christian Service. She is Mrs. Milton Randolph. The Retreat is scheduled for June 3-4 at Louisburg College.

An active church woman and daughter of a Methodist minister, Mrs. Randolph is a world traveler for church and family conferences and is in much demand as a speaker for civic and educational programs, as well as in her church and Retreat work. She has authored a number of worship and guide books, pamphlets and magazine articles. In her local church, Mrs. Randolph is a teacher of a young matrons' Bible class.

A special feature of the Retreat will be soloist Mrs. Betty Proctor, of Durham. Mrs. J. C. Burwell, of Warrenton, will be the pianist.

Registration fee of $1.00 should be sent by May 15 to Mrs. J. C. Gilbert, 1310 Goodview Avenue, Fayetteville, N. C. The additional fee of $5.50 for room, board and insurance is to be paid upon arrival at the college. The number of registrations for the Retreat is unlimited.

Southern Rhodesian Women Improving Status

"The Southern Rhodesians are benefiting just as India is benefiting from the church; they have come to a better sense of responsibility." This observation was voiced by Dorothy McConnell editor of *World Outlook,* in an address, "The Church in Southern Rhodesia," before the recent Annual Meeting of the N. C. Conference Woman's Society of Christian Service at the Jarvis Memorial Methodist Church, Greenville.

"The Methodists in Southern Rhodesia are not one people, but when they resolve their problems and difficulties, as they are doing, they will be one people. The church in Southern Rhodesia is not turning against its old customs, but there is a freedom of thought in the church there that one does not find in any other part of Africa, " she said.

Citing the long years of cultural superiority of the men to the women of Southern Rhodesia, Miss McConnell declared, "The women are moving out beyond their economic status. They say they want to know more about nutrition, and other economic matters; they are learning to think for themselves; they want to learn Christian fellowship with the people. They want their young men to go into new fields of living and become a part of it.

"The wives of Southern Rhodesian students who are studying in this country are well aware of the conditions in their country. The men there are educated and they are so far ahead of their wives that they leave them and go elsewhere. The scholarships given to these wives of the students studying over here will help them to become equally educated with their husbands."

The love offerings placed on the altar during the Service of Holy Communion at the Annual Meeting of the WSCS and the Service of Commitment at the Annual Meeting of the Wesleyan Service Guild have been directed to scholarships for wives of Southern Rhodesian students studying in the U.S. The latest report received by us from Mrs. Harold Mann, conference treasurer, are gifts totaling $3,006.42 for the WSCS, and $444.90 for the WSG, with other contributions continuing.

Fayetteville District Annual Meeting

The Woman's Society of Christian Service, of the Raeford Methodist Church was hostess to the Annual Meeting of the Fayetteville District WSCS on April 1, Mrs. J. S. Hiatt, District President, presiding. Principal speaker was the Rev. Barney L. Davidson, District Superintendent. He once served as District Missionary Secretary. He talked on Mission Minded People, and how much in need we are of mission minded people in the churches today. Other speakers and their topics, Miss Ethelynde Ballance, The 25th Anniversary; Mrs. Charles Dorsette, Highlights of the Annual Meeting. Special music by Raeford girl students. The newly elected officers and the holdover officers were installed by Mrs. J. E. Sponenberg, Conference Spiritual Life, of Aberdeen; Pledge Service, conducted by Mrs. W. B. Easterling. During the Pledge Service when a $17,200 pledge for the ensuing Conference year was announced, and the World Bank Candle burned five minutes a gift donated by a Laurinburg First Church member.

—Mrs. J. A. Ritchey

W. N. C. Conference

Mrs. E. K. McLarty

Plan For May 19th

Officers' Training Day is scheduled for May 19th at Race Street Methodist Church in Statesville. All district officers should make immediate plans to attend. Here is your opportunity to ask those questions which have puzzled you of the conference officers. They will be there promptly at 10:00 a.m. to have a cup of coffee with you and to go from that cheery beginning to the workshop sessions. Each district should have several cars filled by this time with "eager reservations." Training and instruction is available for each officer—even public relations! So get organized now for the trip to Statesville May 19th and be prepared to discuss the field in which you have accepted a responsibility.

Albemarle District Annual Meeting

Approximately 170 persons gathered at Marshville Methodist Church Tuesday morning, April 14, for the Fourth Annual Meeting of the Albemarle District Woman's Society of Christian Service, which includes Anson, Stanly, and Union counties.

The Rev. Raymond Wilkinson, pastor of the host church, gave the devotional and also conducted the installation service for officers serving during the coming year.

Mrs. Ralph E. Bisel, of Badin,, president presided over the meeting, using the theme Our Mission—"Witness and Service."

Mrs. Henry Deane, of Albemarle, District Secretary of Promotion, reported 79 societies in the District.

A beautiful and impressive Memorial Service for the 19 members who have died during the past year was conducted by Mrs. Fred Lisk, of Albemarle, District Spritual Life Secretary.

Guest speakers for the occasion were Deaconess Lucy Gist, of Charlotte, who spoke enthusiastically of her work at Bethlehem Center, and Mrs. Julian Reeves, of Sparta, District President of the North Wilkesboro District W.S.C.S. Mrs. Reeves, an outstanding speaker, based her address on the National Seminar she attended in Tacoma, Washington.

At the pledge service conducted by Mrs. James Clammer, of Polkton, District Treasurer, the Albemarle District raised its pledge $600 for the year 1964-65.

The following new officers and secretaries were installed to serve the District for the year 1964-65:

President, Mrs. Henry Smith of Monroe; vice president, Mrs. James R. Clarke of Lilesville Treasurer, Mrs. Floyd N. Fowler of Monroe Recording Secretary, Mrs. Charles A. Reap of Albemarle; Literature and Publication, Mrs Ward Laney of Monroe; Missionary Education, Mrs. G. M. Smith, Jr., Monroe; Promotion, Mrs. Henry Deane, Albemarle; Youth Mrs. Leston Hilton, Matthews. Sub-District Chairmen will be Mrs. C. B. Bunn, Anson County; Mrs. T. Carl Mabry, Stanly County and Mrs. J. B. Tyson, Union County.

In appreciation for services rendered the District during the past four years, the following ladies were presented Life Memberships: Mrs. Ralph Bisel, President; Mrs. George Moore, Secretary of Literature and Publication; Mrs. W. H. Helms, Sub-District Chairman Union County; Mrs. Ray Lowder, Sub-district Chairman Stanly County; Miss Viola Kiker Sub-District Chairman Anson County; Mrs James Clemmer, Treasurer; and Mrs. Paul Wrenn, Recording Secretary.

Sub-District Local Officer's Training Days were announced as follows: Stanly, Parkway Church, Albemarle, May 25, 7:30 p.m.; Union County, Memorial Church, Monroe, May 26 7:30 p.m.; and Anson County, First Church Wadesboro, May 28, 2 p.m.

Training Day for District Officers will be held at Race Street Church, Statesville, May 19, at 1:30 a.m.

The annual meeting of the Albemarle Dis

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Methodist Group Ministry for Alexander County

The executive committee of the newly-organized Methodist Group Ministry in Alexander County held its first meeting Sunday, April 19, in the Methodist Church, in Stony Point.

The Group Ministry Council was organized under the direction of the Rev. Garland Stafford of Statesville, executive secretary of the Commission on Town and Country Work, Western North Carolina Methodist Conference. The Council is composed of these Alexander County Methodist churches: Hiddenite, Pisgah, Mount Bethel, South River, Stony Point, Taylorsville and Carson's Chapel.

The Rev. Mr. Stafford said the Alexander County Group Ministry was the thirteenth such organization in the conference. The purpose of a Group Ministry is to provide a means whereby "small" churches may voluntarily cooperate in ministering in a natural geographical area through programs which can best be done together.

Each church in the Alexander County Group Ministry is represented on the council by two adults and two youths.

The executive committee is composed of the pastors of the county and the officers of the Group Ministry Council. The committee meets more frequently than the council and is charged with administering the Group Ministry program as adopted by the council.

Kenneth Allen of Taylorsville is chairman of the Alexander County Group Ministry Council, which was organized March 22. He is a member of Carson's Chapel Methodist Church.

Marion District Ministers Hold Monthly Meeting

The Marion District ministerial body met April 13 at First Church, Morganton. Neil Smith was leader in the devotional period. Morris Byers, secretary, read minutes of the last meeting and called attention to a note from Sherrill Biggers, still hospitalized.

President Earl Gibson reminded the group of the May meeting. The wives of the ministers will be invited to this meeting, and it will be climaxed with election of officers for next year and Holy Communion.

Reporting in the area of Christian Education, Earl Brendall spoke of the workshop scheduled at Morganton, April 16. Bill Haire reported for MY Fund. The District Goal is $1,964.00, $1,637.00 is pledged, and $883.00 is paid thus far.

In evangelism, E. H. Nease emphasized evangelism of the entire family. Several ministers shared their experiences concerning family evangelism. It was agreed that this has been a neglected area of evangelism.

Neil Smith asked the cooperation of the group in compiling a catalogue of Audio Visuals for Christian Social Concerns. This will be a revision of a previous catalogue.

Dr. Nelson distributed pertinent information about Camp McCall. He led a discussion concerning Penn Lodge, which is under consideration by the district for development and use as a retreat facility. Dr. Nelson has set a supper meeting for May 21 at First Church, Marion. The purpose of this meeting will be to inform the district of the proposals of the Commission on World Servce. A representative from each church is requested to attend.

Robert L. Moore



Attend Alumni Dinner At General Conference

Dr. Wendell M. Patton, president of High Point College, and Rev. James R. Calloway, Admission Counselor, attended the Higher Education Alumni Dinner at the General Conference of the Methodist Church in Pittsburgh on April 27.

The Alumni Dinner is sponsored by the National Association of Schools and Colleges of Higher Education of the Board of Education.

Each of the colleges represented had a table at which its guests were seated. Guests of High Point College were Dr. and Mrs. C. C. Herbert, Jr., of the First Methodist Church, Gastonia; Dr. and Mrs. J. Clay Madison, Myers Park Methodist Church, Charlotte; Dr. and Mrs. Philip L. Shore, Jr., First Methodist Church, Charlotte; and Dr. and Mrs. Wilson O. Weldon, West Market Methodist Church, Greensboro.

The purpose of the banquet is to put emphasis on the work of higher education at the General Conference. The banquet was held in the Grand Ball Room of the Pittsburgh Hilton Hotel. Chancellor William P. Tolley of Syracuse University was the speaker.

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trict will be held at Central Methodist Church, Albemarle in 1965.

Winston-Salem Executive Committee Reports

At the February Executive Committee meeting a remarkable amount of business was discussed. A number of important announcements concerning work in the district were made: Mrs. Marian B. Wooten was commssioned in the late fall as a Deaconess. The Committee sent her a letter of appreciation for the fine work she has done at the Bethlehem Center and for the inspiration in Christian Witness she has been. The Officers Training Day for the local officers was sent up for May 21. This follows close upon the heels of the District Officers Training School (May 19) and assures the local women that the information which they receive from their district officers will be still fresh and full of vitality. Attendance at Annual Meeting in Junaluska June 16-18 was stressed for all officers and members.

New Page Memorial Parsonage Dedicated at Aberdeen

On Sunday, March 22, 1964, the parsonage for the Page Memorial Methodist Church, Aberdeen, was dedicated. The Rev. B. L. Davidson, District Superintendent of the Fayetteville District, brought the morning message and led the congregation in the dedicatory rites He was assisted by the pastor, the Rev. J. E. Sponenberg. During the afternoon an open house was held and a good number attended this event.

The parsonage was built during the pastorate of the late Rev. Carl Johnson in 1958. He and his family resided here for nine months. The parsonage was then occupied by the Rev. Brooks Patten and family for four years. During this time $4,000.00 of a $5,000.00 mortgage was paid. This past August (1963) the final payment was made of $1,000.00 clearing the property of all indebtedness. The present occupants are the Rev. J. E. Sponenberg and family.

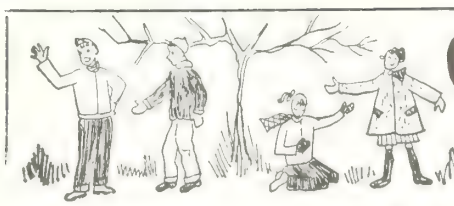
The parsonage is one of the finest in the North Carolina Conference. The value of the building, lot, and furnishings is listed at $28,000.00. The parsonage consists of: kitchen, dining area, den (fireplace), three bedrooms, two complete baths, large living room, dining room, hallway, screened in porch and a partial basement (equal to three rooms). Heated with forced hot air. The building is on a two-acre site. Just off the kitchen is a car port and storage area.

Mr. John Greer was overseer during the construction receiving assistance from Mr. N. A. Pleasants and Mr. Ralph Leach.

Honor Oldest Bishop

A 101-year-old retired Methodist bishop, Herbert Welch of New York City, was honored as the "Alumnus of the Century" at a banquet for alumni of Methodist educational institutions held last Monday, April 27, in Pittsburgh. The banquet was at 5:30 p.m. at the Pittsburgh Hilton Hotel.

Bishop Welch is a graduate of a Methodist seminary, Drew at Madison, N. J., and Wesleyan University, Middletown, Conn., when it was a Methodist-related institution. He also has honorary degrees from several Methodist colleges and universities. At one time, he was president of Methodist-related Ohio Wesleyan University, Delaware, Ohio, and he has been a leader in various aspects of the church's work.



CHILDREN'S PAGE

By Mary Gardner

The Son Who Came Home

"I wish God loved me," a man said. And he looked very sad.

"How do you know that God does not love you?" his friend asked.

The man pointed to some men called scribes. "Those men are very important men. They think God loves only people who are as good as they are. I have done many wrong things. I'm sorry I did them. But it's too late. God cannot love someone like me."

The friend took the man's arm. "Jesus teaches people about God. Let's go hear what he says," the friend said.

The two men hurried to the place where Jesus was talking to a great crowd of people.

The men called scribes went, too.

"These people are not good people," one of the scribes said, "but Jesus treats them as if they were His friends."

Jesus knew what the scribes were saying. So he told a story:

A man had two sons. He loved them both very much.

One day the younger son came to his father and said, "I know that some day part of your money will be mine. May I have my part now? I want to leave home and live the way I please."

The father was sad. He would miss his son very much. But the father said, "Yes, you may have the money."

So the son took the money and went far away to another country.

He bought fine clothes and gave many parties for his new friends.

He forgot about his father and what his father had taught him. He didn't care about doing what was right.

Then one day he looked into the box where he kept his money.

"It's gone," he cried. "What shall I do?"

First, he had to stop giving parties. His new friends soon left him.

They had not really liked the son. They had liked the parties.

Then the son had to sell his fine clothes. At last he had nothing more to sell. And he was hungry!

Finally he got a job working for a man who sent him to take care of the pigs. He was so unhappy he wanted to cry.

Then he began to think of home.

"My father's servants are much better off than I am," he thought. "I'll go home and ask father to let me work for him."

On the way home he thought, "I've done so many wrong things, maybe my father doesn't love me any more."

But he went on. When he was almost home he saw his father running down the road to meet him.

"My son," the father cried, "How glad I am to see you."

"Father," the son cried. "What I did was wrong. I am not good enough to be your son. Please let me work as one of your servants."

"No! No!" the father cried. Then he called a servant.

"Bring my son the best clothes in the house," he said. "Make a feast and invite our friends. Let everyone be happy. My son is home!"

That night the older son came home from work. When he saw what was going on, he was angry.

"I have stayed home with you all this time," he told his father, "but you have never given a party for me."

"My son," the father said kindly. "all that I have is yours, but we should all be happy to have your brother home again."

When Jesus finished, the scribes were very, very angry.

"Jesus is telling us that God is like the father in the story," one scribe said.

"And that we are like the angry brother," said another scribe.

But the man who had wished that God loved him was happy.

"I'm like the son who left home," he thought. "I have done many wrong things. I ran away from God, and I'm sorry. But now I know that God still loves me and wants me to come back to Him."

He was so happy that he wanted to tell everyone: "God loves me!"

But first he prayed, "O God, thank You for sending Jesus to tell me how much You love me."

BIBLE PUZZLE

Draw lines under five sentences that tell about the above story.

1—A man had two sons.
2—A man had six sons.
3—One son left home.
4—He never came back.
5—One day, he came home.
6—The father was very happy.
7—He told his son to go away.
8—He had a feast for his son.

GENTLENESS AND MEEKNESS

An eight-year-old girl asked a minister, "What is it to turn the other cheek?"

The minister took down his Bible, and turned to Luke 6:20. Together they talked about Jesus' words. He didn't think he had succeeded in explaining the meanng too well.

But later that day the girl came back and exclaimed, "I've done it; I just turned the other cheek!"

The minister asked her to tell him about it.

"It was this way," she answered. "I was walking along the road when a little girl with an unfriendly look and a doll in her arms stopped me and said in an angry voice, "Yah! you haven't got a doll as lovely as mine."

"What did you say?" the minister asked. "Where did the other cheek come in?"

"I said," the eight-year-old reported happily, "Yes, it is a very lovely doll."

If you had wanted to get the better of the other girl she might have boasted about her doll—and soon there would have been a quarrel. Instead, she won the friendship of a girl who started out to be her enemy.

Gentleness and meekness are not signs of weakness, but of strength of character.

Bible Quiz

1—What was the appearance of the first books of the Bible?
2—Who gathered the rolls together?
3—What king found the rolls when cleansing the temple of idols and images?
4—What king was angry over Jeremiah's prophecy and "cut and burned" the roll after it was read to him?
5—On what material were the "rolls" of the Bible written?

Answers to Last Week's Questions

1—Stork (Psalms 104:17)
2—Eagle, vulture, kite, and others.
3—Sparrow (Matthew 10:29)
4—Hen, Chickens (Luke 13:34)
5—A pair of turtle doves or two young pigeons (Luke 2:24)

ANSWER TO CHOOSE THE RIGHT LETTER ON LAST WEEK'S PAGE: W

A three-year-old and her mother were on their way to Sunday School when the little girl looked up and saw a skywriter. "Look," she said to her mother, "there's God up there scribbling."

Roseanne returned home from Sunday School where the children in the primary department had been singing, "Every day with Jesus is sweeter than the day before." "Mother," she said, "What was wrong with the day before?"

Sunday School Lesson

FOR MAY 10

BY RAYMOND A. SMITH
Head, Department of Religious Education
Greensboro College

THE CHRISTIAN'S USE OF LEISURE

Background Scripture: Matthew 6:33; Mark 6:30-32; I Corinthians 6:12-14 Philippians 4:8; 19-20

Students of human society tell us that the amount of leisure time at our disposal is expected to continue to grow. Already we have an almost universal forty-hour work week, and some observers see it as only a prelude to a thirty-hour week. Of course there are many who know nothing of these short hours; they are still working long hours, perhaps as much as sixty or eighty. Others have two or three jobs, going from one to the other until they have racked up an astonishing total of work time.

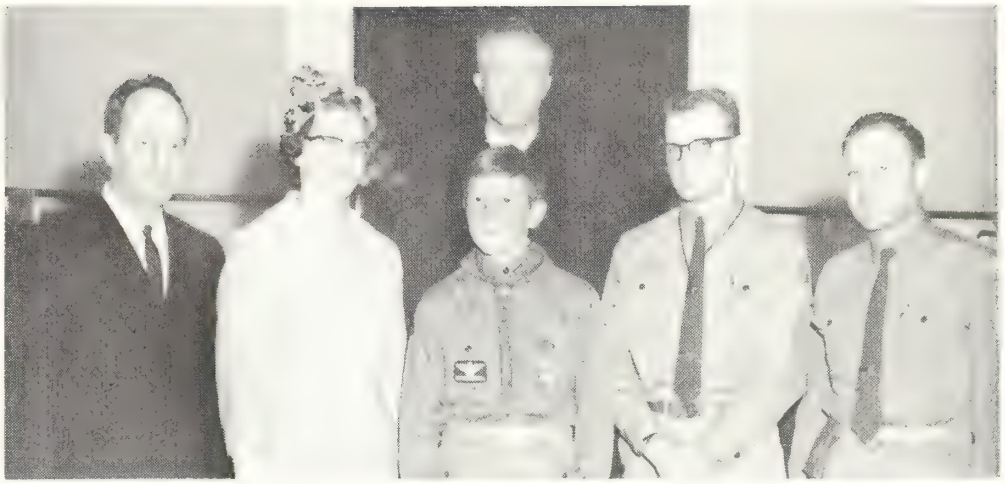
But assuming that we are, in fact, going to have more and more free time at our disposal, the question arises as to how we are going to use it. Does our Christian faith have anything to say about *how* that extra free time shall be used? This is the subject of our lesson for today.

The reader will notice that our Scripture background is taken from the gospels and from the letters of St. Paul. We may begin by looking at the first of these, Matthew 6:33, which gives us a general point of view from which to view the whole problem. Our time, like our money, is not our own; it belongs to God, who has lent it to us for the duration of our lives. We shall have to give an account of the way we use it. We are to make it our main business to seek the Kingdom of God. All other activities of our lives will have to find their places in the master plan of commitment to God's Kingdom. That includes not only our daily work, but our recreation as well.

In our second Scripture reference we see Jesus and his disciples pressed by crowds of people who wanted to hear Jesus, or to be healed of their diseases. So great was the demand on their time that they had been able to find no opportunity to eat, nor to rest (Mark 6:30-32). Jesus said to them "Come away by yourselves to a lonely place, and rest a while." There are times when all of us need to do this. We may not be able to afford a vacation to some distant place, but there are few who cannot find some place to rest. It may be as simple as getting a little more much-needed sleep, or taking a walk into the countryside, or along a quiet street. It may be turning to the Bible, or to the great poets, for inspiration and renewal. Some find in music the power to "restore the soul." Others need to do some work with their hands, in garden or work-shop. Emerson sometimes walked out and looked at the stars, and they seemed to be saying to him "Why so hot, little man?"

In turning to St. Paul's writings we come upon the question of what is constructive and helpful recreation. We have to remember that the people who made up the membership of Paul's Churches were, for the most part, Gentiles who had come into the church from a pagan environment. In his letter to the church at Corinth (see ch. 6, verses 12-14 and 19-20) Paul reminds them of the sacredness of their bodies which are "temples of the Holy Spirit." This being true, one should not engage in any form of indulgence which will weaken the body or hinder it from being a fit place for the Spirit to dwell in. There are, of course, many ways in which we fail to observe this teaching. Some, who are free from injurious habits, weaken the body by overwork. The point is made by some psychologists that overwork can, at times, and with some people, be a form of trying to dodge a much-needed facing of our inner life. We become "activists" because we don't dare sit down and look at ourselves for fear of finding much we won't like.

Perhaps we need to close this discussion by reminding ourselves that today the Church takes a different view of recreation from the time when all sorts of play was frowned upon by ministers and teachers of religion. Among the rules for Cokesbury College, the first one to be established by Methodists in America, there was one which forbade the students to indulge in any games or sports. Now we have a different view. We believe wholesome recreation to be necessary for the abundant life, for fellowship and renewal of our bodies so that they may be made more efficient for service to God and man.



Charles Eugene Hunter, son of Mrs. Charles C. Hunter and the late Mr. Hunter, was awarded the coveted God and Country Award of Boy Scouting on April 5th during the morning worship service at Mount Zion Methodist Church in Cornelius. The Scoutmaster of Troop 50, Mr. Gilbert Caldwell, and his assistant, Mr. Wilbur Sherrill, presented Gene for the award. Rev. Donald G. Bridger, Gene's minister and counselor for the requirements to achieve the award, pinned on the medal during the ceremony. To earn the God and Country Award a Boy Scout must advance to First Class, give one year of outstanding service to the church of his faith, and learn five specific phases of instructional work assigned by the minister. Such award is not a Scouting award. It is conferred on the Scout by his religious leader. Gene is a member of Boy Scout Troop 50 of Cornelius, a member of Mount Zion Methodist Church, and is a seventh grader at Alexander Junior High. Picture—left to right: L. Rodney Whisnant, Mrs. Charles Hunter, Gene Hunter, Donald Bridger, pastor, Gil Caldwell and Wilbur Sherrill.

North Wilkesboro District Youth Hold Rally

"Christian Youth and the World in Revolution" was the theme of the District Youth Rally held on Sunday, April 5, at the First Methodist Church in North Wilkesboro, from 3:30 to 8:00 p.m.

During the afternoon session the group was led in fellowship singing by Janice Dixon, president of the District Youth Council, who also presided during the business session. Dr. Robert G. Tuttle, pastor of First Methodist Church of Hickory, gave a most informative and stimulating account of his experiences on a recent trip to Russia. Reports were given about the program for the Elk Shoals Camp, summer opportunities for youth in our Conference and on a National level. Points to consider in the election of officers, the Methodst Youth Fund, and the Blue Ridge Program which assists needy persons in this area.

Fellowship singing was again enjoyed during the supper hour and was led by Betty Graham and Martha Houck of the Ashe-Watauga Subdistrict.

The Rev. Lee R. Spencer, pastor of the host church, presided at the evening service of worship which began at 7:00 p.m. Dr. Mark Depp, pastor emeritus of Centenary Methodist Church of Winston-Salem, chose as his sermon topic for this service, "Right Here: Right Now" and every person present was challenged to a period of self-examination. The Rev. Herman F. Duncan, District Superintendent, read the Scripture Lesson and led in the evening prayer. The MYF Benediction was led by Jerry McMillian of West Jefferson, president of the Ashe-Watauga Subdistrict.

Members of the District Youth Council had responsibility for the planning of the program and others of the Council taking part were: Karen Garbard of Yadkinville, president of the Elkin-Yadkin Subdistrict; Philip Sparks of Ronda, president of the Wilkes Subdistrict. Dick Johnston, president of the Senior High MYF of the host church, and members of the MYF did an excellent job in making the entire group feel very welcome as the youth and adults from six subdistricts came for the Rally.

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Bishop Garber Writes About Our Methodist Retirement Home

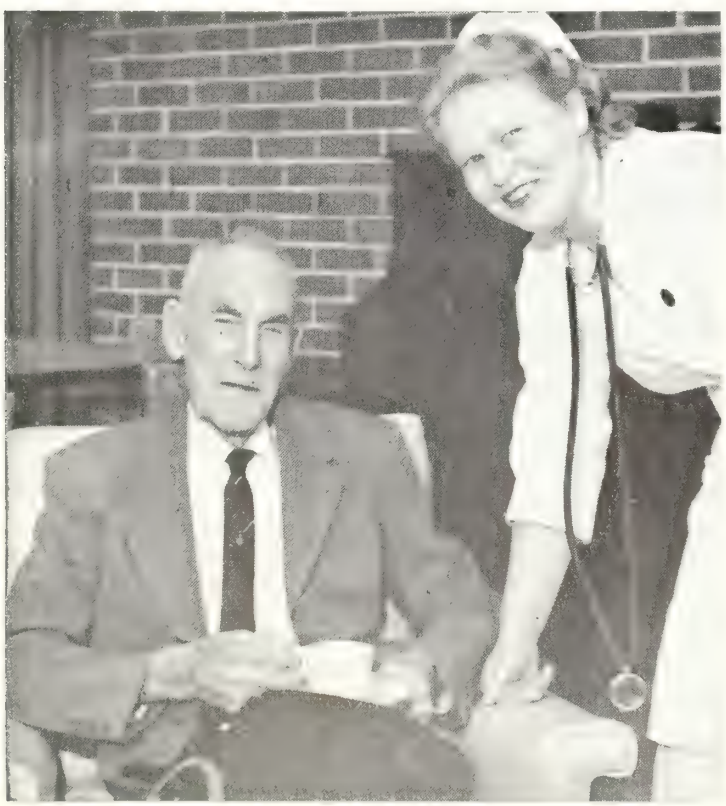
It is only by visiting our Methodist Retirement Home, as I did recently, that one can realize the needed service that our Church is giving to our retired preachers, their wives, and the lay people of our North Carolina Conference. With the apartments, the dormitory facilities, and the infirmary, the Home Members are cared for in a most wonderful manner. Though as a retirement home, The Home does not accept nursing cases, it does keep members for life once they are accepted. This means that even though members are well when they come to The Home, one-third of them require infirmary care at any given time.

Three facts impressed me as I talked with Brother Joseph Coble, our superintendent. The first was the fine care given members there. The second was the large amount of benevolent work that our Church is carrying on and which is made possible by the annual Mother's Day Offering. Only sixty per cent of the members are paying the monthly cost of their care. We need to make our Mother's Day Offering this year the best ever, so that our Home can continue to take people regardless of their financial ability.

The third thing that impressed me was the need for expanding the facilities to care for more of our retired people and the need for providing facilities for the care of the increasingly large number of chronically ill older people. The Trustees of The Home are wise in their decision that another building should be located on the grounds of The Home in Durham and should be for the care of chronically ill older people. This will come only with a Capital Funds Campaign or sizable donations from interested Methodist people and friends.

The Trustees are equally wise in recognizing the need for providing an additional home in a stragetic location within the bounds of our North Carolina Conference. This offers an excellent opportunity for individuals, a family or a community to create an outstanding memorial and at the same time serve the needs of our retired citizens. This would be in line with the expansion program of other annual conferences. For example, within the past three years the Virginia Conference has added four additional homes to the original Hermitage Home founded in 1948 in Richmond. Until we can add additional space to our Methodist Retirement Home, we will always have a long waiting list. There are approximately fifty now on the waiting list with thirty cases on file to be considered by our Admissions Committee. Brother Coble, our superintendent, receives an average of one application or serious inquiry per day.

It is my sincere hope and prayer that the Mother's Day Offering of 1964 may make possible an ever increasing service. As we make our offering, let us remember the wise and true statement: "The test of a religion is how it cares for its aged."



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Haymount Church, Fayetteville, Enters New Sanctuary



Sunday, April 26 was a gala day for the Haymount Methodist Church of Fayetteville as the congregation formally entered its new sanctuary and had its formal opening service. Rev. Vergil E. Queen, pastor of First Methodist Church, Elizabeth City, who was the first pastor of the Haymount Church, preached the opening sermon. The congregation enjoyed a festive luncheon and a fellowship period following the worship service.

Rev. T. R. Jenkins and his people have worked diligently to bring to pass this fine achievement. The church was organized by the late Dr. W. L. Clegg while he was superintendent of the Fayetteville district and was served by Mr. Queen as pastor for seven years. It is now a magnificent church plant with around 800 members. *(Continued on page 16)*

CAROLINA BRIEFS

¶ Robert Wells, son of Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Wells, 2 Tarleton Ave., Burlington, has been elected to serve as president of the Sophomore Class at High Point College next year.

¶ The Rev. and Mrs. John M. Burton, Candler, N. C., announce the birth of a daughter, Andrea Wynn, on April 17 at Memorial Mission Hospital, Asheville.

¶ Mr. and Mrs. R. Jerry Faulkner announce the birth of a daughter, Beth Ann, on April 28, 1964. Mr. Faulkner is Minister of Christian Education at Central Church, Albemarle, N. C.

¶ Mount Tabor Methodist Church of Winston-Salem just closed a very fine revival meeting. The Rev. Orion N. Hutchinson of Love's Church did the preaching. His preaching was forceful and earnest and the people responded in a very fine manner.

¶ Sunday, April 19, Rev. C. F. Heath, executive secretary of the Board of Eangelism, led Angier Church in a Day of Evangelism. It is too early to evaluate the day's work but it is felt that a more effective program of evangelism will develop in this church as a result of his workshop.

¶ Dr. F. Olen Hunt, Director of the Department of Gifts and Wills of the Methodist Foundation, will be speaking Saturday night, May 9 in the Methodist Church at Atlantic, and will be preaching at the 11:00 o'clock service on Sunday morning, May 10. The Rev. M. S. Amspacher is pastor of the church.

¶ Prof. Glenn Bush, head of the Pfeiffer College Department of Sociology, has been elected president of the National Town and Country College Professors Association. He was elected at the annual meeting of the Methodist Sociological Group meeting last week in Pittsburgh, Pa.

¶ Mendelssohn's "Elijah" will be presented Sunday afternoon, May 10, at 4:00 p.m. in the Duke Chapel, under the direction of Mr. James Young. Soloists for the presentation will be: Alice Riley, Denny Dee Waldrop, Gretchen Rufty, Tina Pfohl, Beatrice Donley, John Hanks, Grier Davis, Byung Kwon and Riley Brown.

¶ St. John Methodist Church, Kinston, has set May 17 as St. John Day. There will be a special service at the 11 o'clock hour consisting of special music by the youth and adult choirs, a short history of St. John Church, and a special message by the pastor. A fellowship dinner will follow the morning service. All the former pastors of St. John Methodist Church, former members of the church, and all friends are invited to attend.

¶ A family life conference for the Southeastern Jurisdiction of The Methodist Church will be held July 16-19 at Lake Junaluska. Theme of the conference will be "Today's Family Faces Its Problems." Principal speaker will be the Rev. J. C. Wynn, professor of Christian education, Colgate Rochester Divinity School, Rochester, N.Y. Among leaders of discussion groups are the Rev. J. Elwood Carroll, Greensboro; and Mrs. R. L. Jerome, Elizabeth City.



¶ The Center Methodist Church of Welcome, N. C. will have a spring revival beginning May 10, through May 15, with the Reverend Joe Hale, one of four general evangelists of the Methodist Church from Nashville, Tenn., as leader. Mr. Hale has had a world ministry, and is noted as one of the great evangelists of our times. During the week in Welcome he will be speaking over the radio each morning, in both schools and a district meeting of this area. A cordial invitation to everyone in this area is issued by the pastor, Rev. C. C. Phillips, and the church.

¶ Manyon L. Idol, Winston-Salem, has been appointed to a faculty position in the Department of Methematics at High Point College for next fall, Dr. Wendell M. Patton, president has announced. Idol, who is presently a teacher of mathematics and physics in the Forsyth County School System, received his B. A. degree in mathematics from Guilford College in 1960 and his M.A. degree from Appalachian State Teachers College in 1963.

¶ Walter Anderson, director of the N. C. Bureau of Investigation and Methodist layman, will speak in a weekend revival at Mt. Mitchell Church, Kannapolis, May 15-17. Mr. Anderson is a member of the General Board of Evangelism, and a delegate to the General and Jurisdictional Conferences. He will speak Friday, May 15, at 7 p.m., Saturday, May 16, at 11 a.m. and 7 p.m., Sunday, May 17, at 8 p.m. Men's Breakfast, and the 11 a.m. workshop service..

¶ Rev. Alonzo R. Davis will preach the homecoming and memorial sermon at Concord Methodist Church in Coleridge, N. C., on May 10, at 11:00 o'clock. Brother Davis served this church for five years before moving to Trinity Church in Thomasville. At present he is one of the ministers of First Methodist Church in St. Petersburg, Fla. He has many friends in this part of the state. All are invited to this homecoming service. Concord Church people are expecting the largest congregation they have had for some time on this special day. On Sunday night at 7:30 Brother Davis will preach at Maple Springs Methodist Church, Route 1, Ramseur, N. C. The public is invited.

¶ Pfeiffer College's second Church Music Workshop will be conducted June 15-20 and will feature James S. Boles, minister of music, John Knox Presbyterian Church, Tulsa, Okla. Boles is a recognized authority on children's choirs. The workshop will be under the direction of Richard H. Brewer, head of the college's Department of Music, and an experienced church musician. It is open to all area church musicans who may obtain information by writing Prof. Brewer at Misenheimer.

¶ Recently Angier Church had the most delightful experience of playing host to Brother Lineberger and about thirty children plus some adult members of the staff from our Children's Home in Raleigh. Brother Lineberger preached the morning sermon. The children, under the direction of Mr. Fortenberry, rendered special music. After church the congregation spread a bountiful dinner for guests and members in the basement of the church. The church was spiritually blessed by having these visitors.

¶ Mrs. Lela H. Coltrane, 1611 Oberlin Road, Raleigh, has established a scholarship fund at High Point College for average or above students. The fund established by Mrs. Coltrane will be known as the Lela H. Coltrane Scholarship Fund and will be awarded annually to a worthy student. To qualify an entering freshman must have a minimum of a C plus average scholastically, and upperclassmen must have and maintain a minimum of a 1.5 grade point average. Preference will be given to North Carolina students who are preparing for a church vocation.

Blue Ridge Service Program Distributes 1982 Pairs of Shoes

1982 NEW PAIRS OF SHOES have been distributed to needy children in Alexander, Allegheny, Ashe, Avery, Surry, Watauga, Wilkes and Yadkin Counties by the Blue Ridge Methodist Service Program. This has been made possible by the generosity of individuals and Methodist church organizations.

At least 500 more pairs are needed to complete this phase of the project.

A complete report of this fine project will be forthcoming in the ADVOCATE.

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High Point College Erecting New Hall For Women

High Point College will have space available for an additional 96 women students next fall because of the erection of a new wing to North Hall, one of the women's dormitories, Dr. Wendell M. Patton, High Point College president, told the CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE.

Construction work, which was approved by the Board of Trustees, was begun April 13, and the new wing will be ready for occupancy by fall. Leon A. Schute, AIA, High Point, is the architect.

Dr. Patton explained that the construction is being done for two reasons.

"It will enable us to accept for admission some of the superior women students we were being forced to reject because of lack of housing," he stated. "We have had an unusually high number of superior applicants this year, and having to turn some down has caused us great concern."

Secondly, Dr. Patton indicated that the construction was a part of the long-range plan for college development.

"It fulfills the plan of the Building Committee when North Hall was begun in 1958," he said. "The completion of the new wing will finish the 'H' originally planned for the women's dormitories."

The rooms will be of the same type as those in North Hall, and will contain built-in dressers and wardrobes for the girls' use. A lavatory will be installed in each room, and two girls will be housed to a room. Some modification will be made in the line of more electrical outlets, extra wardrobe space, and the like, at the suggestion of the Women's Dormitory Council.

When the building is completed, the courtyard facing the campus will be landscaped and a decorative wall for privacy may be erected.

"The completion of the new wing will not increase the total number of students the college can accept," stated Dr. Patton, "but it will increase the number of women dormitory students. This will very nearly even up the ratio of men to women on our campus."

Dr. Patton emphasized that because of the opening of the new dormitory, additional applications from women dormitory students can be accepted for next fall's semster.

Most Funds Show Gains

With only April and May remaining in the current fiscal year, receipts for nine of the 11 general benevolence and administrative funds of The Methodist Church showd gains over a similar 10-month period a year ago.

A report covering the period from June 1, 1963, through March 31, 1964, was issued by the Rev. Dr. Don A Cooke, general secretary and treasurer of the Council on World Service and Finance.

World Service, basic benevolence fund, had received $10,459,068.51 toward the annual goal of $15,000,000. This represented a slight gain of 0.19 per cent. Other gains ran from 2.01 per cent for the Interdenominational Cooperation Fund to 28.58 per cent for General Advance Specials for National Missions. Advance Specials for Overseas Relief fell off 22.77 per cent and World Service Specials were down 8.33 per cent.

TWO CROWNS

I like to think of two beautiful crowns,
In the crown room they sit side by side;
They await a glorious day coming,
When heaven's portals are opened wide.

The most gorgeous crown there awaiting,
Belongs to Jesus our King;
For one day there'll be a crowning,
Then the saints and angels will sing.

The other crown like unto it,
Almost as bright and as rare;
So full of stars and all glowing,
That's for my mother to wear.

—MARY TAYLOR MUMFORD
Seaboard

Macon County Group Ministry Meets

The Macon County Group Ministry met April 27, 1964, at First Methodist Church. Mr. L. C. Howard, chairman, called the meeting to order with Mrs. Cecil Parker giving the devotional.

Our Lenten project that all our churches joined in raised 0864.96, which will be divided between the Clara Swain Hospital in India and the school for boys in Pakistan.

The group ministry is planning a spiritual life retreat for laymen which will be held May 22-23 at Hinton Rural Life Center at Hayesville, N. C. Rev. Robert Tuttle will be the speaker for the event. The topic will be "Studies in Christian Experiences.""

Summer plans are being made for a countywide Junior Day Camp July 13-17, 20-24. Youth Activities week will be August 3-7. Countywide Christian Adventure week will be August 17-21. Plans are also being made for a countywide religious census to be undertaken and completed by November 1, 1964.

The next group ministry meeting was set for July 27, 1964, at the First Methodist Church, Franklin.

Church Needs Unity

There is ultimately only one task or mission that the church has in the world, and that is to lead each man and all men to accept Jesus Christ as Lord. Before the church can do this, however, it must be renewed—in being, in function and in structure.

That summary of the church's mission and of what it must do to prepare for the mission was given to 150 Methodist leaders from around the world by one of Asia's best-known Christians. In a series of lectures, the Rev. Dr. D. T. Niles also told the international gathering in Gatlinburg, Tenn., that the church must bind up its denominational divisions and undertake its mission in unity if it is to carry out God's will.

Dr. Niles gave daily lectures at a Pre-General Conference Study Conference, sponsored by the Methodist Board of Missions.

Bishop Harmon to Edit Methodist Dictionary

Bishop Nolan B. Harmon of Charlotte, N. C., first book editor of The Methodist Church, will return to the editor's chair upon his retirement as bishop in July, 1964.

The World Methodist Couoncil and the Association of Methodist Historical Societies have announced appointment of Bishop Harmon as editor of the new "Dictionary of Methodism." He is presiding bishop of the Charlotte Area.

Bishop Harmon, one of the church's outstanding scholars, served from 1940-56 as book editor of The Methodist Church, being named to that position from his pastorate following the Uniting Conference of 1939.

His great leadership in church matters, particularly in the areas of polity and theology, led to his election as a bishop of The Methodist Church in 1956.

The "Dictionary of Methodism" is a joint project undertaken and underwritten by the World Methodist Council and the Association of Methodist Historical Societies.

Dr. Alan K. Waltz Joins World Service Staff

The Rev. Dr. Alan K. Waltz, former staff member of the Division of National Missions of the Methodist Board of Missions, Philadelphia, began his new duties April 1 as director of the Department of Research in the Council on World Service and Finance of The Methodist Church.

His appointment was announced by the Rev. Dr. Don A. Cooke, general secretary and treasurer of the council.

In his new responsibilities, Dr. Waltz will be associated with the Rev. Dr. Roy A. Sturm, an associate secretary of the council and director of research and statistics, under whom he had served when Dr. Sturm was director of the Division of National Missions' Department of Research and Survey.

Dr. Waltz served as a research assistant in that department from 1960 to 1962, was assistant director in 1962-63, and associate director of the department since January, 1963.

EDITORIALS

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Our Retirement and Children's Homes

During this week Americans have been observing National Family Week. It is right and proper that special emphasis should be given this important matter annually. To make the family more Christian is to insure a greater degree of happiness and to achieve real success in living. Now, on next Sunday, May 10, we shall observe the Festival of the Christian Home. This is a fitting climax to National Family Week.

Our readers will recall that this periodical has carried in the last two issues a special edition devoted to the two fine Homes for the Aging, operated by the Methodist Church in North Carolina. The first was the Home in Charlotte to which we gave full coverage in the April 23 issue. The other was the Home in Durham which was carried in the issue of April 30. It is a real joy and a great challenge to be associated with such institutions, and to feel that one has a part in making them possible and in supporting them in their work. Our Homes for Children in Winston-Salem and Raleigh also are a part of this program and are rendering an excellent service to the youth of our state. Each of these four Homes is operated by an efficient staff under the direction of a dedicated superintendent.

All of these Homes are dependent upon the liberality of our Methodist constituency for their operation in the finest possible manner. It is customary for churches to give their people an opportunity on Mother's Day to make an extra contribution which goes toward supporting and expanding these fine Homes. Let us remember that Jesus said: "In as much as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me." So may we give cheerfully and liberally as the privilege is granted us on next Sunday. Both of these are Christian institutions, and are operated by the church, and headed by men of unquestionable integrity. Heading the Home in Charlotte is Mr. Willard Farrow; the Home in Durham, Rev. Joseph F. Coble; the Children's Home in Winston-Salem is headed by Mr. M. T. Lambeth and the Children's Home in Raleigh is headed by Rev. J. W. Lineberger. We bespeak for each of them the full and glad support of all our people.

National Hospital Week will be observed May 10-16 this year. It is an opportunity for all persons involved in the health and welfare ministries of The Methodist Church to engage in a concentrated, educational effort on behalf of our Methodist hospitals. With many community activities centering in the acknowledgement of the important place of hospitals in the community, this provides an excellent opportunity for interpretational efforts. Used to advantage, this particular week can contribute significantly to the strengthening of the church relationship and support of Methodist hospitals. It is suggested that this is an excellent time for hospitals in cooperation with conference boards of hospitals and homes and commissions on Christian vocations to work on the recruitment of young people for careers of Christian service in some of the occupational opportunities in Methodist hospitals.

"This poor man cried and the Lord heard him, and saved him out of all his troubles." —Psalm 34:6.

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Mt. Pleasant Celebrates Its Centennial

Mt. Pleasant Methodist Church, Rt. 4, Old Greensboro Rd., Thomasville, marked its 100th anniversary April 24, 25 and 26. Services were held Friday and Saturday nights and Sunday morning and afternoon.

Speaking at the services were former ministers of the church. On Friday evening, Rev. Ralph Jacks of Taylorsville and Rev. D. B. Alderman of Wilkesboro spoke, with Ardis Payne, lay leader, in charge of the service. Saturday night, Rev. O. C. Loy of Reidsville and Rev. Eugene Lamb of Rural Hall spoke, with Rev. W. D. Clodfelter, associate minister, presiding.

The Sunday morning worship hour featured a sermon by Rev. C. L. Grant of Asheboro. Rev. Ed Cochran, the minister, led the service. Dinner under the church's picnic shelter was enjoyed by the church families and visitors. And afternoon reading of the church history by W. D. Payne and fellowship hour was handled by Howard Craver, chairman of the official board.

A Centennial committee made up of J. C. Hayworth, Mrs. Clayton Hayworth, Mrs. Neal Allred, Jim Conrad, Paul Green, Marvin Woemper and the ministers made plans for the services. A Church History was prepared and printed and sold.

The church began near its present location under a brush arbor in the spring of 1864 and erected its first building in 1867. The church's second building which it now uses was constructed in 1925. A two-floor, ten-room, brick-veneer educational building was dedicated in 1962. Funds are being raised for a future sanctuary. The church membership includes 187 persons.

LETTERS

Dear Brother Starnes:

I have a short story in Stewardship I would like to relate to you.

Recently our Hubert Charge was asked to go up $217.00 on our World Service or Seven Benevolences. Well, both of our Official Boards turned it down, and at the last Quarterly Conference also. Yesterday afternoon as I was visiting some of my members of the Queen's Creek Church, Mr. Richard T. Riggs, one of our faithful members for a long time, told me to instruct Bro. R. Grady Dawson, our District Superintendent, that he would pay one-half of it, or Queen's Creek part, beyond his tithe and pledges to the church for the coming year. This is a real lesson in Stewardship that I wish our people could attain. There would be no more problem of getting your conference askings or any other askings.

Rev. David M. Lewis, Pastor

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Southerners Head 8 of 20 General Conference Committees

Our ADVOCATE readers will be interested to know that in making up the important committee assignments of the General Conference of The Methodist Church for the next quadrennium, eight of these are headed by Southerners, and six of them are by men from the Southeastern Jurisdiction. Nine others from the Jurisdiction are serving as vice-chairman or secretary of their particular committee. These are as follows:

Committee on Conferences: Chairman Dr. D. Trigg James, Sr., Atlanta, Ga.
Committee on Education: Vice-Chairman, Dr. Charles T. Thrift, Jr., Lakeland, Fla.
Committee on Lay Activities and Temporal Economy: Chairman, Mr. Howard Berg, Melbourne, Fla.
Committee on Evangelism: Vice-Chairman, Dr. Wilson O. Weldon, Greensboro, N. C.
Committee on the Ministry: Chairman, Dr. William R. Cannon, Atlanta, Ga.
Committee on Pensions: Chairman, Dr. Roland P. Riddick, Arlington, Va.
Committee on Publishing Interests: Chairman, Dr. Carl J. Sanders, Richmond, Va.; Mr. Clarence M. Winchester, Greensboro, N. C.
Committee on Interdenominational Relations and Activities: Chairman, Dr. Wilson O. Weldon, Greensboro, N. C.
Committee on Local Church: Secretary, Mrs. Ethan Taylor, Meansville, Ga.
Committee on Chairmen of Legislative Committees: Secretary, Dr. Carl J. Sanders, Richmond, Va.
Committee on Courtesies and Privileges: Vice-Chairman, Dr. Leonard H. Cochran, Macon, Ga.
Committee on Christian Social Concerns: Vice-Chairman, Dr. Ted Hightower, Louisville, Ky.
Committee on Credentials: Vice-Chairman, Rev. Ernest T. Dixon, Jr., Nashville, Tenn.
Committee on Journal: Secretary, Dr. Clyde F. Watkins, Johnson City, Tenn.

Thus, of the 20 important standing committees for the quadrennium, six are headed by persons from the Southeastern Jurisdiction as chairman; five have vice-chairmen, and four have secretaries from the Jurisdiction. Or to put it another way, 14 of the 20 committees have representatives from the Southeastern Jurisdiction. Fourteen out of 20 is not a bad percentage of Southerners in key positions.



Bishop Paul N. Garber presents award "Alumnus of the Year" to Bishop Herbert Welch, 101-year-old alumnus of Wesleyan University and the Theological School of Drew University. The presentation was made at the General Conference of the Methodist Church in Pittsburgh April 27.

New Hymnal Is Approved By General Conference

Ten million Methodists will be singing their faith from a new hymnal near the end of 1965.

The new hymn book, product of four years' work by a special committee, headed by Bishop Edwin E. Voigt, Springfield, Ill., received near unanimous backing Wednesday morning, April 29, by delegates to Methodism's legislative General Conference, now in session in Pittsburgh's Civic Arena.

Bishop Gerald Kennedy, Los Angeles, predicted that the hymnal would go down in future annals as "the greatest Protestant hymnal of this century," and said it makes an outstanding contribution in the area of worship and ritual.

Some favorite old hymns might have been left out, But by and large, the committee's work represented the most meaningful hymns to the greatest number of churchmen, as well as an effort to up-grade the denomination's musical taste, several speakers pointed out.

Delegates from Malaya, Liberia and India, as well as the United States, praised the "world view" taken in the hymnal. Texts and tunes are from France, China, Ireland, Finland, Sweden, and many other countries.

A Negro delegate from West Texas, the Rev. Ernest T. Dixon, praised the inclusion "at last" of Negro spirituals in the hymnody of The Methodist Church. A move by the Rev. Robert Moon, First Methodist Church, Fresno, Calif., to delete "The Battle Hymn of the Republic" because it was a Civil War battle cry, died for lack of a second.

Lovick Pierce, president and publisher of the Methodist Publishing House, said it would take 18 months at least to clear rights and publish the hymnal. He estimated it would cost about $3 per copy.

In its content, the Rev. Carlton R. Young, Nashville, hymnal editor, said the work will place hymns in four sections: the gospel and the Christian experience; the Christian church; times, seasons, and occasions; and the Christian year.

Dr. Ralph Stoody Is Honored for 24 Years With Public Relations

The Rev. Dr. Ralph Stoody of New York, dean of American religious public relations executives, was honored April 27 by the General Conference of The Methodist Church, meeting in Pittsburgh, Pa.

Dr. Stoody retired last week (April 19) after 24 years as the general secretary and director of his denomination's Commission on Public Relations and Methodist Information.

Delegates to the General Conference stood and applauded when Dr. Stoody was presented to the assembly on a "motion of high privilege" by Charles C. Parlin of New York, a member of the presidium of the World Council of Churches and a member of the governing commission of Methodist Information.

Three hundred fifty editors, reporters and churchmen attended a press luncheon at noon at the Pittsburgh Hilton Hotel to honor Dr. Stoody.

Establishment of the "Ralph Stoody Fellowship in Journalism" by vote of the commission was announced at the luncheon by Holt McPherson of High Point, N. C., vice president of the commission, and editor of the High Point Enterprise.

The fellowship will be offered on an annual basis and will provide a minimum of $500 to assist a person engaged in Methodist Information or journalistic work in taking graduate study in an accredited school or department of journalism.

Mr. McPherson said the commission was establishing the fellowship in recognition of Dr. Stoody's "inspired services" to enable public relations directors "to enhance their professional competence and thereby to carry on in Dr. Stoody's honor a program measuring up to the standards he epitomizes."

Bishop Eugene M. Frank of St. Louis, president of the commission, presided at the luncheon, which was under the general chairmanship of Walter M. Megronigle of Pittsburgh, senior vice president of Ketchum, Inc. Mr. Megronigle presented a check on behalf of the staff, commission members, staff and area directors of Methodist Information.

Willmar L. Thorkelson of Minneapolis, immediate past president of the Religious Newswriters Association and religion editor of *The Minneapolis Star;* the Rev. Dr. John E. Marvin of Adrian, Mich., president of the Methodist Press Association; and the Rev. Dr. Harry C. Spencer of Nashville, general secretary of the Television, Radio and Film Commission, also made presentations on behalf of the groups.

Other speakers at the luncheon included 101-year-old Bishop Herbert Welch of New York, who was president of Ohio Wesleyan University during Dr. Stoody's undergraduate student days there; Bishop Richard C. Raines of Indianapolis, who for 12 years was president of Methodist Information; Mr. Parlin, who spoke of Dr. Stoody's ecumenical interests; and the Rev. Dr. Emory S. Bucke of Nashville, Tenn., book editor of The Methodist Church.



Mr. Holt McPherson, editor of High Point Enterprise, and vice-president of the Commission on Public Relations and Methodist Information, presents to Dr. and Mrs. Ralph Stoody a statement establishing the "Ralph Stoody Fellowship in Journalism" in recognition of his long and valued services as head of Methodist Information. The presentation was made at a banquet at the Hilton Hotel, Pittsburgh, April 27.

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"If Methodism is to be renewed in this rapidly changing world, it must emphasize the importance of a vital and dynamic theology."—Bishop William C. Martin.

Plaque Given for Long Service to Missions

Charles V. Adams of Montoursville, Pa., a banker and a delegate to every General Conference since unification of The Methodist Church in 1939, was honored at the General Conference in Pittsburgh April 29 for long-time service to Methodist missions.

Mr. Adams, a lay delegate from the Central Pennsylvania Methodist Conference, received a plaque in recognition of his 26 years' membership on the Methodist Board of Missions and its predecessor organizations. The presentation was made by Bishop Arthur J. Moore (retired), Atlanta, Ga., president of the board from 1940 to 1960.

A plaque was presented by Bishop Moore in absentia to H. E. Newton of Muskogee, Okla., in recognition of his 32 years of service to the Board of Missions and its predecessor organizations. Mr. Newton, who is not a delegate to General Conference, is a vice-president of the board's Division of National Missions.

Church Extension Anniversary To Be Observed 1964-1965

The General Conference of The Methodist Church was told in Pittsburgh that 1964-65 will be observed nationwide as the centennial year of organized church extension in the denomination.

Dr. H. Conwell Snoke, Philadelphia, Pa., general secretary of the Division of National Missions of the Methodist Board of Missions, said that the centennial observance will be sponsored by the National Division, which is responsible for Methodist church extension work on the national level.

This conference actually marks the 100th anniversary, Dr. Snoke said. "It was on the 27th day of the 1864 General Conference at Union Methodist Church in Philadelphia that formal action was taken to constitute a Methodist Church Extension Society."

Commission on Promotion and Cultivation Makes Changes

The Rev. Earl Kenneth Wood of Denver, Colo., will join the staff of the Methodist Commission on Promotion and Cultivation on June 15.

His election by the commission was announced April 20 by the Rev. Dr. Elliott L. Fisher, general secretary.

Mr. Wood, who is now associate program director of the Co-ordinating Council of the Rocky Mountain Annual Conference, will become associte editor for promotional materials.

At the same time, Dr. Fisher announced that Darrell R. Shamblin will become associate editor of *The Methodist Story*. He is presently managing editor of the magazine, published by the commission as the offcial program journal of The Methodist Church.

Mr. Wood will succeed the Rev. Dr. Oscar L. Simpson, who is retiring after having served as an editor for the commission since its founding in 1952 and for many years previously with its predecessor office, the Advance for Christ and His Church, and other agencies of the denomination. Dr. and Mrs. Simpson are moving from Glencoe, Ill., to Mayfield Kentucky.

Seminars on Church Finance

Scarritt College for Christian Workers will be host this summer for two seminars in church finance, July 20-31.

The seminars consist of two intensive short courses, "Budget Development" and "Fund Raising." The seminars are scheduled concurrently during the two-week period to permit students to take either seminar either week or both during the two weeks.

The seminars are being held in cooperation with the General Board of Lay Activities of The Methodist Church and American University, Washington, D. C. The instructors will be Rev. Gilbert G. Stout, Director of Stewardship and Finance of the Board from Evanston, Ill., and Clyde W. Humphrey, Director of the Center for Church Business Management, American University. He is also editor of the Prentice-Hall series of books on church business management.

Each course carries one hour credit. Further information and application blanks for the courses may be obtained by writing the Director of Public Relations, Scarritt College for Christian Workers, Nashville, Tenn., 37203

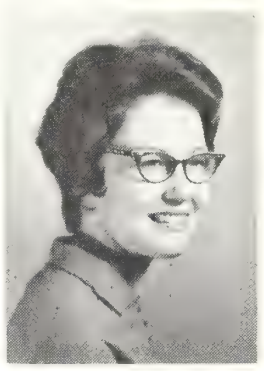
David Abernethy Gets Sockman Fellowship

Rev. David M. Abernethy, graduate student at Union Theological Seminary, New York, has been awarded the 1964 Ralph W. Sockman Graduate Fellowship in communications study by the Methodist Television, Radio, and Film Commission (TRAFCO).

He is a native of Connelly Springs, N. C., and received his A.B. degree from High Point College, and his B.D. from the Candler School of Theology, Atlanta, Ga. The Sochman Fellowship honors Dr. Ralph W. Sockman, nationally known radio preacher who retired in 1961 as pastor of Christ Church, Methodist, in New York City.

Three Young Women to Become Special Term Missionaries

Three young women from the Western North Carolina Conference are scheduled to become special term missionaries September 1, 1964. One will be a US 2 and the other two will be overseas 3s. (Ed. note: The



Miss Sara L. Williams

Advocate carried pictures of Miss Benfield and Miss Colthorp in the issue of April 2. We are carrying picture of Miss Williams in this issue.)

Miss Mary S. Benfield, daughter of Rev. and Mrs. Collins Benfield, Bakersville, N. C., will become a US-2 and serve as a Church and Community Worker.

In 1962 she served in the Student Summer Service Program. Last summer she did summer service in West Washington County, Maine. She is president of the Mission Club at Pfeiffer College, a member of the Christian Education Fellowship, and the Fellowship Team there. Last October she attended the Christian Vocation Weekend at Scarritt College.

Miss Sara L. Williams, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George W. Williams, Jr. of Lexington, N. C., is a member of First Church. She expects to go to the Philippines for her work.

During high school years she was a member of the Subdistrict Council, and attended camps, conferences and workshops. She was a counselor in the church camp and a substitute Sunday School teacher.

At Greensboro College she has been on the Student Christian Fellowship Council three years, has worked as a student assistant in a professor's office, and has been student assistant in education for two years at Grace Methodist Church.

Miss Gloria Colthorp, Pfeiffer College, comes from Charlotte where she is a member First Methodist Church. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lewis M. Colthorp.

She has been a lab assistant with the American Red Cross. In 1962 she was Camp Counselor at Camp Tekoa. Last summer she was youth worker in her home church. Field work at Mt. Mitchell Church, Kannapolis and teaching in a chaplain's club at the Bethlehem Center, Charlotte, have been other service activities.

At Pfeiffer she belongs to the Order of the Sundial, was class editor of the yearbook, was 1963 chairman of Religious Emphasis Week, was registrar of the 1963 State Methodist Student Movement Meeting and co-chairman in 1964, was a 1961 delegate to the 19th Quadrennial National Methodist Student Movement meeting, and is in the concert choir.

All three girls attended the 19th Ecumenical Student Conference at Athens, Ohio, during the 1963 Christmas holidays

The Conference is happy to have such a fine group going into missionary service.

Conference Votes to Abolish Central Jurisdiction

The General Conference of The Methodist Church on May 1, at its meeting in Pittsburgh, Pa., overwhelmingly adopted a plan for the elimination of its Central (Negro) Jurisdiction.

It is expected that first steps will be taken this year under legislation that provides that a commission must bring to the 1968 General Conference a plan for termination of the Central Jurisdiction if not already accomplished.

The plan was embodied in a report of the church's Commission on Interjurisdictional Relations, known as the "Committee of Thirty-six," which was adopted after nine and one-half hours of debate in two days.

Charles C. Parlin, New York attorney and commission chairman, referred to the action in his closing remarks as a "giant step towards an inclusive church."

Basically the plan provides for voluntary absorption of Negro churches and conferences by the five geographic jurisdictional conferences and their annual conferences. It also spells out the financial and other responsibilities the general church will undertake in order to make the transfer possible. More about this later as developments occur.

High Point College's Consulting Physicians Hold Meeting

High Point College's consulting physicians held their annual luncheon meeting Tuesday, April 21, at 12:30 p.m. in the College's private dining room.

Purpose of the meeting was to review the health service of the College and to elect a coordinator for next year. Present coordinator is Dr. Edwin L. Auman.

Consulting physicians for the college are Dr. Auman, internal medicine; Dr. L. U. Creech, general practice; Dr. W. B. Donald, Jr., opthalmologist; Dr. Donald Douglass, surgery; Dr. William P. Hinson, specialist in oral surgery; Dr. W. J. Hunt, internal medicine; Dr. R. G. Jennings, dermatology; Dr. Robert C. Johnson, orthopedics; Dr. Max P. Rogers, surgery; Dr. Earl W. Schafer, orthopedics; Dr. J. E. Slate, general practice; Dr. Eldora H. Terrell, internal medicine; Dr. T. Eugene Terrell, internal medicine; Dr. Charles W. Surles, Jr., dentist; and Dr. R. T. Wilder, ear, nose and throat.

Also present at the meeting were Mrs. Dorothy Griffiths, assistant to the dean of student personnel; Jesse L. Taylor, dean of student personnel; Duffy L. Paul, director of admissions; Mrs. Bobbie G. Everhart, campus nurse; and Dr. Wendell M. Patton, president.

What Is Happening at Brevard College

This is the second in a series of articles on "What is happening at Brevard College," why the college exists, the place it is making for itself in the educational world, and how it is preparing for the ever-increasing demands upon institutions of higher learning.

The college is engaged in a self-study to re-asses its objectives, measure its success in attaining them, and plan its growth within the framework of its purpose. The study includes every phase of the college operation.

When Brevard College was established by the merger of Weaver College and Rutherford College—in the "Depression Years"—there was a need for a program that included both liberal arts and vocational training. The curriculum of the college offered courses for the development of imagination and vision that would lead to the bachelor degrees. Also, it included two-year terminal work in areas by which a young person could earn a living: industrial arts, agriculture, home econmics, secretarial and office training, and business management.

Within three decades changes have resulted because of the pre-empting of the practical areas by state colleges, the tax supported "community" colleges, and the trend to on-the-job training in industry and business. Brevard College now offers predominantly two years of liberal arts and preprofessional training. Of the original two-year terminal courses only Secretarial Science remains as a vital and important department. Ninety per cent of the students at Brevard follow the same course of study they would take the first two years in a four-year college. This is known as the "university parallel" program.

Brevard College has chosen to administer this program well instead of attempting to offer preparation for future work experience, technical education, adult education, and remedial courses to repair the inadequacies of high school education.

Because the Brevard program is basically for the student who plans to transfer to a four-year institution, every effort is made to determine whether or not a propective student is capable of doing college work.

All applicants must have satisfactory scores on the Scholastic Aptitudes Test of the College Entrance examination Board. Their transcripts must show graduation from an accredited high school with at least an average grade of C in the college preparatory subjects where the passing grade is D, or an average of B, where the passing grade is C.

It is the policy at Brevard to have the welfare of the student and not the welfare of the college in mind as applications are considered. The administration holds that it is not fair to admit a student if his record shows that he could not make the grade.

Beyond the student's achievement of a commendable scholarship, careful consideration is given to the applicant who has stood for the right things in his high school career; whose grades, while not startlingly high, reveal a study up-curve during the last two years of his high school work; and whose motivation is strong, though perhaps his goals are not clearly defined.

(The next article on the student body and the faculty, and the physical facilities of the college.)

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Group Ministry Program In Iredell County

A group ministry program began recently which will include twelve rural Methodist Churches of the Harmony, Olin, Union Grove charges in the northern part of Iredell County.

This program will enable the congregation of these churches to join togather in many activities, projects and fellowship events. Each church involved may voluntarily cooperate in the program when these activities can be carried out better with other churches or each church may do those things separately when determined best. The program is planned and set into motion on the basis of particular needs of churches involved.

At a meeting of the Group Council in February at the Olin Church, the Group Ministry Program was explained fully by Rev. Garland Stafford, Executive Secretary of Town and Country Work in the Western North Carolina Conference. Also at this meeting the name to be used in connection with this program was chosen: which is "The North Iredell Group Ministry Program." The following officers were elected: Chairman, W. R. King; Vice-Chairman, T. R. Davidson; Secretary, Mrs. C. E. Heath; Treasurer, Mrs. Williams Boggs. These officers, along with the pastors of the three charges; W. G. Benfield, Harmony; John Kale, Olin; Alvin Wilson, Union Grove, will form the Executive Committee. Mr. Benfield is serving as Coordinator of the program.

Since this organizational meeting, eleven of the twelve churches joined in an Easter Sunrise Service at Fairmont Church on the Olin Charge, with Rev. Paul Duckwall, Conference Director of Youth Work, as guest speaker.

The men from all the churches involved met at Friendship Church on the Unon Grove charge on March 22 to hear Mr. Ted E. Stough, Associate Lay Leader of the Statesville District, discuss the organization of Methodist Men's Clubs in the various churches.

On May 3, Miss Louise Robinson, Director of Children's Work in the Western North Carolina Conference, will hold a training school concerning the new curriculum materials for children. This training sesson will be held at Harmony Church at 7:30 p.m. and all teachers, parents, Church School superintendents, members of the commissons on education, and all interested persons are urged to atted.

On April 12 the MYF groups of the three charges held a joint meeting at Union Grove Church with Mrs. Jerry White, Director of Religious Education at Race Street Church, Statesville, leading a program on organization and program planning.

Although the North Iredell Group Ministry Program is young, there are indications that within the coming year its organizaton will provide many services and opportunites for the churches involved. Our appreciaton is extended to the Town and Country Commission for introducing this program to us.

Mrs. C. E. Heath, Secretary

Duke Memorial Choir Presented *"The Seven Words of Christ"*

The 45-voice adult choir of the Duke Memorial Methodist Church of Durham presented the sacred oratorio, "The Seven Words of Christ" by Haydn, at 5 p. m. last Sunday April 26th.

The performance of the difficult work marked the second presentation of the can-



Dr. Gerhard P. Schroth

tata in Durham. It was last sung several years ago by the Durham Civic Choral Society.

Dr. Gerhard P. Schroth, director of the symphony orchestra, symphonic band, symphony chorus, and the public school music program in Rochester, Minn., was the guest conductor for the performance.

The guest string quartet included Joseph Pepper, violin; Julia Mueller, viola; and Barbara Pepper, cello, all of Duke University; and Phyllis Garris, violin, of Raleigh.

The solo quartet included Jane Sullivan, director of music at Duke Memorial Church, soprano; Joyce Whisnant, alto; Allen Norris, tenor; and Charles Sullvan, baritone.

Ralph E. James Jr. to Teach at N. C. Wesleyan

Ralph E. James, Jr., will become an assistant professor of Religion and Philosophy at North Carolina Wesleyan College this fall according to President Thomas A. Collins.

Mr. James is a native of Asheville. He did his undergraduate study at Wake Forest College, majoring in English. He earned his B.D. degree at Candler School of Theology, Emory University, and is completing his doctoral dissertation at Drew University in Philosophical Theology this year.

He was accepted as a member of the Methodist Youth Caravan to Europe in the summer of 1957. Counselors for this caravan were President and Mrs. Collins. Upon his return, Mr. James published two articles in college publications telling of his experiences in the Work Caravan. He is an accomplished poet with several published poems to his credit.

Mr. James is an ordained Methodist minister of the Western North Carolina Conference. He is married to Mary Lou Chapman and they have a two-year-old son. They plan to move to Rocky Mount in the late summer.

Concerning World Service Benevolences

(First of a series)

Delegates to the annual meeting of the Western North Carolina Methodist Conference June 3-7 at Lake Junaluska will be asked to approve a new basis for Conference and World Service Benevolences.

Herbert Wayne of Charlotte, chairman of the Conference Commission on World Service and Finance, said the Commission has drawn the recommendation following a decade of study, and he compared it to a "united fund" arrangement—everybody being apportioned a "fair share" of the Conference askings.

Besides the idea of basing the apportionment for each local charge more realistically on the financial ability the charge has demonstrated in giving, the new plan will encourage better salaries for clergymen of the Conference.

Mr. Wayne said that presently every increase is a pastor's salary by a charge brings a corresponding 42 per cent increase in other Conference obligations, since other Conference askings mostly are figured on a percentage of the pastor's salary.

The new plan would not base increases of Conference benevolences on the pastor's salary.

The new plan calls for Conference Benevolences and World Service Benevolences to be placed together in one appropriations asking. The apportionment would be figured on the basis of 75 per cent on the total giving of the charge, and 25 per cent on the membership.

The 1964-65 apportionment would be figured from statistics printed in the 1963 Journal of the Western North Carolina Conference.

Members of the Commission on World Service and Finance received the unanimous endorsement of the new plan from Bishop Nolan B. Harmon, presiding bishop of the Charlotte Area, and the Western North Carolina Conference Cabinet on April 14.

Mr. Wayne told the Cabinet, "This whole program is projected on the past 15 years of churches paving 100 per cent of the askings. There have been only five or six churches not paying their askings in full each year, and in most cases these are peculiar situations."

In recommending that World Service Benevolences be included with Conference Benevolences, the Commission on World Service and Finance said:

"Formerly, World Service appropriations have been given the districts, and the district stewards have pro-rated the amount to the local charges. In most cases this was done without any formula or general plan of equity in distribution, relying mainly on the ability of churches to pay. This has resulted, over the years, in certain inequities to some local churches. For these and other valid reasons, we recommend a new formula for the basis of our benevolences which would include World Service and Conference Benevolences.

"District Work and Mission Specials would not be included in these appropriations. Twenty-five per cent on membership and 75 per cent on total giving, excluding payment on principal and interest on indebtedness and building improvements (Items 44 and 45 on the Pastor's Report).

"The current basis for World Service to Districts is one-third on membership, one-third on prior World Service givirng, and one-third on total giving, excluding payments on principal and interest on indebtedness and building improvements.

"Other ministerial support, including Episcopal Fund, District Superintendents' Fund, and Conference Claimants' Fund, have been based solely on the salary of the pastor and assistants. Other Conference Benevolences, including Minimum Salary and Ministerial Education Fund, College Fund, Home for the Aged and Wesley Nursing Center, and Children's Home, are based on salary of the pastor and assistants, local church current expenses and church school expense (Items 46, 47 and 49 of the Pastor's report).

"This new basis of total giving beyond the local church would greatly simplify the financial structure of our Conference. All askings would be included in one total figure. While each item of the budget would be listed according to per cent and amount, payments could be sent to the Conference Treasurer without being itemized.

"This new basis would remove direct askings based on salary of pastors and assistants. Salaries could be increased without the present 42 per cent penalty. We feel every encouragement ought to be given the local church to pay adequate salaries to all ministers. This new financial basis should be a real incentive in this direction.

"With the basis of 25 per cent on membership and 75 per cent on total giving (excluding Items 44 and 45) there would be a more equitable distribution according to ability to give. The largest amount should be on total giving since this represents, to a degree, the financial ability of a given church.

"This change would require some adjustments. We recommend that no charge pay less than a three per cent increase over the 1963-64 apportionment. We recommend that the maximum increase for any charge be limited to a 15 per cent increase over the 1963-64 apportionment.

"All askings would be given in even hundreds of dollars. Those above $50 would take the lower figure.

"The percentage of the total askings will be broken down to conform with the Pastor's Report.

"The basis for membership computation will be the Conference Journal of 1963. The basis for total giving will be the figures in the Conference Journal of 1963.

"The percentage of increase will be computed on the basis of new apportionments compared with the 1963-64 apportionments.

"This new basis would require all monies to be paid to the Conference treasurer, including the Children's Home.

"With this recommendation comes the expressed hope that more churches will place a greater emphasis upon tithing, sacrificial giving, and every member canvass in their stewardship responsibility. Our people need to feel the full impact of committing life and possessions to this task of saving the world.

"We recommend the churches of our Conference for the favorable response to Mission Specials. We hope that many churches will be able to increase their giving to these worthwhile projects and that every church will give careful consideration to this special way of extending the gospel into all the world."

Next week: SOME SPECIFIC EXAMPLES.



Pictured above are four ministerial missionary families who recently attended the April annual meeting of the United Church of Christ in Japan. There are seven church bodies represented in this church group, and there were about 400 in attendance at the meeting, nicluding 70 children of missionary families and a few missionaries from other groups. The meeting was of very high calibre with a fine program and excellent speakers. Two of the missionary families pictured are of retired ministers, both of whom are former missionaries to Japan. Rev. and Mrs. J. Clyde Auman of the WNC Conference and Rev. and Mrs. J. Doane Stott of the NC Conference. Mrs. Auman is teaching at our college in Nagoya. Mr. Stott, after two months evangelistic work last summer, is now doing full-time teaching at Palmore Institute in Kobe. Rev. and Mrs. David L. Swaim represent the WNC Conference, being supported by their home church, Central of Asheville, and his Student Christian Fellowship Work Center in Tokyo by Church Street Church in Knoxville (Mrs. Swaim is not shown in the picture). Representing the NC Conference as active missionaries are Rev. and Mrs. Justin Haruyama who with their two children live in Kagoshima. His work is spread over eight churches, and Mrs. Haruyama teaches Bible at the college and another Bible class at her home. She is a native of Troy, and he is a graduate of Duke Divinity School. They are supported by Memorial Church of Thomasville. Left to right—Rev. Justin Haruyama and child, Rev. David L. Swaim, Mrs. Justin Haruyama and child, Mrs. J. C. Auman, Rev. J. C. Auman, Mrs. J. D. Stott and Rev. J. D. Stott.

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Minister Gets Foundation's Honor Medal

Dr. Howard C. Wilkinson, chaplain to Duke University, has been selected by the Freedoms Foundation at Valley Forge to receive its George Washington Honor Medal.

The medal and an accompanying cash award are based upon an address delivered by Chaplain Wilkinson to the Executives Club of Charlotte, N. C., last year in which he discussed the need for "separation of God and government" in our national institutional structures.

The address was entitled, "How Separate Should Government and God Be?"

Reciving wide press coverage at the time, Wilkinson's speech was carried as the featured item in the March 15, 1963, issue of "Vital Speeches of the Day." Excerpts of the speech were sent to school and college clients throughout the country by a national declamation bureau.

Wilkinson noted in his address that "The basic assumption . . . is that there is a kind of separation which should exist between government and God. But there seems to be a problem in our effort to stake out the boundaries of this separation . . ."

"There must be no state church and no required religion," the Duke chaplain and director of the university's religious life activities stated: "But good religion supports legitimate government, and good government is on the side of ethical religion."

Quoting Dr. James A. Pike, former constitutional lawyer at Columbia University, as saying that "neutrality toward religion is a complete impossibility," Chaplain Wilkinson discussed various ways government may deal with religion.

He concluded that religious institutions and governmental institutions must be organizationally separate.

"In terms of values, morality and goals of life," he said, "they must, however, not be separate."

The Freedoms Foundation has indicated the award will be presented to Dr. Wilkinson by its regional vice president, Dr. Robert L. Sumwalt of Columbia, S. C.

In Memoriam

MRS. NANNIE McBROOM

The Woman's Society of Christian Service of Long Memorial Church wishes to honor the memory of Mrs. Nannie McBroom. In doing so, the facts of her life speak more loudly than words. For over thirty years she was awarded an honor badge each year for perfect attendance: thirty-three years of loyalty by just being present at the meetings.

But we wish to emphasize that her life meant much more than perfect attendance. It was full of loving service. Whether at a circle meeting or general meeting; whether as an officer or committee member; she always did the work assigned to her. Service was the keynote of her life. Moreovver, as she served, she exemplified the best in the friendly relations of daily living.

A copy of this tribute will be sent to the family and to the North Carolina Christian Advocate. Also, a copy will be recorded in the minutes of our Woman's Society of Christian Service.

Mrs. S. G. Winstead
Chairman, Circle 2



Bethesda Methodist Church Opens New Facilities

Bethesda Methodist Church officially opened its new facilities with a service of consecration and commemoration April 5, 1964. Church school, worship, quarterly conference and open house were highlights of the day. Bethesda Methodist Church is situated in Robeson County, the Wilmington District.

Construction began June, 1963, when an educational building with 8800 sq. ft. of floor space was contracted to A. G. Carter of Whiteville. Three other contractors were involved: Fairmont Gas Company, Fairmont; Everleigh Electric Company, Lumberton; R. C. Lamb Plumbing, Lumberton.

The educational building was designed by Dan MacMillan (A.I.A.) of Fayetteville.

Included in this program has been the renovation of the sanctuary built in 1927—at which time aid was granted by Duke Endowment. The total program cost approximately $120,000.

Bethesda Methodist Church was organized in 1711 as a community church. It was in the early 1790's, less than five years after The Methodist Church was organized in America, that Bethesda became a Methodist Church. Few churches exist in North Carolina with a longer and more colorful history.

Members of the building committee and other officials of the church were present to greet the guests during the three-hour open house, April 5. The building committee members are Grover Hardin, chairman; Carl L. Britt, Willie Sealy, treasurer; Mrs. Mary Alice Floyd, secretary; Franklin Wade, Bernice Lewis, Muriel Leggett, Mrs. Irene Leggett, Mrs. Corine Jenkins, Fay B. Floyd, Kinnon McLellan, and Miss Betsy Wade. Much could be said about each of these individuals, for each is an outstanding worker at Bethesda. One of the members—Kinnon McLellan—is now a ministerial student at Louisburg College. Another—Betsy Wade—was a delegate from the Wilmington District to the UN-Washington Study Tour in March. Mr. W. Grover Hardin deserves special mention for his outstanding leadership and dedication as chairman of the building committee.

Future plans include the complete renovation of the front of the sanctuary, building a vestibule with a steeple and chimes. The completed renovation of the sanctuary has included an all-new chancel area in the Methodist tradition with the altar centered. A six-foot cross hangs over the altar, illuminated by a spotlight from the center of the sanctuary. The interior is colonial. A gold carpet will be the final touch. Also, there has been installed an Allen Electronic organ.

The educational building was completely furnished with chalkboards and tackboards from Claridge, wooden classroom chairs from Standard School, and folding chairs from Krueger—all purchased through Cokesbury. This equipment and furniture cost approximately $5,000. The furniture treasurer is Mrs. Estella Hardin.

Future plans for the educational building include a fellowship hall that will seat 400 people at dinner and five additional classrooms.

Attendance at church school and worship has increased from 215 to 260—the high being 286. Extended-Church School is a feature appreciated by all—ages 2 weeks through eight years.

The pastor of the church is the Rev. Paul G. Bunn, missionary to Katanga, Congo, who has served as minister at Bethesda since his evacuation from Congo in 1962. Mr. Bunn has four daughters—Paula Gray born while at Bethesda.



Sunday School Lesson

FOR MAY 17

BY RAYMOND A. SMITH
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ALCOHOL IN A COMPLEX SOCIETY

Background Scripture: Proverbs 23:29-35; Matthew 18:5-14; Romans 13:11-14:13-21

Lesson Scripture: Romans 13:12-14; 14:13-21

We have been considering the Christian's responsibility in *personal* relationships during the last four Sundays. Now we are to have three lessons which will emphasize our *national relationships*. These are to be followed by four on *world* relationships.

The Christian is a citizen of two worlds. One of these is that realm which knows no boundaries, the Kingdom of God; the other is bounded by the obligations he owes to his own country. Since he must pay taxes and accept responsibility for those who are in public office, his role as a citizzen is important to him and to others who share these privileges and duties.

We are told that Americans spend over *ten* billion dollars for alcoholic beverages each year while they spend less than *five* billion for medical care, and less than *four* billion for all religious and welfare activities. The question is whether or not this is any of your business, or mine? It has been shown that for every dollar collected for taxes on beverage alcohol the governments of our state and nation must spend *three* for expenses directly caused by liquor. We have been cutting taxes so that more spending money may be available to the American people. But think what the ten billion dollars, now spent for drink, could mean to business men engaged in selling houses, furniture, clothing, food, automobiles, and other useful items. Think also of how much needed medical care and dental needs could have been met with this money, to say nothing of the relief it would afford to teachers of over crowded classrooms all over the land.

Since Noah planted a vineyard and got drunk on the wine from it, drinking has been a human problem (Genesis 9:20-21). Today, however, in what our lesson title calls a "complex society" it is an even greater problem. The automobile, for example, becomes really a "deadly weapon" in the hands of people who are intoxicated. The result is that many of the thousands killed every year on our highways are the innocent victims of drunken drivers. When we get on a bus, a train, or a plane, we have to trust our lives to the driver. If he, for any reason, should not be alert at every moment we may pay for his carelessness with our lives. That is why all transportation companies are so careful in screening those who operate these facilities. Likewise those who operate machinery in factories have to be at their best physically or accidents may result.

Frederick C. Grant in the May number of *The Adult Teacher* has pointed out that we would not think of allowing people to advocate the overthrow of the government, yet we permit the undermining of our national morals and efficiency by allowing the encouraging of the use of alcohol and drugs, both of which are increasing. The early Christian had no voice in the government which ruled the world at that time. We have the ballot, and could greatly influence the course of events if we would but bestir ourselves.

Coming now to our Scripture selections we note they are both from Paul's letter to the Romans. We are told that the city of Rome in the time of Paul was so immoral that it was given the name of "The Big Sewer." Paul knew something of the background out of which the Roman converts came. He was, therefore, warning the church of the moral dangers which lay all about them. Romans 13:13-14 is of special historical significance for its association with the conversion of St. Augustine. The story is that he was in a garden in the city of Milan, Italy, when he saw a volume of Paul's letters lying on a bench. A voice said to him "Take up and read." He picked up the book and opened it to the passage reading: "Let us conduct ourselves becomingly as in the day; not in reveling and drunkenness, not in quarreling and jealousy, not in debauchery and licentiousness. But put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make not provision for the flesh to gratify its desires."

Romans 14:13-21 deals with the problem of eating meat that had been killed in pagan sacrificial ceremonies. Paul himself evidently saw no harm in this (not believing in the existence of the pagan gods), but some thought it wrong. Paul's advice to his fellow-Christian was to refrain from doing that which is offensive to others, even though you may not feel not is wrong. Said he "If your brother is being injured by what you eat (and we could add "what you drink"), you are no longer walking in love. Do not let what you eat cause the ruin of one for whom Christ died."



Long's Chapel Dedicates New Building

Long's Chapel Methodist Church, Lake Junaluska, dedicated its new educational and fellowship building at special services, Sunday, April 19. Dr. Mark Tuttle, Waynesville district superintendent, brought a message of challenge to the church. Two former ministers, the Rev. Francis S. McFarland and the Rev. Marvin Hoyle, took part in the services of dedication in addition to the present pastor, Rev. James S. Bellamy. A large group of members and friends attended and remained for the covered dish dinner which followed the service.

The new and remodeled facilities completed during the building program has added 10 church school rooms, a church school office, a choir room, four rest rooms, a modern kitchen and a large fellowship and dining room which seats approximately 250.

Dreams for the new and more adequate buiding began several years ago. A building fund was started and steadily mounted as the people became interested in expanding and improving the facilities for the benefit of the church and community. During the pastorate of the Rev. Bill Bobbitt, in July 1958, a committee was appointed for the purpose of building.

Work began on remodeling the basement of the old building for up-to-date classrooms in November of 1959. Ground was broken for the new building in February 1960 under the pastorate of the Rev. Francis McFarland. The building was placed into use less than a year later on December 18, 1960. Dr. Frank Smathers, then superintendent, formally opened the new building for use in special consecration services on January 29, 1961.

Testimony to the interest and spirit of the people of Long's Chapel is wonderfully evident in the work and sacrifice that has made this addition possible. Less than three years after the consecration srevices, the entire debt was paid in full. The last payment was made early in January of this year. The total cost of the structure was $61,657.56. Of this amount, the WSCS and the Wesleyan Service Guilds raised and paid $3,850. Classes in the church school paid $1,550. Memorials added $3,000 and Duke Endowment made a generous gift of $6,000.

The vision and dreams of the people have been more than justified. Each of the church school rooms is now in use. Four Scout units use the building weekly in addition to the regular program, and two community groups, the Junaluska Men's Club and the Haywood County Ministers, use the building for their monthly meetings.

Located in the midst of a growing and thriving community adjacent to the Lake Junaluska Assembly, the Official Board of Long's Chapel recently moved into the beginnings of another building program. Plans are now under way to enlarge the seating capacity of the church by building another and more adequate sanctuary.





By Mary Gardner

Patty's Secret

Patty had a secret. It was a very nice secret, and it was for a very nice purpose—a gift for her mother on Mother's Day.

The gift was a white geranium plant. Patty had grown it all by herself at Mrs. Spinney's house. Mrs. Spinney had given her a small geranium slip months ago. Patty had stopped in at the little brown cottage every day to watch it grow. And how it had grown, too!

"I'm sure Mother will be pleased with my gift, Mrs. Spinney," said Patty, with a smile.

At first the little geranium slip had not seemed to be doing so much, and Patty had worried about it. But Mrs. Spinney had told her it was growing a root. "And when it had a strong root, it will begin to grow leaves and shoots," she said. That was just what had happened.

In April, some tiny buds appeared on the little plant. Pattty was so excited she could hardly keep from dancing around in Mrs. Spinney's kitchen, where the geranium was growing on the window sill.

"Oh, Mrs. Spinney, do you think these buds will bloom in time for Mother's Day? Will they, Mrs. Spinny?" she asked.

Mrs. Spinney looked closely at the little buds. "Yes, I believe they will bloom about that time, Patty," she said.

Patty clapped her hands. "Oh, I hope that they come out on that very day!" she cried.

So Patty watered the little plant every day, and watched it as the cluster of buds grew bigger and bigger. "I'm sure they will bloom on time! I'm sure they will!" she said to Mrs. Spinney, and Mrs. Spinney nodded.

The day before Mother's Day, Patty came to Mrs. Spinney's house to dress up the geranium; Or, rather, to dress up its earthenware pot. She had learned at school how to make paper jackets for flower pots.

Didn't the little geranium plant look pretty in its nice pot? One bud had come out, and others wood be blooming by tomorrow, Patty knew.

Patty took the pretty pot in her arms, and put in its place on the window sill a package of seeds that she knew Mrs. Spinney would like. "Thanks ever so much for helping me grow this nice gift for Mother, Mrs. Spinney," she said, "I know she will like it."

And Mother certainly was delighted with Patty's present. —Story World

SOMEONE LOVES MOTHER

"Tommy!" Mother called. "Have you straightened your room yet?"

Tommy was in the living room looking at the funnies in the paper. He ran to the kitchen, where Mother was working. "I forgot, Mother," he said.

Then Timmy threw his arms around Mother. "I love you, Mother," he said. "You're the very best mother in the whole wide world."

Mother gave Tommy a big hug. "Why, I love you, too, Tommy," she said. "I think you're the very best little boy in the whole world, too."

"I wish I could buy osmething to show you I love you," Tommy said. "But I just looked in my piggy bank, and I only have three pennies."

"But, Tommy, said Mother, "buving things for people isn't the only way to show you love them. You can show your love in other ways, too."

Just then Sally came to the door.

"Tommy," she said, "Can you go driving with Daddy and me? He's found a whole lot of pussy willows, and we can pick them for our mothers."

"Oh, boy!" Tommy cried. "May I go, Mother? That way I'll have a present to show I love you!"

Then Tommy looked at Mother and Mother looked at Tommy. And suddenly Tommy remembered the toys all over the floor of his room.

"I-I'm sorry, Sally," he said slowly. "I can't go anywher because I have to pick up my toys."

"That's all right," said Sally, "I'll help you!"

Sally and Tommy hurried to Tommy's room, and in a few minutes the room was all straightened up.

"Thank you, Tommy," Mother said. "You may go now. But you don't have to bring me pussy willows to show you love me. You showed me when you did what I asked you to do."

—My Sunday Stories

Dr. Anna Arnold Hedgeman, a Methodist, has been named coordinator of special events for the National Council of Churches' Commission on Religion and Race. She is a former assistant to the Mayor of New York City.

HELPING MOTHER

My mother has the nicest way
Of making work seem like play
That it is fun instead. She lets
Me help her often when she sets
The table, and sometimes I stir
The batter of the cake for her,
And many times she says: "Let's play
The sweeping, dusting game today."
And then she says: "Come, little
daughter,
And suds the soap around until
A thousand pretty bubbles fill
The dishpan with their lovely light."
She makes dishwashing seem just right,
And making beds is like a treat
To smooth each pillow and sheet.
Why, everything we do, you see,
Is fun for Mother and me.

Author unknown

MY MOTHER'S DAY

"You must be a flower for your
mother," they said,
"Because it is Mother's Day;
A big carnation, so rich and red"—
Oh, I didn't know what to say,
For I hadn't a penny to spend, you see,
So I brought her a violet sweet,
A clover from under the apple tree,
Two buttercups, fresh and neat.
Tomorrow I'll find some columbines gay,
And daisies that blossom in showers;
For every day is my mother's day.
I'm glad there are heaps of flowers—

Sunshine Magazine

BIBLE QUIZ

1—What mother instructed her young son so thoroughly that Paul said: "From a child thou has known the Holy Scriptures"?
2—What mother dedicated her first son to God as an attendant in the temple?
3—What mother asked Jesus that her two sons might have the place of honor at His right and left side in His Kingdom?
4—What mother's son was raised to life by Jesus?
5—What mother did Jesus cure of a bad fever?

Answers to Last Week's Questions

1—John on Patmos (Revelation 10:19)
2—Malachai 3:16
3—Joshua (Joshua 18:9)
4—Moses (Exodus 32:32)
5—Ecclesiastes 12:12



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The program will bring you speakers and visitors from near and far—our friends, Mrs. Ralph Ward from Wesley Girl's School, Taiwan, Lucy Gist from Bethlehem Center, Charlotte, Lorena Kelly from Congo, Virginia Miller and Laura Wells.

You thought the Workshops were so worthwhile last year that we're having them Saturday morning again —same time—same places. So, come over for the day if you can't be here for the entire time. You will have a "full day" if you stay through the evening program to hear Lucy *and* see the "repeat performance" of the "House of Marvin" by the Concord Players. And this is a MUST, I've heard!

Sunday morning will bring us to the lovely Memorial Chapel for Communion and the gift of our Love Offering. After breakfast, the popular "Missionary Visits" will acquaint us with as many missionaries as available in an informal chat. Worship service in the Audtorium will be brought by Dr. R. Wright Spears, President of Columbia College. After church, we gather in the chapel again for our Pledge and Committee Service with which we close our meeting.

Headquarters will be at Lambuth Inn. Make reservations early, there or at the place of your choice. A new form is being sent to every Guild President, which should simplify and improve registering at the Inn. Please follow the instructions, and do everybody a big favor.

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N. C. Conference

By Mary Gardner

WSCS Members United in Service

"We are united in service wherever that ervice may be; we are united in a common goal and in common needs," Miss Frances Allen told members of the N. C. Conference Wesleyan Service Guild at their Annual Meeting in Washington, N. C.

A registered nurse and Methodist missionary at the Clara Swain Hospital, Bareilly, India, Miss Allen said: "The Clara Swain Hospital is there because of the women of America."

Among the personnel of the 300-bed hospital, according to Miss Allen, are from eight to ten laboratory technicians, and several X-ray technicians. Its facilities include two wards for tuberculosis patients, with 40 beds for men and 30 beds for women, with an Indian doctor, trained in tubercular work in charge.

"All of this and more is possible because of our united effort," Miss Allen declared.

Garner WSCS Memorializes Member

The Woman's Society of Christian Service of the Garner Methodist Church voted at their April meeting to send fifty dollars to the Methodist Student Center at East Carolina College, Greenville, as an *In Remembrance Gift* for Mrs. Addie P. Kelly, beloved member of the Woman's Society of Christian Service, who died on April 6 at Rex Hospital in Raleigh.

Mrs. Kelly was a past president of the local society, and had also served as secretary of Spiritual Life. She was a regular student at the School of Missions at Duke University, and represented her church at several Annual Meetings of the Woman's Society of Christian Service.

The gift will be sent through the conference treasurer as supplementary giving, designated for the Methodist Student Center at East Carolina College, Mrs. Kelly was a graduate of East Carolina.

—Mrs. James Auman

Burlington District Women Meet

The 155 women attending the recent Annual Meeting of the Burlington District Woman's Society of Christian Service held at the Saxapahaw Methodist Church, heard an address by Brig. General James W. Holsinger (retired), of Durham in an address on the topic, "Power."

The meeting's theme was "Witness and Service."

Reports of district officers; a Memorial Service, conducted by Mrs. Lessie Willard, of Sanford; special music by the Rev. and Mrs. P. F. Newton, of Snow Camp were also features of the program.

Mrs. P. F. Newton was elected as district president, succeeding Mrs. J. E. Davis, recording secretary-elect of the N. C. Conference WSCS.

An adult Life Membership was presented to Mrs. Wayne Ward, of Staley, leader of the Siler City subdistrict.

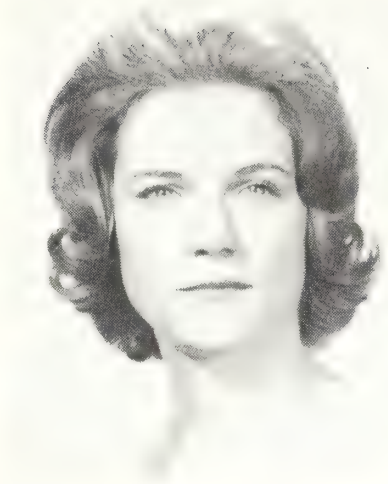
South Alamance Subdistrict

A skit, "On Trial," presented by the district officers, highlighted the meeting of the South Alamance Subdistrict Woman's Society of Christian Service (Burlington District), in session at the Mount Herman Methodist Church. The meeting had for its theme, "Witness and Service."

Seven women were presented Adult Life Membership pins. They were Mrs. Margaret Snow, Bellemont Methodist Church; Mrs. Thomas R. Sigman, Clover Garden and Orange Chapel; Miss Hattie Cove, Phillips Chapel Methodist Church; Mrs. T. J. Jones, Saxapahaw Methodist Church; Mrs. C. M. Neese, Mrs. Joe Isley, and Mrs. Don Woods, all of Mount Herman Methodist Church.

Mrs. William Newman, of West Burlington, gave the meditation. Miss Sue Hodgins sang "Open the Gates of the Temple." Miss Hodgins was accompanied by Mrs. Truth Coon.

Mrs. T. J. Jones, of Saxapahaw is the subdistrict leader.



A $500 scholarship for study in religious education has been awarded to Miss Anna Gail Dixon of Burlington by the North Carolina Woman's Society of Christian Service of the North Carolina Conference of the Methodist Church. Miss Dixon, 18-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James M. Dixon of 1439 Graham-Hopedale Road, is the first student in the Burlington District of the Methodist Church to receive the award. She is a senior at Williams High School.

Louisburg Trustees Set Record Budget

The Louisburg College Board of Trustees in its spring meeting approved a record-breaking operating budget of $868,806 for the fiscal year beginning June 1, voted to increase faculty salaries during the next four years and revised the charter and by-laws of the college. In other action the Board voted to proceed with plans for the new library building and authorized that plans be drown for a new science building, and elected three new trustees to fill vacancies.

The revision of the charter, the first since 1928, is in line with requirements set up by the North Carolina Conference of The Methodist Church for corporations being operated by the Conference.

Named as trustees were John A. Moore, Franklinton industrialist; Edward F. Yarborough, Louisburg attorney; and Mrs. L. D. Hayman, Jr., of Jacksonville, an alumna of the college.

The board also set up a merit scholarship program which will provide 20 tuition scholarships, 20 half tuition scholarships and 40 $100 scholarships. In addition, President Cecil W. Robbins reported that during the year two other scholarship programs have been set up; one, given by Mr. William Goldston of Houston, Texas, to be known as the C. Wade Goldston Scholarship in honor of Rev. C. W. Goldston, Apex, a member of the North Carolina Conference; and the other in memory of Rev. John A. Shore by his daughters, Miss Mary Shore and Mrs. Lucile Shore Coburn of Durham.

Clothing Needed for Cherokee Work

Rev. and Mrs. John Stroud, former missionaries to China and Cuba, now serving at Cherokee, indicate that there is a great need for clothing for the Clothing Exchange maintained at the Cherokee Methodist Mission.

The need for children's clothes is especially acute at this time. Usable clothing and shoes will be most welcome.

If ministers will bring clothing to Lake Junaluska when they come for Annual Conference in June, the bus will be there and can take the things on to Cherokee.

Members of the Woman's Society could bring their packages of clothing for Cherokee when they attend their annual meeting at Lake Junaluska, and arrangements will be made to collect it and take it on to Cherokee.

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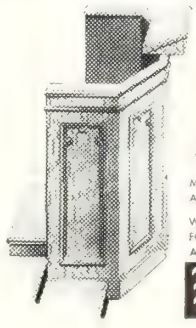
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Quadrennial Emphasis of Self-Appraisal

A national program of congregational self-appraisal and assistance to struggling congregations will be implemented by The Methodist Church in 1964-68.

Delegates to the church's legislative General Conference adopted the four-year program April 29. It was presented by Bishop Edwin R. Garrison, Aberdeen, S. D., on behalf of the church's Coordinating Council.

Main feature of the emphasis is a "Neighborhood-1 Program," a plan where church members pledge themselves to a year's voluntary service in helping establish a new congregation, or working in a mission or outpost church school, or assisting other churches of the community.

Dr. Eugene L. Smith, New York, general secretary of the Division of World Missions, said the strength and weakness of the program is that it promises nothing.

"For many a spiritually impoverished suburban congregation, however, it could mean redemption from its luxury," he said.

The program will be linked with the 25th anniversary of union of the three branches of Methodism in 1939, and the 200the anniversary of Methodism in America, to be celebrated in 1966.

Methodist Student Loan Fund Passes Million Dollar Mark

Methodist Student Loan Fund lends One Millionth Dollar during 1963-64 to West Virginia Wesleyan College student.

The Methodist Student Loan Fund will pass the million-dollar mark for loans made during the year ending May 31, 1964. This is the first time the fund has loaned one million dollars during a single year.

Dr. John O. Gross, General Secretary of the Division of Higher Education, Methodist Board of Education, presented the check at the banquet held Monday evening, April 27, at the Pittsburgh Hilton Hotel. The recipient was Miss Janice Kay Smith (22). Senior at West Virginia Wesleyan College. Preparing to be a teacher. Home town: Fairmont, W. Va. Parents: John E. Smith, insurance agent and Ora Mae Zinn Smith, beautician. Member of Methodist Temple, Fairmont, W. Va., H. W. Ware, pastor.

The Methodist Student Loan Fund was established in 1866—first loaned money in 1873. It has loaned more than $17,725,900 to over 80,800 students. Miss Smith is the 2,901st borrower since June 1, 1963, to receive money from the fund. The loan fund is partly supported by the annual Methodist Student Day offering taken in Methodist churches across the nation.

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Haymount Church, Fayetteville, Enters New Sanctuary

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Haymount Methodist Church was organized Novmber 28, 1945, under the leadership of the Rev. William L. Clegg, then superintendent of the Fayetteville District. The first formal service for the new congregation was held on Thanksgiving Day, November 22, 1945. The first pastor of the new church was the Rev. Vergil Erwin Queen. The following pastors, in the order named, have served the church: the Rev. W. Stanley Potter, the Rev. Clyde S. Boggs, and the Rev. Russell S. Harrison. The present pastor, the Rev. Theodore R. Jenkins, was appointed to the church at the Annual Conference of 1960, which met at Rocky Mount. Quite a few persons, too numerous to name in this statement, have had to do with the organization and progress of Haymount Church.

The first unit of the church plant was erected in 1951. The sanctuary, which is the second unit, was occupied on Sunday, April 5, 1964. Still another unit, a two-story building connecting the first two units, is being planned for the future—which will provide additional educational and other facilities for the church's program.

The new sanctuary, whose official opening was held Sunday, April 26, 1964, has been erected at a cost of near $400,000 (including architects, cost of stone, construction cost for sanctuary and cloisture, furnishing the building, and cost of constructing walks and parking). It has been under construction for more than a year and a half. Harold E Wagoner, Philadelphia, Pa., was the architect, and Mason Hicks, Fayetteville architect supervised the construction, and the L. P Cox Construction Co. of Sanford, was the builder. Southern Desk Company of Hickory furnished the building under the supervision of Mr. Wagoner. It is designed to seat 600 people.

Haymount Methodist Church is a thriving institution with its eyes to the future. Since July 1960 its net gain in membership totals 170. Its present total membership stands at 840. Its Sunday School has outgrown its present facilities, and the immediate plan is to secure another parsonage, and use the existing one for Sunday School space. The church's approved budget for the ensuing year has been set at $82,300.00.

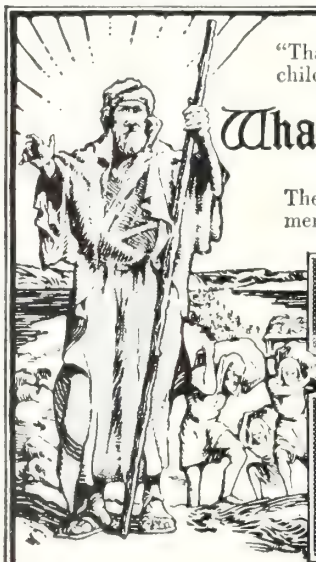
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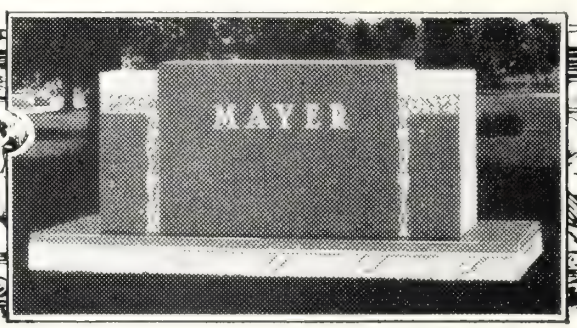
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New Benson Memorial Methodist Church Organized in Raleigh

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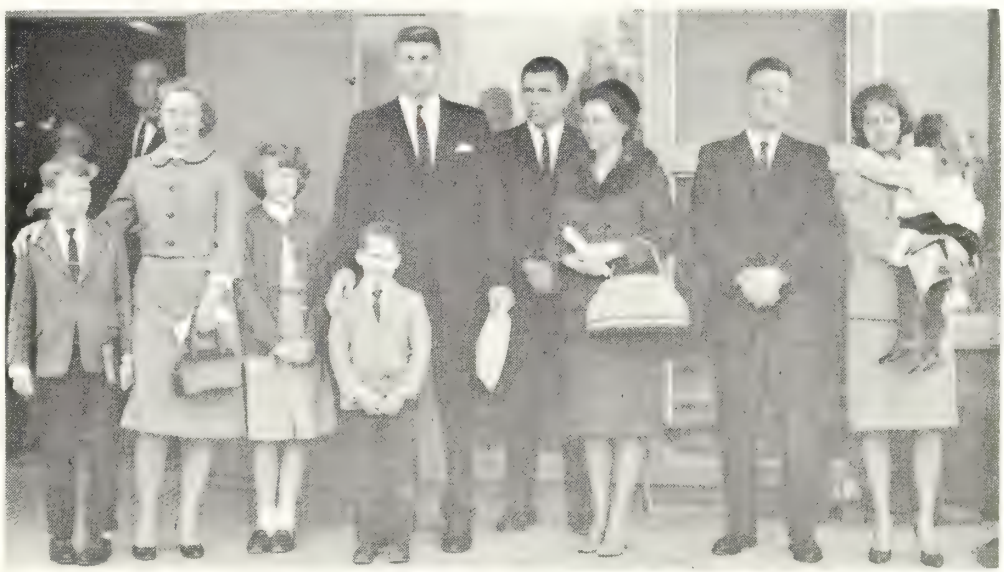
Ministers who took part in organizing service: Rev. Graham S. Eubank, Rev. William G. sharpe, and Rev. L. C. Vereen. Mr. Vereen preached.



Some of the charter members of Benson Memorial, left to right: Mrs. Herbert F. Mace, Mr. Haword A. Newton, Julian Johnson, Dale Newton, Jimmy Newton, Mrs. Howard A. Newton, Chip Newton, Carol Moore, Mrs. Lawrence C. Moore, Steve Moore, Mrs. Henry B. Stoneham, Candy Johnson, Steve Johnson, Bob Vaughn, Miss Carolyn Raffield, Cheryl Davis, Sandra Davis, Donna Davis, Mrs. D. L. Davis, Miss Beth Hedden, Mr. Barry N. Frazelle.



Rev. Sharpe, far left, standing with the members of the Benson family, who attended the organizing service, Mr. Barry B. Benson, son of Clifton Benson, Mrs. Corydon S. Jones, sister of Mrs. B. B. Benson, and Clifton L. Benson, nephew of B. B. Benson and a trustee of the new church.



Some of the charter members: Billy Walton, Mrs. W. Carl Walton, Pam Walton, Lee Walton, Lt. Col. Lehman H. Johnson, Jr. (retired), Julian Johnson, Mrs. Lehman H. Johnson, Mr. Lawrence C. Moore, Mrs. William G. Sharpe, Jan Sharpe.

Charter members and preparatory members not shown in the picture are: Mr. L. H. Johnson III, Mr. and Mrs. John W. Raffield, Mr. and Mrs. Caswell A. Riddle, Mr. Henry B. Stoneham, Mrs. J. Thomas Gould, Nancy Gould, Patsy Walton, Mrs. Herbert F. Mace, Mr. and Mrs. Chancie M. Moore, Mrs. Ota Mae Campsey, Bryant Stoneham, Jim Stoneham, Al Stoneham.

CAROLINA BRIEFS

¶ The Caldwell County Subdistrict of the Young Adult Fellowship will meet on Thursday night, May 14, at 7:00 p.m. in a dinner meeting at Whitnel Methodist Church.

¶ Rev. Fred A. Hill, pastor of Bethlehem Methodist Church, Monroe, assisted in a school of missions and revival at Mineral Springs Methodist Church the week of April 19.

¶ Rev. and Mrs. Robert J. Ralls announce the birth of their first child, Robert Scott, born May 2, 1964, at Presbyterian Hospital in Charlotte. Mr. Ralls is minister at St. Andrews Methodist Church in Charlotte.

¶ Rev. Siegfried Trommer, pastor of the Bariloche Methodist Church in Bariloche, Argentina, will be guest speaker for "Family Night" May 15 at Bethlehem Methodist Church, Monroe, sponsored by the Methodist Men and Commission of Education.

¶ The guest preacher for the 11:00 o'clock service at The Methodist Church in Edenton on May 17 will be Dr. F. Olen Hunt, Director of the Department of Gifts and Wills of the Methodist Foundation. The Rev. E. C. Shoaf is pastor of the church.

¶ Six High Point College alumni groups will hold class reunions on Alumni-Senior Day, Saturday, May 16, at the college. Celebrating their 35th reunion will be the Class of 1929; their 30th, the Class of 1934; their 25th, the Class of 1939; their 20th, the Class of 1944; their 15th, the Class of 1949; and their 10th, the Class of 1954.

¶ Rev. C. L. Grant was the speaker for the 100th anniversary at the 11:00 o'clock hour at Mt. Pleasant Methodist Church near Thomasville on April 26. Rev. J. E. Cochrane is the pastor. Mr. Grant also spoke for the Memorial Day services at Lineberry Church on the South Davidson Charge May 3. Rev. T. F. Pritchard is pastor of Lineberry Church.

¶ Dr. Walt Holcomb has just returned from San Juan, Puerto Rico, where he conferred with pastors about our work in Latin America. He recently made a gift to the Board of Missions for the support of a native evangelist in some Latin American country. During his long service in The Methodist Church, Dr. Holcomb has preached in Mexico, Central America and South America.

¶ Homecoming service will be observed in Harrison Methodist Church Sunday, May 17. The service will begin with Sunday school at 10 o'clock. The Rev. Ernest Stephens, pastor, will preach at 11 o'clock worship service. Following the worship service a covered dish luncheon will be served in the Fellowship Hall. All former pastors, members and friends are invited to attend.

¶ First Methodist Church of Whiteville has just completed the complete renovation of its Church plant. This work was done under the supervision of Smith Brothers Construction Company of Whiteville, and renders the church plant one of the most beautiful and adequate church plants in the North Carolina Conference. Rev. A. D. Byrd, Jr., is the pastor.

¶ The Louisburg College Glee Club presented its spring concert in Louisburg last Thursday night. The club is composed of some 40 members and is under the direction of Miss Sarah Foster.

¶ Rev. William K. Quick, pastor of Saint James Methodist Church in Greenville, is preaching this week in revival services at the Williamston Methodist Church, of which Rev. Sidney Boone is pastor.

¶ Miss Jane Elizabeth Allen, Reidsville, who will enter Pfeiffer College in the fall has been awarded a National Methodist Scholarship by the Board of Education of The Methodist Church. She is the daughter of Mr. ad Mrs. O. H. Allen, 216 Irvin Street, Reidsville. These awards cover tuition and fees up to $500 and are granted on the basis of superior academic standing, leadership, ability, active churchmanship, character, personality and need.

¶ The congregation of Shiloh Methodist Church, Catawba, gave its pastor, Rev. P. L. Smith, a surprise birthday dinner Sunday, May 3. It was not only a surprise birthday dinner, but he received gifts along with gifts of money. Mr. Smith is finishing his fourth year at Shiloh Church and much progress has been made during his pastorate. He made a short talk and gave evidence that he was highly appreciative of the occasion.



RECOGNIZED

Miss Sharon Easter of Hickory has received the Jefferson Standard Scholarship Award for each remaining year she attends Greensboro College. She is a freshman this year. Sharon is the daughter of Rev. and Mrs. O. L. Easter of Hickory where Mr. Easter is minister of Westview Methodist Church. She is an "A" student and on the Dean's List. She has a work award in the Admissions Office. She is majoring in elementary education, and is a member of the Emerson Society. She is a graduate of Hickory High School where she was president of the school's Future Teacher Association and a member of the Honor Society and the debating society. She was president of the Hickory Subdistrict of the Methodist Youth Fellowship.

¶ Revival services were held last week at the Live Oak Methodist Church on the Bladen Charge. Rev. B. P. Tyson of Burlington was the visiting preacher. Rev. T. R. McKay is the pastor.

¶ Rev. D. Edwin Bailey, pastor of Main Street Methodist Church, Reidsville, is this week preaching in revival services at Green Street Methodist Church, Winston-Salem, of which Rev. E. Paul Hamilton is pastor.

¶ May 17 has been officially set as Homecoming at Bethpage Methodist Church, Kannapolis. Rev. R. W. McCulley of Morris Chapel Methodist Church, Walkertown, will be the homecoming speaker. Mr. McCulley served the church during the early 1940's. All former pastors and members are cordially invited to attend and take part. Dinner will be served immediately following the worship hour.

¶ Homecoming services will be held at Bethel Methodist church, on the Rock Springs charge, Sunday, May 17 at 11:00 a.m. The pastor, Rev. Paul V. Ridenhour, will bring the morning message. A picnic dinner will be served on the grounds at 12:30. There will be a song service in the afternoon. Revival services will also begin on this date. Rev. Frank Pennigar is the guest minister and will preach each night through May 22. Bethel Church is located near Denver, N. C.

¶ Rev. Paul Poulson, Ministeh of Jerusalem Methodist Church, Copenhagen, Denmark, preached last Sunday morning in Memorial Methodist Church, Thomasville, of which Rev. M. E. Harbin is pastor. Mr. Harbin visited Mr. Poulson's church in Copenhagen last summer with a youth caravan. Mr. Poulson will show slides on Wednesday evening portraying the Methodist work in Denmark. He was a delegate to the recent General Conference in Pittsburgh.

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God Is Everywhere

Some people say, "God you cannot see,"
But of this, I do not agree;
Because He's here, He's there,
If you will look, you'll see Him everywhere.

When I look up; when I look down,
I can see God all around;
He is in the sky; He is in the air,
I can see Him everywhere.

'Tis so sweet to see Him there,
And to know for me, He cares.
His love is great, His love is true;
It is given to me and you.

Because He loves me so, on me many
blessings He does bestow;
He gives me joy to make me glad;
He gives me sorrow to make me strong;
He lets me know to Him I belong.

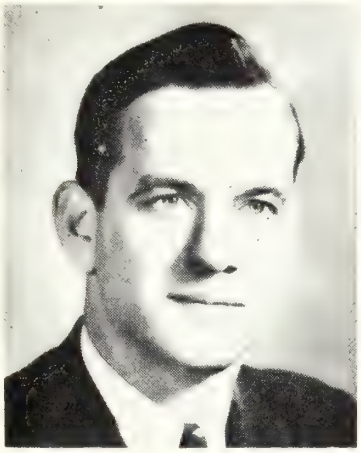
Each day I pray, in some small way, that
I want to walk with Him on His highway;
That He will take me by the hand,
And lead me to His promised land.

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Pfeiffer College Commencement

The largest graduating class in the history of Pfeiffer College, 168 students, is scheduled to receive bachelors degrees on May 27. The college will also award three honorary degrees.

The commencement week-end will begin with the baccalaurate service in Mitchell Gymnasium on Sunday, May 24, at 11:00 a. m. The baccalaureate sermon will be



Dr. A. Purnell Bailey

given by Dr. A. Purnell Bailey, superintendent of the Richmond District, The Methodist Church. Dr. Bailey is nationally known for his daily radio broadcast and newspaper column, "Daily Bread."

The commencement exercises will be held at 10 a. m. on Wednesday, May 27, in Mitchell Gymnasium with Dr. J. Wallace Hamilton, nationally known Methodist minister, St. Petersburg, Fla., as commencement speaker. Dr. Hamilton is a recognized religious writer and widely known preacher.

Honorary doctors degrees will be awarded to Mrs. J. N. Rodeheaver, Winona Lake, Ind., long time trustee of the college and nationally known leader of Methodist women; Claude Grigg, veteran superintendent of the Albemarle City Schools; and the Rev. Herman Nicholson, superintendent of the Thomasville District of The Methodist Church.

Music for the baccalaureate and commencement exercises will be given by the Pfeiffer Concert Choir, Prof. Richard H. Brewer, director, and Prof. Stanley R. Scheer, organist.



Dr. J. Wallace Hamilton

At the baccalaureate service, the invocation and benediction will be given by Prof. Glenn Bush; the scripture and prayer by Dr. Henry L. Gerner; and the introduction of Dr. Bailey by President J. Lem Stokes.

At the commencement exercises the invocation will be given by the Rev. Ernest A. Fitzgerald, Charlotte, a trustee of the college; President Stokes will present the commencement speaker; announcement of honors and awarding of certificates will be by Paul R. Ervin, Charlotte, chairman of the board of trustees, reading of citations for honorary degrees and presentation of candidates for degrees by Academic Dean Cameron West; presentation of diplomas by President Stokes, assisted by K. D. Holshouser, Registrar, and the benediction by the Rev. John H. Carper, Lenoir, a trustee of the college.

The academic procession will be headed by Professor N. E. Lefco with Professor Georgia M. Haswell serving as faculty marshal.

Several Special Programs Given At General Conference

A number of special meetings were held during the General Conference at Pittsburgh, including one on Wednesday evening, April 29, presented by the Council of Secretaries and called "Kyrie," a new morality play written and produced by E. Jerry Walker, and directed by Don Brockett. Dr. Eugene L. Smith was the narrator. The word Kyrie comes from the ancient prayer of the Eastern Church, and really means "Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us! Lord, have mercy upon us." The whole theme was to show up the weaknesses of the church and those who have never really caught its true meaning, but have struggled along content to do the secondary and less meaningful things in the name of religion. The idea was to call the church back to its original and most important responsibility, that of leading people to an acceptance of Jesus Christ as Lord and Master.

On Monday evening, April 27, a banquet for alumni of Methodist schools, colleges and universities was held at the Hilton Hotel. A number of schools and colleges were represented, and a number of the bishops and other prominent members of the General Conference participated. The main address was delivered by Dr. William P. Tolley, Chancellor of Syracuse University. During the ceremonies Bishop Paul N. Garber, president of the Board of Education of The Methodist Church, presented Bishop Herbert Welch, 101-year old retired bishop, with a scroll designating him as the Alumnus of the Century. Bishop Welch made an appropriate response.

The World Methodist Council held a luncheon meeting Thursday, April 30, at the Penn-Sheraton Hotel, in which were gathered a large number of guests from around the world, together with invited guests from the group attending the General Conference. Bishop Fred Pierce Corson, president of the World Methodist Council, presided, and Dr. Lee F. Tuttle, World Council Secretary, presented the guests and spoke of the work of the Council. Bishop Paul E. Martin of Texas was the speaker.

Saturday evening was known as "Pittsburgh Night" and saw the vast Civic Arena crowded to its full capacity, which is some 15,000 persons, to witness a presentation on which the local committee had been working for about two years. It portrayed the beginnings of Methodism in America, and especially in the Pittsburgh area. It was interspersed with musical selections by an orchestra and an excellent choir of well-trained voices. They sang some of the old and familiar hymns of the church, as well as forming the background for the presentation of the historical facts concerning Methodism.

On Sunday evening, May 3, a processional of flags of 40 nations on five continents dramatized the worldwide fellowship of The Methodist Church at 7:30 p.m. It was headed by the Christian and World Methodist banners, and opened a worship service for the General Conference. Bishop Fred Pierce Corson, president of the World Methodist Council, gave the address. The order of service featured an invocation in an African dialect, Xitswa, spoken by the Rev. Manuel Mucambe of Mozambique; Bible texts in Hindu read by Agnes Shaw of Mathura, India; a prayer in German by Dr. Ernest Scholz of Berlin, and an offertory petition in Spanish by Dr. Daniel Luna Villanueva of Beunos Aires, Argentina. Music was provided by lyric soprano Marion Downs of Los Angeles, a chorus of several hundred voices which sang a program of international folk hymns with brass choir and organ, with organist V. Earl Copes of Nashville, Tenn. Bishop Richard C. Raines of Indianapolis presided. At the close of the service the huge arena roof was rolled back and the audience was overshadowed only by the starry sky. One was reminded of the old saying about a preacher's sermon being so powerful it lifted the roof. The congregation joined in singing "My God, How Great Thou Art!"



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EDITORIALS

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General Conference Deals With Important Matters

The 1964 session of the Methodist General Conference swung into full action Sunday evening, April 26, when the 900 delegates, augmented by some 9,000 visitors, gathered in the huge Pittsburgh Civic Arena to hear the reading of the Episcopal address, written and delivered by Bishop Gerald H. Kennedy of the Southern California-Arizona area. Some observers called it the most able expression coming from the Council of Bishops in the form of an episcopal address in a long time. It dealt with many matters facing the General Conference and called for forthright action which will leave no doubt as to where the Methodist Church stands on these important matters. Chief among them were the race question, missions, recruitment of the ministry, the place of the laity, the ecumenical movement, social responsibility as it relates to separation of church and state, opposition to the liquor interests, the dangers inherent in the smoking habit, sexual promiscuity, the necessity for disarmament, and other items, including organic union of the Methodist church with the church of the Evangelical United Brethren.

A glance at the past reminded the delegates that the membership of the church is 10,153,093; during the past quadrennium the church received 1,367,507 members on profession of faith, and 381,315 from other denominations, for a total of 1,748,822 new members. Four hundred ninety-six new Methodist churches were organized in the United States in the last four years, bringing the total to 38,990. The annual budget is more than $500,000,000. The total benevolent giving was $345,751,749, with $61,822,019 going to missions. The church operates 325 hospitals and homes, 135 educational institutions.

Speaking of tomorrow, attention was called to the fact that the church is now faced with three crucial demands: first, the coming of the Holy Spirit in power demands human preparation; second, the time has come for us to ask ourselves precisely what we believe; third, the spirit of expectancy must possess us anew. Shortly before he died John Wesley wrote to William Wilberforce, the great crusader against slavery, "Unless God has raised you up for this very thing, you will be worn out by the opposition of men and devils. But if God be for you, who can be against you?" On the day he died, March 2, 1791, his last words in a clear voice were: "The best of all is, God is with us." Someone has said he left behind him a badly-abused reputation, a worn-out pulpit gown, and the Methodist church. We are that Methodist church, claiming its heritage proudly and facing its future confidently through faith in Jesus Christ our Lord and Redeemer.

It is unfortunate that the secular press sometimes plays up matters out of proportion in order to make them sensational. But the true spirit of Christian unity and consecrated purpose is evident to those who are privileged to be on the scene and know first-hand what is taking place. Our great Methodist constituency will do well to follow the news media which seeks to interpret fairly and helpfully the actions of this conference or any other gathering of dedicated Methodist Christians. This we believe our people will do, and that we shall have even a stronger church in its concept of Christian ideals when this meeting is ended.

What Do We Believe?

Just why there should be widespread division among Christians as to the advisability and desirability of permitting a brief scripture and a brief extemporaneous prayer in schools we do not understand. Some people in various denominational groups are reported to be opposed to such practice. And the amazing thing is that a few of them are ministers. We had always thought that preachers and other devout Christians were in favor of religion, and would stand for it being recognized and practiced at all times and under all circumstances. It is reported that even one of our Methodist Bishops is on record as saying he would oppose the return of the right to read the scripture and prayer in the schools. We regret that anyone would take such a stand.

We read that several proposed amendments to the constitution will be offered in the Congress to clarify the matter. No one that we know is in favor of forced or prescribed readings or prayer, but the evidence is that many are favorable to the age-old tradition of seeking divine guidance in the schools as elsewhere. One of the congressmen has sponsored a proposed amendment that would permit Bible reading and prayer in schools and has urged its speedy adoption by Congress. In speaking of it he said: "The welfare and the entire future of our beloved America depend upon how we handle the most dynamic tradition in our national life—dependence upon Almighty God." He went on to say: "If we ignore the compulsion which comes from the hearts of the people concerning this matter, we will be put in the position of throwing off the switch which connects a central dynamo to the lights of a great nation."

The matter of religion should not be made a political football in this election year or any other year as Congressman Smith of Virginia expressed it when he said, "It is evident that the people don't want the Supreme Court meddling with their religion." To our way of thinking this is not a matter for the Supreme Court or any other governmental agency to determine, but one for the individual conscience. When the Court first made its ruling Dr. Charles F. Carroll, superintendent of Public Instruction in this state, said that so far as he was concerned this would be left in the hands of the individual teachers as at present. We think he is right.

If we are able to discern what the Christians and other religious groups of America want, it is not the establishment of a religion, but freedom from interference in practicing religion. All sorts of silly arguments may be advanced pro and con, but the crux of the matter is simple. It is a rather strange coincidence that some of our so-called educators have gone up in arms against the banning of Communists from speaking in tax-supported institutions, but are opposed to, or at least, lukewarm toward allowing any kind of religious influence exercised in those same institutions. We believe in and support our educational institutions, but we also believe that training in reverence and proper emphasis upon spiritual values is a vital part of our educational system. "Readin', and 'ritin' and 'rithmatic" is not all there is to education. We are urged to support the educational system, but if these important spiritual elements are banned, while communism and every other sort of "ism" is permitted by those in charge, then let us not be surprised if the necessary support fails to materialize. Just here is the difference between our church-supported and state-supported institutions.

We realize that religion must depend primarily upon the home and the church for its promotion, but it needs the undergirding influence of the school also, just as the school needs the interest and support of the home and church. We are not suggesting that courses on religion should be placed in the public school curriculum, but it should at least be recognized and permitted to raise its suppliant voice as it seeks strength and asks for divine direction.

To what shall we give our supreme allegiance: To communistic atheism, as embraced and taught by Khrushchev and Castro; or to simple faith in Almighty God, as practiced and taught by Jesus Christ? "Others may do as they will but as for me and my house, we will serve the Lord."

Czech Methodist Ministers to Speak in N. C.

The general superintendent of the Methodist Church in Czechoslovakia and the pastor of Central Methodist Church in Prague, Czechoslovakia, will be speaking guests in the Western North Carolina Conference during the week of May 10-17. Their visit is sponsored by the Board of Christian Social Concerns of the Conference. Coming from the General Conference in Pittsburgh to North Carolina for the week's visit will be the Reverend Vaclav Hunaty, Methodist Superintendent, and the Reverend Vilem Schneeberger, pastor in Prague. These two men are the first representatives from Methodism in Czechoslovakia permitted to attend the General Conference since 1948.

Mr. Hunaty is one of the pioneers of Methodism in Czechoslovakia. The son of a postal employee and a strong Roman Catholic, he experienced a conversion when he mistakenly entered a Methodist tent mission thinking that a circus was being held in the tent. He began preaching in 1922 as a local preacher. After studying at the Biblical Seminary in Czechoslovakia and serving as an evangelist in the summers, he was ordained an elder in 927 and served numerous pastorates until 1962 when he was named superintendent. Mr. Schneeberger is one of the young leaders of Methodism in Czechoslovakia and is secretary of the Methodist Church in Czechoslovakia while serving the Central Methodist Church in the capital city of Prague. He was raised in Bohemia as a Roman Catholic and after a conversion experience entered the Comenius Theological Faculty in Prague. He was graduated in 1954 and became pastor in Prague in 1956. A member of the Council of Churches in Czechoslovakia, he is secretary of their "Life and Work" study group and serves on the editorial staff of two Protestant periodicals in his country.

Mr. Hunaty and Mr. Schneeberger will speak at the following places and groups:

Sunday, May 10, 6:15 p.m.—MYF of Children's Home Church, Winston-Salem
7:30 p.m.—Evening Worship at Central Terrace Church, Winston-Salem

Monday, May 11, 11:00 a. m.—District Check-up Meeting, Burkhead Church, Winston-Salem
7:30 p.m.—North Forsyth MYF Subdistrict, Antioch Church, King Charge

Tuesday, May 12, 2:00 p.m.—Series of engagements at Pfeiffer College, Misenheimer

Wednesday, May 13, 11:00 a.m.—Methodist Home, Charlotte
6:30 p.m.—Methodist Men of Central Church, Mt. Airy
7:30 p.m.—Mt. Airy Area Service, Central Church, Mt. Airy

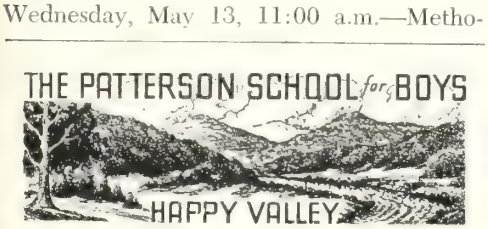
Friday, May 15—Asheville District United Methodist Men Supper, Abernethy Church, 7:00 p. m.

Sunday, May 17, 8:00 p.m.—Methodist Men of Pisgah Church near Kernersville
10:00 a.m.—Adult Sunday School Classes of Morris Chapel Church, Walkertown

11:00 a.m. and 6:15 p.m.—Morning Worship and Family Night Supper, Love's Church, Walkertown

In addition to these speaking engagements the two guests will do some sightseeing and visit the World Methodist Council Headquarters at Lake Junaluska. Serving as their host on behalf of the Conference Board of Christian Social Concerns is the Rev. Orion N. Hutchinson Jr. of Love's Church, Walkertown, who met these men in Prague last summer while on a study tour and arranged for their coming.

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The Thorns

The Roman soldiers some thorns did take,
They platted them and a crown did make.
The purple robe they put on Him,
But the awful thorns were His diadem.

I often think of the thorns He wore,
I wonder about them more and more;
Why did someone let the thorns grow?
Who it was I do not know.

Someone was a sluggard, no doubt,
Who let the thorns grow all about.
If he had been diligent and made the world fair,
No thorns could the soldiers have found anywhere.

In His vineyard there's work to do,
Let us labor our whole life through;
In times like these, with trials and woe,
Are we, too, letting the thorns grow?

MARY TAYLOR MUMFORD
Seaboard, N. C.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Hoover Entertain N. C. Delegation

Nearly nine hundred delegates and many visitors representing the press, education, and other agencies of the Methodist church were on hand Sunday, April 26, in anticipation of the opening of the General Conference in Pittsburgh, The first evidence was a huge reception held Saturday evening at the Penn-Sheraton Hotel where old friendships were renewed and new friends made as the hundreds of enthusiastic Methodists mingled in fine fellowship. On Sunday morning services were held in the various churches. Visitors occupied many pulpits, not only in the Methodist churches but also in those of other denominations. For this editor it was a real pleasure to be one of a group of twenty or more who were invited to attend services at the Murrysville Methodist Church at which Bishop Eugene Slater preached the sermon. The group of visitors were guests for the luncheon hour in the delightful home of Mr. and Mrs. Ray Hoover. The Hoovers were formerly members of the Methodist church at Princeton, N. C. They now live in Murrysville, Pa. Mr. Hoover is a native of Concord, N. C., and Mrs. Hoover came from Florence, Ala. They have three lovely children: Campbell, Ann, and David. Mrs. Hoover is a woman of great faith and courage, as evidenced in the fact that she invited the entire North Carolina delegation to have lunch with them. She was prepared to take care of some 35 people for the noonday meal. All those from the conference who attended the worship service enjoyed the good food and fellowship in the Hoover home. The accompanying picture was made by Mr. Hoover just following the luncheon.

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The Institute of European Studies in Chicago and The American University, Washington, D. C., will sponsor a three-week ecumenical seminar in Europe for American clergymen and theological scholars this summer. The seminar, which will focus on current theological thought in Europe, will be conducted in England, France, West Germany and Switzerland from June 21 through July 11.

Blue Cards

Woman's Society of Christian Service Secretaries of Student Work should send Blue Cards as early as possible, notifying campus ministers of college students who will be in their communities. Here are the persons to whom these cards should be sent:

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Methodists to Have UNC-G Campus Minister

The Rev. Fred K. Macon, pictured, has been elected to serve as Methodist campus Minister, directing the Wesley Foundation at the University of North Carolina at Greensboro, beginning in June, subject to the appointment of Bishop Nolan B. Harmon. This announcement was made last week by B. Gordon Gentry, chairman of the board of directors of the Wesley Foundation.



Rev. Fred K. Macon

Mr. Macon is a native of North Carolina, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest M. Macon of 2115 Sprucewood Drive, Greensboro. He is married to the former Jean Hodge of Greenville, Pennsylvania, a graduate of BostonUniversity Sargent College. He was graduated *cum laude* from High Point College with the A. B. degree and from Boston University School of Theology with the S.T.B. degree. Upon graduation, Boston University and the World Council of Churches granted him scholarships for post-graduate studies at United Theological College, Bangalore, India.

Bishop Harmon appointed him for one year as minister to Union Church, Kathmandu, Nepal. While in the Orient he visited mission work in India, Burma, Malaya, Thailand, Hong Kong and Japan. At present he is serving as pastor of the South Randolph Methodist Charge, Route 5, Asheboro, which includes New Hope, Pisgah, Flag Springs and New Zion Churches.

As Methodist Campus Minister in charge of the Wesley Foundation, Mr. Macon will be the Methodist denomination's representative at the campus. He will lead students and others from the campus community in worship, study, service projects and social development. Headquarters for the Wesley Foundation at UNC-G are located in College Place Methodist Church, Tate and Spring Garden Streets.

In looking toward his new ministry, Mr. Macon said: "It is most difficult to leave the ministry in the South Randolph Charge and the people whom we have grown to love, but I feel a definite call and mission to serve as Methodist Campus Minister at UNC-G. I hope in this new ministry to establish a bridge of appreciative understanding between church and campus. Both the church and the campus have much to say to the other and much to contribute. I hope I will be a meaningful link."

In Memoriam

RESOLUTION OF RESPECT

WHEREAS, Marshall H. Mauney died on the 21st day of November, 1963;

AND WHEREAS, Marshall H. Mauney was at the time of his death a member of the Official Board of the Boger City Methodist Church, and had been a loyal member of this church and served it in many capacities over a long period of years;

AND WHEREAS, his loyalty and devotion to the Boger City Methodist Church and this Official Board will be greatly missed;

NOW THEREFORE, be it resolved that this Resolution of Respect be entered in the minutes of this Official Board, and that copies be certified to the Christian Advocate, his wife Ruth E. Mauney, and their daughter Martha Susan Mauney.

Efird S. Burris, Chairman
Betty G. Ross, Secretary

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MRS. FLORENCE GORDON PAISLEY

On February 6, 1964, God called from our midst one of our dear loved ones, Mrs. Florence Gordon Paisley. She was born on October 22, 1903, in Galax, Virginia, but had lived in Guilford County for the past thirty-eight years, most of this time among us of the Mount Pleasant Church community.

During these years she showed by her daily life that "It is more blessed to give than to receive." She gave willingly and eagerly of her time and strength to her church, school, and community and served in many places of leadership in all of these.

She was a charter member of the Woman's Society of Christian Service, and a teacher in the Suzanne Wesley Bible Class and treasurer of the church building fund until ill health made it impossible for her to continue.

We miss our dear friend greatly, but through her beautiful example of true discipleship, she has left to each of us a precious memory of one who had truly met the Master and is now at home with Him.

Therefore, we of the Woman's Soceiety of Christian Service, recommend that a copy of this memorial be sent to the NORTH CAROLINA CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE for publication, and a copy be placed in our permanent records.

MRS. FEROL WOLFE, *President*
MRS. JEAN FRUH, *Secretary*

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Left to right are Roy L. Barnwell, pastor; Steve Hollar, member of the building committee; A. W. Wilkerson, member of the Official Board; Mrs. Steve Hollar, chairman of the parsonage committee; Gaither Killian, chairman of trustees and member of the building committee; Marshall Beard, chairman of the building committee; W. A. Murray, chairman of the committee on stewardship. Mrs. Fred Pope, member of the building committee, and Jack Sipe, contractor, were not present when the picture was taken.

Highland Methodist Church Building New Parsonage

Rev. R. J. Barnwell, pastor of Highland Methodist Church, Hickory, says that Friday, May 1, was a very happy day for the members of his church, as ground was broken for their new parsonage. Their present parsonage was acquired in 1931 from the late Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Lafon. It is of wooden construction and is located on 12th Street, N. E. The lot on which the new building will be constructed is located on 12th Street Place, N. E. The lot it 132 by 150 feet and it faces the new Highland Methodist Church. Groundbreaking ceremonies for the new church were held on November 27, 1960, and the formal opening was on February 11, 1962.

A contract has been let to Jack Sipe Construction Company for the construction of the new parsonage. The cost for this project will total approximately $19,000.00. Work is scheduled to begin soon.

The building, designed by Architects Harrell and Clark, A.I.A., of Hickory, is to be of brick veneer. The bricks, which are to be furnished by Isenhour Brick Company, are handcrafted, pastel color. The structure will contain a large living room, three bedrooms, den, kitchen, one full and one half bathroon, a carport with a built-in utility room. There will be a fireplace in the den, and the entry and living room will be carpeted throughout. Windows are to be Malta Vent, stack unit type. Heat will be by circulating hot water.

The Wayside Pulpit

D. E. EARNHARDT

Do not bite and devour one another.—Galatians 5:15.

The lady in the dentist's waiting room was not making her will but was putting down the names of those she planned to bite.

Some people bite you with sarcasm. Others bite you with silent contempt and make you feel like a fool. Some bite with an attitude of superiority and make you feel as low as a snake's belly. Others bite you with religious smugness and make you feel like you were altogether born in sin.

These biters have poison in their fangs and cause those who are weak in the faith to grow fainthearted. They tell you that you do not pronounce your words like the saints of the Sixteenth Century; and furthermore, you do not do your religious stunts properly.

Listen not to the snapping of the teeth of the legalists, the crackpots and the formalists, Just hear the voice of the Master who says, "Come unto Me and I will give you rest."

Announce Scholarship Awards

NASHVILLE.—The Board of Education of The Methodist Church has awarded five $1,000 John Q. Schisler graduate scholarships for the 1964-65 school year to persons planning to be directors of Christian education.

Among the recipients is Miss Ramona C. Morton, educational assistant at Hickory Grove Methodist Church, Charlotte.

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Trinity Church, Kannapolis, To Be Dedicated May 17

On Sunday, May 17, 1964, Trinity Methodist Church of Kannapolis, will dedicate its church.

As a part of their program of dedication, they have invited five sons of Trinity and four former ministers to come back for one service each prior to the Dedication Sunday.

The schedule is a follows: Wednesday, April 29, Rev. W. H. Faggart; Sunday evening, May 3, Rev. J. Edgar Cochran; Wednesday evening, May 6, Rev. W. C. Sides, Jr.; Sunday evening, May 10, Dr. Charles D. White; Monday, May 11, Rev. J. G. Winkler; Tuesday, May 12, Rev. C. G. Hefner; Wednesday, May 13, Rev. Mark Q. Tuttle; Thursday, May 14, Rev. John M. Rufty; Friday, May 15, Rev. C. Eugene Simpson.

On Dedication Sunday, May 17, Bishop Nolan B. Harmon will bring the sermon. Others participating in the Dedication service will be Dr. J. C. Stokes, Rev. Mark Q. Tuttle and the pastor of the church, Rev. J. W. Braxton.

Below is part of a brief history of Trinity Church:





History of Trinity Methodist Church

The Methodist Church, South, was the first church organized in Kannapolis. Rev. W. L. Hutchins was assigned as supply pastor by the Western N. C. Conference in 1907 and a Sunday School started late that year. The church was organized and the first services were held in January 1908, on Poplar Street in a three-room residence. It stood near the northend of Cannon Mills No. 3. There were eight charter members as follows: Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Sides, Mr. and Mrs. D. A. Sides, Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Hare and Mr. and Mrs. Caleb Cox.

Late in 1908 the congregation moved to a hall over the old F. L. Smith Drug Store, and services were held there until the YMCA was finished about 1910. The "Y" auditorium was used until 1914.

Mr. J. W. Cannon gave the church a lot on First Street back of the YMCA and work was started on a brick church building in the fall of 1911 but had to be stopped several times on account of funds. Liberal aid was furnished by Mr. Cannon and the Board of Church Extension, and finally the outside of the building was finished except the towers, the main auditorium was completed, temporary benches were put in, and the first service was held on the fourth Sunday in June, 1914. The first sermon was preached by Bishop McMurray.

During the period between 1926 and 1934 the need of an educational buildng was discussed but no action taken until 1935, when a Finance and Building Committee was elected. A plan was drawn by architect Haynes of Durham for a building, 40'x90', three stories high, to be built at the rear of the church. Bids were received, the lowest about $18,000, but it was decided not to build and the matter rested for two years. In the meantime, there was a movement to move the church to a new location and several sites were considered. The one selected as the best was the northeast corner of First Street and East Avenue, but on account of the large cost required to make the change it was decided to not move.

In the fall of 1937 an addition for the Church School was built to the church, costing approximately $10,000. New pews were put in the auditorium annex in 1939, a pipe organ was installed in 1940 and first used on the second Sunday in May.Early in 1942 a movement was begun to improve the main auditorium. It met with so much support that a total of about $5,000 was spent. Early in 1946 a campaign was launched to raise funds to remodel and enlarge the sanctuary and educational building, and plans were drawn by architect Helms at Charlotte. The estimate cost was about $65,000 and approximately $45,000 was collected. However, before any work was done the congregation voted to build a new church at another location instead of remodeling.

Trinity Church was a part of the Kannapolis Circuit until 1913, when it became a station. The following served as supplies during 1908 and 1909: W. L. Hitchins, J. H. Sellars, and J. W. Clegg. Regular pastors since then follow with the years when they started: W. B. Shinn, 1909; P. W. Tucker, 1913; G. W. Vick, 1917; A. R. Surratt, 1919; R. A. Swaringer, 1921; J. F. Moser, 1923; J. P. Hipps, 1929; N. C. Williams, 1933; E. M. Jones, 1937; W. A. Kale, 1939; W. A. Rollins, 1942; John Hoyle, Jr., 1943; C. G. Heffner, 1945; Joseph G. Winkler, 1949; Mark Q. Tuttle, 1953; Charles D. White, 1957; and J. W. Braxton, 1962.

Trinity has helped in the building of other Methodist churches in the Kannapolis area. The first was Jackson Park in 1938 when a new church was organized. Liberal aid was furnished Memoral Church in 1948 and help was given to Bethpage and North Kannapolis during the next two years. Some individual members made contributions to Midway Church when it was re-built.

The following young men who either grew up in Trinity or were members of the church for sometime have entered the ministry in the Methodist Church. D. P. Grant, M. C. Henderson, J. C. Brown, C. E. Williams, W. C. Sides, Jr., J. Edgar Cochran, N. C. Williams, Jr., H. M. Williams, John W. Hoyle, III, G. W. Rudisill, J. C. Smith, John M. Rufty, Eugene Simpson, and W. H. Faggart. Phillo Widenhouse is a minister in the Congrega-

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tional Church, R. F. Gardner in the Baptist Church, and Wade H. Curran, Jr., in the United Church of Christ.

On the first Sunday in July, 1947, the 11 o'clock service began to be broadcast over Radio Station WGTL. In the same year the church assumed the support of a missonary in Brazil, the Rev. William E. Andrews.

During the spring of 1947, under the leadership of the Rev. Cecil G. Hefner, plans were begun for an extensive building program in Trinity Methodist Church.

A building committee composed of nine members and three ex-officio members, the latter including the minister, the chairman of the Official Board, and the Church Treasurer, were chosen by the Official Board. This committee worked faithfully throughout its term, studying the possibilities of either remodeling the present structure or of building an entirely new building. The committee visited officials of Cannon Mills Company, after a vote of the congregation indicated that the majority favored a move of location and an entirely new structure. An agreement on an exchange of the present building for a lot on the corner of East First Street and East Avenue was reached.

In the fall of 1949, the Rev. J. G. Winkler became pastor of Trinity Methodist Church. Under his leadership, a new Building Committee was organized to include more members. This committee was composed of the following members: J. Carlyle Rutledge, Chairman; M. M. Payne, Vice-Chairman; Mrs. R. E. Field, Secretary; W. J. Bullock, C. T. Davis, Mrs. J. E. Dowless, Clyde W. Goodman, W. W. Hartsell, G. C. Maulden, E. B. Morgan, H. B. Robertson, Baxter C. Shelton, Mrs. H. M. Shepherd, W. H. Whitley, A. A. Wagner, and R. M. Cochran, Ex-officio member.

This new committee studied many plans submitted by various architects, visited churches both in Kannapolis and in other towns and cities; and on June 14, 1950, a decision was made to employ Linthicum and Linthicum of Raleigh, as architects to draft the plans for the new buildng.

The proposed plans were presented to the congregation in a brochure on April 8, 1951, at which time various Building Committee members explained various areas of the plans. On April 22, 1951, two weeks later, the congregation voted to determine the destiny of the plans. A large majority voted to accept the plans.

On November 30, 1952, the ground was broken for the new Trinity Church on East First Street by J. Carlyle Rutledge and members of the congregation joining with him in holdng a cord attached to the handle of the shovel immediately followng brief morning church services.

The new Trinity Church was completed in December 1955, and the first worship service was held on the first Sunday morning of December. A number of projects were paid by fifth Sunday walk-up funds during the pastorate of Rev. Mark Q. Tuttle. Then after Dr. Charles D. White became pastor, the sanctuary and offices, were air conditioned and paid out of funds from Fifth Sunday walk-ups. Then a set of Carillion Bells was installed as a memorial to Mrs. Lucille White, wife of Dr. Charles D. White who died in September 1961, and about one-third of the cost came in as memorial funds, the remainder is being paid from Fifth Sunday walk-up funds and at this date there is an unpaid balance of $1,000.

Steady progress has been made with increased support of the church, since completion of the church building in 1955. A note for $180,000 was given for funds used to erect the church building, and a re-payment set at $20,000 per year, and interest paid monthly. The payments have been made slightly in advance of maturity, or in some eight and one-half years on a nine-year contract. Payments being completed May 8, 1964, with dedication services on May 17, 1964.

During the pastorate of Rev. J. W. Braxton, on August 8, 1962, at a meeting of the Quarterly Conference, that body approved plans to buy a lot for the building of a parsonage. A committee of twenty-four persons was elected and given authority to proceed.

A lot on Eastwood Drive has been purchased for $5,500, and a note given for funds to purchase the lot.

A sub-committee was selected from the general committee to get plans for a building, select architect and submit plans to the general committee. This work is in process at the present time with George Griffin, of Concord, N. C., as Architect.

The Methodist Men, an organization of the church, took as a project the erection of a building for Scouting and through Barbecues for some nine years, raised sufficient funds, built a brick structure just to the rear of the church building at a cost of $14,000. The full payment of the note given for borrowed funds has been completed as of March 31, 1964. The program of Scouting has been enlarged to include both boys and girls, with all ages now organized and functioning.

The staff of the church is now seven members: Pastor, Educational Assistant, Church Secretary, Janitor, Maid, Director of Music and Treasurer-Business Manager.

How the Proposed Change In Apportionments Will Work

(Second of a Series)

The Commission on World Service and Finance and the Western North Carolina Conference will place before the delegates to the annual meeting June 3-7 at Lake Junaluska a new basis for apportionments.

The plan, already approved by the Conference Cabinet and by Bishop Nolan B. Harmon, who presides over the Conference, would include both Conference and World Service Benevolences in one apportionment figure.

That figure to each local charge would be based 75 per cent on the total giving of the charge (exclusive of Items 44 and 45 in the Pastor's Report) and 25 per cent on membership—relating the apportionment to the ability of a charge in the area of stewardship.

To better explain how this would work, here are four examples from typical charges.

Let's call the first charge "Old Hundred." It has a membership of about 800 persons and total giving of about $70,000. The 1964-65 apportionment would be around $9,600. Last year this charge gave about $9,300 to Conference and World Service Benevolences. The new increase is 3.2 per cent.

The new appropriations basis calls for apportionments to be given in the even hundreds of dollars, and that for 1964-65, charges be increased no less than three per cent, but no more than 15 per cent.

It is nteresting to note that the $300 increase in the apportionment for "Old Hundred" includes such things as Student Day, Race Relations, Golden Cross, Rally Day and Commitment Day. Until this new plan was proposed, these were mainly voluntary giving propects, and a special Sunday offering was taken.

There are some churches which now include these in the annual budgets.

The Commission on World Service and Finance plan calls for the local charge treasurer to send one check to the Conference treasurer for the apportionment. Then the Conference treasurer will place the money into each category on a percentage basis which has been worked out according to the needs of the various causes.

However, a charge can still have a special Sunday offering for the above causes. If this is more than the amount listed in the apportionment, a note can be forwarded to the Conference treasurer asking that the total amount be used for the cause of the Special Sunday offering or, after the specific apportionment item is fulfilled, remaining funds can be used for other categories in the apportionment.

The next example will be called that of "New Hundred" Charge. It has a membership of about 1,100 persons and total giving of about $50,000. The 1964-65 apportionment will be about $10,000. Last year the apportionment was near $8,700. The increase is 15 per cent.

Under the formula of 75 per cent on total giving and 25 per cent on membership, this charge would have had an increase in apportionment of 41.5 per cent or a jump to $12,300. However, the Commission on World Service and Finance is asking that no charge take an increase of more than 15 per cent.

The mathematics for some apportionments will give misleading figures.

Let's take the example of the apportionment for "New Wesley" Charge. It has about 250 members and total giving of about $11,000. The apportionment for 1964-65 will be $1,500 or an increase of 21 per cent over the $1,230 apportionment of last year. If the formula had been applied the apportionment would have been $1,700 for 1964-65, or 38 per cent.

The Commission of World Service and Finance mathematicians worked on this basis: If the 25-75 per cent basis for figuring apportionments placed a charge apportionment beyond the stated limit of 15 per cent for 1964-65, the apportionment was reworked until it was reduced to 15 per cent, or near 15 per cent, but not less than 15 per cent.

In reworking the apportionment which was over 15 per cent, when the apportionment figure dropped below the 15 per cent, another $100 was added to bring it nearer the 15 per cent limit, which in some cases shoved the apportionment slightly above 15 per cent, as in the example of "New Wesley" Charge.

When an apportionment, under the 25-75 per cent basis being proposed for 1964-65, fell naturally within the 3-15 per cent increase recommended, it was given as that percentage. Where the apportionment fell below the minimum of three per cent recommended, the apportionment was increased in even hundreds of dollars until it reached three per cent or the next lowest percentage to three per cent.

Here again the Commission on World Service and Finance emphasizes that the important thing is that each charge show an increase according to its proven ability in stewardship, in order to meet the requirements of all causes of the Conference and World Service Benevolences.

Although our percentage can be misleading, the actual dollar increases have been made on a fair scale, and what is more important to remember, the percentage of increases will not be as sharp in succeeding years of the quadrennium as it is for some charges at the beginning of a new quadrennium.

Now, for one other example. We'll call this charge "Old Wesley." It has a membership of about 375 persons and a total giving of about $16,000. The apportionment is $5,600, up four per cent from the nearly $5,375 of 1963-64.

Here an increase to $5,500 would have put the charge under three per cent. So the mathematical formula went to the next even hundred dollar figure, of $5,600, with an increase of four per cent.

NEXT WEEK: *The Percentage in the Apportionments.*

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Benson Memorial Church Opens in Raleigh

(Pictures on front page)

Benson Memorial Methodist Church in Raleigh, which was chartered and organized on Palm Sunday, now is a fellowship of forty-four persons, including four charter members, one affiliate member, and nine preparatory members. The pastor, Reverend William G. Sharpe, and the congregation have been meeting for worship services in Skate Town Roller Rink on the Raleigh-Durham Highway since October 6, 1963. Until the day of its organization, the church was known as Northwest Methodist, a name given at the North Carolina Annual Conference last year to designate the particular area of Raleigh which the church would be serving.

Northwest Church was named Benson Memorial in memory of Mr. Baxter Barrington Benson whose wife, Mrs. Lula Underhill Benson, created in her last will and testament a fund to help establish a new Methodist church in Raleigh. Mr. and Mrs. Benson were very active and dedicated members of Edenton Street Church where each of them served in various capacities of leadership. Mrs. Benson loved music and sang in the Edenton Street choir for thirty-two years. Among other offices, Mr. Benson served as a steward of the church for many years.

Mr. Benson was born in Hyde County on January 5, 1887, the son of a Methodist minister Reverend J. M. Benson, who was a member of the North Carolina Conference. He was the organizer and former president of Carolina Builders Corporation in Raleigh. At the time of his death in 1955, Mr. Benwas president of the First Federal Savings and Loan Association, a member of the Raleigh City Council, and mayor pro tem of Raleigh. He was a charter member of the Raleigh Lions Club and a director of the YMCA.

The living relatives of Mr. and Mrs. B. B. Benson include Mrs. Carydon S. Jones of Raleigh, sister of Mrs. Benson; Mrs. Otis B. Burrows of Louisburg, sister of Mrs. Benson; Mrs. Hiram E. Benson of Raleigh, sister- n-law of the Bensons; Mr. Clifton L. Benson of Raleigh, nephew of the Bensons; and Mrs. A. P. Hassell of Raleigh, a niece.

Participating in the Palm Sunday Organization Service were Reverend Graham S. Eubank, superintendent of the Raleigh District; Rev. L. C. Vereen, executive secretary of the North Carolina Conference Board of Missions; and Rev. William G. Sharpe, pastor of the church. After the reception of the twenty-five charter members, one affiliate member, and seven preparatory members, the church was declared officially organized by the district superintendent, Mr. Enbank. Officers elected to lead the church were as follows: Official Board Chairman, Lt. Col. L. H. Johnson, Jr. (retired); Membership and Evangelism chairman, Mr. L. C. Moore;



Congregation organizes Benson Memorial Church, Raleigh

Education chairman, Mrs. D. L. Davis; Missions chairman, Miss Carolyn Raffield; Christian Social Concerns chairman, Mr. B. N. Frazelle; Stewardship and Finance chairman, Lt. Col. L. H. Johnson, Jr.; Worship chairman, Mrs. H. A. Newton; Music chairman, Miss Beth Hedden; church school superintendent, Mrs. D. L. Davis; and church treasurer, Mrs. H. B. Raffield. The elective stewards were Mrs. W. C. Walton, Jr., Mrs. H. B. Stoneham, and Mr. R. L. Reynolds, a Raleigh attorney; and Mr. Clifton L. Benson, nephew of Mr. B. B. Benson and president of Carolina Builders Corporation. (The latter two trustees are Methodists who are members of other churches in Raleigh.)

The congregation of Benson Memorial has a building site on the Creedmoor Highway, just off the Durham Highway, which was purchased by the Raleigh Board of Missions and Church Extension, Inc. They plan to erect a building on this 4½ acre site sometime this summer.

Brevard College Briefs

The 13th annual Western Interscholastic Relays were held on the Brevard College rtack on April 25. Twenty-three high schools had team etntries.

Special music events for April included two formal recitals and one inforal. Students of piano, voice, flute, oboe and trombone, participated.

President E. K. McLarty attended the inauguration of Dr. Stacey Weaver as president of Methodist College in Fayetteville on April 10.

Two Brevard students, Margo Towles and and Richard Jones, had paintings accepted for exhibit in the Carolina's Sixth College Art Annual at Columbia Museum, Columbia, S. C.

The Brevard College Glee Club made its annual spring tour during the week of April 19-26. The group sang in churches and high schools in North and South Carolina, Georgia, and Florida. The Glee Club was under the direction of Professor Harvey Miller of the Music Department.

Girls outnumbered boys 19 to 12 in the academic honors at mid-semester, which seems to disprove any idea that men are necessarily more intelligent than women. Elevven students attained the Dean's List, requiring a 2.5 average, while twenty-one were eligible for the Honor Roll, with an average of 2.0 or above.

Kappi Chi, the organization for students interested in full-time Christian vocations, held a retreat at Camp Mary Gwynn during the weekend of April 18 for the purpose of worship and fellowship. Kappa Chi has recently made contributions to Casse Materna, an orphanage in Italy, and to the Save-A-Child fund.

Brevard history students Carolina Lobban, Jaime Ruiz, Cheryl Greene, Jim Holder, and Carroll Goodman were accompanied to Duke University recently by Professor Richard Howe to participate in a mock United Nations meetings. The group did considerable study and research before assuming their role as the delegation from Panama.

A composition, "Music for Brass Octet," by Professor Larry Whatley of the Music Department, has been chosen for performat the University of Alabama, April 23-26. ance at the 15th annual Composer's Forum Mr. Whatley, a graduate of the university, was also honored last year when his "Variations for String Orchestra" was performed by the Alabama Forum.

Doctors John Folger and Marius Wells spoke recently to Mrs. Harris' classes on "Marriage and the Family." They discussed family planning, the RH blood factor, and various other physical aspects of marriage. They emphasized that "Christian standards do have a validity today," in citing adverse effects of excessive dringing and smoking, the evil of criminal aortion, and serious consequences, emotional and otherwise, of premarital experimentation.

Miss Joan Moser, well-known collector of folk music and a mmeber of the Music Department, attended the Music Teachers' National Association Convention on the campus of the University of North Carolina at Greensboro recently. While there, she presented a concert-lecture with her father, Artus M. Moser, who is a collector of folk music for the folklore division of the Library of Congress. The lecture was entitled "Traditional Ballads and Instrumental Music of the Southern Appalachians." Miss Moser also presented an exhibit of folk instruments and a paper entitled "Survey of the Instrumental Music of the Southern Appalachians."

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By Mary Gardner

Robert's Lesson on God's Love

Robert was only ten years old, yet he felt rather grown up in his ways and very independent.

One day Robert asked his fafther to let him take a trip to see his cousin and wanted to go alone. After much thought about the question his parents decided to let him go and he was soon ready for the the trip. His father took him to the station and got the round trip ticket for his son, and after explaining the usual instructions for one taking a trip alone, he put Robert on the train.

As the train pulled out of the station, Robert felt just a little afraid and alone, although there were others around him.

When the time came for him to make the change in St. Louis, Robert was really afraid. He never saw so many people running here and there, and he wondered if they knew what they were doing. He asked the conductor if he was sure the train was the one he should take—and even though the conductor assured him it was, he was still wondering if he was right. Finally he asked several people who were on the same coach the question, "Does this train take me to Willingham?"

The train pulled out, and how Robert wished that his mother and father were there with him. He would not have a thing to worry about if they were there—he wouldn't even have to wonder what to do in case his cousin and uncle were not there to meet him when he got off the train.

At last the train pulled into Willingham and sure enough, there were his relatives at the station looking for Robert. Just like his father to call and tell his brother to be sure to meet the train that Robert was on.

The time came for Robert to think of going home, and how he dreaded making the trip alone. One day the door bell rang and who should be there but Robert's mother and father who had come to spend a few days and to take Robert home. How thankful Robert was! Nothing to worry about now, because his father and mother were there.

On the way home the trip was entirely different—so much fun, and Robert's heart just leaping for joy. Finally he said, "Father, it so different to make the trip with you and Mother. Why didn't you come with me?" The father replied, "Son, you remember you said you wanted to make the trip alone—you didn't invite mother and dad to go with you. We could have gone and it would have been nice, but you wanted to go alone, and we didn't want to spoil your plans."

That is just the way our Heavenly Father feels about us. If we want Him and invite Him into our daily life, He will go all the way, and the road will be so much easier, safer, and sweeter. but without Him, we will constantly be worried and afraid. He will not come into our lives unless we want His companionship, and the only way He knows is for us to spend sometime each day with Him in prayer, Bible reading, and meditation. You can talk with Him wherever you are, and often as you desire, and He will always hear you and lead you in the right way, but you will have to make the choice whether you want Him to go on your daily trips with you or not. He wants to be invited into your plans. —Selected.

JESUS CALLS MATTHEW

The words in the parentseses are spelled backwards. Write them correctly on the lines following:

In the country where Jesus lived there was a rich young man named (wehttaM) ..... He wore very fine (sehtolc) ..... He lived in a beautiful (esuoh) ..... Matthew had only a few (sdneirf) ..... and he was very unhappy. The reason was that when he collected the (sexat) ....., he sometimes cheated and charged too much (yenom) .....

One day as (wehttaM) sat outside his office, Jesus passed by. Matthew looked lonesome. Jesus stopped to (klat) with him. (wehttaM) was so surprised that he could hardly believe his ears. He had heard about the Great (rehcaeT) ..... , but he hadn't thought that Jesus would talk to him.

Then Jesus did something even more surprising. "I want you to be one of my (srepleh) ....." he said. Matthew looked at Jesus and said, "I will come with You."

A few days later Matthew thought of a fine (nalp) ..... "I will have a (ytrap) ..... in my big house," he said. "I will invite Jesus to meet my friends."

Some people began to grumble because Jesus accepted Matthew's invitation and went to the party. Jesus said, I am the (dneirf) ..... of all who need me."

'AND THE CHILD GREW'

The Little Jesus grew:
He grew until his baby hands
reached up
To touch the wayside lily's
fragrant cup;
Until beside his father's bench
he stood,
And reached each shining tool, each
block of wood
And soon the gentle lad, so grave
and wise,
Was tall enough to look in
Mary's eyes.

He grew in wisdom too:
He came the moment Mary called
his name;
Obediently he turned and quickly
came.
He put his own small sandals on
his feet,
And ran on willing errands down
the street.
He used his father's tools, and did
his share
To plane and saw, and do his work
with care.

And I can grow, I know:
With God's outdoors in which to play
and run,
With simple food, and work and
sleep and fun,
Each day I can do better than before,
Can try to help, and love a little more.
All these are things that I shall try
to do,
So I may grow, the way that
Jesus grew.

Bible Quiz

1. Who "ate the little book," and found it sweet in the mouth, but bitter in the stomach?
2. In what book of the Bible is a promise of blessing given in these words, "And a book of remembrance was written before him for them that feared the Lord"?
3. What great general appointed three representatives from each of seven tribes to make a complete survey of the land of Caanan, and put the results into seven parts in a book?
4. Who asked God to "blot me, I pray, out of Thy book," if he could not forgive the sin of the people?
5. In what book of the Bible are these words: "Of making many books there is no end"?

Answers to Last Week's Questions

1. It was a number of "Rolls" in some kind of a container.
2. Ezra.
3. Josiah (2 Chronicles 34:32).
4. Jehoiakim (Jeremiah 36:32)
5. Papyrus, Vellum, or Parchment.

Woman's Activities

N. C. Conference WSCS Awards Scholarships

By Mary Gardner

Miss Sarah McCracken of Durham has announced the awarding of four scholarships for 1964-65 at three church-related Methodist colleges by the N. C. Conference Woman's Society of Christian Service. Miss McCracken is conference secretary of missionary personnel.

The four girls receiving the scholarships include Miss Ellen Louise Kepley, a senior at N. C. Wesleyan College, Rocky Mount, from the Harrellsville Methodist Church, Elizabeth City District, who plans to serve as director of Christian education. Miss Nancy Ruth Best, from Franklinton Methodist Church, Raleigh District, a senior at Methodist College, Fayetteville. Miss Best will do graduate work at Scarritt College, Nashville, Tenn., before going into full time Christian service. Also Miss Anna Gail Dixon, from the Grace Methodist Church, Burlington District, and a freshman at Methodist College, Fayetteville. Miss Dixon's plans are concerned with work in the field of religious education and music. Miss Wanda Ballard, a senior at Pfeiffer College, is from Rhems Methodist Church on the Beach Grove Methodist Church in the New Bern District. Miss Ballard also plans to serve as director of Christian education.

The Pfeiffer College scholarship is a continuation for the old scholarship program in effect at the time the three $500 scholarships were initiated for students at Louisburg, N. C. Wesleyan and Methodist Colleges, according to Miss McCracken. The Pfeiffer grant of $200.00 will be discontinued at the end of the current scholastic year.

This is the first year the N. C. Conference WSCS has had a scholarship student at Methodist College. For two years the Conference sponsored a student at Louisburg; however, it will have none at Louisburg for 1964-65.

ROCKY MOUNT SUB-DISTRICTS MEET

The four sub-districts of Rocky Mount District have held their spring meetings. At Whitakers April 14 Mrs. J. Frank Davis, leader; at Bethel, April 16, Mrs. Ira Moore, leader; at Scotland Neck, April 21, Mrs. Don Hall presiding, and at Severn, April 24, with Mrs. Cecil Maddrey, leader. The theme for each session was "The Program That Unites Us."

Giving the welcomes were Mesdames S. W. Anderson, E. L. Brown, J. B. Stephenson, Jr., and Miss Camille Staton.

Mrs. John B. Chase of Eureka spoke on "Our Mission Today" at Whitakers. "As We Are One" was Mrs. Pierce Johnson's subject at Bethel. The 25th Anniversay was introduced by Mrs. Russell Johnson of Conway.

In Scotland Neck Mrs. Taylor Oakes chose "Christian Love and Human Understanding" as her subject, while Mrs. D. L. Wheeler lifted out The 25th Anniversary. The inspirational speaker at Severn was Mrs. Fred L. Johnson.

Special music at the sessions was brought by Mesdames Tom Andrews, Jr., Lloyd Bray and Rev. John Dean.

The pledge service was led by Mrs. E. H. Measamer and the district officers enjoyed lifting out their work in skit form, "On Trial." Leaders of the devotionals at these meetings were Mesdames James A. Thompson, Jack WyneeIII, Tate Everett and L. R. Holoman, Jr.

—Mrs. Russell Johnson.

W. N. C. Conference

Mrs. E. K. McLarty

A WORD OF COMMENDATION

This spring the reporting of the various district meetings has been particularly clear and in good reporting form. This has made it possible to inform the conference much more quickly of the district meetings.

An especial word of praise should go to the Asheville District 5. Besides a short report which allowed us to carry the news of their April 21st meeting on the 22nd, a splendidly gotten up brochure of district reports was given out at the meeting itself. These will be a tremendous help to officers in the district in many ways. Mrs. C. G. Norton, this year's president, certainly deserves an added laurel for so ably guiding the year's work to an effective close. So far, Asheville District has reported highest attendance with 300.

WAYNESVILLE DISTRICT NEWS

The Waynesville District of the Woman's Society of Christian Service was held in Hayesville at the Hinton Rural Center on Friday, April 24, with the Western Sub-District serving as host, Mrs. Guy Padgett, chairman. Mrs. Frank Cogburn of Canton, district president, presided. There were 160 representatives of the four subdistricts attending. Miss Mary Gordon of the Brooks-Howell Home in Asheville was the featured speaker using as her topic "The Responsibilities of This New Age. Miss Gordon spoke on her work with migrant workers in Florida, a social case worker in Chicago, a Y. W. C. A. worker, and her work at Boston University. Miss Louise Ballard of Lake Junaluska, program chairman, introduced the speaker.

Other features of the program were a welcome by Mrs. Guy Padgett of Hayesville; a morning meditation by the Rev. Grady Burgin, pastor of the Hayesville Methodist Church; a memorial service by Mrs. Margaret Pilarski of Waynesville, district spiritual life chairman; and a pledge service led by Miss Ray Ballard of Lake Junaluska. Special music was presented by Mrs. Charles Gidney of Canton.

Miss Sena Sutherland of Lake Junaluska, secretary of promotion, gave a detailed report of all fifty societies of their year's work.

Misses Vera Falls of Cherokee, Virginia Miller of Franklin and Laura Wells of Hayesville gave a panel of their work entitled "The Church and the Community."

The 1965 annual Waynesville District WSCS meeting will convene at the Cherokee Methodist Church.

Mrs. Hugh C. Keener
Waynesville District Secretary.

SALISBURY DISTRICT REPORTS

The twenty-third annual meeting of the Woman's Society of Christian Service of the Salisbury District convened Wednesday, April 22, at Trinity Methodist Church, Kan-

NOMINATIONS FOR CONFERENCE OFFICERS

The constitution and by-laws of the Conference Woman's Society of Christian Service states that elections shall take place every two years. Officers are divided into two groups, this being election year for group II. The term of office is four years, except for the treasurer who may serve eight years.

The Committee on Nominations presents the following slate:

President—Mrs. Leslie E. Barnhardt, Charlotte, N. C.
Treasurer—Mrs. E. D. Chandler, Asheville, N. C.

Secretaries

Children's Work—Mrs. Gilreath Adams, Jr., Troutman, N. C.
Spiritual Life—Mrs. Cletus Norton, Hendersonville, N. C.
Christian Social Relations—Mrs. J. Z. Watkins, Charlotte, N. C.
Student Work—Miss Mary Floyd, Pfeiffer College, Misenheimer, N.C.
Supply Work — Mrs. Walter Allred, Greensboro, N. C.
Missionary Personnel—Mrs. Robert M. Smith

Chairmen of Committees

Nominations—Mrs. Hugh W. Wilkin, Charlotte, N. C.
Town and Country—Mrs. Orell Lineberger, Stoneville, N. C.

Due to vacancies left by the resignations of Mrs. A. B. Johnson, Recording Secretary, and Mrs. E. K. McLarty, Jr., Chairman of Public Relations, the Committee on Nominations presents to the Executive Committee the names of the following women to complete their terms of office:

Recording Secretary—Mrs. Arthur Williams, Greensboro, N. C.
Chairman of Public Relations — Mrs. John C. Wright, Weaverville, N. C.

Mrs. J. W. Fowler, Chairman
Mrs. Orell Lineberger
Mrs. G. E. Brown
Mrs. Van W. Dillon, Jr.
Mrs. Henry T. Mozeley

napolis. The theme was "We Witness Through Service," and the District President, Mrs. T. Fred Henry, of Salisbury, presided. 167 women attended.

A Service of Remembrance was conducted by Mrs. W. C. Buchanan of Kannapolis, District Secretary of Spiritual Life, for the 27 deceased members.

Mrs. W. J. Clayton, Past President of the District, installed newly elected officers. They were: Mrs. T. M. Schramm, vice president; Mrs. S. E .Berkshire of Salisbury, recording secretary; Mrs. James Carpenter of Landis, promotional secretary; Mrs. Herman Hill of Salisbury, liteature and publications; Miss Bonnie Barnhardt of Concord, missionary education; Mrs. Joe Seymour of Salisbury, youth secretary; Mrs. R. Z. Bentley, Cabarrus Subdistrict chairman; and Mrs. W. L. Linker, chairman, Mrs. R. Z. Bentley and Mrs. George Lambert, new members of the nominating committee.

Mrs. Robert Milton of Salisbury, district treasurer, made her annual report and the women voted to increase their pledge to the Western North Carolina Conference by $2,-250. Next year's giving will be $21,500.

A newly organized society at the Liberty Church in Rowan County was welcomed and given special recognition. This brought the number of societies in the district to 65.

Mrs. Carl King of Statesville, president of the Western North Carolina Conference of the Woman's Society of Christian Service, was the luncheon speaker. She spoke on "The Four O's—Opportunity, Outreach, Obligation and Obedience.

Mrs. Lorene Honeycutt of Kannapolis served as organist for the event.

The Woman's Society of Christian Serice of the Bethany Methodist Church was hostess to the Ninth Annual Meeting of the North Wilkesboro District Woman's Society of Christian Service on April 29 with 225 persons attending. Mrs. Julian Reeves of Sparta, president, presided, using the program theme, "Witness Through Service." Mrs. John Christy, wife of the pastor of Bethany Church, gave the devotional, selecting scriptures from Isaiah 43:10: "Ye are my witness, saith the Lord," and Matthew 5:14: "Ye are the light of the world." Mrs. Christy told the group that Christian women have to become more dedicated to the work and more effective witnesses through service if they expect to meet the challenge of the new age.

Mrs. Ann Houck, president of the Bethany Society, extended words of welcome and introduced the pages, members of the Wesleyan Service Guild, Mrs. Nina Edwards, Mrs. Coleen Colvard, Mrs. Mildred Edwards and Mrs. Juanita Houck.

Mrs. Reeves recognized the representatives from the Central Jurisdiction, nine delegates from three local societies.





Pictured above are the Senior MYF Council members of Trinity Methodist Church in Kannapolis. They are, left to right, first row: Martha Rainey, secretary; Jane Chapman, Outreach chairman. Second row: Lawrence Braxton, treasurer; Cynthia Kobulnicky, president; Susan Lewis, MYFund treasurer; Fisher Beasley, Witness chairman; Judy Frye, Citizenship chairman; and Steve Stoaf, Faith chairman. Not pictured are Susan Safrit, vice-president, and Bobby Belk, Fellowship chairman. This MYF collected a large amount of clothing which is helping many needy friends in the Blue Ridge area.



The Misses Killingsworth

Rev. Herman Duncan, district superintendent, was recognized and introduced the 11 ministers present. Conference officers present were Mrs. Van W. Dillon, Jr., Elkin, secretary of missionary education and service, and Mrs. E. L. Murph, Kannapolis, secretary of promotion.

The district officers spoke briefly about their work. The 25th Anniversary was emphasized by Mrs. George Turnipseed, district secretary of promotion. A plea was made for more women to take advantage of attending the School of Missions at Pfeiffer College, August 3-7, by Mrs. Fred Hobson, secretary of missionary education and service.

Mrs. E. L. Murph introduced the guest speakers, Misses Mathilde and Louise Killingsworth, missionaries to Malaya, who have returned to the United States on furlough. They praised the work of the Woman's Division and the important part the Methodist Church as played, having seen the end of one era and the beginning of another in mission work in Malaya. A new nation as of September 1963, made up of many races, it is moving together in unity toward democracy. A people, proud of their heritage, assuming leadership in education, the church, government and business, do not understand the Christian church in the United States of America today.

Mrs. Julian Reeves, retiring president, addressed the group with a challenging message, using the topic, "Women in a New Age. She said, "Today, because of comfort, our church suffers. Shall we use our talents to witness to the new faith or be swept along with the new age?"

The pledge service was conducted by Mrs. J. B. Winkler of Boone, district treasurer; and the Service of Remembrance was by Mrs. George Turnipseed of Moravian Falls, with special music by Mrs. Thomas Little of Jefferson.

Mrs. Walter Zachary of Yadkinville, member of the Nominating Committee, presented the officers for election. The following were elected: Mrs. John White, Moravian Falls, president, succeeds Mrs. Julian Reeves of Sparta; Mrs. John Barden, Boone, vice president; Mrs. R. L. Brinkley, Elk Park, subdistrict chairman of Avery County; Mrs. Charles Neeves, subdistrict chairman of Surry County.

Rev. R. L. Clayton, Jr., representative of Blue Ridge Methodist Service Program, spoke of the work of the organization and asked the local societies for help in the distribution of its services.

The next annual meeting will be held at Stony Point Church in 1965.

Book Reviews

COMMUNICATING WITH GOD

by James W. Carty, Jr.

The author probes beneath the surface of customary prayers. Using contemporary terms, he confronts the reader with the challenge of "creative conversation with the Lord of his destiny."

The chapter headings indicate the development of the theme: God the Communicator, Man the Communicant, Channels of Communication, Clogged or Clear, Creative Conversation, and Cutoff or Commencement.

James W. Carty, Jr., is professor of journalism and director of publications at Bethany College, Bethany, West Virginia. He has written numerous award winning articles for religious, educational, and journalism journals, and has been United States lecturer on a Fulbright-Hays grant at the National University of Nicaragua. — Single copy, 35c each; $3.50 per dozen. — The Upper Room, 1908 Grand Ave., Nashville, Tennessee 37203.

Pee Dee Methodist Church Completes Renovation



Fire has been the test of many things, from ancient times until the present day. In a sense the same analogy could be applicable to the Pee Dee Methodist Church. Anyone, in fact, would find it next to impossible to recognize the interior of the educational building and the sanctuary, no matter how familiar he was with the church before a fire devastated the educational facilities and damaged the auditorium of the church last March. No one will deny that the entire church has come out of the experience a more beautiful and greatly improved plant.

A committee with lots of faith and foresight was appointed by the church, consisting of the following men: Jack Swink, Lewis Boggan, Emmitt Wallace, Dewey Propst and Bruce Traylor. The committee appointed Bruce Traylor contractor, who drew up plans that were satisfactory to the building committee and the congregation. While some of the members of the church urged that the old structure be torn down and build a new educational building from the ground up, there were some who felt that the exterior and timbers supporting the foundation were not injured. Furthermore, the committee felt that a big savings would result if, instead of tearing down the damaged building, the renovation would be satisfactory.

With architectural skill and a keen eye for rearranging space, Bruce Traylor converted an educational building, which before the fire was inadequate from every angle one might mention, into one that provides more classrooms. In fact, five new ones were added. It is difficult to realize that now there are two extra classrooms, whereas, before the fire one of the Sunday school classes met in the sanctuary. There is also provided now, a room for the church library, secretary's room, choir room, storage room and a splendid study for the pastor.

The family of the late Mrs. Clyde Swink beautifully furnished the pastor's study in her memory. A most devout Christian and faithful church member, who was an inspiration to her pastor and all who knew her was Mrs. Swink and this is a very appropriate memorial to her beautiful Christian character.

These new classrooms were made possible largely by the removal of the old steps, leading upstairs; the new stairway was made possible by adding several feet on the front of the educational building. The pastor's study, the choir room and a large classroom were made availbale by rearranging the furnace room.

New classroom equipment was put in all of the rooms, such as desk, blackboard lighting; however, the old seats were used after they were painted.

The sanctuary, also, was given a complete renovation. The divided chancel, and the stained glass window above the altar, picturing Christ praying in the garden, greatly enhance the beauty of the sanctuary. Overhead tile of fiber board with newly-constructed cornice gave the ceiling much improvement in looks. The walls of the sanctuary were improved immensely with the new wood panel covering, and the wainscoting. The floors were covered with new tile. The pews were refinished, adding much to their appearance.

The stained glass window over the altar was given by Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Maske in memory of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Miles J. Rushing and Mrs. Thomas Lester Maske. And, also, the water fountains in the educational building were given in memory of their parents and their baby, Claudia Ray, who died at age four months.

The Board of Missions gave $1,000 for which we are most grateful. Our church borrowed $40,000; in addition $11,000 was received from insurance.

The new lights greatly add to the looks of the sanctuary as well as help to make it more conducive to worship. A new steeple with the cross has greatly added to the looks of the outside of the church. The reflection of the lights on the steeple at night eloquently speaks to all who pass of the ever-abiding presence of God in our midst.

Another improvement that cannot be overlooked was the installation of a new heating and air-conditioning system; the latter is the realization of a dream of long standing. The widening of the walk and the doorsteps lend much to the welcome extended to all who come to worship at Pee Dee Methodist, and the wrought iron rail on the doorsteps is meant to extend to everyone additional hospitality.

The rebuilding of our church has been completed several months, and we know that our building committee and contractor did a splendid job. Each first Sunday has been set apart as "building fund" Sunday and our members bring their special offering to the altar to apply on the debt.



NOTICE TO MINISTERS' WIVES OF THE WESTERN NORTH CAROLINA CONFERENCE

The Western North Carolina Conference Ministers' Wives will have their annual luncheon on Saturday, June 6, at 12:45 p.m. in the Waynesville High School Cafeteria. **There will be no tickets sold on Saturday, the day of the luncheon.** It is suggested that each wife ask her husband to purchase her ticket on arrival at Conference. The price of the ticket is $1.75.

MRS. DONALD ROLLINS, *Treasurer*
Western North Carolina Ministers' Wives' Fellowship



Brevard College Loses Three Faculty Members

Dr. E. K. McLarty has announced that three faculty members of Brevard College have resigned, and he speaks in high terms of appreciation of the service they have rendered the college. Dr. John B. Bennett, dean, has accepted an appointment as professor of Philosophy at Western Carolina College and will begin there with the September, 1964 term. Mrs. Mary Gladys Lobdell, who has served on the Brevard faculty since 1942 as teacher of Biology, has elected to retire, effective June, 1964. Mr. Frank N. Egerton, who has been teaching physics and mathematics at Brevard for the past eight years will resign at the end of this semester. He will be succeeded by Dr. Ora L. Railsback of Clarendon Hills, Illinois.

Sunday School Lesson

for MAY 24

By Raymond A. Smith
Head, Department of Religious Education
Greensboro College

DEMANDS OF CHRISTIAN CITIZENSHIP

Background Scripture: Judges 8:33-9:57; Luke 20; I Peter 3:8-5-11; Romans 12: 1-13:7

This lesson theme is most timely, since Americans have scarcely ever had more vital issues to confront them than those which are pressing for attention just now. The observant reader will notice our background scripture is somewhat expanded to give a more nearly complete setting for our lesson. All these passages deserve careful study.

In the passage from the book of Judges, especially 9:7-21, we see how evil men sometimes come to positions of power in government. In such cases revolt is often the only remedy by which they can be dislodged. In the material from Luke's gospel Jesus in confronted by some of his critics with the question as to what the Jew ought to do about the Roman oppression, should one pay taxes to this hated foreign power now in control of Judea? If Jesus said "Yes" he would be classed as a cooperator with Rome. If, on the other hand, he said "No" he could be reported to the authorities as a rebel or traitor. The famous answer, "Render to Caesar the things that are Ceasar's and unto God the things that are God's," means that we are to give necessary taxes to whatever government that we live under, but that we are not to *worship* the government; *that* is to be reserved for God only. In times past men have gone to various extremes; sometimes refusing to do their duty as citizens and sometimes making the state their God. The Christian will need to discover the middle path between defiance on the one hand and fanatical worship of earthly power on the other.

In the selection from Paul's letter to the Romans he seems to give unqualified approval to the Roman government. Of course Paul was proud of his Roman citizenship which in some cases had saved him from being a victim of the mob's madness. The King James version renders Romans 13:1: "Let every soul be subject to the higher powers, for there is no power but of God." This could be another way of saying, "As long as God *permits* a government to rule the citizen is obliged to obey it." This translation seems to accord more with the intention of Paul than the RSV which suggests that it is God who actually *institutes* evil governments as well as good ones. The German pastors who served Adolph Hitler as army chaplains could justify their actions quite reasonably under such an interpretation. The rest of the lesson materials from Romans is stressing the need of police power to protect citizens and to keep order. The question as to whether Christians should ever participate in revolutions is a thorny one. After all, our ancestors revolted against Britain in 1776 and secured our independence. Shall we say they were wrong? Thomas Jefferson remarked: "I hold it, that a little rebellion now and then, is a good thing, as necessary in the political world as storms in the physical."

Students of the New Testament have observed that there is a change in the attitudes of Christian leaders toward government from Paul's appeal to obedience, to that the book of Revelation, where Rome is pictured as an evil power which is trying to destroy the church. In the selection from I Peter, Christians are told not to be surprised at the "fiery ordeal" to which they are to be subjected. Presumably this refers to persecution which often meant martyrdom for the Christians. Here an evil government is to be resisted to the death when it demands the worship of its citizens.

We should point out that, during the history of the church, there have been many times and conditions when the Christian had no vote and was at the mercy of tyrants. This is not true in the American of today. We have the vote. We should regard it as a solemn obligation by which we may express our Christian faith. "The work of the church" is more than "church work." The work of the church is to bring into our common life a cleanness, a decency and an idealism which would not be there otherwise. We have to make our witness not only in worship on Sunday, but also in whatever part of the world we are in during the week.



Open House was held at the new parsonage of Mt. Mitchell Church, Kannapolis, Sunday, March 1, with the members of the WSCS serving as hostesses. The guests were welcomed by Mrs. Earl Wise, president of the WSCS; Earl Wise, chairman of the Official Board; and Rev. and Mrs. D. P. Smotherman. The parsonage contains four bedrooms, two baths, living-dining room, kitchen-breakfast room, family room, utility room, two-car garage, and basement. The parsonage is located on the Old Salisbury Road in Kannapolis. The total cost of the parsonage, furnishings, lot and landscaping was approximately $30,000. The present indebtedness is $5,000. Since 1951 Mt. Mitchell Church has completely rebuilt its church facilities, including a new sanctuary and education wing with 17 classrooms, a fellowship building and kitchen, and the parsonage. The church will celebrate its one hundredth anniversary in 1965.

Father-Son Team at General Conference

Rev. W. Carleton Wilson, secretary of the North Carolina Annual Conference, served as Journal Secretary for the recent General Conference in Pittsburgh. His son, Rev. Ted Wilson, also a member of the North Carolina Conference, and presently pastor at Warsaw, served as assistant Journal Secretary. These two were responsible for putting into proper form and editing the General Conference Journal. This is quite a responsibility, but Mr. Wilson was selected because of his long experience as Conference Secretary and as Associate Jurisdictional Conference Secretary. The son, Ted, has been under the training of his father as he has assisted with the work of the conference secretaryship. We are sure they did a good job of preparing the official journal of the conference proceedings.

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Favor New Agency

The combining of two Methodist commissions now functioning in the field of interdenominational affairs into one agency with a full-time executive was recommended to the 1964 General Conference opening April 26 in Pittsburgh, Pa.

At present, the church has a Commission on Church Union dealing with possible mergers with other denominations, and a Commission on Ecumenical Consultation working with such bodies as the National and World Councils of Churches.

Under the proposal being made by the Commission on Ecumenical Consultation, a new *Commission for Ecumenical Affairs* would be created which would, among other things:

"Proclaim and work for the unity of the church;

"Analyze the relationship of The Methodist Church to the pronouncements and actions of the encumenical councils and agencies;

"Explore, receive, study and recommend action on proposals for union of The Methodist Church with other denominations; and

"Interpret The Methodist Church in the light of the New Testament definitions of the church. . . ."

The proposed Commission on Ecumenical Affairs would have a secretary with an office at a location to be determined later. The secretary would be a member of the church's Council of Secretaries.

The present Commission on Ecumenical Consultation, headed by Bishop F. Gerald Ensley of Des Moines, Iowa, was set up in 1958 by the Council of Bishops as an emergency agency to provide for liaison between the Bishops and ecumenical bodies. It was made accounting commission by the 1960 General Conference. The present Commission on Church Union, headed by Bishop Glenn R. Phillips of Denver, Colo., has been concerned with actual union with other denominations.

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North Carolina Methodists Honor Their Bishops and Wives

Two very interesting meetings of North Carolina Methodists attending the General Conference in Pittsburgh were those honoring Bishop and Mrs. Paul N. Garber and Bishop and Mrs. Nolan B. Harmon.

On Friday evening, May 1, some 100 representatives from the North Carolina and Virginia Conferences held a banuet meeting at the Carlton Hotel. Dr. Roland P. Riddick of the Virginia Conference presided, Rev. O. L. Hathaway led the invocation, Mr. Roy Turnage, Conference Lay Leader, presented to Bishop and Mrs. Garber an appropriate gift and Mr. A. G. Jefferson, Lay Leader of the Virginia Conference, and Mr. J. Nelson Gibson, immediate past Lay Leader of the North Carolina Conference, each spoke words of appreciation for the leadership of Bishop and Mrs. Garber. The bishop made an appropriate response and expressed his gratitude for the privilege of having served the two conferences. He recounted something of the fine devotion that has made possible any progress that has been registered during these thirteen years.

On Saturday evening at the Paragon Restaurant in the Koppers Building some hundred or more representatives of the Western North Carolina Conference and the North Alabama Conference gathered to honor Bishop and Mrs. Nolan B. Harmon. It was a delightful occasion. Dr. Lawrence Dill of North Alabama Conference presided and introduced Dr. Charles White, leader of the Western North Carolina Conference delegation who spoke for the Conference. Dr. Edwin L. Jones, leader of the lay delegation, and Mr. William Brannon, lay leader of the North Alabama delegation, each spoke for their conferences in expressing their appreciation for the fine leadership of Bishop and Mrs. Harmon. Both Bishop and Mrs. Harmon made an appropriate response and expressed their love for the people of these two great conferences.

On each occasion both ministers and laymen were high in their praise of their episcopal leaders. These episcopal areas have made wonderful progress within the past decade under the fine direction of Bishop Garber and Bishop Harmon. These were pleasant get-togethers, and were greatly enjoyed by those attending.

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"Better is a dry morsel, and quietness therewith, than an house full of sacrifices with strife."—Prov. 17:1.

High Point College Receives $8,000 Science Award

High Point College has received a gran of over $8,000 from the National Scienc Foundation, Dr. Wendell M. Patton, colleg president, has announced.

The grant, which will be administere under the direction of Dr. William Lazaruk chairman of the Department of Biology an Geology, will be used for improving the un dergraduate instructional equipment progran at the College. The grant will be matche by the College.

States Dr. Lazaruk, "With this grant w expect to provide new equipment which wil make it possible for our students to increas their participation in independent investi gation and research. Our courses and teach ing facilities will be greatly improved."

Dr. Lazaruk explained that more an more High Point College biology student are continuing their studies in graduate school. Last year four biology graduate were admitted to graduate schools and on student was awarded an assistantship to d advanced work.

"We also had a student last year who received an award from the North Carolina Academy of Science to do individual study in biology," stated Dr. Lazaruk.

Dr. Lazaruk said that the National Science Foundation grant would enable the College to put into effect a modernized and improved curriculum directing able students into graduate work.

"We hope that with our increased facilities and opportunities for students in biology and geology that we may be able to interest people in establishing academic scholarships in those fields," he stated.

Dr. Lazaruk has recently been awarded a research grant by the Piedmont University Center, the second such grant he has received from them since coming to High Point College. He also received a National Science Foundation grant to do summer research at the Duke Marine Laboratory in 1963.

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The former editor of The Methodist Church's *Together* magizine, Dr. Leland Case, was elected April 10 as an honorary life member of Associated Church Press. Dr. Case recently retired as the publication's editor but continues as a consultant. Program participants at the ACP annual meeting included Arthur J. Moore, Jr., associate editor of *World Outlook*. Delegates included editors of many of the 17 Methodist publications which are ACP members.

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New Officers of Council of Bishops. Seated: Bishop Prince A. Taylor, President-Designate; Bishop Lloyd C. Wicke, President; Bishop Roy H. Short, Secreatry. Standing: Bishop Eugene Frank, Bishop Richard C. Raines, Bishop Fredrick Wunderlich. Below—Left: Part of Western N. C. Conference Delegation to General Conference. Visible are Rev. Charles D. White, Rev. Robert G. Tuttle. Laymen are Dr. Edwin L. Jones, Mr. M. T. Lambeth, Mr. R. M. Smith, Mr. George Ivey, Mrs. Carl H. King, Mr. Tom Little, and Mr. G. L. Goodson. Others to right cannot be seen. Right—Four members of North Carolina Conference engage in informal chat. They are, Rev. J. A. Auman, Rev. W. C. Wilson, Rev. W. K. Quick, Rev. Ted Wilson.





★ CAROLINA BRIEFS ★

¶ Director of Pfeiffer College's Summer School, Dean Cameron West, reports more than 100 advance registrations have been received for the 1964 summer session which opens June 8.

¶ The Woman's Society of Christian Service of the Greensboro district will hold the annual Officers Training Day at the Woodmont Methodist Church, Reidsville, on Sunday May 24, from 2:00-4:00.

¶ Rev. and Mrs. W. Eugene Tisdale, of Conway, N. C., announce the adoption of their second child. The infant boy is named John Kenneth. His grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Tisdale of Saxapahaw, N. C., and Mrs. John V. Jester of Greenville, S. C.

¶ Charles A. Lynam, 1006 W. Bessemer Ave., Greensboro, has accepted a position in the Department of Fine Arts at High Point College beginning next fall. Mr. Lynam received his A.B. degree from Elon College in 1952 and his M.A. degree in music education from New York University in 1954.

¶ Dr. F. Olen Hunt, Director of the Department of Gifts and Wills of the Methodist Foundation will be guest preacher at the 11:00 a.m. service at Davis Street Methodist Church in Burlington on May 24. The Rev. Hiram K. King will preach for the evening service at 7:30. Dr. Hunt will speak again on Monday night, May 25 at 6:30 p.m. to the Men's Club.

¶ Bishop Paul N. Garber held a meeting of the co-ordinating council of the N. C. Conference Monday, May 11, at Edenton Street Church, Raleigh. The program calendar and other matters were attended to. Following this meeting the Bishop and his Cabinet met in the afternoon and night in preparation for the forthcoming annual conference to be held at Front Street Church, Burlington, in June.

¶ Bishop Nolan B. Harmon and his Western North Carolina Methodist Conference Cabinet met in Charlotte May 14-16 and May 18-20 for final discusions regarding appointment of more than 800 clergymen to pulpits during 1964-65. The 13 district superintendents who compose the cabinet also discussed the program of the Conference for the coming year in relation to legislation passed by the General Conference of The Methodist Church April 25-May 9 at Pittsburgh, Pa.

¶ North Carolinians elected to membership on general boards and agencies of the Methodist Church by the recent General Conference at Pittsburgh for a four-year period were: Council on World Service and Finance, Mr. Herbert Wayne of Charlotte; Commission on Promotion and Cultivation, Bishop Paul N. Garber, Rev. O. L. Hathaway, of Durham, and Mr. Hugh Massie of Waynesville. The Discipline calls for the bishops to elect some persons to general boards, and to nominate others for election by the conference. In most categories the list will be increased by election of additional board members at the forthcoming jurisdictional conference.

¶ The Editor had the privilege of preaching to a fine congregation last Sunday morning at First Methodist Church, Hamlet, where Rev. Russell S. Harrison is the pastor. Judging from the congrgation, things are moving nicely at this splendid church.

¶ Homecoming day has been set for Love's Methodist Church, Walkertown, for Sunday, June 7. A picnic luncheon will be served following the service. Also the new summer assistant from Duke Divinity School will be presented that day.

¶ Rev. A. R. Davis, of St. Petersburg, Fla., a former pastor of the Concord Church at Coleridge, spoke at the Homecoming-Memrial-Mothers Day program at the church on May 10. It is said the church was crowded to capacity. Following the service a picnic luncheon was served.

¶ Miss Mary Powell of Greensboro, who graduates from Greensboro College May 31, has accepted a position as Director of Christian Education with the Central Methodist Church in Asheboro. She will succeed Mrs. W. R. Jessup on June 15. Rev. N. C. Williams, Jr. is pastor of Central Church.

¶ Brower's Chapel Methodist Church, Asheboro, will observe Homecoming Day, May 24, the guest speaker will be Mr. H. M. Angle, from Greensboro. Dinner will be served on the grounds. All former pastors and members are cordially invited to attend Rev. Bill E. Bass, is pastor.

¶ Mr. Walter F. Anderson, Director of the State Bureau of Investigation, will speak next Sunday evening, May 24, at the Concord Methodist Church at Coleridge. The service will be at 7:30, and the public is cordially invited by the pastor, Rev. John S. Oakley, to attend.

¶ The Rev. Ernest R. Clegg, who served 38 years in the N. C. Annual Conference and now resides at the Methodist Retirement Home, Durham, N. C., brought the morning message and presented the cause of the Methodist Retirement Home at the Saint Matthew's Methodist Church, Fayetteville, N. C., on Sunday, May 3, 1964.

¶ A Youth Revival will be held at the Tabernacle Church in Robbins June 8-12. Cooperating in the revival services will be the Methodist Youth Fellowship of Smyrna, Carthage, Pleasant Hill, High Falls, and Robbins churches. Rev. J. H. Kinkle, pastor of the Cameron-Center charge will be the preacher for the meeting.

¶ Alice Patricia Austin, daughter of Mrs. Frances J. Austin, 2246 Westfield Ave., Winston-Salem, has been awarded a National Methodist Scholarship by the Board of Education of the Methodist Church to attend High Point College next fall. Miss Austin will graduate from R. J. Reynolds High School this spring. She is in the upper 15 percent of her class, is a member of the National Honor Society, the National French Honor Society, the French Club, Y-Teens, the Math Club, and is a Red Cross representative. She is a member of the Ardmore Methodist Church.

¶ Homecoming services will be held Sunday, May 24, at the Tabernacle Church of Robbins, of which Rev. W. A. Crow is the pastor. Rev. W. L. Maness will be the preacher for the occasion.

¶ On May 3 Bonlee Methodist Church dedicated its parsonage, and also dedicated the study in honor of Rev. and Mrs. W. J. Underwood. Dr. T. B. Hough, district superintendent of the Burlington District, led the service, assisted by the pastor, Rev. J. Wayne Billings. Mr. Underwood served the charge for several years, and friends contributed the money and furnishings for the study in honor of Rev. and Mrs. Underwood, who have retired and now reside in Bonlee.

¶ Homecoming and Memorial Day services will be held at Sandy Ridge Methodist Church, Route 1, High Point, Sunday, May 24 at 11:00 a.m. The guest speaker for the morning worship hour will be the Rev. Bill Forbes, former pastor of the charge, who is presently serving the Cherry Street-Pine Grove Charge of Kernersville. The service will be followed by dinner at 12:30 with a song service and fellowship hour in the afternoon. All former pastors, friends and visitors are welcome. Billy V. Hunter is presently the pastor.

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Duke President and Professor To Be Commencement Speakers

Departing from the long-established custom of having outside commencement speakers, Duke University is this year using it own talent for the commencement pro-



gram. Dr. Douglas M. Knight, president of the University, will deliver the baccalaureate sermon Sunday, May 31, and Dr. Calvin B. Hoover, professor of Economics, will give the commencement address Monday, June 1.

The Alumni office is busy preparing for a record number of alumni who are expected to attend the festivities on the week-end of May 29-June 1.

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The mind that is the emptiest may have a tongue that ratles he loudest. —W.E.i.

Brevard College Announces Its Commencement Program

Brevard College commencement exercises will be held in the gymnasium on Sunday, May 31, at 3:00 p.m. President Emmett K. McLarty, Jr., will be the speaker. The Graduation Day sermon will be given by President McLarty's brother, the Rev. James B. McLarty, at 11:00 a.m. in the Brevard Methodist Church.

President McLarty has given the Commencement address for the past two years, and is doing so this year at the request of the graduating class.

The Rev. James B. McLarty, pastor of the Black Mountain Methodist Church, is secretary and one of the two charter members of the Brevard College oard of Trustees. Mrs. McLarty is the former Margaret Elizabeth Glenn of Asheville.

The Rev.. Mr. McLarty received his A.B. and B.D. degrees from Duke University. His pastorates in the Western North Carolina Methodist Conference since 1930 include, among others: Hill Street church of Asheville, First Church, Marion, Central Methodist Church of Kinks Mountain, and Forst Hins Church of Concord. He served as Chaplain in the Navy in 1946 and is a Commander in the Naval Reserve Training Center in Asheville. He is a member of the W.N.C. Conference of the Methodist church and chairman of the Conference Commission on Worship.

According to Recorder Mrs. Brona N. Roy, 68 students are eligible for an Associate in Arts degree and 24 members of the second-year class are eligible for Junior College Diplomas.

Commencement activities will begin Saturday, May 30, at 1:00 p.m. with an Alumni luncheon and business meeting in the college cafeteria. Members of the graduating class will be guests of the Alumni association and officially welcomed into the association. The luncheon speaker will be Mr. Norman Curtis who graduated from Brevard in 1938.

Mr. Curtis is chairman of the Board of the Curtis Packing Company of Greensboro, and president of Curtis Live Stock Service, Inc., of Columbus, Ohio. He attended North Carolina State College to study Live Stock Husbandry; Purdue University for a course in Meat Packing.. Seminars in Trade Schools at Michigan State University. For the past fifteen years, Mr. Curtis says his main interest outside of his business has been the study of Philosophy. He attended New York University for a course in Psychology and Philosophy.

At 8:00 p.m. on Saturday, guests of the college and the general public are invited to a concert presented by the college glee club and wind ensemble.

Following the concert, President and Mrs. McLarty will hold their annual reception for the graduating class.

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The business operation of Chicago Area Methodist churches has moved further into the automatic age with the inauguration of a direct check-handling system. The Rock River Conference, which has 400 churches, put the new system into effect recently. All checks formerly sent to the treasurer's office now go to a post office box and from there six times daily to the conference depository in a Loop bank.

Commencement at Greensboro College May 30-31

Dr. Charles T. Thrift, Jr., president of Florida Southern College, will preach the baccalaureate sermon at Greensboro College in Finch Memorial Chapel at 11:00 a.m., Sunday, May 31. Dr. Thrift is the son of



Dr. Charles T. Thrift



Dr. William F. Quillian, Jr.

Rev. and Mrs. C. T. Thrift of Durham. He holds the A.B., M.A., B.D., degrees from Duke University, and the Ph.D. degree from the University of Chicago.

In 1940, he was appointed professor of religion at Florida Southern College where, in 1946, he was elected vice-president. He has served as president of that institution for the past seven years.

A past president of the Florida Association of Colleges and Universities, and the Florida Historical Society, Dr. Thrift is the author of severeal books in the field of church history, and co-author of a special study on theological education in the Methodist Church. He also is a member of the General Board of Education of the Methodist Church.

One of his three daughters, Helen,, will be graduating from Greensboro College with this year's senior class.

Dr. William F. Quillian, Jr., president of Randolph-Macon Woman's College, will be the Commencement speaker on Sunday, May 31, at 3:30 p.m.

A native of Nashville, Tenn., Dr. Quillian received the A.B. degree from Emory University, and the B.D. and Ph.D. degrees from Yale University. He also studied at the University of Edinburgh and the University of Basel. In 1952, he received the LL.D. degree from Ohio Wesleyan University, and in 1959,, he was awarded the Litt.D. degree by Emory University.

Prior to his election to his present position, Dr. Quillian taught philosophy at Gettysburg College and Ohio Wesleyan University and was on the summer faculty at Garrett Biblical Institute.

He is the author of numerous articles for philosophical, religious, and educational journals. His book, *The Moral Theory of Evolutionary Naturalism*, was published by the Yale University Press in 1945.

Dr. Quillian is a past president of the Virginia Foundation for Independent Colleges and a member of the executive committee of the Southern University Conference.

Reception by President and Mrs. Harold H. Hutson, honoring members of the Graduating Class and guests at 5:00 p.m., Sunday, May 31, parlors of Main Building.

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My Dad

(A tribute to a father by his teen-age daughter)

My Dad left this world today;
He'll not be back, he's just away;
He won't be lonely for Mom again;
He too, is away from sin.

Known by all, loved so well,
No comfort for him, just plain hell.
But he ne'er seemed to mind,
For through it all he still was kind.

Sick through most of his life,
Knowing hurt and so much strife,
His days were numbered even then,
He'd die soon, but only God knew when.

He had two children:
A girl and a boy,
We were apart even then,
But we still loved him with joy.

But now he is gone
And we are alone,
We'll look back with a smile.
Remembering him for that little while.

—Libby Gaemon

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EDITORIALS

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Looking Back at The General Conference

This Editor has just returned from the General Conference of the Methodist Church, held in Pittsburgh, Pa. We went there with some fear and trepidation, knowing that many matters would come up for discussion and decision, and that there were widespread differences of opinion on many of them. Therefore, we approached this great conference with a prayer that God would divinely guide the delegates in all that they did, whether it all met our individual expectations or not. We are happy now to have the feeling that such was the case. It would be unusual if all representatives saw things in the same light. It will be remembered that we expressed editorially before the conference convened that our faith in Methodism led us to believe that the delegates were of such spiritual and intellectual stature that they could and would discuss their differences intelligently and reach their conclusions in a spirit of Christian statesmanship. This we believe is the case.

Having said this, however, it still is a fact that many of us are not in agreement with many of the decisions made. But we believe there was a genuine spirit of sincerity on the part of those responsible for every action. Let us hope so at least. And if that be true we can pray that a Divine Providence will over-rule any mistakes made, and will so direct the outcome of each action that it may be used in the advancement of the kingdom of God.

A total of some 4,503 memorials, or proposals, (a near record), were under consideration in one way or another. The conference dealt with reports of committees and commissions. In some instances changes were made by the democratic procedure before the reports were adopted. After prolonged discussion the conference adopted the report of the commission on interjurisdictional relations which recommends a voluntary approach to racial desegregation. Nearly half of the Central Jurisdiction's 373,000 members are located within the bounds of the Southeastern Jurisdiction. Mr. Charles C. Parlin, who presented the report said: "If the plan is accepted by this General Conference and does not bring about the desired integration at the jurisdictional level by September 1, 1967 plans would be presented to the 1968 General Conference for the elimination of the Central Jurisdiction." The Conference voted to accept the commission's report, hoping the voluntary method would prove its value.

THEME FOR THE WEEK

"Woe to them that are at ease in Zion, and trust in the mountain of Samaria, which are named chief of the nations, to whom the house of Israel came!"
—Amos 6:1.

While there was much discussion on the matter of union with the United Evangelical Brethren church, it was not in opposition, but in the matter of structure. The feeling seemed to be practically unanimous for union. Details will be worked out by the commission on union and the matter will be presented to both denominations for action during 1966.

The question of civil disobedience in the matter of demonstrations drew strong opposition from many delegates, but the report of the Commission on Christian Social Concerns ultimately prevailed, after a changing of the wording so as to eliminate the phrase "civil disobedience." There were many other matters dividing the delegates, but the democratic procedure of discussion prevailed. Some agreements were reached, others were not. But the spirit of acceptance of the decisions of the conference seemed to be apparent.

One listened to arguments, and eulogies, and wondered sometimes how much real concern there was relating to spiritual matters and ministering to the needs of the humble and the unknown. There is always the danger of becoming so enwrapped in legislative and operational matters that we may lose sight of our real purpose. It was evident that some of the keenest minds of the church were at work, and we trust that our spiritual responsibility and privilege will not be overlooked.

It is our personal feeling that we do not have to agree with every detail in the operation of our church in order to be good Methodist Christians. It is inevitable that with more than ten million persons there will be wide-spread differences, but there should be one spirit. John Wesley said, "If thy heart is right, give me thine hand." Jesus said, "Other sheep I have, which are not of this fold: them also I must bring, and there shall be one fold and one Shepherd."

Now that the General Conference has ended, let us be occupied in implementing its decisions by closing any gaps that may have been opened and developing a unity that will make us a stronger, greater church. This is no time for fault-finding and criticism but a time for unity of action that will enable us to render the finest possible service to all mankind in the name of our God and in the practice of our faith. This does not mean, however, that we should not be active in seeking to correct any mistakes which we honestly think were made, but we can do it in a spirit of Christian statesmanship. It is true that we have not yet reached the pinnacle of perfection, but the things that may divide us should also challenge us to renewed efforts in the days ahead as we seek oneness of spirit. In unity there is strength.

Earl P. Crow to Teach At High Point

Earl P. Crow, Jr., currently of Stockport, England, has been appointed an assistant professor in the Department of Religion and Philosophy at High Point College, Dr. Wendell M. Patton, president, has announced.

Crow, a native of Wilmington, N. C., will teach the second summer term at the college this year as well as the long term.

Crow received his BA and BD degrees from Duke University. He did additional work at the University of Edinburgh in theology and will receive his Ph.D. in church history from the University of Manchester, England, in July.

A member of the Western North Carolina Conference of the Methodist Church, Crow has had four years experience in the ministry and has been president of the Cabarrus County Ministerial Association. He has been associate minister at Central Methodist Church, Concord, and minister of the Mt. Pleasant Methodist Church, Mt. Pleasant.

He has traveled extensively in Europe and the Holy Land.

Crow is married to the former Margaret Ann Kornegay.

Notes From Mount Olive

The highlight of the general meeting of the Woman's Society of Christian Service of First Methodist Church, Mount Olive, held May 4, was the presentation of a Special Membership pin and certificate in the Woman's Society to Mrs. Boyd E. Wilson. In making the presentation, Mrs. Wilson was cited for giving of her time and talents to the church, church school and Woman's Society of Christian Service for a number of years. She, along with her husband, served the Senior High as counselors for a number of years, and was secretary of Youth Work for the Woman's Society.

Many young people will remember them for their tireless efforts in making the MYF an active group. Mrs. Wilson has also served as secretary and associate secretary of Spiritual Life for several years. She is pianist for the Wednesday morning Spiritual Life Prayer Group service, which is led by the Woman's Society of Christian Service. She is also pianist for the Adult Assembly for Sunday school, and is an active member of the Frank Cox Class. Mrs. S. B. Boyd made the presentation.

PASSIONATE PLEAS AT PITTSBURGH

By Kenneth M. Johnson, Pastor Oak Summit Methodist Chuch, Winston-Salem, N. C

Capturing the headlines at Pittsburgh during the 1964 General Conference was a night-time service called a "Living Memorial." This was not an item on the General Conference agenda but was a colorful and dramatic presentation of concern on the part of a growing number of people in the church. The "Living Memorial" was a Rally sponsored by "Methodists for Church Renewal," an unofficial fellowship of Methodists who are vitally concerned with the renewal of the structure and witness of The Methodist Church. The Rally was held on Friday night, May 1, in the historic Smithfield Street Methodist Church and the neighboring Smithfield Congregational Church.

I attended this all-night vigil because I wanted to see and hear for myself what this particular movement was all about. More than 1,000 persons were in attendance, primarily college students; but this was by no means a "youth rally," because many adults were also there, including bishops, a seminary dean, college professors, ministers, and laymen and laywomen.

The service began at the unusual hour of midnight and concluded at 6:00 in the morning. The first two hours consisted of what was billed a "Southern-style Freedom Rally" and included prayer, singing, and speeches by younger leaders in the movement—including Rev. James Lawson of Memphis, Tennessee, and Chaplain Ed King of Tougaloo Christian College in Jackson, Mississippi. Several students from the South who have been involved in the struggle for freedom also spoke.

The mood of the earlier speeches was one of indignation over inaction of the church regarding racial injustice in the church. The popular doctrine of "voluntarism" was labeled a hoax and a heresy and one speaker called the 1964-1968 Quadrennial Program, which had just been adopted by the General Conference, mere "renewal through manufacture and paper work. " There were passionate pleas on the part of the speakers for the church to match its words with deeds in the area of freedom and racial justice.

The second period of the "Living Memorial" Rally began at 2:00 a m. and lasted until 4:30, with an impressive array of seven members of the Council of Bishops as spokesmen. Bishop W. Ralph Ward of the Syracuse Area was lead-off speaker in this section of the program. He talked about the freedom which Methodists have to express their beliefs, pointing out that Christians may not agree on what is spoken but must agree on the freedom to speak.

Bishop Charles F. Golden of the Nashville-Birmingham Area did not refer to his Easter "bouncing" at Galloway Memorial Methodist Church in Jackson, Mississippi, but did point out that the goal of the Negro is not to remove the symbol of segregation, the Central Jurisdiction, but to remove segregation itself in all structural forms of the church's life.

Bishop Richard Raines, articulate leader of the Indianapolis Area, observed that the General Conference had to date been preoccupied with in-troverted concerns. He pled, "We have a witness to bear now as to what we stand for. All we have said thus far is, 'How can we take our steps without suffering?'" He also expressed the conviction that Christian love makes the Christian go out to seek reconciliation—not just wait until a person of a different race happens to worship in our churches.

Bishop Lloyd C. Wicke of the New York Area predicted that the influence of the Rally would have little effect upon the actual voting of delegates at the Conference; instead, he encouraged those present to "pick out delegates and pit your mind against theirs." An interesting footnote to this plea came to my attention on Sautrday in a hotel elevator where I heard a delegate complain that a student had awakened him at 6:30 that morning and asked, "May I come to your room for prayer?"

Bishop J. Wesley Lord of the Washington Area urged those who want to criticize the church to do so—but from within the structure of the church. "The church is not perfect," he said, "because I am in it; the church is not perfect because you are in it."

Bishop Matthew Clair of the St Louis Area inspired the congregation with his statement: "'A puryfying remnant has always kept the church alive. I hope you are that agent."

Bishop James K. Mathews of the Boston Area, a leading Bishop of the church in the civil rights struggle, gave the most rousing speech of the morning. "We've got a brand new revolution on our hands," he said. "We have a new Negro on the American scene." He then gave several suggestions for dealing with segregation in the church, among them: "'Find out where the power structures are and move in. If we work in the fringe area, we can't get anything done."

At this point of the Rally I left to hear other speakers at the nearby Congregational Church. Dr. A. Dudley Ward, Executive Secretary of the General Board of Christian Social Concerns of the Methodist Church, came out for more specific provisions by the General Conference which would make it clear that the law of the church means to be used for inclusiveness.

It was growing late at night, or perhaps I should say early morning, and inasmuch as I had 7:00 a.m duty as Page to Fraternal Delegates at the Conference, I left as the group was preparing in both churches for the Sacrament of Holy Communion. Celebrants were Host Bishops to the General Conference, Bishop W. Vernon Middleton and Bishop Edgar A. Love.

As I walked back to my hotel room I was weary from lack of sleep but thoroughly convinced that I had heard an authentic voice from within the church calling me to give more serious attention to the message of Christ and the nature of the church. I was haunted by the thought that Jesus was speaking to me when He said, "Not every one who says to me, 'Lord, Lord,' shall enter the kingdom of heaven, but he who does the will of my Father who is in heaven." Matthew 7:21).

In a sense I had gone to the "Living Memorial" Rally as an observer but I came away as a participant—not approving all that was said or done—but freshly dedicated to the biblical principle that all men are brothers in Christ and should be treated as such in the church. Some words of the Apostle Paul lingered in my mind as the night finally enfolded my body in sleep:

> "'For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all and bestows his riches upon all who call upon him." (Romans 10:12).
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> "For in Christ Jesus you are all sons of God, through faith. For as many of you as were baptized into Christ have put on Christ. There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is neither male nor female; for you are all one in Christ Jesus." (Galatians 3:27-28)



The Rev. Roberto Escamilla, pastor of Emmanuel Church in Austin, Texas, and a member of the Rio Grande Conference, has been elected a director in the Section of Home Missions of the Division of National Missions, Philadelphia, and the Rev. James H. Davis of Alton, Ill., has been elected as assistant director of the Department of Research and Survey of the Division.

Hawthorne Lane to Launch Major Modernization Program

The congregation of Hawthorne Lane Methodist Church of Charlotte has approved a major modernization program, it was announced recently by the pastor, the Rev. Robert H. Stamey.

The minister called the project a "progressive move" and a continuation of the revitalization of this downtown congregation.

The official board of the church has estimated the work will cost about $70,000, but will represent nearly $100,000 in the value of renovated buildings and new construction.

Here is what the Rev. Mr. Stamey said will be done:

Two large assembly rooms on the third floor of the Education Building will be changed into smaller and more flexible classrooms. When work on the Education Building is completed the church will be able to handle a church school attendance of 1,000 persons.

The columns in the dining room will be removed to allow this area to conform with the newly-modernized kitchen.

A church lounge will be constructed in the present church school space near the dining room. This will be the first time the congregation has had a church lounge.

A parking lot will be made on the spot where the present parsonage is located. Plans are to purchase a new, modern parsonage for the church. The present parsonage is adjacent and to the right of the church.

Materials from the present parsonage will be used to aid construction of the new Hawthorne Lane Church recreational facilities on Lake Norman, located on a four-acre site foot building is planned for the site, and leased from Duke Power Co. A 30 by 60 added to it would be two rooms to afford sleeping accommodations for evernight programs.

This is the first time this congregation has done anything like this in 20 years, Mr. Stamey said. He revealed that three members have given a total of $1,000 toward the project.

Hawthorne Lane Church now has 1,936 members. During the present year the church has increased a net 65 members—high for a downtown church.

The pastor said the two Easter worship services brought a total of 1,400 worshippers to the sanctuary.

The renovation and building program has received the unanimous approval of the congregation. R. E. Evans, speaking for the Property Committee as chairman, called for the program to be accomplished during the summer.

He said, "These new facilities should pay good dividents by putting new life into our membership and also help in attracting new members."

In February of this year the congregation sent its pastor and a layman, Doug Mayes, to Alaska on a national Methodist evangelistic mission. The church is the scene of many Conference meetings and has active programs in all areas of Methodist planning.

The associate minister is the Rev. Edward L. Moore. Chairman of the official board is John Garrett.

Some General Conference Actions

A budget of $18,000,000 for the worldwide work of 13 national and international agencies of The Methodist Church for each of the next four years was unanimously approved by the church's General Conference.

The budget for World Service, which is Methodism's general (national) benevolence fund, calls for a 20 per cent increase in the amount to be raised annually during 1964-68 quadrennium over the amount budgeted in the 1960-64 period, from $15,000,000 to $18,000,000.

The General Conference also approved other amounts to be raised annually by The Methodist Church during 1964-68, including: $608,850 for the Interdenominational Cooperation Fund (which provides part of Methodism's contribution to the National and World Councils of Church); $937,893 for the General Administration Fund (which provides funds for a variety of administrative agencies such as the Commission on Public Relations and Methodist Information) and the Episcopal Fund, from which come the salaries, pensions and expenses of Methodist bishops.

The amount for World Service will be raised by apportionments paid by the 97 annual (regional) conferences of The Methodist Church in the United States. The apportionment for each conference is based on a combination of three factors: (1) membership of churches in the conference, (2) the budget of churches for local expenses and (3) the benevolence budgets of churches. Each conference then apportions World Service to the local churches within its boundaries.

As in the past, the largest amount from World Service during the coming quadrennium will be given to the Methodist Board of Missions, $9,000,000 annually. Other Methodist agencies receiving large amounts are the Board of Education—$2,200,000 annually, Board of Christian Social Concerns—$565,000; Commission on Promotion and Cultivation—$801,515; Board of Evangelism—$385,000; Board of Lay Activities—$350,000; and Television, Radio and Film Commission—$350,000.

One of the largest shares of World Service funds will go to train Methodist ministers, with $1,660,000 designated annually for ministerial education. The amount to Negro educational institutions will be increased to $500,000, twice the amount designated for that cause in the past quadrennium. A new recipient of World Service funds will be the Methodist Investment Fund, a church agency in which Methodist individuals, churches and agencies can invest funds and from which loans are made to churches for building purposes. American University in Washington, D. C., will receive $300,000 and Scarritt College, Nashville, Tenn. $175,000.

In recommending to the General Conference the amount for World Service, the Council on World Service and Finance, Evanston, Ill., said: "We state most emphatically that we do not consider $18,000,000 annually an adeuate sum for the work of the World Service agencies. We therefore call upon all annual conferences to consider their apportionments as a base below which they will not fall, rather than a sum, the payment of which signifies all of our obligation to the World Service agencies. We hope that the effort will everywhere be made to enlarge the services of these agencies to the church through the means of greatly increased giving to World Service."

RACE STATEMENT

The Conference adopted a sweeping statement on race. The 858 delegates accepted a virtually complete rewriting of the statement adopted four years ago, adding strong provisions on public accommodations, voting rights, and non-violent resistance to "unjust and immoral" civil law.

Discussion bogged down on one section endorsing the principle of civil disobedience "in rare instances where legal recourse is unavailable for redress of grievances from laws which are clearly unjust or immoral."

After criticism that the term "civil disobedience" was too inclusive, the Committee on Christian Social Concerns brought in substitute wording and won approval in an hour's argument.

The committee abandoned the term "civil disobedience" and gained the delegates' okay of the following statement:

"Christians have long recognized that after exhausting every legal means for redress of grievances, the individual is faced with the moral and legal dilemma of whether or not his peculiar circumstances require obedience to 'God rather than men.' There are instances in the current struggle for racial justice when responsible Christians cannot avoid such a decision. Wherever legal recourse for the redress of grievances exists, the responsible Christian will obtain the best available legal and religious counsel for his dilemma. In rare instances, where legal recourse is unavailable or inadequate for redress of grievances from laws or their application that, on their face, are unjust or immoral, the Christian conscience will obey God rather than man."

Surprisingly, statements on public accommodations and voting rights were not even debated.

The statement, adopted by a substantial majority, included a provision that "any business or institution open to the public is morally obligated to serve all the people without restrictions of race, color, or creed."

Christians were urged to "use all their influence" to change community patterns where discrimination in use of public facilities exists.

Similarly, the delegates okayed a section declaring, "To deny the vote to any citizen solely because of race is to destroy a vital means for seeking a remedy to unjust treatment in that society. Churchmen should seek the removal of every racial barrier to voting."

The pronouncement also was specific in its application to the denomination itself. Methodist churches and agencies were urged to be open to all persons regardless of race. The church was asked to practice fair employment policies and to seek the same from companies with which the denomination does business.

One delegate, V. M. Mouser, a Columbia, La., attorney, objected to the statement because it did not explicitly exclude persons who resist arrest. "Some of the people we are talking about," he said, "do not have the deep spiritual understanding of Mahatma Ghadhi and his methodis."

Another, the Rev. John B. Nichols, Andalusia, Ala., pleaded for "realism." "I am in sympathy with much of this statement," he said, "but many of us operate in difficult situations. We cannot be expected to raise continually larger funds for the general church if we pass very provocative statements."

Another southerner, the Rev. Robert E. Cushman, dean of Duke Divinity School at Durham, N. C., spoke in favor of the wording eventually adopted.

"We recognize there are violent forms of civil disobedience," he said. "But this statement rejects them. The term 'civil disobedience' has been abandoned, and this proposal stands in the best New Testament tradition.

"If we cannot accept this, I doubt if we understand the New Testament," he said. "If we reject this, I doubt that we stand in the Christian tradition. I am doubtful that we even believe in God."

After adoption, the Rev. Joseph H. Albrecht, Springfield, Ill., asked to have the statement forwarded to each U. S. Senator for inclusion in the Congressional Record. His motion carried by a substantial margin.

MERGER ACTION

The Conference of The Methodist Church voted that it wants to merge with the Evangelical United Brethren Church but that it would not determine details until 1966.

The delegates instructed their commission on union to perfect a plan of union in time for a special session of General Conference in 1966.

The conference also voted to keep the doors open to the possibility of mergers with other denominations.

The special 1966 session also will hear a report on progress toward elimination of the Central Jurisdiction, it was agreed.

In brief discussion of the proposals already under consideration, the Methodist delegates indicated by a large majority that they want to retain the name of The Methodist Church, rather than changing it to The United Methodist Church.

The conference approved these other recommendations of the Commission on Church Union:

That the church "make known its willingness" to enter into union discussions with other U. S. Methodist bodies, particularly three Negro denominations—African Methodist Episcopal, African Methodist Episcopal Church Zion, and Christian Methodist Episcopal.

That the commission "approach . . . British Methodism concerning the possibilities of Union."

That the commission continue as a participant in the Consultation on Church Union, involving six denominations, but that it make known Methodist convictions in regard to the episcopacy (bishops), the open service of communion, the connectional system as against congregational, the doctrine of baptism, relationships with churches outside the U. S., and stands on social issues.

ABSTINENCE, ETC.

General Conference voted to maintain its historic position favoring total abstinence from alcoholic beveranges, and to expect all its leaders to abide by that position.

Delegates adopted a report from the conference Committee on Christian Social Concerns whcih declared, in part:

"Methodists are called by love not only to abstain, but also to seek healing and justice for the neighbor who is victimized. Concern for the alcoholic and for all those in trouble because of beverage alcohol is the clear mandate of the Christian faith."

An amendment to modify the stand by admitting "that sincere Christians may differ was soundly defeated. In the committee the same amendment had lost only in a tie vote broken by the chairman.

The conference also authorized a continued major study on church-state relationships during the coming quadrennium. It was referred to the Board of Christian Social Concerns for implementation. The committee report called for establishment of a separate commission to undertake the study of a budget up to $50,000 but it was instead referred to the board.

In other business, delegates clarified the work of the Board of Pensions and referred to committee a recommendation to lower the voluntary retirement age of pastors from 65 to 62.

MISSION STRUCTURE

The Conference revamped the organizational structure of the Board of Missions, largest agency of The Methodist Church.

The conference unanimously approved a

plan for extensive restructing, which had previously been approved by the board and by the conference's Committee on Missions.

The board, which has headquarters in New York, has an annual budget for about $34,000,000 and about 5,000 missionaries and other employees around the world. It conducts missionary work for The Methodist Church in the U. S. and 48 other countries.

The new structure plan becomes church law and will be incorporated in the Methodist **Discipline**. It will be implemented fully at the board's reorganizational meeting in September in Chicago, Ill.

The Rev. Dr. Jack Wilkes, Oklahoma City, Okla., chairman of the Committee on Missions, said the new structure is intended to adapt the worldwide Methodist missionary program to the demands of changing world conditions and to provide for more effective administration and promotion of missions in the U. S. and overseas.

The major provisions of the new plan are:

1. For the first time, there will be one general secretary for the Board. Heretofore the top administration has been divided among four general secretaries of equal rank. The single secretary will supervise the 125 staff executives of the board.

2. The top executives, in addition to the general secretary, will be four associate general secretaries, one each for the World Division (formerly called Division of World Missions), the National Division (formerly called Division National Missions), The Woman's Division (foremly called Woman's Division of Christian Service) and the joint Commission (formerly Section) of Education and Cultivation. At least two of the five top positions must be held by women.

3. The administration of Methodist mission work at home and overseas is to be unified by replacing the present dual administration by general divisions of the board and the Woman's Division with a single administration. Specifically, in relation to Methodism's 48 overseas mssion fields, this means merging the present Division of World Missions and the Department of Work in Foreign Fields of the Woman's Division into the new World Division. The merger means that there will be only one administrator for each mission field, instead of two as at present.

Similarly the present Division of National Missions and the Department of Work in Home Fields of the Woman's Division are to be merged into the new National Division. There will be only one principal administrator for each home mission field or area of work, instead of two as at present.

4. There will be unity in missionary education and cultivation in Methodist churches in the United States, as the number of approaches from the board to the local church will be reduced and duplication of program in various fields ended. All of the educational and cultivational work, including Advance (Mission) specials, will be combined under the reorganized Joint Commission.

5. There will be one treasurer for the board, charged with implementation of board financial policies. There will also be treasurers for the World, National and Woman's Divisions to receive and disburse mission funds.

6. The Woman's Division will have as its major functions the building of program for local Woman's Societies of Christian Service and Wesleyan Service Guilds, the education of Methodist women in Christian missions, the training of women for leadership in the church and the development of an active program of Christian social relations. The Woman's Division will continue to receive funds from local Woman's Societies and will allocate them to the World and National Divisions for expenditure for home and overseas missionary work.

7. There will be increased participation by board members (as contrasted with executive staff) in the policy-making operations of the board. In the past, board members have said that they have not had as much voice in determining mission policy as they should and that too much responsibility for policy-making has been left to staff.

8. The plan sets up within the World Division a system for channeling the techniques and skills of other national Methodist agencies in such fields as stewardship and Christian education to Methodist agencies other than the Board of Missions will continue, as in the past, to be coordinated through the board.

9. To assure the continued participation of women in the board's executive staff, a minimum of 40 per cent of the staff must be women. The plan also calls for inclusions of overseas personnel on the staff, as well as Americans. Another provision in the plan says that the board shall continue to "recruit, elect, utilize and promote staff members without regard to race or color."

BISHOP'S RETIREMENT

The maximum retirement age for Methodist bishops has been changed from 74 to 72 by action of the General Conference.

A bishop will be allowed to retire at the age of 65 but his full salary and housing allowance will continue only if he agrees to be available for assignment by the Council of Bishops.

Delegates also voted that a bishop who has reached age 65 may retire at any time during a quardennium with the approval of the college of bishops and the committee on episcopacy of his jurisdiction. The **Discipline** formerly permitted retirement only at a regular session of the jurisdictional conference.

Provision was also made for the retirement of a bishop by a one-third vote of his college of bishops because of health impairment.

The conference rejected a proposal which would have added three bishops this year to the present administrative structure of the church, by a change in the number of members required for addition of an episcopal area to a jurisdiction. The vote leaves unchanged the disciplinary provision that 500,000 members or less entitle a jurisdiction to five bishops, with an additional one to be assigned for each additional 500,000 members "or major fraction thereof." The figure is 400,000 for jurisdictions whose areas average more than 70,000 square miles in size.

Delegates approved the election by annual conference delegates of one minister and one lay delegate to serv on a standing committee on episcopacy to report to the jurisdictional conferences on the work of the bishops, their character and official administration. The committee is to recommend the assignment of bishops, including possible transfers across jurisdictional lines. No bishop is to be assigned to an area which includes the annual conference in which he held membership a the time of his election to the episcopacy.

PRESS ELECTS

"The people of Africa have a tomorrow, and tomorrow will be on their side," declared Bishop Prnce A. Taylor of Monrovia, Liberia, president-designate of the Council of Bishops of The Methodist Church, in an address before the quadrennial meeting of the Methodist Press Association.

"They have their problems and their pains," he said of the African nations, "but, given a chance, will overcome these pains."

During the business meeting of the press association, Dr. Carl Keightley, Dallas, editor of **The Texas Methodist**, was elected president, succeeding Dr. John Marvin, Adrian, Mich., editor of the **Michigan Christian Advocate**. Dr. Keightley will serve until 1968.

METHODIST ALUMNI

The Methodist Church pondered a proposal to create a national Methodist education foundation with resources of $50 to $100 million in support of its 135 educational institutions.

Dr. William P. Tolley, chancellor of Syracuse University, offered the challenge in an address to 1,500 alumni and friends of Methodist institutions of learning during a dinner in the Pittsburgh Hilton Hotel.

He suggested the money could reflect the "generosity of our wealthiest Methodist people."

The Methodist Church will hold its 1968 quadrennial General Conference in Dallas, Texas. This decision was announced in Pittsburgh by Frank E. Baker of Philadelphia, chairman, and Dr. J. Wesley Hole, Los Angeles, secretary of the denomination's Commission on Entertainment.

Rev. Grady Whicker Honored By High Point College

Grady Whicker who for eleven years served High Point College in many capacities on the campus, was honored last Saturday night at the annual Senior-Alumni Dinner at the College when he was presented the "Alumnus of the Year" Award.

Mr. Whicker was graduated from High Point College in 1948 and attended Duke Divinity School and the University of North Carolina, where he was awarded an M.A. degree and where he has done work toward his doctorate. He formerly served as Director of Guidance and Counseling at High Point College, and is now assistant to the President of Old Dominion College, Norfolk, Virginia. He is an ordained Methodist minister, and has served at the Edenton Street and Jenkins Memorial Methodist Churches in Raleigh, and at Scott's Hill charge in the Wilmington District. While at High Point College Mr. Whicker served as Alumni Secretary, Admissions Officer, Advisor to Foreign Students, Publicity Director, and Director of Guidance and Counseling, as well as a teacher.

Re-elected to serve as officers of the Executive Committee for next year were William R. Henderson, president; Blaine M. Madison, vice-president; Sue C. Brown, recording secretary; and Jane B. Rierson, treasurer. New members elected to the Executive Committee were Rev. Eugene Simpson, Rockwell; Dr. Edwin Auman, High Point; and Bill Goldston, Leaksville. They will join present members A. Wayne Cagle, Winston-Salem; Dr. L. B. Holt, Winston-Salem; and Ernie H. Ball, Raleigh.

Principal speaker for the occasion was William R. Henderson, Alumni Association president, who spoke on "Challenging Times." Members of the 1964 graduating class, who were guests for the banquet, were accepted into the Alumni Association by President Wendell M. Patton. Speaking for the 1964 class was senior class president Bob Kornegay of Greensboro.

Greensboro College Alumni Day Saturday, May 30

Greensboro College will observe alumni day on Saturday, May 30, just prior to commencement services which occur on Sunday, May 31. Classes having reunions this year are the Silver Anniversary class of 1939; Golden Anniversary class of 1914; and classes of 1917, '18, '20, '36, '37, 38, '55, '56, '57, '58, and the graduating class of 1964.

The Episcopal Address to the 1964 General Conference at Pittsburgh

EXCERPTS from **The Episcopal Address** of the Council of Bishops of The Methodist Church. The address was delivered by Bishop Gerald Kennedy, Los Angeles, at 8 p.m. Sunday, April 26, the opening day of the quadrennial General Conference, at the Civic Arena, Pittsburgh. Written by Bishop Kennedy, it had been reviewed by the 82-member Council and is the bishops' collective message to The Methodist Church.

The Episcopal address, while written by one man, is the united word of the Council of Bishops of The Methodist Church. It is not our purpose to define all the contemporary issue, promote all the worthy causes, or list specific programs for action in the address.

We would speak to you about our heritage, our contemporary responsibilities and our future opportunities. We want to consider our world with its terror and its glory. We would remind ourselves who we are and what God's purpose for us may be. We would recapture, if we can, the sense of our mission. We want to become aware of the sources of spiritual renewal which God makes available to all Christians

TODAY

Because of the efficiency of our communications we grow too familiar with terror and finally it no longer makes us responsive. The age of "overkill" tends to reduce humanity's ability to recognize danger and represents one of the most serious threats to our survival. There is bred in us a contempt for the prophet and his warning. A shrinking world has not meant a reduction of human problems but quite the opposite. Once it was considered noteworthy that a shot fired at Concord was heard around the world. Today a statesman clearing his throat is heard in the farthest places. Because of our distorted view of what constitutes news and drama, we hear little about goodness and much about evil so that the secular citizen begins to assume unconsciously that God is silent and inactive. Who will speak for God and proclaim the Good News?

Caught in the most serious struggle our civilization has faced in a thousand years, we confront a ruthless Communism which denies the spiritual and moral foundations of our life. It has won some important victories and it has succeeded too often in driving us to defensive positions. It has challenged our big pronouncements and our little practices in the realms of race relations and social justice. It has revealed how thin our witness has been in so many significant places and how routine and unimaginative has been our work. Has God allowed communistic atheism to bring judgment upon us and stab us awake, as the prophets interpreted the rise of Israel's enemies?

The conflict with Communism is religious and cannot be won by force of arms nor by economic power. The great human issues are always religious essentially and although this will bring us naught for our comfort, the outcome of the present crisis depends largely on the strength or the weakness of the Christian churches. The countries invulnerable to Communism are infiltrated with a strong evangelical Christianity. Our danger is not religious freedom but the denial of it, and the evil of the communist tyranny or the fascist attack is discerned and finally attacked by the Christian church. Those who seek to force the churches into a reactionary mold, are not patriots but betrayers. The Church has never faced a greater testing nor has it ever been confronted by a greater opportunity.

What started out to be the Century of the Common Man has deteriorated into the Age of Mediocrity. Across our world there is a lowering of certain ethical standards, and Chief Justice Warren of the United States Supreme Court has suggested that Americans need "counselors in ethics." In our fascination with subjective analyzing we have reduced the awful catastrophe of sin to a disease, and man's moral betrayals become mere sickness. One of our greatest sins has been the reduction of man's tragic gradeur to the level of adjustment. What a day this is for a Church to preach the doctrine of sin and Christian perfection! We are living again in the Book of Acts which demands a new awareness of the presence and the power of the Holy Spirit.

Perhaps our gravest danger is brutalization. It is a terrible thing to accept the possibility that thousands of babies may be malformed by the fall-out from bomb testings. It is even worse to be comforted because only a relatively small percent of the future generation will be affected. We must save our world from thinking in percentages instead of individuals. "One of these little ones" if it is my child or yours, is enough to condemn the whole horrid procedure. We rejoice that a step toward sanity has been taken in the signing of the nuclear test-ban treaty. Today, churches must witness to the eternal significance of every person in a world in danger of losing itself in the darkness of things and statistics.

It is not for the Church to join the hysteria which sets man against man, nation against nation, continent against continent by wild and irresponsible talk about "fighting fire with fire."" It is for us to pursue our ancient course of attacking our own imperfections, keeping our life open to God, and perfecting our society. We are not partisans trying to destroy one culture and replace it with another. We are not trying to sell a system but to demonstrate a Way which is incomparably better than all others and shines with the promise of more abundant life for all men.

RECRUITMENT

Along with other churches, we face the problem of ministerial recruitment. After a great surge of new students at the close of World War II, we find our seminaries leveling off in their enrollments and in some places, there are declines. We need 2,697 new ministers every year and at the present time we are producing about half that number. We believe this is due to neither the worldliness of the younger generation nor to the Gospel's loss of appeal. Our failure is at the point of meeting young men with the claims of the Christian ministry.

This confrontation begins in the home. Parents are not expected to decide their children's careers, but they are privileged to keep the channels open for God's call to be heard. Let our family prayer be that God will put His hand on a son or daughter in a special way, and may Methodist families dedicate all their possessions and their children to the service of God.

We believe that the next quadrennium should accept ministerial recruitment as a main consideration. If the General Conference should place this obligation on the Council of Bishops, we will be happy to give it our best efforts.

THE LAITY

We have failed to turn our churches into schools of Christian growth. Too often we have assumed that when the vows of membership are taken before the congregation, the Church is excused from further responsibility. Every Methodist church ought to promote Christian nurture.

We lose too many of our children. We think it is time for us to institute a regular procedure in our educational program which will compare with what some churches call "confirmation." Every child in our Church Schools and in our homes should be expected to become a full member of The Methodist Church. This ought to be one of the most important events in the life of children and in the life of the Church. We need a mandatory membership training course in our regular church school curriculum and, whenever possible, it should be conducted by a pastor. This is too important a matter to be left unstructured in our educational program.

The Church is not a club that eliminates members for not paying dues or for failing to attend a set percentage of the meetings. If we counted our membership as some churches do, we would be reporting double our number as a minimum. This is not to encourage an inaccurate accounting of our people, but it is a plea to remember that ministers are shepherds and the Church is a fellowship of concern. The **Discipline** provides directions for pastoral care when our people drift or move away and we must take these advices more seriously. Our growth has been tremendous, but our loss of members is tragic. Perhaps we need a second list of "non-participating" members which will not form a part of the base for levying apportionments.

The present crisis demands articulate, instructed Christians who are witnesses of their faith and evangelists of the Gospel. Until every Methodist layman learns the joy of this experience, we have not fulfilled the purpose of Church membership. Let us have done with the false dichotomy between quantity and quality in our evangelism. This is one place where we can and should have both. To believe that the Church is for a few or for a special group is heresy.

The Methodist layman maintains the freedom of the pulpit. He hears many things with which he disagrees, yet he insists that the preacher shall not merely bolster his own opinions or share his prejudices. He listens for the prophet's word of judgment and he receives, though not always gladly, the disturbing word and the harsh warning. He is loyal, generous and every preacher is inspired by his support through dark days. The Gospel's demand often threatens the layman's security and comfort, and sometimes he pays a bigger price for his faith than the minister.

Our church along with others, has been under severe testing from the extremist groups. We have come through better than most because the social implications of our faith have been a part of our teaching and preaching. The self-appointed guardians of orthodoxy, the literature censors, the professional patriots for profit, are always trying to control our churches by threatening to cut off their financial support. Let it be said clearly and unequivocally: The Methodist Church does not sanction the views of these extremist groups and we are not for sale. They were not welcome in the Societies of John Wesley and Methodist laymen have the responsibility to keep our churches free from organized attempts to sow dissension that fractures the fellowship. The labeling of unpopular ideas as subversive is not Christian and there is no place for such behaviour in Methodism. Any attempt to spread scandal about our leaders without evidence must be rooted out. Nothing is more indicative of our spiritual health than the failure of these groups to become more than minor nuisances.

INTEGRATION

The official pronouncements of The Methodist Church on the race question are clear. That any minister or layman in The Methodist

Church should have any question as to where we stand on this issue, is inconceivable. It is, therefore, most disturbing to see Methodists trying to justify segregration on the basis of weird interpretations of the Scriptures. We are dedicated to the proposition that all men are created equal, all men are brothers, and all men are of eternal worthin the eyes of God. Prejudice against any person because of color or social status is a sin.

Every minister proclaiming this fundamental Christian doctrine must have the backing of the whole Methodist Church. Every bishop and every district superintendent is bound by the discipline of the Church to oppose segregation and discrimination. Compromises in this field have brought nothing but shame to us and today we stand under the judgment of God. The Church which does not cleanse itself of this sickness, brings comfort to the enemies of Christ and betrays its Lord.

We believe that this General Conference should insist upon the removal from its structure of any mark of racial segregation and we should do it without wasting time. This will cost the Negro Methodists some of their minority rights. It will cost some white Methodists the pain of rooting out deep-seated and long-held convictions concerning racial relations. But God Almighty is moving toward a world of interracial brotherhood so speedily and so irresistibly, that to hesitate is to fight against God and be crushed.

We believe that this General Conference should be able to say when it adjourns: The people called Methodists, by the grace of God, have moved forward toward removing segregation.

MISSIONS

It is our opinion that there is no greater movement in the world than the Christian missionary enterprise and any man who views it firsthand, either at home or abroad, will be henceforth committed to its support. In a world where so much is wrong, this is right.

We de not see any lessening of the importance of the missionary movement. Secular forces have closed doors against us and we must speed the process of giving nationals the authority of leadership. We must become more than ever before "servants for Jesus' sake." Methodism with its restless sense of world commitment will die if it ever allows itself to believe that the day of missions is over. Our biggest past mistake in missionary strategy has been an assumption that things were not going to change. Methodist missions must never become an institution but be an aggressive, burning, relevant demonstration of the power of Jesus Christ to answer man's questions and redeem his life. Indeed, the moment we learn of another planet with intelligent life on it, we will send missionaries to it the first moment that transportation is available. Nor will we measure the worth of our witness by the apparent permanence of a social situation. We proclaim our faith, render our service and leave the rest to God.

ECUMENICITY

We rejoice in the growth of the ecumenical movement and in the develoment of the ecumenical spirit. We could speak as fools, as Paul once put it, and boast of our own record in this important field. For instance, in 1791 Bishop Coke wrote a letter to Bishop White, the Anglican bishop in New York, urging a united effort to merge the two churches. This was just seven years after the birth of the Methodist Church, the first to be organized on American soil, and indicative of the catholic spirit which has dominated us from the beginning. We leave the form of baptism to the individual's choice and we welcome all Christians to the Lord's Supper. We gladly recognize the ministries of other communions and we accept members from other evangelical churches. We believe in and we support the World Council of Churches, the National Councils of Churches and the World Methodist Council. We have a permanent **Commission on Church Union** which is engaged at the present time in working out a merger between the Evangelical United Brethren Church and The Methodist Church. Our word is still that of our Founder: "Is thy heart right, as my heart is with thine? Doest thou love and serve God? It is enough, I give thee the right hand of fellowship."

Having said this, not all of us are of the opinion that it is profitable for us to spend so much time confessing sins of exclusiveness of which we are not guilty. We hasten to add that we have enough real sins to confess. But we are not sure that God wills the churches of the Reformation to become one organic union. We believe that our pluralism has produced much good fruit, not the least of which has been freedom. We doubt seriously that eliminating our denominations would solve all our problems. We have no intention of apologizing for our own heritage or slowing down our evangelistic efforts until some proposed merger has been accomplished. The final goal for any Church is not necessarily merger but how to use its resources to serve Christ better.

We rejoice in the new spirit of ecumenical fellowship which comes out of the Second Vatican Council. We will go as far as our Roman Catholic brethren will allow in meeting together for mutual consultation and witness. We are anxious to show to the world a common unity in the face of a common foe. We have no hesitation in pledging our Church to unite with all others in confronting communism, atheism, tyranny and pagan secularism. We have believed for a long time that there is much to unite us and that we can differ without bitterness. We welcome increasing discussion and dialogue between the churches.

We would hope that the Vatican Council will announce without equivocation that the Roman Catholic Church will respect religious liberty whether it finds itself a majority or a minority in a particular situation. We would hope that in some places where we have been hindered in doing our missionary service, the Roman Church will remove its hindrances. We approve Roman Catholic representatives at meetings of the Protestant Councils, and we are grateful that representatives from our Church and others have been graciously received at the Council in Rome, and other Roman Catholic Convocations.

SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY

Methodists do not steer away from issues merely because they are controversial. We abhor a timid spirit that cries peace when there is no peace and keeps silence when corruption grows and justice is outraged. We expect every minister, every district superintendent and every bishop to be something besides a public relations man for the Methodist Church. We shall continue to speak our convictions on social issues.

Our generation is not sure that it has a future. To men whose confidence is in material might and military defense, we announce that only God is our strong salvation. We must oppose all policy which does not have all mankind in view or promises profit at the expense of other nations. A country's strength is its religion, and morality is its utimate defense. The Church betrays its trust when it fails to say this and demonstrate it constantly in its own life. This demands new creatures in Christ who rise above individual desires and swear allegiance to the Kingdom established by God and announced by Jesus Christ. Brethren, this is no ordinary day. It is the First Century, and the Reformation, and Judgment. It is also Resurrection day, Pentecost, and Aldersgate.

We affirm our belief in the principle of the separation of Church and state. To this end, we oppose government aid to parochial schools under whatever guise it may be presented and we do not propose to accept taxation willingly for the sectarian teaching of any Church. We believe in the public schools and we promise them our continuing support.

We pledge a continual warfare against the liquor interests, being more convinced with every passing year that they represent a destructive force in our society. Why any intelligent people hesitate to discourage the sale and curb advertising of alcoholic beverages is beyond our comprehension. The broken homes, the highway slaughter and the alarming increase in alcoholics are tragedies familiar to every pastor and we shall continue the fight until one day, God willing, America wakes up.

The connection between cigarette smoking and disease is now so clear that no Church can be neutral regarding this habit. Sexual license threatens our Society and only by maintaining the strict New Testament standards can we be saved. We believe the body is the temple of the Holy Spirit and to profane that temple is a sin.

We believe in the absolute necessity of disarmament if we are to survive. This cause demands at least an effort equal with preparation for war, and we urge all governments to press for it with all of their resources. This will never be a safe world but we are convinced that the risks of disarmament are as nothing compared with the risks of the continuation of the arms race.

Our society is committed to civilian control and we are as concerned as former President Eisenhower with any drift toward increased military influence in policy decisions. One of our greatest tests is whether or not a democratic society facing crisis can maintain democratic ways. We believe it is essential that our elected representatives should not abdicate their responsibility.

TOMORROW

We do not share the current pessimism which speaks of a "post-Protestant era." We see the non-Reformation countries striving to overcome their stagnation by adopting the Protestant ethic of personal responsibility. We see the new nations reaching out for a society that is possible only on the basis of Reformation principles. We rejoice in the signs of the renewal of other religions and we are doubly glad that these signs reveal borrowings from Christianity. But we do not see any other religion or philosophy with a promise of power to change men or save the world. We believe that the signs of the times proclaim that ours is still the relevant Word. Even when least aware of it, the modern world bears testimony that the Reformation Faith has been woven into the very texture of its ethics. Let The Methodist Church proclaim that so far as it is concerned, we are not post-anything, and the best is yet to be.

God called the Wesleys and now He calls ther spiritual sons and daughters to a world-wide evangelistic crusade. This evangelism must have the two authentic marks of our tradition which are the experience of the heart strangely warmed and a deep social concern. It must be broad enough to include all Christians who will join hands with us. Let The Methodist Church around the world unite its power in faith and claim every part of every society for Christ. Let us offer God our organization in the spirit of that ancient cry: "I would fain be to the Eternal Goodness what his own hand is to a man.'" (Theologia Germanica). We can save our life as a Church only by losing it. Let the Methodists of this world plan a mighty mission to the nations so splendid that future generatons will marvel at our courage. Let us pray for a new expectancy that we shall behold God's mighty acts now.

Conference Apportionment

(Last of a Series)

One of the major presentations for delegates to the annual meeting of the Western North Carolina Conference, June 3-7, at Lake Junaluska, will be a proposal from the Commission on World Service and Finance for a new basis for Conference and World Service Benevolences.

This recommendation will include Conference Benevolences and World Service Benevolences in one apportionment figure.

The treasurer of each local charge will send a check to the Conference treasurer. No tabulation of how that check is to be used for various causes will be necessary. The Conference treasurer will have a master sheet of how the money is to be placed, according to a chart figured by the Commission.

Here are the percentages from which the Conference treasurer will work:

World Service, 34.61605 per cent; District Superintendents' Fund, 4.22338 per cent; Episcopal Fund, 1.98952 per cent; Conference Claimants' Fund, 17.34729 per cent; Minimum Salary Fund, 5.93368 per cent; College Fund, 16.30017 per cent; Home for the Aged, 5.45375 per cent; Children's Home, 11.69284 per cent; Student Day, 0.24432 per cent; Race Relations Day, 0.34904 per cent; Golden Cross, 1.08202 per cent; Rally Day, 0.52356 per cent; and Commitment Day, 0.24432 per cent.

Let's say your local charge is apportioned $1,700 for Conference and World Service benevolences. Here's how much members will be paying for the above causes under the proposed new basis:

World Service, $588.47; District Superintendents' Fund, $71.80; Episcopal Fund, $33.82; Conference Claimants' Fund, $294.90; Minimum Salary Fund, $100.87; College Fund, $277.10;Home for the Aged, $92,71; Children's Home, $198.78; Student Day, $4.15; Race Relations Day, $5.93; Golden Cross, $18.39; Rally Day, $8.90; and Commitment Day, $4.15.

The master percentages are based on the needs of each cause as compared with the total askings for Conference and World Service Benevolences. Each district superintendent has been given the appportionment for each of his charges for 1964-65 under the proposed new basis.

If this new plan for appropriations is adopted by the delegates to annual conference, at the close of the 1964-65 conference year the local charge clergyman will have an easy task of filling in this part of his Pastor's Report.

He will take the figure of his charge apportionment, check that figure on a master sheet which will be given him by the Commission on World Service and Finance, and fill in the figures from that master sheet under the various categories of his local charge's giving.

During the year he and his local charge treasurer will have not been bothered by itemizing each cause as the checks have been sent to the Conference treasurer. Instead, this task will have been taken over by the Conference treasurer as the local charge check has arrived.

The Conference Commission on World Service and Finance feels the new basis for apportionments will not only be more fair than the one presently being used, but will simplify all phases of charge giving and tabulating for record purposes. Treasurers of local congregations should welcome this simplified plan of bookkeeping.

The plan has been approved by the Conference Cabinet and by Bishop Nolan B. Harmon, presiding bishop of the Charlotte Area.

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Sometimes a slip of the tongue may reveal a secret in the heart.—W.E.I.

Methodist College Announces First Commencement Speakers

Bishop Paul N. Garber, resident Bishop of the Richmond Area, and Dr. Mark W. Depp, minister emeritus of Centenary Methodist Church, Winston-Salem, have been chosen as speakers for the first commencement exercises at Methodist College May 31 and June 1, 1964. Bishop Garber will give the commencement address and Dr. Depp will deliver the baccalaureate sermon.



Bishop Paul N. Garber



Dr. Mark W. Depp

Higher education in the North Carolina Conference under Bishop Garber has taken on new dimensions. It was under his inspirational leadership that in 1956 the North Carolina Conference of the Methodist Church accepted the invitation from the Fayetteville Community to establish Methodist College there.

On September 19, 1960, Bishop Garber was the speaker for the formal opening of Methodist College when the first freshman class of 88 students enrolled. It is, therefore, fitting that Bishop Garber should be the one to deliver the address to the first graduating seniors, most of whom were i that first freshman class.

Dr. Depp, who has served churches i Maryland, Virginia, District of Columbi and Pennsylvania, became pastor of Cen tenary Methodist Church in Winston-Salen in October, 1945. He served as pastor o this church until 1961 when he was desig nated minister emeritus.

He is a native of Punxsutawney, Pennsyl vania, and is a graduate of Allegheny Col lege and Boston School of Theology. He re ceived the honorary degree of doctor of Di vinity from Allegheny and Wake Forest celleges.

He has preached and delivered addresses at many colleges and universities, and has served as Chaplain at Lake Chautauqua, New York, and Lakeside, Ohio.

He has been active in many civic organizations, and has served on several boards and committees in Winston-Salem and North Carolina. He has traveled in South America, Europe, and the Middle East, and in 1958 was an exchange preacher to England.

His sermon subject will be "Living In Four Dimensions.""

The baccalaureate service is scheduled for Sunday, May 31, at 11:00 a.m. in the Hay Street Methodist Church, Fayetteville. The graduation exercises will be held in the Colleg Union on June 1 at 10:30 a.m.

The Rev. Seigfried Trommer's Speaking Schedule

The Rev. Siegfried Trommer, German-born Methodist missionary to Southern Argentina, will tour the Western North Carolina Methodist Conference May 14-24 for talks before Methodist congregations, according to Dr. Horace McSwain of Statesville, executive secretary of the Conference Board of Missions.

Here is his schedule:

May 14—Tryon Methodist Church, Tryon, Methodist Men's Ladies Night.

May 15—7 p.m., Bethlehem Methodist Church near Monroe, family night supper.

May 17—11 a.m., Main Street Methodist Church, Reidsville; evening, Vanderburg Methodist Church, near Mooresville.

May 18—Catawba Methodist Church, Catawba, evening.

May 20—Johnsontown Methodist Church, Thomasville, evening.

May 21—Center Methodist Church, Mocksville, evening.

May 22—Crowell Memorial Methodist Church, Lincolnton, evening.

May 24—11 a.m., Westford Methodist Church, Concord; evening, Maylo Methodist Church, Gastonia.

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Election of the Rev. Dr. Charles Wesley Ranson as dean of the Theological School of Drew University, Madison, N. J., was announced March 15. Dr. Ranson is professor of ecumenical theology at the school and director of the Theological Education Fund of the World Council of Churches. He was formerly general secretary of the International Missionary Council, which merged with the World Council three years ago. In 1961-62, he was president of the Methodist Church in Ireland.



By Mary Gardner

Trixie

One of our friends who lives on a beautiful dairy farm brought us a smart little puppy. We call her Trixie, and the name just suits. What a clever trick she played on us last week!

Our newsboy leaves our early morning paper on the front steps. We taught Trixie to pick it up, carry it around the house, and lay it at our back door. The little dog knew she would not get any breakfast until she had done this for us. One bright morning Trixie was plainly worried. She ran to the front of the house and back to the kitchen door a great many times, whining pitifully, and occasionaly letting out short, sharp barks.

"Mercy on us," said mother, "what is the matter with that pup? Hasn't the paper come yet?"

I looked out. There was no paper, and it was past the boy's usual time. Trixie raced crazily back and forth as if she had lost her mind completely.

We went to breakfast and forgot for a while the little dog and her troubles. Suddenly, in the midst of the meal, there came a mighty scratching on the back door. I got up and opened it, and what do you think I saw? A stack of papers a foot high piled up there, close against the screen.

The puppy wagged her tail happily and darted round the corner to return within the minute bringing another paper.

I looked at my mother, my mouth open. The newsboy's supply must have given out before he got to us, and he had gone back to the corner for more.

Trixie, hungry no doubt, had decided not to wait any longer, but helped herself to all the copies of the morning paper in the block. She twinkled her eyes and thumped her tail on the porch as much as to say, "Now haven't I worked this morning? Dont I deserve a breakfast?"

We agreed that the little puppy had done the best she could, and while she eagerly lapped her milk I carried all the papers back to their owners.

—Alice Brackett in the Child's Gem.

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NEW NEIGHBORS

Beth watched the moving van leave the neighbor's yard.

"Oh, Mother," she called. "We have new neighbors, and there's a girl just my size. May I go over and say hello? Please, Mother?"

"Yes if you don't stay long," Mother answered. "It's almost time for dinner, you know. Beth, why don't you invite the new girl to go to Sunday School tomorrow with you?"

"OK, Mother, I will," said Beth.

A jolly-looking lady came to the door when Beth rang the bell.

"Come in, come in," the lady said. "Ve glad you come. Ve no talk so good. Ve come from Holland."

The new girl held out her hand. "My name Hattie," she said. "I glad I have fanka to play with."

"Fanka means 'girl' in Holland," laughed Hattie's mother. "But vere are my manners! Von't you sit down?"

"No I can't now," said Beth. I'll see you later. Good-by."

Beth hurried home. "I don't like the new girl," she told Mother. "She came from Holland. She has a long dress on, and talks funny! I didn't ask her to come to Sunday School."

"The girls in Holland wear long dresses," Mother said. " And of course, they don't talk as we do. But that doesn't mean they're funny. And God loves them as much as He loves you."

"But Patty will laugh if I bring Hattie to Sunday School, Beth said.

"Isn't it better for Hattie to hear God loves her than for you to have Patty for your friend?" Mother asked.

Beth was quiet for a while. Then she said, "I guess your're right, Mother, And I'm sorry I didn't ask Hattie to come to Sunday School."

"You still have time," Mother said.

So once again Beth rang the new neighbor's doorbell. Hattie answered this time. She smiled at Beth.

"Would you like to go to Sunday School with me tomorrow?" Beth asked.

Hattie clapped her hands. "Oh, yes, I go to kirk—I mean Sunday School—in Holland. I sad I not go here. Now I so glad you ask me."

Everybody in Sunday School liked Hattie. Beth was glad for her new friend. And Hattie was glad the same God who loved her in Holland loved her in her new home, too.

— My Sunday Stories.

SCHOOL

School isn't just the building,
It's everyone inside.
Every morning when I go
The doors are open wide.
Inside there are some teachers,
And children everywhere,
Then I go into my room
And sit down in a chair.
When the work begins to start
Everyone is still,
And when I've just been sick,
I'll go and take my pill.
Everyone will work hard,
They'll work their very best,
But when milk break comes at ten,
We'll all take a rest.
"It's time to work," our teacher says,
"Now everyone sit down,
I want to tell you a story
About something underground."
After that we work
The very best we know how,
It's almost time for lunch
We'll get in line now.
After lunch is over
We'll work a little more
Then we go out to play
We'll use the side door.
After we have played a while
We come back in the room.
Somone dirted up the floor
Go and get the broom.
So now our day is over
Our daily work is done,
So when they let me out the door
I want to start and run,
And I hope tomorrow'll be
Just as much fun.

Debbie Morrow (age 8)
High Point, N. C.

BIBLE QUIZ

Do you know which one of the following was NOT an—

1. Apostle— Thomas, James, Stephen?
2. King— Solomon, Pilate, David?
3. Queen— Ruth, Esther, Athakiah?
4. Prophet— Jonah, Malachai, Jacob?
5. Soldier— Gideon, Samual, Joshua?

Answers to Last Week's Questions

1—John on Patmos (Revelation 10:19)
2—Malachai 3:16
3—Joshua (Joshua 18:9)
4—Moses (Edodus 32:32)
5—Ecclesiastes 12:12

Answers to Questions in May 7th Issue

1. Timothy's mother, Eunice (2 Timothy 1:5)
2. Hannah (1 Samuel 1:28)
3. The mother of James and John (Matthew 20:21)
4. The widow of Nain (Luke 7:12-15)
5. Peter's wife's mother (Matthew 8:14-15)

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Mrs. Carl King, Conference President
Mrs. Julian Reeves, National Seminar Rep.
Mrs. C.C. Herbert, Director of Music

Bishop Noland B. Harmon, Mrs. Ralph A. Ward, the Reverend H. C. Duncan, Devotional Speakers
Conference officers, representatives of the church and of the WSCS
1964 Conference Hostess: North Wilkesboro District, Mrs. J. Reeves, Pres.

General Events Calendar for The WNC Annual Meeting of WSCS

Tuesday afternoon:	Opening devotional, the Reverend Herman Duncan, District Superintendent of the North Wilkesboro District.
	Opening address, 25th Anniversary program, "Telling Our Age," Mrs. E. L. Glossbrenner, Pres. SE Jurisdiction WSCS.
	World Federation Tea, North Wilkesboro Hostess group, following opening session.
Tuesday evening:	Fellowship Dinner for Missionaries, Deaconesses, and Workers, Lambuth Inn.
	Evening address, Mrs. Ralph A. Ward. Residence of the Brooks-Howell Home special guests of the conference.
Wednesday morning:	Opening devotional, Bishop Nolan B Harmon.
	Election of officers.
	President's address, Mrs. Carl King, WNC Conference President.
Wednesday afternoon:	Pledge service, Mrs. John C. Wright in charge.
	Address, Mrs. Julian Reeves, representative at the National Seminar, "Women in a new Age."
	Pfeiffer Tea.
Wednesday evening:	Lakeside sing, Mrs. C. C. Herbert in charge.
	Address, President Clayton Calhoun, Paine College, Augusta, Georgia, "This Side of the Wall."
	Special music, The Chapel Choir of First Methodist Church, St. Petersburg, Florida, Grant K. Pulen, Director.
Thursday morning:	Opening Devotional, Mrs. Ralph A. Ward.
	Business session.
	Installation of officers.
	Adjournment.

The Chapel will be open continously for meditation. There will be three communion services during the three days.

Love offering goes again this year for Lit-Lit.

Every society has one official delegate, but visitors and additional unofficial members are welcomed cordially. Those who have not been at Junaluska before will find that they will need only casual clothes, comfortable walking shoes, and a light wrap, a raincoat, or an umbrella. Each person arranges for her own accommodations and grounds fee. Plan to spend the whole three days if you possibly can, but, if not, come for at least one day and gain a new insight into the work and strength of your conference WSCS!

W. N. C. Conference

MRS. E. K. MCLARTY

A suggestion From the Rev. Mr. McSwain

Rev. and Mrs. John Stroud, former missionaries to China and Cuba, now serving at Cherokee indicate that there is a great need for clothing for the Clothing Exchange maintained at the Cherokee Methodist Mission. The need for children's clothes is especially acute at this time. Usable clothing and shoes will be most welcome.

If the ministers will bring clothing to Lake unaluska when they come for Annual Conference in June, the bus will be there and can take the things on to Cherokee.

Members of the Woman's Society could bring their packages of clothing for Cherokee when they attend their annual meeting at Lake Junualuska, and arrangements will be made to collect it and take it on to Cherokee.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE ANNUAL LOVE OFFERING

If your local society does not have a delegate coming to Lake Junaluska for the annual meeting June 16-18, please be certain that your remittance for the love offering is sent to Mrs. E. D. Chandler, 15 Bear Creek Road, Malvern Hills, Asheville.

The love offering will again go to the World Christian Literacy and Literature program of which the Woman's Division is an integral part.

HIGH POINT DISTRICT MEETING HELD

On Tuesday, April 28th, the fourth annual meeting of the High Point District' Woman's Society of Christian Service met at First Church in Liberty with 203 women in attendance. Mrs. W. Stanley Baker, president, presided over the meeting. The theme for the day was "The Program That Unites Us in Witness and Service."

The Rev. Walter Thompson, pastor of the host church, gave the morning meditation and Mrs. J. Floyd Deaton, president of the host society, extended greetings.

Special guest speakers included Mrs. E. L. Murph of Kannapolis, Conference Secretary of Promotion, who spoke on general promotion work on conference and local levels; and the Misses Mathilde and Louise Killingsworth, missionaries home on furlough from Malaya, who enlightened us with accounts of their work while there.

Several new district officers were elected and Mrs. C. C. Cranford, Secretary of Missionary Personnel of the Southeastern Jurisdiction, installed the group. Mrs. J. C. Woodard, Treasurer, conducted a pledge service and Mrs. Howard Linthicum, Spiritual Life Secretary, led the Service of Remembrance, with special music by Mrs. Pike Johnson, Mrs. Walter Thompson at the organ. Mrs. Reid Rich, Secretary of Promotion, spoke on "Promotion and Witness and Service."

Honorary memberships were presented by Mrs. Baker to the retiring officers and secretaries of lines of work: Mrs. I. F. Craven, Mrs. Reid H. Rich, Mrs. Hyatt Hammond, Mrs. Howard Johnson, Mrs. J. C. Montgomery, Mrs. Howard Linthicum and Mrs. W. S. Campbell.

Mrs. J. W. Johnson, incoming vice president of the district, gave the blessing and benediction, and the meeting adjourned after lunch which was served by the host church society.

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N. C. Conference

BY MARY GARDNER

Raleigh Sub-Districts Hold Meetings

The semi-annual meetings of the four subdistricts of the Raleigh District Woman's Society of Christian Service in recent sessions were highlighted by inspirational addresses, reports of local societies, election and installation of officers and presentations of special memberships.

The places of meeting and speakers included Raleigh Sub-district, Layden Memorial Methodist Church, Raleigh, and Louisburg Sub-district, Franklinton Methodist Church, the Rev. Edward Smith of Hillsboro; Cape Fear Sub-district, Erwin Methodist Church, Mrs. Edward Smith, and Vance-Warren Sub-district, Shocco Methodist Church, with Providence WSCS as co-hostess, Mrs. James A. Auman, Garner. Both the Rev. Mr. Smith and Mrs. Auman used as their topics "You Are Christ Called and Christ Centered." Mrs. Smith addressed the group at Erwin on the topic, "Things That Will Strengthen Our Purpose as Christians."

At the Louisburg Sub-district meeting an Honorary Baby Life Membership certificate was presented to Elizabeth Ann Bridges, infant daughter of the host pastor, the Rev. L. J. Bridges and Mrs. Bridges. Three Honorary Baby Life Memberships were presented at the Vance-Warren Sub-district meeting. The recipients were Justyn Leigh Fleming, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Fleming, and Patricia Ann Fleming, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Sydney Fleming, by their grandmother, Mrs. Charles J. Fleming. Also, David Merle Harrington, son of Mr. and Mrs. Merle Harrington, by his grandfather, Mr. T. J. Harrington. An Adult Life Membership pin and certificate were presented to Mrs. C. A. Morris of Macon by her WSCS.

New sub-district leaders elected were Miss Blanche Penny of Raleigh, Raleigh Subdistrict; and Mrs. J. H. Taylor, Linden, Cape Fear Sub-district. These, along with the two hold-over sub-district leaders and other officers were installed by Mrs. John W. Crawford, District President.

Presiding at the four meetings were Miss Blanche Holt, Holly Springs, Raleigh Subdistrict; Mrs. Harold Seavers, Wendell, Louisburg Sub-district; Mrs. G. F. Blaylock, Dunn, Cape Fear Sub-district, and Mrs. L. R. Harris, Macon, Vance-Warren Sub-district.

SUB-DISTRICT PROGRAMS FEATURE SKIT

Presentation of a skit, "On Trial," by officers of the Fayetteville District Woman's Society of Christian Service highlighted the program for the district's four spring subdistrict meetings.

The plaintiff, "Mrs. Not Interested," the defendant, the organization known as the Woman's Society of Christian Service, this organization which is the largest and greatest organization of women in the world, were to give definite and convincing proof why she, "Mrs. Not Interested," should belong to this group of Methodist women. Positive proof was given to her, the plaintiff, and the jury, which was the ordinance that this organization is worth while and its services are motivated so that they benefit God, the church, the community, and the world. The defendant was very convincing. "Mrs. Not Interested" was found guilty by the jury, who then asked if she could join the WSCS and promised her loyal support as a member to give of her time, talent, service and money.

The four meetings were held at Vass, Hope Mills, Fellowship (Hamlet), and Caledonia for the Moore-Montgomery, Cumberland, Richmond and Walter Peele sub-districts, respectively.

Other features of the program were reports of each society president, a memorial service, installation of officers and special music.

Lunch was served at each of the meetings by the hostess society.

—MRS. J. A. RITCHEY.

Paul Ervin Becomes President Of Judicial Council

Mr. Paul Ervin, prominent attorney of Charlotte, has been elected president of the Judicial Council of the Methodist Church. Mr. Ervin's election took place at the recent General Conference in Pittsburgh when the new Council was re-organized for the coming quadrennium.

Mr. Ervin has been a member of the Judicial Council for several years and has rendered an outstanding service. The Council is the "Supreme Court of Methodism." It makes the final decision on controversial matters, including decisions of Bishops and Conferences.

Mr. Ervin is the son of the late Rev. J. O. Ervin, who served long and well in the Western North Carolina annual conference, and Mrs. Ervin, who resides in the Home for the Aging at Charlotte. He was reared in a Methodist parsonage and has a fine background as a Methodist layman. North Carolina Methodism may well feel honored at the distinction which has come to one of its leading Methodist laymen. Incidently, Mr. Ervin will receive an honorary degree at the coming commencement at High Point College. He is also president of the Board of Trustees of Pfeiffer College. Mr. Ervin is an active member of Providence Church, Charlotte.

Bus Reservations to Camp

Reservations are being accepted on busses to and from *Camp Tekoa* and *Lake Junaluska* for summer assemblies. Special busses will leave from designated churches in Greensboro, High Point, Thomasville, Lexington and Salisbury. Delegates from adjoining districts may also secure reservations. For details contact: L. F. MOORE, c/o L. F. MOORE BROS. TRANSPORTATION CO., 740 W. Broad St., High Point, N. C. Phone 888-7215 (day) or 883-6440 (night).

IN MEMORIAM

MRS. ADA SHERRILL WASHAM

Whereas on the 9th day of September, 1963, God in his wisdom and mercy called from our midst our beloved member, Mrs. Ada Sherrill Washam of Mt. Zion Methodist Church in Cornelius, North Carolina.

Until illness caused her inactivity, she was devoted to her family and a loyal Christian church member.

Therefore, be it resolved that a copy of these resolutions be sent to her family, the North Carolina Christian Advocate for publication in addition to a copy being placed in our permanet records.

Mrs. James Hucks, President
Mrs. T. L. Gillespie, Sec.

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MRS. ZULA McCORD WESTMORELAND

It is with deep sorrow that the WSCS of Mt. Zion Methodst Church in Cornelius, North Carolina records the death of Mrs. Zula McCord Westmoreland on October 25, 1963.

Mrs. Westmoreland was a faithful Sunday School member, church member, and W.S.C.S. member; regular in attendance and always willing to accept an office in addition to other responsibilities. She was a devoted Christian mother whose example will always be remembered to those of us who remain. Mrs. Westmoreland accepted her illness with a true Christian spirit which is an inspiration to all of us.

Therefore be it resolved that a copy of these resolutions be sent to her family and to the North Carolina Christian Advocate for publication and placed in our permanent records.

Mrs. James Hucks, President
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DR. EZDA DEVINEY

We, the members of the Woman's Society of Christian Service of Julian Methodist Church, wish to pay tribute to the memory of a beloved member, Dr. Ezda Deviney, whose death on March 19, 1964, grieved us greatly. Since Dr. Deviney's return to the community to live, she had given unsparingly of herself in many capacities in the Woman's Society of Christian Service.

Dr. Deviney served in many offices of the church. At the time of her death, she was church treasurer, a member of the building committee and a Sunday School teacher. Under her direction and leadership, a Sunday afternoon program for the younger children of the community was organized. Just before her death, she purchased and donated a tract of land for the building of a new church.

For many years, Dr. Deviney was away. She completed her undergraduate work at Woman's College, University of North Carolina at Greensboro in 1919 and started as an instructor in the same school. In 1921-23, she held a similar position at Salem College. After earning a Master of Science degree at the University of Chicago, she received her Ph.D. at the University of North Carolina. For thirty-three years, she taught at Florida State University where she taught practically every zoology course offered. She served as president ot the Alpha of Florida Chapter of Phi Beta Kappa and was first president of the Florida State University Sigma Xi Club, an association of scientists. Dr. Deviney's other memberships included the American Association for Advancement of Science, the Florida Academy of Science, the Association of Southeastern Biologists, and the National Association of Biology Teachers. Upon her retirement, she was presented the Meritorious Award for Teaching by the Association of Southeastern Biologists. Some months after her retirement, she took over professorship at Coker College at Hartsville, South Carolina.

After her retirement, Dr. Deviney returned to our community where she remained until her death. Her outstanding dedication and sacrifices for the church and community will be remmebered and cherished by all who knew her. Her death was a great loss to all of us and we extend our heart-felt sympathy to her family and loved ones.

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MRS. R. B. KELLY

In the death of Mrs. R. B. (Addie) Kelly, the Woman's Society of Christian Service of the Garner Methodist Church has lost one of its most loyal and devoted members. In fact, the word "devoted" could well be termed the keynote of Addie's life. In her relations to her work, her family, her church and her God, Addie showed that rare dedication and devotion that is seldom seen to such a degree.

It is not the purpose of this article to relate the many instances that could be told of Addie's devotion as wife and mother, personal friend and neighbor, but to try to express partially an appreciation for the big place she filled in her church and Woman's Society of Christian Service.

Addie served as president during the difficult transitional period from the "Missionary Society" to the present organization. She was deeply interested in missionary education and each summer would fill her car daily and drive to the School of Missions. One year she drove every day to meetings of the Annual Conference in Wilson. Recently she held the office of secretary of Spiritual Life and on more than one occasion would drive to Warrenton to bring her dear friend, Mrs. J. C. Burwell, to Garner to conduct Spiritual Life meetings which will long be remembered as high spots in the spiritual life of our women. Mrs. Burwell meant much to Addie and at her suggestion one of our circles was named for this dear friend.

Whenever she possibly could she gave herself unsparingly to her "Woman's Society." One of the last projects she engaged in before ill health forced her to give up active participation was to lead a monthly prayer group.

Her influence will long be felt in our Society and her willingness to be used will long be inspiring to those of us who are left.

The Woman's Society of
Christian Service
Garner Methodist Church
Mrs. Burnice W. Nash

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MRS. NANCY McIVER

Her passing from this life on February 22, 1964, brought much sorrow to our church and community.

Mrs. Nancy McIver was a well known resident of Harnett County. She passed away at her home near Boone Trail School after an extended illness.

She was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. David S. Cameron and wife of Mr. Archie McIver.

"Aunt Nabbie," as she was so affectionately called by many, was a great lover of nature. This one could see by the flowers she loved so well.

She became a member of Woodside Methodist Church, Mamers Circuit, Raleigh District, in September of 1936. There she remained a faithful member until her death. She was a loyal member, with ready cooperation, helpfulness, and was always ministering to those in need. At the time of her passing she was a member of the Ollie McDougald Adult Sunday school class.

Hers was a wonderful role of a devoted teacher. A Sunday school superintendent, president of the Woman's Society of Christian Service, a counselor for the M. Y. F., she also held other various offices.

Each Sunday after she became ill and unable to attend church her conrtibutions came in regularly to help in the ministry of her church.

The keen interest that she took in all people made for her a host of friends.

She did not grow old with age or illness. She had a great zest for living, and a smile for everyone who paid her a visit. She has gone from our midst, but her memory will always be with us.

The poet's pen expresses much more adequately the last days of her illness better than any words of mine.

"Lord, help me to live this day quietly, easily;
To lean upon Thine arm restfully, trustingly;
To wait for the unfolding of Thy will patiently, serenely;
To meet others peacefully, joyfully;
To face this day couragely, confidently."

May each of us while we remain here try to follow her good example.

Now, under a mound of beauty, that gave her so much contentment on earth. She sleeps in the Jonesboro Cemetery, to await the coming of those she loved so dearly.

Woodside Methodist Church
(Mrs.) Rosa Lowdermilk

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Bishop Dana Dawson Is Dead

Bishop Dana Dawson, 72, died Saturday, May 2, in Shreveport, La.

He had retired in 1960 because of ill health and had made his home in Shreveport since that time. He was resident bishop of the Kansas-Nebraska Area of The Methodist Church from 1948-52, and of the Kansas Area, 1952-60.

Born in Larrabee, Iowa, April 18, 1892, he received his education at Morningside College, Sioux City, Iowa, and the University of Chicago; with honorary doctorates from Southwestern College, Kansas Wesleyan University, Morningside College and Baker University.

Funeral services were held at First Methodist Church in Shreveport, Monday, May 4. Survivors are his widow, the former Delma Millikan of Guthrie and Oklahoma City; son, Dr. Dana Dawson, Jr., pastor of First Methodist Church, Baton Rouge, La.; and daughter, Mrs. Keith Mason of Shreveport.

Waynesville District Youth Hold Rally

The Junior and Senior Highs of the Waynesville District held the annual District Youth Rally April 26 in the chapel of the Lake Junaluska Assembly, followed by a vespers service at the Lake.

The Rev. Robert G. Russell, Dellwood Charge, and district youth director, was in charge. The Rev. Mark Rose, Franklin Circuit, led the singing.

Dr. Cato Dick, dean of the Chapel at Lake Junaluska, as keynote speaker, gave an inspiring address on "What Is Life?" Also on the program was the Rev. Paul H. Duckwall of Statesville, director of youth work for the Western North Carolina Conference.

Sunday School Lesson

FOR MAY 31

BY RAYMOND A. SMITH

Head, Department of Religious Education
Greensboro College

ALL NATIONS UNDER GOD

ackground Scripture: Isaiah 10:5-11; 31:1
Amos 1-2; Acts 17:22-31

esson Scripture: Amos 2:4-7; Acts 17:24-26

Amos, the fiery prophet of social justice, as not a "professional"; he was a farmer nd shepherd who heard the call to attack ne evils of his time. In our scripture for oday we see him in action. He is delivering rong indictments of the surrounding na- ons for their evil practices. We can imag- ne how well this part of the speech was eceived by the inhabitants of Judah and srael. We never object to our leaders lash- ng out at our enemies. But when Amos eveled his charges at Judah and Israel he ot only resistance and anger. His fellow- ountrymen did not enjoy hearing them- elves pictured as disobedient and lawless. mos reminded them that they were the ecipients of the law and should have known etter, therefore their punishment was to be nore severe.

Another charge brought against the peo- le of Israel and Judah was their treatment f the poor: "they sell the righteous for ilver and the needy for a pair of shoes." hey were making economic slaves out of heir fellow-countrymen when these poor easants could not pay their debts. Amos vas reminding these people that worship nd ritual could never be separated from ighteous conduct. In other words they ould not "buy" God's favor by chanting salms and offering sacrifices. To be right vith God they had to be right with their eighbors. Do we not need to remember this ruth today? There is a great movement go- ng forward now to beautify and enrich our worship services. And this is good. We ought never to offer God anything but he best and finest we can give as we enter he sanctuary. However, the experience of worship ought to end in dedication, as it did for Isaiah when he cried out at the end of his wonderful experience in the temple 'Here am I, send me" (Isiah 6:1-8).

Another fact we should remember about Amos' preaching is this: he did not fail to emphasize *judgment* of God upon all nations. It appears to be a just criticism of much "liberal" preaching that it does not dwell enough on this aspect of the Divine activity. We need to stress the love and mercy of God, but this doesn't mean we can neglect the awful fact that God judges evil men and nations. He could not be God if this were not so. But the judgment of God is redemptive, not merely punitive. He does not desire the failure and death of men and nations, but that they should turn from evil and live.

We need also to be reminded that God is not only the God of all nations; he is (as Roy L. Smith has said) "the God of all centuries." This being true, modern nations are subject to the same moral law as those in the past. They paid the price of their practices. Sometimes they "got away with it" for centuries, but finally retribution overtook them. It is no different today. As Robert Louis Stevenson once remarked "Sooner or later we all sit down to a banquet of consequences." This applies to nations as well as to individuals.

When St. Paul preached in Athens he saw all around him the shrines the Greeks had made for their gods. He chided them for thinking they could localize God in any such way. He was speaking about a universal God whose garment is the living universe, one who is not dependent on men's worship in a particular place. He has "made from one every nation of men to live on the face of the earth, having determined alloted periods and boundaries of their habitation." We are not to suppose this means there is to be no fellowship across national lives, though some have explained the passage in those terms. It could possibly refer to the manner in which nations were scattered over the earth, with the boundaries often determined by the mountains, rivers, and seas. But in the book of Revelation St. John, in describing the reign of God, says "And there was no more sea." Could he have had in mind the passing of barriers between men and nations? Certainly the "Hallelujah Chorus" (based on Revelation) speaks an international language when it urges "Let all nations bow before Thee," and declare thy wondrous works."



Plans Being Made for 1964 Student Caravan to Europe

Plans are being made for the Methodist Student Caravan to leave in early June for several weeks of work with Methodists in Europe. Rev. and Mrs. W. J. Neese, of Roanoke Rapids, will serve as adult counselors. Eight young people will complete the Caravan. Members of the group will meet at First Methodist Church in Roanoke Rapids at 5:00 p. m. on Tuesday, June 2, for the consecration service. They will leave Weldon that evening at 7:25 and will sail from New York on Wednesday, June 3. The group will visit in the homes of Methodists in several European countries, and the young people and their counselors will participate in work projects in Germany and Austria. The Caravan will return to New York on August 11. This will be the fifteenth Caravan sponsored by the North Carolina Conference.

Show in the picture (left to right): Front row: Rev. and Mrs. W. J. Neese, Roanoke Rapids; Second row; Betsy Neese, Roanoke Rapids and High Point College; Nancy Huntley, Beaufort and Greensboro College; Sarah Lu Bradley, Lenoir and Duke Divinity School; Eve Jones, Raeford and High Point College; Third row: Jeffrey Salter, Beaufort and Campbell College; Hubert Wooten, Raeford and U. N. C. at Chapel Hill; Fred Hurst, Jr., Warrenton and N. C. Wesleyan College; Kenneth Wheeler, Williamston and East Carolina College.

Methodist Chaplains Meet In Pittsburgh

More than 110 Methodist chaplains were in Pittsburgh April 27-29 for their denomination's General Conference as well as for their own program on pastoral care and counseling.

The chaplains, coming from as far away as California and Germany, are part of some 640Methodist ministers now on active duty with the military and in public medical and correctional institutions. They were presented to the General Conference at 10 a. m. Wednesday, April 29. In the past they have been represented by a dozen observers.

The program on pastoral care and counseling, at the Sherwyn Hotel, was sponsored by the Methodist Commission on Chaplains, which has headquarters at Washington, D. C. General secretary is the Rev. Dr. John R. McLaughlin.

The chaplains had a fellowship dinner with the bishops of the church Tuesday evening at the Penn-Sheraton Hotel. Wednesday morning they observed communion at Smithfield Methodist Church. At other times they attended General Conference plenary and committee sessions.

MOTHER

The hand that rocks the cradle rules the world. "Mother" is God's most potent agency for shaping the lives and determining the destinies of men and nations. Let's see how God uses mothers. By faith when Moses was born he was hid for three months by his parents because they saw he was a proper child. The whole affair was planned and executed by the faith of his mother. First of all it was necessary for some one who counted life not dear unto themselves to descend through the valley of suffering and agony down to the very threshold of death in order to snatch that little life into existence, that was mother. Then there followed a whole year of utter helplessness and dependence on the part of that infant which required the tactful, faithful, self-sacrificing service of a nurse both day and night, that was mother.

That young man, neat and prime in appearance! Where did he learn it? Little boys are not naturally tidy. It took several years of very practical teaching to bring about this result. Some one must keep the jam and molasses wiped off his face. His little dresses or suits must be changed twice a day, which also means 15 of them to be hung out on the line Monday morning. Moreover, his face and hands scrubbing process must be continued until it could be substituted only by the still harder task of teaching him to do it himself.

Yes, he is a fine appearing young man, and what is the secret of it? No secret at all. The answer is 15 years of hard labor and patience by a faithful mother

And did you say that young man was active in religious work? Strange were it otherwise. He was trained to it from his you up. We knew him when he was in the primary department of the Sunday school He used to come in every Sunday with his brothers and sisters all as neat and clean as a pin. Sometimes father would strut in with them as proud as a peacock. But where is mother? Why she had to work like a trojan from earliest dawn to get breakfast, and the family cleaned up, dressed, and off to Sunday school in time. And now it is only by hard and fast labor that she can get the potatoes peeled, the beans in the pot, the roast in the pan, and get to church service twenty minutes late. But she gets there in time to accomplish her purpose of worshipping God. Of setting the good example of church attendance before her children and sending up her petition in the sanctuary in behalf of those she is striving to bring up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord. No wonder that young man is active in religious work.

All I have said applies equally as well to girls as to boys. Don't wait till after mother is cold before you all chip in "to buy her a shroud, or a wreath of flowers. Drop a little bouquet every now and then in her pathway. You know it takes only a small gift, a kind word, a short note, to please mother.

Mothers, no power on earth or in heaven can perform your mission to your family. If you do not do it, it must go undone. God has promised that if you train up a child in the way he should go when he is old he will not depart from it. He can't forget the impressions of childhood. It was a gigantic act of faith of Moses' mother which saved his life. About the first great thing Moses ever learned was that he owed his life to God, through his mother's faith.

It lived on in the son, and after many centuries still shines out as an immortal lesson to every other mother. God has given you a soul to train, not for yourself, but for him, not for time, but for eternity. You are concerned to know what he will do, but the thing that interests God and the angels is what will he be? Character is greater than place. What you can do to help in that work must be done now. A little while and it will be too late. May God in his mercy help you, is my prayer.

Mrs. J. L. Harmon,
Statesville, N. C.

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HONORABLE SAM J. ERVIN, JR.



REV. WILLIAM K. QUICK

Senator Sam J. Ervin, Jr., to Speak At Louisburg Commencement

The Honorable Sam J. Ervin, Jr., United States Senator from North Carolina, will address the graduates at the commencement exercises at Louisburg College on Sunday, May 31, at 2:30 p.m., in the College Auditorium, according to an announcement made by President Cecil W. Robbins.

Dr. John L. Cameron, Chief of the School Housing Section of the Department of Education, Washington, and former teacher-coach, is to make the address at the Alumni Banquet on Saturday night, May 30, at 7:00 p.m., Benjamin N. Duke College Union. The Rev. William K. Quick, college trustee and pastor of St. James Methodist Church, Greenville, will deliver the baccaulaureate sermon at 11 a.m., Sunday, May 31, Louisburg Methodist Church.

Senator Ervin has served as a Superi Court Judge, a representative in the Nort Carolina Legislature and as representati in the 79th Congress from the North Car lina Tenth District. He was appointed Sen tor in 1954 by the late Governor William Umstead and has served as Senator sinc that time, having been reelected by the pe ple of North Carolina.

Mr. Cameron was coach and a member faculty at Louisburg from 1937 to 194 He served with the Department of Publi Instruction in Raleigh prior to going t Washington in 1959.

Rev. Quick has served churches in More head City, Bahama, and Zebulon and is im mediate past president of the N. C. Confe ence Historical Society.



JOHN L. CAMERON

Rev. and Mrs. A. L. Thompson To Visit Holy Land

At a recent Sunday morning service in Southern Pines Methodist Church, Mr. John M. Reves, a fine layman and member of the church, spoke to the congregation. In his talk he expressed the desire to send the pastor, Rev. A. L. Thompson and Mrs. Thompson on a tour of the Holy Land this summer.

The Thompsons will join the Pilgrimage Associates Tour 3-C in New York on July 7 and will fly to Cairo, landing on July 8. They will tour the bible lands, visiting such famous places as Jerusalem, Damascus, Nazazeth, etc. The tour will take them to Athens, Greece, on July 24 where they will have three days. From there they will fly to Rome and back to New York on July 30.

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Many Prominent Persons to Appear on Program of Western North Carolina Annual Conference



Dr. Lowell B. Hazzard



Bishop Nolan B. Harmon



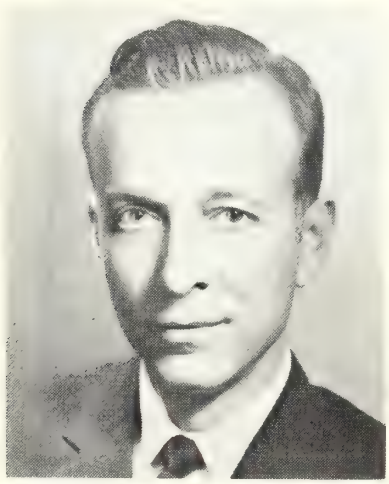
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Dr. Walter J. Miller

★ CAROLINA BRIEFS ★

¶ The ADVOCATE Editor preached the baccalaureate sermon last Sunday evening for the graduating class of the Westmoore High School, located between Robbins and Seagrove.

¶ The Johns Church on the Caldonia Charge recently had a revival conducted by the pastor, George A. Davis. During the week five new members were received into the church.

¶ Rev. Lee A. Phillips, pastor of the Fairbluff charge in Wilmington district will preach the baccalaureate sermon at the Fairbluff High School auditorium at 11:00 a.m. Sunday, May 31.

¶ Friends of Rev. Leon Russell, pastor of Front Street Church, Burlington, who has recently been under hospitalization care, will be glad to learn that he is now at home, and is improving nicely.

¶ Calvary Methodist Church of Asheboro will have a covered dish luncheon in the Fellowship Hall on Sunday, May 31, honoring Rev. and Mrs. L. E. Mabry. Mr. Mabry is completing a successful four-year pastorate at Calvary.

¶ Mrs. Bernice Otudeko, '63 Bennett College graduate, now teaching in the public schools of Chapel Hill, has been invited by Governor Terry Sanford to sing when North Carolina Day is observed at the World's Fair in New York on June 2.

¶ Rev. Joe Ervin, pastor of the Methodist Church at Spruce Pine, spoke last Thursday evening at the Mount Pleasant Church, Greensboro, at the Loyalty Dinner. Mr. Ervin is a former pastor of Mount Pleasant Church. Rev. J. C. Grose, Jr., is the present pastor.

¶ Friends of Miss Pat Floyd, former director of Children's Work at West Market Street Church, Greensboro, and now with the General Board of Education in Nashville, Tenn., will regret to learn of the recent death of her mother, Mrs. Eunice Blair Floyd of Raleigh.

¶ Rev. Siegfried Trommer, German-born Methodist missionary to Southern Argentina, spoke at Westford Methodist Church at the 11 a.m. service May 24 on his tour of the Western N. C. Methodist Conference. Rev. W. B. Penny is pastor of Westford Church.

¶ Rev. J. W. Lineberger, superintendent of the Children's Home at Raleigh, was guest speaker last Wednesday evening for the monthly meeting of the Methodist Men's Club at First Church, Washington, N. C. Mr. Lineberger spoke of the work of the Home and showed slides.

¶ Central Church of the Caledonia Charge, Rev. George A. Davis, pastor, is looking forward to a revival June 14-19, with the Rev. Tommy Tyson of the N. C. Conference, evangelist. Friends of Brother Tyson throughout this area have a cordial welcome to worship with us during this week.

¶ Tony Gore, president of the Methodist Youth Fellowship of the First Methodist Church of Whiteville, has been elected president of the Methodist Youth Fellowship of the Wilmington District for the coming year.

¶ Mr. and Mrs. Robert Ellsworth Vick announce the engagement of their daughter, Mary Catherine, and Thomas Marvin Vick III, son of the Rev. and Mrs. Thomas Marvin Vick, Jr. The wedding will take place Saturday, Aug. 22, in Edenton Street Methodist Church.

¶ Dr. F. Olen Hunt, Director of the Department of Gifts and Wills of the North Carolina Conference, preached at the 11:00 o'clock service last Sunday at Davis Street Church, Burlington. Dr. Hiram K. King, associate director, preached at the evening service. Rev. Howard M. McLamb is the pastor of Davis Street Church.

¶ Rev. John T. Maides, pastor of Asbury Methodist Church, Durham, will preach in revival services at Branson Methodist Church, Durham, the week of June 7 through 12. The realistic presentation of Christ and His Gospel by this dynamic preacher will be a great challenge to all. Rev. Matt. R. Gardner is pastor.

¶ A son, Gaylon Norwood, was born January 1, 1964 to Rev. and Mrs. Norwood Montgomery. Mrs. Montgomery is the former Odessa Benbow of Charlotte. Rev. Mr. Montgomery was pastor of Mineral Springs Methodist Church, Mineral Springs, and is now Associate Pastor of Fort Hill Methodist Church, Lynchburg, Va.

¶ Denver Methodist Church just closed a very fine revival meeting. The Rev. John A. Lowder of Central Avenue Church, Charlotte, was the guest minister. His messages were sincere and forceful and the total response to these challenging messages was most encouraging. Rev. Paul V. Ridenhour is pastor.

¶ Dr. F. Olen Hunt, Director of the Department of Gifts and Wills of the Methodist Foundation, will deliver an address on Stewardship to the members of White Plains Methodist Church, Cary, in their Every Member Canvass, on Saturday evening, May 30, at 6:30. The meeting is being held in the Cary High School Cafeteria. The Rev. J. M. Lewis is pastor of the church.

¶ Mr. R. Fred Houts of Clearwater, Florida, has been employed as an Educational Assistant at the First Methodist Church in Whiteville. Mr. Houts received his A.B. and M.A. degrees in Religious Education at Trinity College, Clearwater, Florida, with minors in Church Music and Business Administration. In addition to his office administrative duties, Mr. Houts will direct the Youth Program of the Church. At the time of his selection Mr. Houts was secretary to the president of Trinity College. The Houts will move to Whiteville the last of June and he will begin his duties in the local church July 1, 1964. Rev. A. D. Byrd, Jr., is pastor.

N. C. Wesleyan College Adopts First Million Dollar Budget

Adoption of its first Million dollar budget, authorizing the conferral of degrees upon its first graduating class, and instructing its architects to proceed with plans for the library building highlighted the annual meeting of the Board of Trustees of North Carolina Wesleyan College held recently.

President Thomas A. Collins reported, "We have enrolled 495 students from 19 states and three foreign countries, we have been approved or accredited by six agencies of higher education during the year, and have prepared the first class for graduation on Sunday, May 31." He also reported that three buildings had been completed and the gymnasium is about completed and thanked the Nash-Edgecomb community and The Methodist Church for their contribution of nearly a half million dollars during the academic year.

Board Chairman Luther W. Hill of Tarboro presided over the meeting. The budget of $1,059,406 for next year was presented by J. Curtis Ellis of Nashville, N. C., chairman of the finance committee. Last year's budget was $750,000. The board also approved $50 increase in tuition charges for 1965-66, the first increase in three years. Next year's tuition, room and board will cost $1,300.

The permanent college library is scheduled for completion by the fall of 1966. according to the proposal made by the building committee, headed by Thomas J. Pearsall of Rocky Mount. The firm of Lashmit, Brown and Pollock of Winston-Salem was authorized to begin drawing plans immediately.

Duke Seminars Are Scheduled

"Current Interpretation of the New Testament" will be the theme for Duke University Divinity School seminars set for three cities in North and South Carolina this fall and winter.

Dr. Kenneth W. Clark, perennial director of the two-day sessions which have become part of the church leadership training tradition in the Carolinas, has annouced seminars at Columbia, S. C., on Nov. 11 and 12; in Greensboro on Jan. 18 and 19, and at Fayetteville, Jan. 20 and 21.

The sessions will be held at Washington Street Methodist Church in Columbia, Dr. J. C. Smiley, host minister; West Mraket Street Methodist in Greensboro, Dr. Wilson Weldon, pastor; and Hay Street Methodist Church in Fayetteville where Dr. C. D. Barclift is the pastor.

Notice

The W.N.C. Conference Board of Evangelism will meet at Lake Junaluska on Wednesday, June 3, at 2:00 p.m. All members are urged to be present.

RICHARD J. CROWDER
Secretary of the Board

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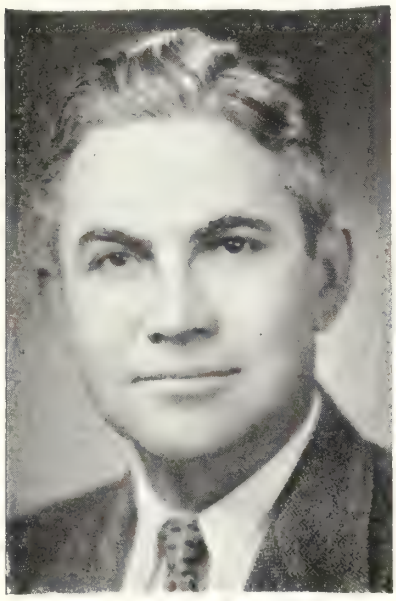
He who attacks your faith the hardest, your stand for God and righteousness, will have the least to rejoice over when he is through. —W.E.I.

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Other Conference Speakers



REV. TED HOFFMANN
Speaks on the Program of Hospitals and Homes at Annual Conference



DR. EARL D. C. BREWER
Will speak at Anniversary of Commission on Town and Country Work

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Bishop Harmon Honored by Board

Bishop Nolan B. Harmon was honored May 21 for his nearly quarter century of service to the Board of Education of the Methodist Church.

The Curriculum Committee of the Board, of which Bishop Harmon has been a member since formation of the unified church in 1939, held a banquet in Nashville, Tenn., attended by education and church leaders.

Bishop Harmon is chairman of the Curriculum Committee. The Curriculum Committee presented Mrs. Harmon a corsage

Words of appreciation of Bishop Harmon's service to the Board of Education were spoken by Dr. Henry M. Bullock, general secretary of the General Board of Education. Also speaking was Cecil D. Jones, vice president in charge of the Abington Division of the Methodist Publishing House.

From 1940-56 Bishop Harmon served as the first book editor of The Methodist Church. Then he was elected a bishop and appointed to the Charlotte Area.

Observations of a Visitor To General Conference

BY RUFUS STARK

As a life long Methodist I have always wondered about General Conference. On the one hand there was a feeling of awe when I considered that this body is the supreme legislative body in World Methodism. On the other hand, because of the size of the body, the infrequency of its meeting, and the volume of work which must be done in a few days, I have always wondered if it could possibly be more than a "rubber stamp" body blindly approving what was fed to it by the various boards and committees of the church.

Then came 1964 and the General Conference scheduled for Pittsburgh, and I saw my chance. Pittsburgh is about as close to home as the Conference ever gets, and my wife has relatives in Pittsburgh who were kind enough to offer a place to stay. So I reasoned, this looks like my opportunity to go. The folks here in Swepsonville graciously gave me the time off and even helped me along the way. So in this manner on Wednesday, April 29, I found myself in Pittsburgh.

I was present only for five days of the Conference, from Wednesday, April 29 through Monday morning, May 4. Therefore I could hardly claim to be an authority on the 1964 General Conference. But I was there long enough to gain some very definite impressions which caused me to become a stronger Christian with a greater appreciation for Methodism.

First of all the General Conference of the Methodst Church is not a "rubber stamp" operation. I was much impressed with how thorough the Conference was in its deliberations. Pending legislation seemed to be thoroughly understood by all before votes were taken, and the floor was always open for debate and clarification. There seemed to be several reasons why this was the case. The delegates were men and women who took their responsibility seriously. An observer could tell that most of them had done their homework before coming to Pittsburgh.

In addition the policy which calls for a change in the presiding Bishop at each daily session tends to keep the floor open and to allow for free discussion and a frank approach to the matters at hand. And then too, most proposals came in the form of Commttee Reports, excellently prepared and mailed to delegates befor hand.

The mood of the Conference was one of thorough deliberation, and proposals which reflected little advance thought or preparation had scant chance of passage.

I was also impressed by the democracy of the Conference. Since returning home it has dawned on me that the Methodist General Conference has the widest representation of any democratic assembly in our country other than the U. S. Congress. There is no other group, either secular or Church, meeting in the United States which represents every county and almost every hamlet, town and city as does the General Conference—not to speak of numerous representatives from countries around the world. Furthermore, it is the only legislative assembly that I know of that allows and encourages any grass roots member to send requests for legislation in the form of memorials to the Conference and then requires that each of the memorials be handled.

Is it any wonder then that there would be many differences of opinions voiced when delegates represent such varied backgrounds? What amazed me was not so much the differences but the areas of unty and agreement under Christ and the willingness evidenced to find a meeting of minds.

Finally I was impressed by the power of our General Conference. Meeting only quadrennially and being the ultimate source of Methodism, I was amazed to think of the far reaching effects of the action of the Conference. This Conference holds constituted authority over the lives and conduct of more than ten million Methodists, their local churches, colleges, hospitals, and all other institutions as well as the total mission outreach of the Church. Surely this is awesome power with which to charge any group.

Yet it is heartening to realize that this power is not the power of one man, nor is it the power of a council of men, such as the Council of Bishops. Rather this awesome power is entrusted to a truly representative body meeting under thoroughly democratic procedures and subjecting itself to rigidly maintain rules of parliamentary law. Surely we can thank God for His leading that such is the case.

I have returned from visiting General Conference a stronger Christian and a better Methodist. I have great confidence in the fruits of this thorough, knowledgeable, diverse, democratic body, and I am willing to accept the power which it possesses over me and the Church I serve. Surely I can do no other and be a Methodist. I am more convinced than ever that God can and does use Methodism to do His work among men.

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Ministers who desire a pulpit supply during summer vacation may contact Rev. Cranford Johnson, Associate Methodist Chaplain at Duke University, or Rev. Jackson W. Carroll, Methodist Chaplain at Duke. They are available to fill pulpits or speak to MYF groups concerning the Methodist ministry in colleges and universities. Address inquires to either of them at Box 4574, Duke Station, Durham, N. C.

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EDITORIALS

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What Is Our Supreme Task?

There are many things noticeable at a General Conference. One is the interest expressed in certain legislation by certain groups. We especially noticed the enthusiasm shown by those who were concerned about the Central Jurisdiction, integration, civil disobedience, legislative and operational matters, etc. When these interests were mentioned, reports given, and action was about to take place, there was almost no end to the number of substitutions, amendments, additions, deletions, and so on. At times there were so many seeking to be heard that the presiding officer had to ask those seeking recognition to take their seats and address the chair from there. Once a microphone was obtained, no one knew how long it would be tied up. And so, debate was prolonged, and we feel sometimes unnecessary.

On the other hand, when the reports on Evangelism and Missions were presented on Tuesday evening, May 5, not a single interruption occurred, not a single word was added, not a single person asked for the microphone, not a single objection was voiced, not a single suggestion was made that might strengthen or implement the program. There were some twenty different parts to each of these reports, and as the presiding officer put the question they were voted without even one dissention, so far as we were able to notice. There was a seemingly complete apathy or indifference to these matters. No one seemed to be the least interested or to care anything about them.

Now we do not like to think the conference was unconcerned, but we can only judge by its conduct. It occurred to us again that we may account for our lack of growth and our lagging behind other groups in the fields of evangelism and missions by the fact that we seem to have lost our enthusiasm for these causes. Unless we can recapture it the future may be very uncertain. We are not condemning interest in these other causes, but let us not lose sight of our supreme task as a church. Only as we give ourselves to the spiritual appeal before us will we be able to fulfill our high calling. The Master of us all said, "These ye ought to have done, but not to leave the other undone."

It will be interesting to note the reports to the forthcoming annual conferences. No doubt financial showings will surpass other years. But what about the number of conversions and additions on profession of faith? This is what counts.

THEME FOR THE WEEK

"Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, that he may exalt you in due time. Casting all your care upon him, for he careth for you."
—I Peter 5:6, 7.

General Conferences From 1792 To 1844: Some Characteristics

The Methodist Episcopal Church in America was organized at Lovely Lane Chapel in Baltimore in December, 1784. The first bishops, Coke and Asbury, were elected. A General Conference was held in 1787, without approval of the Annual Conferences and with poor attendance. In 1789, to establish formal central authority, a Council was formed. In 1790, the Council, formed of bishops and elders, being unpopular, without power and only advisory in capacity, was substituted by a General Conference.

Following are the dates of General Conferences from beginnings to the organization of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, in 1844, with places where they were convened and some distinguishing features of each.

First General Conference. November 1, 1792, Baltimore. Determined next conference should meet in four years; presiding elder's term set at four years per district; Book Concern formerly established (organized in 1789).

Second General Conference. Beginning October 20, 1796, Baltimore. Six Annual Conference boundaries determined and seventh authorized. One hundred twenty members present.

Third General Conference. May 6-20, 1800, Baltimore. Whatcoat chosen bishop; authorization of ordination of colored preachers; Asbury offered to resign because of poor health. (Because of prevalence of yellow fever in 1799, Annual Conferences authorized Bishop Asbury to change the time to may).

Fourth General Conference. May 7-23, 1804, Baltimore. Pastoral terms of two years in one charge set; motion to make conference delegated body defeated. One hundred seven members present.

Fifth General Conference. May 5-26, 1808, Baltimore. McKendree elected bishop; Delaware Conference provided for; Bishop Coke permitted to reside in England, without episcopal functions; one hundred twenty-nine members present.

Sixth General Conference. May 1-22, 1812, New York. First delegated conference; local deacons eligible for elder's orders; eighty-eight members present; Asbury's last General Conference.

Seventh General Conference. May 1-24, 1816, Baltimore. Enoch George and Robert R. Roberts elected bishops; numbers of conferences increased to eleven.

Eighth General Conference. May 1-27, 1820, Baltimore. Missionary Society approved; John Emory appointed delegate to British Conference; improved hymnbook ordered. Eighty-nine members present.

Ninth General Conference. May 1-29, 1824, Baltimore. Joshua Soule and Elijah Hedding elected bishops; Revs. Richard Reeve and John Hannah delegates from England. 126 members present.

Tenth General Conference. May 1-24, 1828, Pittsburgh. Connection with Canada Conference dissolved; William Capers elected delegate to England. One hundred seventy-six members present.

Eleventh General Conference. May 1-24, 1832, Philadelphia. James Andrews and John Emory elected bishops.

Twelfth General Conference. May 1-27, 1836, Cincinnati. Bishops Roberts, Soule, Hedding and Andrews presided; Wilbur Fisk appointed delegate to British Conference; resolution to cooperate with American Bible Society adopted; Liberia Conference organized; Beverly Waugh, Wilbur Fisk and Thomas Morris elected bishops. (Fisk declined). One hundred fifty-eight members present.

Thirteenth General Conference. May 1-June 3, 1840, Baltimore. Robert Newton chosen delegate to British Conference; Bishop Hedding requested to attend Canada Conference; Sunday School Union reorganized. One hundred forty-two members present.

The "Plan of Separation" of Northern and Southern Methodists was agreed upon in New York in 1844.

Dr. Hilary T. Hudson's *The Methodist Armor* (225-260) has been the source for this roll call of early General Conference of American Methodism, forerunners of today's General Conferences.

—Grady L. Carroll

Bishop and Mrs. Harmon Are Honored By Dr. and Mrs. Jones

Bishop and Mrs. Nolan B. Harmon were guests of honor at a special dinner in the Charlotte City Club May 18 with Dr. and Mrs. Edwin L. Jones, Sr., and Mr. and Mrs. Edwin L. Jones, Jr., as hosts.

Special guests were the 13 district superintendents of the Western North Carolina Conference and their wives.

The dinner was in appreciation of the eight years the Harmons have served the Western North Carolina Conference as bishop and first lady.

Dr. Cecil Hefner, superintendent of the Statesville District, gave a brief talk on behalf of the bishop and the superintendents, while Mrs. Charles Bowles, wife of the Charlotte District superintendent, spoke briefly on behalf of the wives.

The Jones' are on of Methodism's most active families. Dr. Jones, Sr., is presently treasurer of the World Methodst Council and is leader of the lay delegates to General and Jurisdictional Conferences this year. Edwin . Jones| Jr., is vice chairman of the Television, Radio and Film Commission of the Conference and associate lay leader of the Charlotte District.

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The last mile of the way takes you to the place where you are going. The question is which way are you traveling? Are you going right or wrong, heavenward or hellward? —W.E.I.

Sunday School Lesson

FOR JUNE 7

BY RAYMOND A. SMITH

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CHRISTIANS FACE A NEEDY WORLD

Background Scripture: Deut. 10:18-19; Matthew 25:31-46; James 2:14-17; I John 3:11-18

The observant reader will notice that since April our lessons have been concerned with an ever-widening scope of the Christians responsibility. We began with the discussion of man's personal relation to God, then we discussed the family, then the Christian's duties as a citizen of his country. Today we face the question of a needy world and what we ought to do about it.

While all of the Scripture assigned for our study is important, the focus is on the remarkable picture of the Last Judgment in Matthew 25:31-46. In every translation the writer has consulted the word "nations" is used: "Before him will be gathered all the *nations*." When we stop to think of the meaning of this, it is easy to see that this is not primarily a scene where individuals are judged; rather it is including the larger group of which each individual is a part. The word "nation" is often used to mean "gentiles," or non-Jews. At any rate the passage means the Messianic judgment is to fall, not alone upon the Jews, but upon every nation.

The time in which we live is one that forces us to think in world terms, no matter how much we would like to avoid it. When no point on the world map is more than fifty hours from any point it is time for us to begin thinking in world terms. This means we must widen our area of concern to include the "least of these" as our Scripture lesson put it. This could mean the new, small nations, struggling to find their way into patterns of representative government and economic abundance. A soldier in Sarawak is reported to have said: "Prosperity is a trick; and we, too, shall learn the trick." It is a revealing experience for one to visit the United Nations and see the many strange costumes and hear unfamiliar language spoken. In a way, this symbolizes the smallness of our world and the need to recognize its essential oneness.

We cannot escape the emphasis in the story of the Last Judgment upon concrete action as over against simple profession of faith. It's the *verbs* that count: "Come ye, blessed of my father, you *gave* food and drink, you *welcomed* the stranger, you *clothed* the naked, you *visited* the sick and you *came* to see the prisoners. These words were spoken to those who had made no pretensions to piety. On the other hand, those who were sure of their acceptance were rejected. Many of our Lord's severest words appear to have been reserved for the self-righteous. As the late Dr. Roy L. Smith has said: "The only man for whom God can do nothing is the one who cannot think of anything he lacks spiritually."

In the passage from James (see 2:14-17) the emphasis is again on what we *do*, not what we *say*. It is a pity that there has come to be such a gulf between principles and practice, between faith and works. At this time we Americans are being chided by others because of the wide gap between the lofty ideals of the Bill of Rights and the actual conditions existing in our country. But it may be that in this sort of a world, with human beings as they are, the gap can never be completely closed. There will always be the shining image of the Ideal that condemns even our best efforts. "When we have done all we can, we are still unprofitable servants." And yet this is no excuse for not trying. Besides, the goal recedes as we approach. New problems emerge and, as the poet says, "Time makes ancient goods uncouth."

What shall we say to the indifferent among us? There are those who do not care. But, as has been said, "*We are never any closer to God than we are to the person for whom we care least.*" This is only another way of saying "Inasmuch as yet did it not unto one of the least of these, my brothers, you did it not unto me."

Edwin Markham has expressed the need of world-wide concern for others in the lines which follow:

"Live and let live" was the call of the old,
The call of the world when the world was cold,
The call of men when they pulled apart,
The call of the race with a chill on the heart.

But "live and help live," is the call of the new,
The call of the world with a Dream shining through,
The cry of the Brother World rising to birth,
The cry of the Christ for a comrade-like earth."

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If some people could pray as well as they can quarrel, they might truthfully sing "Home, sweet home; there is no place like home." —W.E.I.



West Forsyth Charge, Winston-Salem District, Rev. Edward O. Temple, pastor, observed special Homecoming and Mother's Day service on May tenth, and gave special awards as follows Left to right are: Mrs. Johnnie Moore (receiving a corsage from her son, who was the youngest church member in the congregation); Mrs. Lewis Lineback, president of the W.S.C.S. at Elm Grove, who pinned the corsages on the ladies; Mrs. John Doub, the mother with the largest family present in the morning worship service—she had four children and thirteen grandchildren in the service; six children were at Sunday school and nineteen grandchildren, but some had to leave before worship; Mrs. Toby Doub, the youngest mother present; Rev. E. O. Temple, Jr., minister of the church; Mr. H. F. Snow, the eldest church member present; Mrs. H. F. Snow, the eldest mother present; and Mrs. Robert Wilcox, the church member coming the greatest distance to be in the homecoming service.

North Carolina Wesleyan College Activities

The U.S. Department of Health, Education and Welfare has awarded a $3,400 a year fellowship to a North Carolina Wesleyan chemistry student for work in environmental chemistry at the School of Public Health at the University of North Carolina.

R. William Creekmore, the recipient, enrolled in the first class at Wesleyan four years ago as a day student from Rocky Mount. He is a candidate for graduation here on May 31. Two days later he will go to Chapel Hill to begin work as a research assistant in water pollution and pesticides. Next fall he will enter the graduate school there.

Creekmore is the son of Mr. and Mrs. T. R. Creekmore of 1426 Davis Street, Rocky Mount. Upon graduation from Rocky Mount Senior High School, he entered Wesleyan on a major scholarship. He is president of the Delta Science Club, on the Dean's List, and served as business manager of the 1963 annual.

Mack Howard Sturgill will become Assistant Professor of Spanish at North Carolina Wesleyan College this fall.

Native of Marion, Virgnia, he was educated at Marion Junior College, the University of Havana, and earned his B.A. from the College of William and Mary in 1952. He did graduate study at the University of Madrid, and earned the M.A. degree at Middlebury College in 1955. He has taught at Emory and Henry College, five years at Wake Forest College, and two years at Green Mountain College of Poultney, Vermont.

Sturgill was a Dean's List student at college, a member of Phi Theta Kappa, and Sigma Delta Pi. He served two years in Korea in the U.S. Army, and has traveled extensively in North Africa and Europe.

W. N. C. Annual Conference to Be Held at Lake Junaluska June 3-7

The 1964 session of the Western North Carolina Methodist Annual Conference will convene in the George R. Stuart Auditorium at Lake Junaluska Wednesday, June 3, with the Waynesville District serving as host.

Dr. Mark Q. Tuttle will be the host district superintendent. The Rev. H. P. Myers, Jr., pastor of First Methodist Church, Waynesville, and the Rev. J. H. Brendall, pastor of Central Methodist Church, Canton, will be the host pastors.

The combined choirs of First Church, Waynesville, Central Church and First Church, Canton, and Central Church, Clyde, will provide music for the Sunday morning worship service, June 7.

Bishop Nolan B. Harmon, presiding bishop of the Charlotte Methodist Area, will preside over the sessions of the annual Conference. He will give the devotion for the opening of the Conference at 3 p.m., June 3, and will deliver the closing sermon, near noon, Sunday, June 7.

The bishop will read the appointments of pastors to pulpits for the 1964-65 church year following his sermon.

Bishop Harmon will participate in several other activities during the annual Conference.

He will be keynote speaker for the Conference Board of Missions, following its report, scheduled Friday night. At 9 a.m. Thursday Bishop Harmon will deliver his sermon, "As We Have Received This Ministry" to the class of ministers coming into full connection with the Conference. He will preside over the ordination of deacons Thursday night, and the ordination of elders Friday night.

A feature of the annual conference will be the quadrennial elections by the Boards and Commissions.

Dr. R. Edwin Kimbrough, pastor of Trinity Methodist Church, Brimnigham, Ala., will be the Conference preacher. His first sermon will be delivered at noon Thursday. He will also preach at 2:30 p.m. that day following the report of the Board of Evangelism, with the Rev. John R. Hamilton of Charlotte, presiding.

Dr. Kimbrough will deliver his final sermon at 9 a.m. Friday for the morning worship session.

Dr. Walter J. Miller, pastor of Central Methodist Church, Asheville, will deliver the address for the annual Memorial Service Saturday at 9 a.m.

Following devotions by Bishop Harmon Wednesday afternoon, the Board of Ministerial Training and Qualifications will bring its report. The Rev. Walter Lee Lanier, pastor of Broad Street Church, Statesville, is chairman, and the Rev. Melton E. Harbin, pastor of Memorial Church, Thomasville, is registrar.

The report of the Committee on Conference Relations, the Rev. J. G. Wilkinson, pastor of Calvary Church, Greensboro, chairman, will close the afternoon session.

The formal opening of the 1964 annual conference is scheduled for 7:30 p.m., Wednesday, with the nominations of quadrennial boards to follow. At 8 p.m. the Conference Historical Society will present its report. The Rev. Aubert M. Smith, pastor of First Church, Mount Holly, is president.

Featured speaker for Wednesday evening will be Dr. Charles Earl Kachel, Central District Superintendent of the Eastern Conference of The Evangeglical United Brethren Church since 1942, with headquarters in Reading, Pa. He will discuss the proposed merger of the Evangelical United Brethren denomination with The Methodist Church.

The first full day of the annual Conference, June 4, will open with the devotional address by Bishop Harmon for the class being received into full connection with the Conference.

The Committee on Publishing Interests will follow with a report, the Rev. L. A. Scott, pastor of Asbury Church, Asheville, presiding as chairman. Prior to recess there will be time for the second report of the Board of Ministerial Training and Qualications.

At 11:15 a.m. the Board of Christian Social Concerns will report, with the Rev. Ray F. Swink, pastor of First Church, Granite Falls, presiding as chairman. Keynote speaker for the Board will be Dr. Rupert John, a member of the United Nations staff dealing in the area of human relations.

Dr. Kimbrough will follow this report with his first Conference sermon.

The report of the Board of Evangelism will open the afternoon session at 2:30 p.m., with Dr. Kimbrough again preaching. The Rev. John R. Hamilton, Calvary Church, Charlotte, will preside as chairman.

At 4 p.m. there will come the organization of the commissions, boards and committees, for: Promotion and Cultivation, world Service and Finance, Worship, Christian Social Concerns, Deaconesses, Evangelism, Hospitals and Homes, Ministerial Training and Qualifications, Missions, Publishing Interests, Pensions and Conference Relations.

Ordination of deacons will open evening session at 7:30 p.m., with Bishop Harmon presiding at this ceremony.

The report of the Board of Education will follow. Dr. Phillip L. Shore, Jr., pastor of First Church, Charlotte, will preside as president, along with Dr. Carl H. King of Statesville, executive secretary of the board.

Dr. Lowell B. Hazzard, professor at Wesley Theological Seminary in Washington, D. C., will be the speaker. He will be telling about the new curriculum for children 1-11 years of age which will begin Sept. 1 in all Methodist churches.

Dr. Kimbrough's sermon during morning worship will open the Friday session of the annual Conference at 9 a.m.

The Board of Hospitals and Homes will follow with its report at 10 a.m., with the Rev. E. H. Nease, Jr., pastor of Rutherfordton Church, presiding as chairman.

The Board will feature two speakers—The Rev. A. L. Chamblee, Jr., chaplain of the Children's Home at Winston-Salem, and the Rev. Ted Hoffmann, chaplain of the Methodist Home at Charlotte.

The report of the Commission on minimum Salary will follow recess, coming at 11:15 a.m., with Robert M. Smith, presiding, as chairman. He is from Mt. Airy.

This will be followed by the report of the Conference treasurer, Fred D. Russell of Charlotte, then the report of the Commission on World Service and Finance, Herbert M. Wayne of Charlotte presiding as chairman.

The Commission on World Service and Finance will be presenting a proposal for a new basis for computing World Service and Conference benevolences, which the delegates will be asked to approve.

The report of the Board of Lay Activities is scheduled for noon, with the Conference lay leader, Robert M. Smith of Mt. Airy, presiding.

The afternoon session will open at 2:30 p.m. with the recognition of retiring clergymen as part of the report of the Board of Pensions, the Rev. A. Glenn Lockey of Statesville, chairman of the Board, will preside.

At 3 p.m. the Television, Radio and Film Commission will report, with its chairman, the Rev. Ernest Fitzgerald, pastor of Purcell Church, Charlotte, presiding.

Feautured speaker for the Commission will be Alan Newcomb, public affairs director of the Jefferson Standard Boardcasting Co., who is known internationalyly for his "Radio Moscow" series exposing Russian propaganda and his talks and television programs on American freedom and democracy.

At 4:45 p.m., will come the final organizations and commissions, boards and committees, for: TRAFCO, Town and Country, Christian Vocations, Rules, Publication of Journal, Conference Entertainment and Appeals.

The Friday evening session will open with the ordination of elders, with Bishop Harmon presiding.

The report of the Board of Missions will follow, with Dr. W. Kenneth Goodson, pastor of Centenary Church, Winston-Salem, presiding. Keynote speaker will be Bishop Harmon.

Following the Memorial Service Saturday morning, at which Dr. Walter J. Miller, pastor of Central Church, Asheville, will deliver the address, the Commission on Town and Country Work will present its report. The Rev. E. H. Lowman, pastor of Cole Memorial Church, Derita, is chairman.

Featured speaker will be Dr. Earl Brewer, professor of Sociology at Emory University,



and a leading authority in the area of the Appalachian Studies.

Following recess, these reports will be heard:

Deaconess Board, Miss Bethea, Pfeiffer College, chairman; Commission on Promotion and Cultivation, Dr. J. G. Huggin, pastor, Wesley Memorial Church, High Point, chairman; Commission on Christian Vocations, the Rev. Brunson Wallace, pastor of First Church, Newton, chairman; and the Statistician's Report, to be given by the Conference Statistician, the Rev. John R. Sills, pastor of Muir's Chapel, Greensboro.

No business session is scheduled Saturday afternoon, and that night the Commission on Worship will be featured, the Rev. James B. McLarty, pastor of Black Mountain Methodist Church, presiding as chairman.

Featured speaker will be Dr. Emory S. Bucke.

The annual Conference will close Sunday with the these events:

Holy Communion in Memorial Chapel at 9 a.m., morning worship at 10:30 a.m., with special music, and the sermon by Bishop Harmon. The reading of the appointments by Bishop Harmon. Then adjournment.

Dr. Charles D. White is Conference secretary.

This will be the eighth annual session of the Western North Carolina Conference over which Bishop Harmon has presided. He was the first bishop of The Methodist Church to be ordained at Lake Junaluska and.. was assigned in 1956 to the Charlottee area, which at that time included both the Western North Carolina Conference and the South Carolina Conference.

He presided over the Kentucky Conference briefly in 1960, and since January of 1961 has presided over the North Alabama Conference.

Ladies from the Woman's Society of Christian Service in the two host churches as well as Central, Clyde and Long's Chapel adjacent to Lake Junaluska, will handle the hospitality tent Thursday morning through Saturday morning.

Dr. James W. Fowler, Jr., is superintendent of the Lake Junaluska Assembly, which is owned and operated by the Southeastern Methodist Jurisdiction.

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Snead's Grove church, Laurel Hill Charge, Fayetteville District, has done rather remarkable thing in clearing the church of debt in less than three years after the building was completed. They have not been content with that, however; since the dedication they have bought folding tables for the fellowship hall and carpeted the floor of the sanctuary. They are now in the process of air-conditioning the entire plant. The total cost of these improvements will be approximately $7,500.

The dedication was held April 5, and was led by Reverend Barney L. Davidson, District Superintendent, and the pastor, Rev. E. R. Shuller. Participating also were Mr. Edwin P. Gibson and Mr. Frank H. Kosak. This historic church has a long and honorable record.

A History of Snead's Grove Methodist Church, April 5, 1964

The first services that led to the organization of Snead's Grove Methodist Church were held in a brush arbor a little northwest of the present site on the land of Younger Snead, in 1873, by the Rev. Baxter C. Phillips who was then pastor of the Laurinburg Circuit. Later an arbor was built on the present site and an acre of land was deeded to the church January 17, 1889 by Younger Snead and his wife Lucy E. Snead. Another acre was added to this lot by a geneerous gift by Mrs. D. J. Sinclair and family in 1954. The first trustees were: T. H. Walters, J. C. Norton, A. D. Gibson, Jr. B. Snead, and Younger Snead.

The first church building was erected about 1890 and this was increased in size in 1893 during the pastorate of Rev. R. J. Moorman. Some Sunday School classrooms were added later and this building was used as the sanctuary, with little change, until the new building was arected in 1960.

The church remained a part of the Laurinburg Circuit until 1897 and up until this time it had been served by the following ministers: B. C. Phillips, J. L. Lyon, J. W. Worth, W. B. Doub, R. J. Moorman and P. F. Shamburger.

In the fall of 1897, the Snead's Grove Circuit was formed and was composed of Snead's Grove, Tabernacle, Old Hundred, and Ida Mill churches. Rev. Saul E. Mercer was the first pastor and at the end of his four years, in 1901, the whole circuit was placed with the Hamlet Circuit. Five years later, in 1906, Snead's Grove, Tabernacle, Old Hundred and Springfield churches were formed into the Laurel Hill Circuit. In 1908, Rachel's Church was organized and became a part of the Laurel Hill Circuit. After the Laurel Hill church was organized in 1920, the Laurel Hill Circuit was composed of Laurel Hill, Snead's Grove, Tabernacle, Old Hundred and Rachel's, and continued thus until Old Hundred was discontinued in 1949 and Rachels in 1954, leaving the circuit as it now stands.

The following ministers served this church in the order mentioned from 1901 to 1963: C. O. Durant, W. C. Usry, T. A. Sikes, F. B. Noblitt, D. A. Watkins, F. B. McCall, D. B. Parker, G. T. Simmons, J. C. Cummings, J. C. D. Stroud, J. G. Johnson, W. J. DuBois, H. C. Ewing, W. D. Yarborough, W. F. Elliott, J. H. Buffaloe, E. H. Measamer, D. D. Broome, J. W. Dimmette, C. B. Harris, R. I. Epps, N. P. Edens, and C. D. Brown. The present pastor, E. R. Shuller, was assigned in 1963.

In 1950, under the leadership of Rev. C. B. Harris, the education building was constructed, and it was dedicated in 1952. Immediately a sanctuary building fund was set up. In early 1960, plans were completed and construction started in late July. The first service was held in the sanctuary on January 1, 1961. Much credit is due Rev. N. P. Edens in bringing the congregation to the point of planning, constructing, and financing the sanctuary but it was his lot to move a month before construction started, so the actual building was done during the ministry of Rev. Chester D. Brown. Even though the building and furnishings cost approximately $65,000 it was free of debt in less than three years after completion. The Duke Endowment has help immeasuably by way of encouragement and through a large material contribution.

My Tribute

Peoples of the world united,
In a loss we had to bear;
When the black horse lost its rider,
Hearts were heavy everywhere.

May the tears that have fallen,
Wash the sin of hate away;
Teach all nations love and forgiveness
To live in brotherhood, we pray.

Ask not what your country can do for you,
We will rise up and labor hard;
Now we must do for our country,
If we're a Nation under God.

MARY TAYLOR MUMFORD
Seaboard, N. C.

Report On 1964 General Conference, The Methodist Church

By Charles P. Bowles

The 1964 General Conference of The Methodist Church which met in Pittsburgh, April 26 to May 8 dealt with many controversial issues. These were variously reported in the press across the nation. In fact the Conference had exceptional newspaper coverage.

In many cases these accounts dealt with legislation which was presented by the several Legislative Committees and discussed by the entire body on the Conference floor. It was impossible in all cases for the press to report the final culmination of certain issues since it might be in process of becoming church law for several days. The following deals with several of these issues, stating the ultimate outcome:

The Central Jurisdiction: By far the most significant proposal before the Conference was "The Plan of Action for the Elimination of the Central (Negro) Jurisdiction." The Plan of the Commision on Interjurisdictional Relations was adopted removing officially the stigma of segregation from the Church, but at the same time allowing the Church to accomplish this on a voluntary basis. The local Annual Conferences within any Jurisdiction has the right to determine the time when they unite. The Southeastern Jurisdiction of which we are a part, will, according to the plan, receive 8 Central Jurisdiction Annual Conferences with 1,567 churches and 174,363 members. These 8 Conferences will be formed into 2 Episcopal Areas presided over by the 2 Negro Bishops who will be assigned to this Jurisdiction. This is the first step in the formation of an "Inclusive Church." Further steps such as the uniting of Annual Conferences and the merging of local churches will take place only on a plan of voluntary action. All proceedures will depend on a two-thirds affirmative vote of all groups involved whether it be a local church, Annual Conference, or Jurisdictional Conference. This plan allows each section of the Church to make its decisions as to the best time to accomplish this union in keeping with the climate of feeling of the communities and sections involved.

Civil Disobedience: Much was said concerning the report of the Committee on Christian Social Concerns concerning whether the individual is justified in obeying God's authority rather than man's. It seemed that the Committee was advocating civil disobedience. Even here the Committee was careful to say that "Meticulous care should be taken to prevent proliferation of civil disobedience beyond most carefully circumscribed limits." After much debate the Conference accepted the following amendment which did not mention civil disobedience: "Wherever legal recourse for the redress of grievances exists the responsible Christian will obtain the best available legal and religious counsel for his dilemma. In *rare* instances, where legal recourse is unavailable or inadequate for redress of grievances from laws or their application that, on their face, are unjust or immoral, the Christian conscience will obey God rather than man."

In this regard the Conference voted to raise a Voluntary Fund (no church would receive an appropriation and no member would be expected to contribute except voluntarily) to be used for the relief of ministers and laymen and their families who had suffered in their attempt to witness for conscience sake. This fund was to be a "free-will" response by churches and individuals who desired to share the burdens of those who came to economic distress as a result of their witness.

Prayer and Bible Reading in the Public Schools: In the report of the Study Commission on Church and State there were many controversial issues. One that created great interest, in light of the Becker Amendment pending in the Congress, was the following recommendation: "That the General Conference urge members of the Methodist Church to refrain from encouraging or supporting in their local communities devotional exercises as a part of the program of public schools." This issue was hotly contested with a preponderance of the Southern delegates opposing its passage. It was finally referred back to the Committee for further study with one of the closest votes of the Conference, 339 to 341.

Church Union With Evangelical United Brethren: For some time conversations have been going on between the E.U.B. and the Methodist Church. The Commission on Church Union presented a plan for the merger. This plan was adopted in prnciple and a Called Session of the General Conference will be held in 1966 at the time and place of the E.U.B. General Conference to work out the details of the merger. After this is effected the plan must be approved by two-thirds of all the Annual Conferences involved. The E.U.B. Church is closely related to The Methodist Church in doctrine, policy, and organization. It is sometimes referred to as "The German Methodist Church." It has approximately 800,000 members, only a few of whom reside in North Carolina.

Trial of a Minister and Segregation: One of the most controversial issues of the Conference never reached the floor of the Conference. In the report of the Committee on Judicial Administration was the following: "A minister shall be liable to accusation and trial . . by . . refusing admission to any service or worship by reason of race, color or national origin or aiding in such refusal." This was heatedly discussed by the delegates between sessions of the Conference and the Committee thought it unwise to bring it to the body for discussion. It was withdrawn from the report by Committee action. However, it was brought out on the floor later in the report of the Committee on Christian Social Concerns. After much discussion and a motion by Dr. W. Kenneth Goodson, it was tabled. Dr. Goodson made a ringing speech in favor of tabling this part of the report.

(The Advocate is glad to carry this article by Dr. Bowles at the request of the cabinet of the Western North Carolina Conference.—Editor.)



Our contribution one to another, and to the world, should be that of good things, as God provides them for us, and never evil things that are likewise provided by the enemy of all mankind. —W.E.I.

More Methodist History Around Iredell County

By Homer Keever

As a part of the celebration of National Library Week, Richard Walser of the English department of State College is publishing a facsimile edition of the first book of poetry published in North Carolina—"A Collection of Various Pieces of Poetry, Chiefly Patriotic," by James Gay of Iredell County in 1810.

The poems are not especially recommended for devotional reading; neither are they to be proscribed. They grew out of pieces he wrote for recitation at the Fourth of July celebrations at Statesville and show a strong Federalist tang as well as a patriotic flavor. For the historian his story is something iambic pentameter of his migration from Ireland to Scotland to Pennsylvania and then on down to Piedmont North Carolina is of value.

The story of the impact of James Gay on developing Methodism in North Carolina, though, is worth a note. If he was a Methodist, there is no mention of it but there is every evidence he liked to be around Methodists. As some of the Methodist leaders moved into Iredell, he was apt to be close enough around to witness their land transactions.

Some time before 1800 he gave land for a church — one known in later days as Old Union. Tradition says it was as early as 1888. Tradition also says that the influence of a church was badly needed just there, so rowdy were the muster days with their hard drinking, horse racing and scuffling that the community had gained the name of Rowdytown or Scuffletown.

In Scotch Irish country it was located, as was the Presbyterian custom, at a point equidistant from three existing Presbyterian churches, but evidently from the first, other denominations were involved. The original deed was burned in the house of the Baptist leader. When a new one was made by James Gay's son, John Gay, it was a union church, and was witnessed by the Baptist leader and Zephaniah Ellis. Ellis was the Methodist leader. That deed was made early in 1801, before the breaking out of the Great Revival.

The 1801 deed, made some 17 years before the death of James Gay from land he deeded to his son, carried in it a reversion clause. By the early 1830s it had ceased to be used for a church—although in 1834 there was a Methodist congregation of some seven souls at Richard Mays', just across the branch. That seemed to be a signal for re-establishment of the church, and the son of John Gay, Franklin Gay, made a new deed of the same property to "New Younion" church—designated as a place of worship for Presbyterian, Methodist, and Baptist. New Union was not long in growing into one of the stronger churches on the Iredell Circuit.

The Presbyterians pulled out in 1844 and formed Fifth Creek Presbyterian Church about a mile away—with Portland Gay, another of John Gay's sons as a leader. Soon after the Civil War, the Methodists built a church across the spring branch, closer to the Mays'. It took the name of New Salem—today a strong station church in sight of U. S. 64 between Statesville and Cool Springs. The Baptists, under Franklin Gay, took over the old church and organized under the name of Gay's Chapel Baptist Church.

In the meantime, about the time New Union



as being re-established, the other son of mes Gay, William Gay, was busy in estabhing a Methodist Church down in Rowan a hill just above Second Creek—across the eek from the present Woodleaf. It bears the me of Gay's Chapel Methodist Church, rdly 10 miles as the crow flies from the her Gay's Chapel and New Salem, and to say e least, one of the strongest Methodist urches in Rural Rowan County.

It was the grandson of William Gay who came the Methodist minister, James Edwn ay. His father, William Abner Gay, drifted ck east and the minister son born in Orange ounty. A graduate of Vanderbilt in its early ys, he began his ministry in Arkansas, but me back to spend most of his life in the Vestern North Carolina Conference, maybe e high spot of it as Presiding Elder of the d Franklin District.

The poet, James Gay, was most likely Presyterian, but he managed to give his name both a Baptist and Methodist church, set e stage for another Methodist church and roduce among his posterity a Presiding Elder ot yet forgotten. It seems to have come from e fact he liked to hang around the Methdists in their early days.

Methodists Participate In National Jamboree, BSA

The Occoneechee Council will have 280 Scouts and Scouters participating in the ixth National Jamboree of the Boy Scouts f America. The Occoneechee Council Coningent will leave on July 10 and return uly 24. The tour will include visits to Washington, D. C., the Gettysburg Battleield, the New York World's Fair (including the Protestant-Orthodox Center which ouses the Methodist exhibit), New York City, the National Office of the BSA in New Brunswick, N. J., and eight days at Valley Forge, Pa., for the National Jamboree.

Seven Jamboree Troops of 37 boys and hree adults will go from the Occoneechee Council. Four of the seven troops will be led by Methodist Scouters. Mr. Harry Rodenizer, Scoutmaster of Troop 13 sponsored by Duke Memorial Methodist Church, Durham, will be Scoutmaster for Jamboree Troop 50. Mrs. Harry Inscoe, a member of the Wellons Village Methodist Church in Durham, will serve as Assistant Scoutmaster for Jamboree Troop 50. Mr. Daryl Flannery, a member of the Pleasant Green Methodist Church (Durham District), will serve as Scoutmaster of Jamboree Troop 53. Mr. J. B. Cooke the Assistant Scoutmaster of Jamboree Troop 53 is a member of the Calvary Methodist Church, Durham. Mr. Leonard Daniel, a member of the Warrenton Methodist Church, will serve as Scoutmaster of Jamboree Troop 52. Rev. Sam D. McMillan, Jr., pastor of the Saint Matthew's Methodist Church in Fayetteville will serve as Assistant Scoutmaster of Jamboree Troop 8 and chaplain for the Occoneechee Council Contingent. Mr. A. L. "Roy" McCollum a Field Director for the BSA and a member of the Haymount Methodist Church in Fayetteville will serve as tour director for the Occoneechee Council Contingent to National Jamboree.

Among the Methodist Scouts participating in the Jamboree from the N. C. Conference will be Bill Coman, Philip Inscoe, Phil Daniel, and Larry Flannery.



Christ Church, Statesville Planning to Build

Final approval has been given by the congregation of Christ Methodist Church and the Committee on Church Location and Building of the Statesville District to building plans for the new Christ Methodist Church, just east of Statesville.

The new church will be built on East Broad Extension at the corner of Toria Drive in a rapidly expanding section of the city. The proposed first unit will consist of two floors, with 5,763 square feet of floor space.

Construction plans for the new church, which is expected to cost an estimated $43,000 for the first unit, are now being drawn by Tom Hutchins, local architect. The ground floor will consist of five classrooms, rest rooms, storage equipment space and heating equipment room. Located on the first floor will be the fellowship hall, which will be used as an adult classroom as well as for worship, a kitchen, the church school office and three classrooms.

Not shown on the drawing is a third unit which will be a two story educational unit located east of the first unit and facing the same direction as the sanctuary.

Construction on the first unit is expected to begin in mid-June with completion the middle of September. Ground breaking ceremonies have been scheduled for five o'clock the afternoon of June 14th.

Serving on the building committee are Carl Johnston, chairman, Doyle Pennell, G. Dewey Stewart, Jr., Fred Clarke, David Arrington, J. B. Mayes, Jack Williamson, Buford Wallace, Hugh Goforth, Marvin Waugh, Mrs. Marvin Waugh, Frank Lackey, Mrs. Frank Lackey, Mrs. Wade Harbin, and Mrs. Vera Whiting.

Christ Methodist Church was officially organized on November 17, 1963, and presently has 64 members with 96 persons on the church school roll. Rev. Thomas A. Summey, Jr., is minister of the church.

Prayer

Grand it would be if there were a day
When everyone in the world would pray.
Prayer would bring healing; prayer would end crime;
Prayer would give peace to each heart and mind.

Malice and misery, hate and despair:
These would all cease, if replaced by World Prayer.
Hope, Christian love, contentment, and peace:
Unified prayer could bring all of these.

Call me idealist, a dreamer; but still
Look all around and I'm sure that you will
See that much work remains here today,
Teaching the brethren around us to pray.

—Nancy Carey

Nature's Beauty Contest

The beauty that we now behold will early disappear,
And we'll not see it any more 'til comes another year—
Azaleas, dogwood blossoms, tulips, yellow daffodils,
And tender leaves of green o'er all the valleys, plains, and hills.

All nature has a beauty contest—what shall each thing wear?
And everything's a winner, for there's beauty everywhere;
So let us many times behold this beauty every day,
Until each dress is faded and the winners march away.

—Ernest C. Durham

Three Duke Professors Discuss Theological Studies

By Earl Wolslagel

Three Duke University professors who have dedicated their lives to the training of Christian ministers and missionaries agree that theological studies must be constantly revised to be meaningful in today's world.

They also agree, and emphasize, that man's relationship with God is unchanging, despite changes in the material world.

Duke Divinity School Dean Robert E. Cushman, and two of his colleagues, Dr. H. Shelton Smith and Dr. W. Arthur Kale, were asked two questions in this regard: (1) Has the teaching of religion changed with the advent of the space age? and (2) Have professors of religion accepted the "space age way of life" as being different in the application of religious understanding?

Dean Cushman says he regards the whole world-wide range of communication, and technological and social revolution under way now as far more significant to theological study than the penetration of space.

"The utter significance of the Christian message—or of truth as it is in Christ—is unaffected by questions of spatial locality," he adds, "and the material universe and the realm of spirituality are not necessarily commensurate."

Dr. Kale, professor of Christian Education and a member of the professors and research section of the National Council of Churches of Christ, concurs, saying: "Christian faith teaches that man potential is not limited to planet Earth. Its Founder proclaimed the space age may open new ways to interpret reality of a 'kingdom not of this world'—and that kingdom to the mind of man."

Dr. Kale also says, "There is a search for renewal of the early Christian Church concept with the belief that the first century idea of the church is better suited to space age ideas than the club-like institution generally accepted during this century."

Dr. Smith, one of America's foremost theologians who retired last year as James B. Duke Professor of American Religious Thought, emphasized the need for courses in comparative religion to "seek to provide a sympathetic understanding of the Christian faiths of the rest of the world." He adds that courses in international relations are now designed to prepare rising generations to appreciate the world's new problems, "especially in the rise of new nations in such no-longer-so-far-away places as Africa and Southeast Asia."

Dr. Smith notes that Duke recently has given increasing attention to problems involved in the contact between Christianity and communism, and "toward sensitizing students to new challenges of the world which in the space age is so intricately interwoven."

Dean Cushman, who last fall was an official Methodist delegate-observer to the Vatican II Council sessions, also sees a need for better understanding not only among the Christian denominations, but between Christianity and other religions of the world.

"The great proximity of Eastern Orthodoxy with Western Christianity—Protestant or Catholic," he says, "Obviously imposes responsibility for deepening knowledge and sympathetic comprehension of Oriental religions is indispensable for informed Christians in today's world. One might even add that international politics today cannot expect to be conducted intelligently in the absence of comprehension of the important religious component of the Oriental and African culture."

Dean Cushman says that "while the Christian gospel remains essentially the same, yesterday, today and forever—its abiding truths become manifest in relations to varying problems and crises of culture, politics and philosophy current in any given era."

"Thus," he concludes, "what is taught in theological schools in some measure is a direct response to the need for relating the Christian faith to the changing circumstances of human society."

Dr. Kale says that most important purpose of courses in religion in schools of theology and other educational institutions is to "help students become aware of God's continuing self-disclosure through the events of our times. Unquestionably," he states, "we are at a turning point in man's history—a time of unprecedented scientific and technological advances and revolution, when, for many, the teachings of the church may seem confused and confusing.

"It is not an easy period for persons institutions responsible for such teaching," D Kale adds, "Particularly when there are repor of increasing numbers of non-believers, ar when professors of religion confess difficul in interpreting faith to an age dominated b technology and sciences.

The theologians do not speculate on wh challenges Christianity may be called upon face in the future, but they are sure th challenges will come, just as they have fo almost 2,000 years. They are equally sure th Christianity has the resources required to me them, and they are convinced that religion needed more acutely now than ever before.



Left to right: Dr. H. Shelton Smith, professor emeritus of American Religious Thought; Dean Robert E. Cushman; and Dr. W. Arthur Kale, professor of Christian Education—all of the Duke University Divinity School, Durham, N. C.

Tabernacle Church Observed Memorial Day May 17

The Tabernacle Methodist Church of the Greensboro District observed Memorial Day Sunday, May 17| This is an annual event with with the historic church whose origin dates back to near 1800 when frontier travelers stopped by the spring on the old Greensboro Road with a child sick of fever. The little girl died, and pushing on westward the "covered wagon people" buried her in the grove of trees "which looked like a place where a church ought to be some day." That was the beginning of the huge cemetery with the many graves at Tabernacle today. After the beginning of the church not too long after that event, there has continuously been services held at that sacred knoll. The church has been remodeled a number of times, but today the congregation is looking forward to a completely new building program with the hope of enlarging their borders as the community is rapidly growing.

The Memorial Day service was in charge of the Memorial Committee. Mr. Harold L. Clapp is chaiman. The memorabilia was read by Mrs. S. F. Kiger, Jr., Memoirs Chairman. The guest speaker for the service was the Rev. L. B. Hayes, D.D. of Franklnville. Dr. Hayes was on familiar ground with the people, having been their Distric Superintendent in the years gone by His subject was: "Thy Years Shall Not Fail. With grand and majestic phraseology. Cha acteristic of the speaker and studdied wit gems from the classics he lifted his audienc with inspiration and then nailed down som simple truths about how we ought to live i view of the heritage handed to us b those who have departed from us.

After the morning service, a sumptuou meal was prepared beneath the shad of the giant trees on the church grounds.

One of the humorous side lights t the event was a large black snake wh swirled his way to the high branches an gaze down in terror. Dr. Hayes exclaimed "Now God's people have got Satan on th run."

Rev. W. H. Dyar is pastor of Tabernacl Church.



Miss Muriel Coltrane, Nashville, secre tary for missionary education of children o The Methodist Church, died April 3 o pneumococcal meningitis in a hospital i Ludhina, India. Miss Coltrane, 51, was o a trip around the world visiting missionary work of the denomination. Since 1958, she had been on the staff of the Interboard Committee on Missionary Education.



He who falls by doing wrong will only get back by repenting and doing right.

—W.E.I



By Mary Gardner

Forgiving Others

Mother patiently sewed on and on. Not a word did she speak—but she heard every word that Jimmy had said. And they were angry words, spoken in a voice much louder than was necessary for a nice boy to use. Father, holding his paper before him, as though he were reading, cast a glance at Mother from time to time, and wondered why she did nothing to stem the tide and torrent on words. At last Jimmy had nothing more to say—it was all said.

"What did you do, Jimmy," she inquired, "to make Bobby so cross?"

"Well," said Jimmy, "I really did not do anything. You see, Bobby thought I took his pencil. It was one of the other boys who took it, and I just wouldn't say who it was. So he just took his spite out on me."

"Well, I'm glad my boy didn't take what did not belong to him, and I'm glad, too, that you did not say who took it. Now do not worry; perhaps the other boy will return the pencil."

Mother continued to talk. "You and Bobby have been such good friends, and I want you to do your part to stay friendly with him. I think you should forgive him."

"I don't see where it's my place to do any thing," exploded Jimmy.

"Hold on there, son." Father spoke very firmly. "I want you to listen to me for a few minutes. One day when Jesus was here on earth he was talking to his diciples, and Peter said to him, "Lord, how many times shall I for give my brother if he sin against me? 'Til seven times?" Jesus said to Peter, "I do not say that you should forgive him seven times only, but seventy times seven."

Jimmy hung his head; he knew what he had to do. Father and Mother said nothing for a while—they wanted Jimmy to battle it out for himself.

Presently a big smile appeared where a frown had been before, as he said, "I guess you are right, as usual. If you don't mind, I'll go over right now to see Bobby, and ask him to be friends with me.

"That's right, my boy," said Father. "Remember, we are to forgive seventy times seven. But before you go, let's see what the Bible says about forgiving. Suppose I read it to you. It is found in Ephesians 4:32, 'And be ye kind one to onother, tender-hearted, forgiving one another, even as God for Christ's sake hath forgiven you.'"

By this time Jimmy was in a happy mood, as he said, "Goodby, folks, I'll be seeing you soon."—Christian Beacon.

Sailboat For Sammy

"Oh Daddy!" Patrick cried. "Look!"

Patrick pointed to a big round tub of water. Floating on the water were red and yellow and blue boats with white sails. And on top of the sails there were little colored flags.

"Watch," Daddy said. And he blew on one of the sailboats. Away it went!

"Oh, Daddy!" Patrick said. "May I have one? Please?"

Daddy smiled. "All right," he said. "But you'll have to be careful with it."

Patrick gave the saleslady one, two, three, four, five, six, seven, eight, nine, ten shiny pennies. Then Daddy and Patrick went outside.

The wind was blowing very hard. Flutter, flutter went the little flag.

"Look, Daddy!" cried Patrick.

"The wind is one of God's helpers," Daddy said. "It helps boats sail. It helps big windmills go round and round to grind grain, and to get water for people. It helps clothes to dry, and birds to fly. It brings us rain and snow and warm weather."

"God gave us the sun to help us, too," Patrick said, "and the rain."

"God wants people to be His Helpers, too," Daddy said.

"I'll be a helper," Patrick said. "Jimmy's sick, so I'll show him my sailboat. I'll take him a Sunday School paper and sing him a song, too."

And down the sidewalk Daddy and Patrick ran, with the little flag going flutter, flutter, flutter. —My Sunday Stories.

How Well Do I Use God's Gifts?

Check the sentence endings that come closest to describing how you feel and what you do. There may sometimes be two or three endings that describes you. If so, mark them 1-2-3 in the order that they seem to fit you best. Be honest in using my time, I

Think most wf what would be fun. Have a good time helping others. Stop playing once in a white to do a good deed.

In using my skills, I

Try to make others happy. Like to show how smart I am. Try to grow in a better worker for God.

After you have marked what you really do, how about going through the test again and use a different mark, perhaps an O, to show what you think a growing Christian would do. Then talk over with your parents or teacher these last answers (more next week).

6 A Prayer For Help

Help me to work my best each day,
Help me to share with friends at play.
Help me to think of the needs of others,
Help me to love them as my brothers.
Help me in all I do and say,
In Jesus's name I humbly pray. Amen.

BIBLE QUIZ

Do You Know?

Which of the following was NOT a—
1—Writer of the Bible-Books—John, Philip, Luke?
2—Fisherman—Peter, Andrew, Zaccheus?
3 Jew—Paul, Goliath, Timothy?
5—Son of Jacob—Benjamin, Joseph, Judas?

Answers to Last Week's Questions

1—Stephen; 2—Pilate; 3—Ruth; 4—Jacob; 5—Samuel.

Just For Fun

A seven-year-old boy was sent to the grocery store to get a dozen eggs for his mother. When he arrived at the store he asked, "How much are your eggs?"

"Sixty cents a dozen," answered the storekeeper, and "thirty cents for cracked ones."

"Okay," said the little boy, "crack me a dozen."

A man in a strange town wanted to go to the post office. He stopped and asked a little boy the directions to the post office. When the boy had given him the directions the man said to him, "Do you want to go to heaven?"

"I don't know," replied the boy, "but if I did I wouldn't ask you, for you don't even know the way to the post office."

"Why are shower baths put in such small rooms?" one little boy asked another.

"To make it harder to keep dry," said the second.

Woman's Activities

Winston-Salem Honors Officers

MRS. E. K. MCLARTY

At the recent annual district meeting of Winston-Salem which was held in Konnoak Hills Methodist Church, the outgoing officers were presented with Honorary Memberships. Those receiving these were: Mrs. L. Smith, Mrs. H. S. Zimmerman, Mrs. Leonard Nanzatta, and Mrs. Miles Dalton. A special Membership was given to Mrs. Gene H. Little and a gift to the scholarship fund honored Mrs. .J C. Clodfelter and Mrs Alton Jackson.

Officers elected to serve for a four-year term were: Vice-President, Mrs. M. G. Piland; Recording Secretary, Miss Ruth Futrell; Secretary of Literature, Mrs. W. W. Earnst, Jr.; Secretary of Missionary Education and Service, Mrs. H. A. Jamison; Secretary of Promotion, Mrs. Troy Heplar; Chairman of Public Relations, Mrs. Robert Weidman. Officers elected to serve on the Committee on Nominations were Mrs. H. A. Jamison, Miss Ruth Futrell, and Mrs. W. W. Ernst.

Statesville Reports on its District Meeting

Over two hundred and twenty-five women attended the annual meeting of the Statesville District Woman's Society of Christian Service at Highyand Methodst Church on Thursday, April 23, 1964.

Mrs. Joseph A. Young, president, presided.

"Time of Remembrance" was conducted by Mrs. Carroll Wooten, of Statesville.

Mrs. W. A. Murray, district secretary of promotion, gave words of praise for the splendid work done by the local church women this year.

Mrs. R. K. Courtney, vice president, introduced the speaker, Mrs. Julian Reeves, president of the North Wilkesboro District, who used as her subject "Our Witness in a New Age." She said so much in so few words, one cannot soon forget. We hape her three-fold challenge has shaken us out of our complacency to take advantage of our opportunities to do our best for God's work *now*.

Mrs. H. B. Lewis, treasurer, gave an impressive Pledge Service using a passage from John 21:17—"Feed my sheep."

The following officers were elected and installed:

Mrs. Earle Townsend, of St. Luke's, Hickory, Missionary Education and Service; Mrs. Glenn Palmer, First, Lenoir, Promotion Mrs. Earl C. Black, Jr., Bethel, Hickory, Missionary, Personnel Mrs. J. H. Carper, First, Lenoir, Student Work.

Mrs. W. M. Howard, Triplett Church, Mooresville, Supply Work.

Mrs. Harry Whitner, Troutman, Children's Work.

Mrs. C. E. Heath, Harmony, Recording Secretary and Public Relations.

Mrs. Roy Jarmon, Fairgrove, Conover, chairman of subdistrict 2.

Mrs Garland Staffford, Broad Street, Statesville, Chairman subdistrict 3.

Mrs. H. B. Troutman, Central, Mooresville, Chairman subdistrict 4.

Mrs. Carroll Wooten was named chairman of Nominating Committee, with Mrs. Marcus Deal, Mrs. C. E. Heath, Mrs. Earl Black, and Mrs. H. B. Troutman.

Mrs. Brunson Wallace, of Newton, Conference vice-president, had charge of a service honorng the retiring officers by presenting them each with an Adult Special Life Membership. They were: Mrs. W. A. Murray, of Hickory; Mrs. Paul Henkel, Statesville; Mrs. E. M. Dudley, Lenoir; Mrs. Jimmie Gantt, Catawba; Mrs. W. T. Tatum, Olin; Mrs. J. G. Wilhelm, Mooresville. Mrs. Gilreath Adams was presented an emblem pin for three years as secretary of Missionary Personnel. Mrs. H. B. Lewis was presented an Adult Special Life membership for six years of service as treasurer for the District.

An invitation from First Church, Lenoir, to entertain the Annual Meeting April 22, 1965 was accepted.

The meeting closed with a prayer by the Rev. Roy J. Barnwell, of Highland Church.

DOT DUDLEY
Recording Secretary

Asheville District's Important Work Is Recordied

Six new district officers were elected at the annual meeting of the Woman's Society of Christian Service of the Asheville District on Tuesday, April 23, at First Methodist Church, Hendersonville.

They are Mrs. Frank Shuford, Asheville, vice-president; Mrs. Luther Oates, Asheville, recording secretary; Mrs. H. C Rhodarmer, Candler, secretary of literature Mrs. W. G. Lippthrott, Arden, missionary education; Mrs. Lester Zerfoss, Hendersonville, promotion; and Mrs. Perry Mallonee Candler, Wesleyan Service Guild.

Mrs. P. C. Coletta, Burnsville, was re-elected secretary of youth work. The new members of the committee on nominations are Mrs. E. L. Briggs, Burnsville, Mrs E. H. Foster, Ashevlle, and Mrs. Harold Siniard, Brevard.

The Charter of Racial Policies of the Woman's Division of Christian Service was ratified at the meeting. The charter was read by Mrs. Raymon Bell, district secretary of Christian Social Relations.

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N. C. Conference

BY MARY GARDNER

An Introduction and Appreciation

Beginning with the June 4 issue of the N. C. CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE, Mrs. H. W. Doub, of Aberdeen will become contributing editor for the N. C. Conference Woman's Society of Christian Service. Mrs. Doub was elected conference chairman of public relations at the society's Annual Meeting held in Jarvis Memorial Methodist Church, Greenville last March.

The new officer has served on local, subdistrict, district, and conference levels of woman's work, including president of her local WSCS at the Page Memorial Methodist Church; leader for the Moore-Montgomery subdistrict WSCS; president and secretary of missionary education for the Fayetteville District, and conference recording secretary, an office which she has held since 1956.

These past twelve years as your conference chairman of public relations have been marked by joyful service and immeasuable blessings. Our heart is filled with a sense of gratitude for what these blessings have meant to the editors of the N. C. CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE Dr. Cecil Robbins, Dr. R. P. Marshall, and the present editor, the Rev. S. J. Starnes, for their patience and understanding, and for each woman in the N. C. Conference who has contributed to the dissemination of the conference news through N. C. CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE.



NEWLY ELECTED OFFICERS OF THE N. C. CONFERENCE WOMAN'S SOCIETY OF CHRISTIAN SERVICE

Left to right: Mrs. C. H. Boyd, New Bern, Wesleyan Service Guild; Miss Bernice Ballance, Dunn, Missionary Personnel; Mrs. D. K. Fry, Raleigh, Christian Social Relations; Mrs. J. E. Davis, Sanford, recording secretary; Miss Camille Staton, Bethel, vice-president; Mrs. Sam A. Dunn, Enfiled, president; the Rev. Edgar B. Fisher, Greenville, installer; Mrs. Harold Mann, Sanford, treasurer; Mrs. Shelton Boyd, Mt. Olive, Youth work; Mrs. Harold Davis, Goldsboro, literature; Mrs. T. B. Upchurch, Jr., Raeford, supply work; Mrs. H. W. Doub, Aberdeen, public relations; Mrs. L. C. Vereen, Raleigh, chairman of Committee on Nominations.

VOICE OF THE SEA

D. W. Charlton

Vast throngs head toward the beaches today over the week-ends and the holiday seasons. During the time we lived in Dare County we, too, felt the thrill of the lash of the waves, the lift of the tides, and the lure of the far horizons.

Here we heard stories of seafaring men, and were taken in by the saga and lore of the coastland. Tales were told of a dog that rescued a crew; of cannibalism at sea; of the hurricane that tore up the seas and tossed nine vessels upon the beach; and of the only known case of childbirth in a lifeboat.

The Lost Colony drama enacted every summer on Roanoke Island since 1937 has drawn countless thousands of people to the coastland and injected new life into a sleeping community, once shut off from the world.

Seeing the famous production, the dreams and sacrifices of the founding fathers come alive, we are stirred by their courage and commitment to the way of freedom.

For one thing, consider the lash of the winds and waves that are carrying away the sands and changing the shorelines, moving millions of tons of soil.

Standing on Cape Hatteras on a stormy day, we may watch the awesome display of savage fury. Here the warm Gulf Stream meets the cold currents coming down from the Arctic and run head-on into each other, tossing their spumy spray a hundred feet or more into the air, and dropping sand, shells and sea life.

There is a familiar story of the daring of coast guardsmen who went to the aid of a distressed ship when a northeaster churned up the sea. The captain ordered the men to go at once to the rescue of the stricken ship.

"Sir," exclaimed one of the men, "we can go out, but against the wind and waves we cannot come back." The captain barked: "Our regulations don't say a ——— thing about coming back. We've got to go out."

Even as the winds and waves beat upon the shores, so man is tested by the adverse circumstances of life.

When the noted Scottish entertainer and singer, Sir Harry Lauder, lost his only son in World War I he said to a friend: "When a man comes to a thing like this, there are just three ways out of it: there is drink; there is despair; and there is God. By his grace, it's God for me."

"A man in chains was on his way to Rome. "A tempestuous wind, called the northeaster, struck down from land," said Paul. The hero of the hour stilled the fears of a near panicky people crying: "So take heart, for I have faith in God." We too may find adequacy in a vital faith.

Again, the life of the tides may suggest the resources of God available to us. Consider the total volume of the seas in 324 cubic miles, fourteen times the volume of dry land above sea level. How tremendous, then, is the power of the tides!

In building Hell Gate Bridge over the East River in New York, for instance, engineers discovered an abandoned ship embedded in the mud at the botton of the stream. The obstacle had to be removed so that the central pier could go down for a solid footing. All first attempts to budge the derelict vessel were futile.

Then a huge flatboat, used to haul rock down the stream, was towed into position. Chained to the sunken ship at low tide, the men waited for the great volume of water to sweep in from the ocean, with all the power of the sea behind it. The old seacraft was lifted as the tide came in, inch by inch, until ready to be towed out and dropped into the bosom of the ocean. This story brings to our minds the unfathomed resources of God which we may lay hold on.

In our catastrophic world, as General Omar Bradley stated: "Our knowledge of science has clearly outstripped our capacity to control it. We have men of science; too few men of God," he continued. We have grasped the mystery of the atom and rejected the Sermon on the Mount. We have nuclear giants and ethical infants."

Finally, the far view of the sea reminds us we no longer live on little islands, but are linked indissolubly with the peoples of the world, even as the waters wash the shores of all continents.

The vision and outreach of men are often too limited or confined within the circle of the family group, unconcerned about the great world beyond. Men who take out fishing parties have some helpful advice for us. "Stop looking at the end of your pole against the moving waters," they tell us. "Look off toward the horizen." We need the large view of deep concern and compassion for all men.





DURHAM SUBDISTRICT METHODIST YOUTH FELLOWSHIP OFFICERS

Shown are the 1964-65 officers of the Durham Subdistrict Methodist Youth Fellowship, who were elected May 19 at the monthly meeting at St. Paul Methodist Church in Durham. They will be installed at the June meeting. Left to right are: seated, Eddie Southerland, president; Harriet Walker, first vice president; Charles Weaver, second vice president; Susan Jenkins, secretary; and Judy Belk, treasurer; and standing, Jackie Crowder, publicity chairman; Ann Christy, Christian Faith Chairman; Ronnie Carden, Christian Witness Chairman; Carol Wilkinson, Christian Citizenship Chairman; Jane Christy, Christian Outreach Chairman; and Pam Pendergrass, Christian Fellowship Chairman. — Durham Sun Photo by Jim Thornton

Brief Observations of the 1964 General Conference

In Pittsburgh it was evident that we are a World Church. This poses difficult problems, the kind that God expects us to wrestle with. There were differences of opinion, there was heated debate, and, perhaps, some things took place that we might not like, but God doesn't make His work simple or easy. We felt the hand of God at work in the Conference, and we believe that God brought us out at just about the place He wanted us to be at this moment in history.

A note of hope for the spiritual renewal of the church was sounded. Perhaps it is still a distant bugle, but its echoes haunts us with the moving of the Holy Spirit.

When the dome of the Arena was opened on Sunday evening, a great wind swept through the throng, the stage trappings were threatened, and a great Cross swung violently to and fro over the heads of the leaders of our church. The call rang out, "Evacuate the stage! Evacuate the stage"! The next day Bishop Palmer remarked, "It is dangerous to stand under the Cross, but there is no other place for a Christian to stand."

It is our prayer that God may now give to all of us the grace to do, in the Spirit of Christ, the things that will be demanded of us in keeping with His will.

—R. G. Tuttle

Mother-Daughter Banquet At Grifton Methodist Church

Mrs. Joe Gay of Kinston was the guest speaker on Friday night at the annual "Mother-Daughter" banquet of the WSCS of the Grifton Methodist Church held at 6:30 in the Fellowship Hall. A two-course meal was enjoyed.

Mrs. Duane Jennings was mistress of ceremonies and welcomed all the mothers and daughters, the singing of "The Wesley Grace" with Caroline Carr at the piano was followed by the group led by Mrs. Wayne Wegwart in Fellowship singing.

Glenda Knowles, Doug Bell and Raymond Novicke entertained with a number of folk songs. Dottie Gaskins played "Folk Tune Sonata" and Clare Desverges, "The Butterfly" the two then played as a duet "March of the Candy Dolls." A musical story was told by Mrs. Mary Mann.

Mrs. J. C. Hooten presented the speaker, Mrs. Gay, who chose for her talk, "Women of the Bible," taking first lesser known women, Salome, Joanna, Mary and Suzanna. Bringing out the fact that in all times women have played an important part in the home and church and the world, how by the scriptures we find that Jesus told of the loyalty and faith of women. In the better known group she told of Mary and Martha of Bethany who showed spiritual descernment and faith and in Mary Magdaline there was the all important factor, "Love."

Mrs. Courtney Oatrick, president of the WSCS made known the name of the "Woman of the Year," Mrs. Carole Jennings, who was presented a corsage by Mrs. Patrick and will also be the recipient of a Life Membership in the WSCS. In 1955 an inspiratonal picture of Sallman's "Head of Christ" was given to the church by the WSCS. At this time the idea to honor some woman from the group who most strived to follow the way of Christ in her daily living, contact with people and devotion to and work for his church. This has been a practice through the years that have followed. A gold plaque, presented by Mrs. John Glenn hangs in the sanctuary to remind of those who "Walk the Upwadr Road," those being honored to date are, Mesdames Maxne Cobb, Flora Hooten, Sylvia Carr, Johnnie Gardner, Doris Rasberry, Jewel Patrick, Irene Jones, Helen Powell, Peggy Wegwart and now Carole Jennings. Mrs. W. C. Chauncey as the oldest mother present and Mrs. Tommy Sugg as the youngest mother were given corsages.

The singing of "Blest Be The Tie" was used as the benediction.

Mesdames Helen Powell, Mary Mann, Peggy Wegwart, and Rosalie Waters were in charge of arrangements, for the dinner, entertainment, decorations, and programs.

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METHODISM'S HERITAGE

The heart of Methodism's heritage is the prayer group. Local congregations may omit it, but t can never be eliminated from the history and heritage of Methodism—*From "Aldersgate Can Happen to You"* by *Asbury Lenox.*

PROGRAM

Western North Carolina Annual Conference — June 3-7, 1964

Bishop Nolan B. Harmon, Presiding — Lake Junaluska, North Carolin

WEDNESDAY, JUNE, 3, 1964

10:00 a.m.	Registration Opens
3:00 p.m.	Opening of Conference Devotions—Bishop Harmon
3:30 p.m.	Report of Board of Ministerial Training and Qualifications, Rev. Walte Lee Lanier, Statesville, chairman; Rev. Melton E. Harbin, Thomasville registrar
	Report of Committee on Conference Relations, Rev. Jesse G. Wilkinson Greensboro, chairman
7:30 p.m.	Formal Opening of 1964 Annual Conference Organization of Conference Nominations of Quadrennial Boards
8:00 p.m.	Conference Historical Society, Rev. Aubert M. Smith, Mount Holly president
	Address: Dr. Charles E. Kachel, Central District Superintendent, the Eastern Conference, The Evangelical United Brethren Church

THURSDAY, JUNE 4, 1964

9:00 a.m.	Morning Worship Devotions—Bishop Harmon, "As We Have Received This Ministry" Class Received Into Full Connection
9:45 a.m.	Committee on Publishing Interests, Rev. Leroy A. Scott, Asheville, chairman
10:00 a.m.	Second Report of Board of Ministerial Training and Qualifications
10:45-11:15 a.m.	Recess
11:15 a.m.	Board of Christian Social Concerns, Rev. Ray F. Swink, Granite Falls, chairman
	Address: Rupert Godfrey John, Human Rights Officer, United Nations
12:00 Noon	Hour of Preaching Sermon: Dr. R. Edwin Kimbrough, Trinity Methodist Church, Birmingham, Ala.
1:00 p.m.	Adjournment
2:30 p.m.	Board of Evangelism, Rev. John R. Hamilton, Charlotte, chairman Sermon: Dr. Kimbrough
4:00 p.m.	Organization of Boards, Committees, Commissions (Promotion and Cultivation, World Service and Finance, Worship Christian Social Concerns, Deaconesses, Education, Evangelism, Hospitals and Homes, Ministerial Training and Qualifications, Missions, Publishing Interests, Pensions, Conference Relations)
7:30 p.m.	Ordination of Deacons, Bishop Harmon presiding
	Board of Education, Dr. Philip L. Shore, Jr., Charlotte, president; Dr. Carl H. King, Statesville, executive secretary
	Address: Dr. Lowell B. Hazzard, Wesley Seminary, Washington, D. C.

FRIDAY, JUNE 5, 1964

9:00 a.m.	Mornng Worship Sermon: Dr. Kimbrough
10:00 a.m.	Board of Hospitals and Homes, Rev. E. H. Nease, Jr., Rutherfordton, chairman. "Our Spiritual Ministry in our Methodist Institutions"
	Speakers: Rev. A. L. Chamlee, Jr., chaplain, The Children's Home, Winston-Salem; Rev. Ted S. Hoffmann, chaplain, The Methodist Home for the Aging, Inc., Charlotte
10:45-11:15 a.m.	Recess
11:15: a.m.	Commission on Minimum Salary, Robert M. Smith, Mt. Airy, chairman
	Treasurer's Report, Fred D. Russsell, Charlotte, Conference treasurer
	Commission on World Service and Finance, Herbert M. Wayne, Charlotte, chairman
	Conference Brotherhood, Rev. H. G. Allen, Statesville, president
12:00 Noon	Board of Lay Activities, Robert M. Smith, Mt. Airy, Conference Lay Leader
1:00 p.m.	Adjournment
2:30 p.m.	Board of Pensions, Rev. A. Glenn Lackey, Statesville, chairman
	Recognition of Retiring Men
3:00 p.m.	Television, Radio and Film Commission, Rev. Ernest A. Fitgerald, Charlotte chairman
	Address: Alan Newcomb, public affairs director, Jefferson Standard Boardsting Co., Charlotte

15 p.m. Organization of Board, Committees and Commisssions (TRAFCO, Town and Country, Christian Vocations, Rules, publication of Journal, Conference Entertainment, Appeals)

30 p.m. Ordination of Elders, Bishop Harmon presiding

Board of Missions, Dr. W. Kenneth Goodson, Winston-Salem, president; Dr. Horace R. McSwain, Statesville, executive secretary

Address: Bishop Nolan B. Harmon, presiding bishop, The Charlotte Area

SATURDAY, JUNE 6, 1964

00 a.m. Memorial Service

Memorial Address: "To Be Continued"
Dr. Walter J. Miller, pastor, Central Methodist Church, Asheville

:00 a.m. Commission on Town and Country Work, Rev. E. H. Lowman, Derita, chairman; Rev. Garland R. Stafford, Statesville, executive secretary

Address: Dr. Earl D. C. Brewer, Candler School of Theology, Emory University, Atlanta, Ga.

:45-11:15 a.m. Recess

:15 a.m. Deaconess Board, Miss Mary Bethea, Pfeiffer College, chairman

Commission on Promotion and Cultivation, Dr. James G. Huggin, High Point, chairman.

Commission on Christian Vocations, Rev. Brunson Wallace, Newton, chairman

Statistician's Repart, Rev. John R. Sills, Greensboro, Conference Statistician

Other Business

:00 p.m. Adjournment

:30 p.m. Business Session (If necessary)

:30 p.m. Commission on Worship, Rev. James B. McLarty, Black Mountain, chairman

Address: Dr. Emory S. Bucke, book editor, The Methodist Church, Nashville, Tenn.

SUNDAY, JUNE 7, 1964

:00 a.m. Holy Communion, Memorial Chapel

:30 a.m. Morning Worshp

Conference Sermon: Bishop Harmon

Reading of Appointments for 1964-65

Adjournment at Will

'airgrove Methodist Church, Statesville District, Dedicated April 5

The Reverend Cecil G. Hefner, States-ille District Superintendent, was the rinciple speaker for dedication services f the new Fairgrove Methodist Church anctuary, Route 2, Conover, on Sunday, pril 5, at 11:00 a.m. Rev. W. O. Cooper, former pastor, took part in the services f dedication in addition to the present astor, Rev. Charles E. Bruce.

Following the service of dedication, the ourth Quarterly Conference was conducted. covered dish luncheon was served in ne fellowship hall at 1:00 p.m.

Records of the church date back to 1835 hen Daniel Hoover and L. F. Bollinger onated a beautiful grove to The Methodist piscopal Church, South. The first trustees ere W. F. Punch, Jacob Bollinger, Frederick louser, Daniel Hoover and G. M. Sigmon. he first services were held under the rees, and as time went on, a board-roofed rbor was erected. In the year 1878 a wood rame building was built, featurng two ntrances at the front. The old wooden hurch was replaced by a two story brick uilding in 1928. This building is now eing used as an educational plant. Fair-rove was made a station appointment in 952. Prior to this time, its pastor had lso served Highlands Church in Hickory. A nice brick parsonage was built in 1953 t a cost of $12,000. It was dedicated in ugust 1954.

Plans were started on March 12, 1956 for he building of a new church plant. Six ots, adjoining the front of the church roperty, were purchased for the building f the new church. Mrs. George Seitz anw Dr. Ralph C. Flowers gave additional land.

On January 1, 1957, the first Quarterly



Conference elected, for the construction of a new church, a permanent building committee composed of the following: Dr. Ralph C. Flowers, chairman; Festus L. Sigmon, vice-chairman; Claude Hefner, treasurer; Richard Hawn, Marshall Mitchell, J. G. Pitts, C. F. Schrum, and the Rev. F. S. McFarland.

Formal groundbreaking services were conducted on Sunday, March 17, 1958. The first service was held in the new building on January 25, 1959. A service of consecration was conducted on April 19, 1959 with Bishop Nolan B. Harmon leading and preaching the sermon. From September 27 through October 2, 1959, a Financial Crusade was conducted under the leadership of the Rev. Rollin P. Gibbs, Derector of Field Service and Finance of the Western North Carolina Conferenc e.$50,000 in cash and pledges were raised for paying the indebtedness on the church building. On July 18, 1963, the indebtedness on the new church building was liquidated with a contribution from The Duke Endowment n the amount of $3,000. The total amount given by The Duke Endowment toward the building project was $6,000. Three lots adjoining the church property were purchased in August 1963 at a cost of $700. The Fairgrove congregation continues to plan for the future. It now has in the building and Loan approximately $3,500 to be used toward the construction of a modern and adequate educational plant. There are approximately 260 members of the church.

The Rev. F. S. McFarland was pastor when the new church building was contructed. The prasent pastor, the Rev. Charles E. Bruce, is completing his fourth year.

Regardless of all the college degrees and education that one may obtain, and the eulogies that may be heaped upon him, and and the laurels that he may be crowned with, if he loses his soul, what has he gained? Nothing worth while.—W.

In Memoriam

RESOLUTION TO THE MEMORY OF JOHN O. RENFRO

Whereas John O. Renfro, member of the Wendell Methodist Church, passed into his eternal home on April 14, 1964 while serving his third year as Trustee of his church;

Whereas John O. Renfro lived the vows he took before the church altar in his baptism and confirmation with consistent and regular attendance upon the worship and other programs and services of the church;

Whereas John O. Renfro lived before his business associates, friends and family a life of simplicity, frankness, honesty, friendliness with sincere love and concern for the rights and needs of all those with whom he associated;

Whereas John O. Renfro lived the life of stewardship as he gave of his time and talent in loving labor for the church of Jesus Christ. At his death he was president of the Men's Bible Class, a class which for years he taught. He was a continuous member of the Official Board of the church for some thirty years, serving as steward and trustee, and for several years was elected by his fellow members as chairman;

Whereas John O. Renfro committed his whole life to Christ and day after day read from God's Holy Word as well as lived the life of a devoted disciple in private and public;

Whereas we, the members of the Wendell Methodist Church, shall sorely miss our friend and brother;

Be it therefore resolved that the Official Board of the Wendell Methodist Church, Wendell, North Carolina, meeting May 5, 1964, express our humble gratitude to God for the life of John O. Renfro among us, and do hereby commend the example of his devoted, humble life to all our community; Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be given to Mrs. John O. Renfro, recorded in the Quarterly Conference Minutes of the church, printed in the local newspaper, and printed in the North Carolina Christian Advocate of the Methodist Church.

W. A. White, Chairman

Marion District Ministers Hold Monthly Meeting May 3

Spindale was the place of the last meeting of the year for ministers of the Marion District. The meeting was begun in a meaningful way as ministers and wives participated in the service of Holy Communion. Dr. Fletcher Nelson and Earl Brendall administered the secrament.

E. H. Nease reported on evangelism. A total of 688 have been received into membership as of May 11. The number removed from membership was 563, showing a net gain of 125.

Dr. Nelson was asked to make a telephone call to Sherrill Biggers in behalf of the ministers.

It was announced that the district has met its commitment of $15,000 to Clyde Tuckers work in Punta Arenas, Chili.

Officers for next year were elected. They are as follows: Joe Ervin, president; C. B. Barr, vice-president; Stanley Baker, Secretary; Kyle Smith, worship chairman. Earl Gibson, Morris Byers, and Earl Brendall have served the district well as officers this year.

Many thanks to the ADVOCATE for carrying our news this year.

—ROGER PEARSON

Western North Carolina Annual Conference Special Events

June 3—Board of Education Luncheon, Waynesville High Cafeteria, 12:30 p.m. W.N.C. Brotherhood Dinner, Edwin L. Jones Cafeteria, 5 p.m.

June 4 — Approved Supply Pastors Luncheon, Waynesville High Cafteteria, 1 p.m. Brevard College Luncheon, Lake Junaluska School, 12:30 p.m. Pfeiffer College Tea, Gibson Cottage, 3-5 p.m. Emory Banquet, Long's Chapel Church, 5:45 p. m. Duke Banquet, Waynesville High Cafeteria, 5:30 p.m. Wesley Theological Seminary Banquet, Elwin L. Jones Cafteria, 5:30 p.m.

June 5—High Point College Breakfast, Elizabeth Chapel Church, 7:30 a.m. Chaplains' Breakfast, Waynesville High Cafeteria, 7:30 a.m. Rural Fellowship Lncheon, Waynesville High Cafeteria, 12:30 p.m. Laymen Banquet, Waynesville High Cafeteria, 5:30 p.m. Asbury Club, Elwin L. Jones Cafeteria, 5:30 p.m.

June 6—Ministers' Wives Luncheon, Waynesville High Cafeteria, 1 p.m. Combined Choirs Dinner, Lake Junaluska School, 5 p.m.

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Aldersgate is a witness for all the ages that religious belief is made real through experience. All other belief stem from the fact of Christian experience.

Repentance is the preparation for—
Conversion is the way to—
The *Witness of the Spirit* is the seal of—
Perfection is the fruit of—
The Social Gospel is the result of—
Christian experience.

—*Dr. G. Ernest Thomas.*



Methodist Home For Aging Has Had A Successful Year

W. W. Hagood, Jr., of Charlotte has been re-elected president of the Methodist Home for the Aging, Inc. in Charlotte.

Election came during the annual Board meeting May 13, during which the Board of Managers also approved an operating budget of $1,132,941 for both the Home and the new Wesley Nursing Center. The burget includes salaries for more than 200 employes at the two institutions.

Other officers re-elected for the 1964-65 church year included: Tom M. Little of Wadesboro, first vice-president; Calder W. Womble of Winston-Salem, second vice-president; F. Thomas Miller, Jr., of Charlote, third vice-president; W. R. Cuthbertson of Charlotte, treasurer; W. R. Cuthbertson,, Jr., of Charlotte, assistant treasurer; Willard S. Farrow of Charlotte, administrator and secretary; John G. Lambert and W. Donald Penley of Charlotte, assistant administrators.

Reports were heard from the Home's standing committees, all of which reflected a successful year's operation of the service agency, owned and operated by the Western North Carolina Conference of The Methodist Church.

A significant accomplishment, reflected in the report of the Buildings and Grounds Committee, R. H. Pinnix, chairman, was completion of the Home's 250-bed Wesley Nursing Center at a cost of $3.1 million.

The remodeling and renovation of the Home's entire third floor, which was used as an infiirmary before completion of the Wesley Nursng Center, was reported two-third completed and scheduled for opening by early fall. Cost will be $150,000.

Robert L. Hines, chairman of the Home's Admissions Committee, reported this has been an unusual year in the area of servng more Senior Citizens more adequately. The Home averaged 221 resident members each of the 12 months of operation.

It is anticipated that Wesley Nursing Center, as a fully medically oriented long-term care facility, will reach its capacity in the early fall. The completion of the remodeling of the third floor will enable the Home to reduce the lengthy waiting list of applicants which has increased steadily during the past several years.

The Methodist Home and its Wesley Nursing Center are among 134 affiliated with the Board of Hospitals and Homes of the Methodist Church.

Shady Grove Church Will Dedicate New Sanctuary

The Shady Grove Methodist Chur a striking new structure—will be dedica in services at 11:00 a.m. on June 14, 19 at the Annual Homecoming. The churcl located in northwestern part of Jones Cou near Trenton.

The church is of contemporary desi All the furnishings are of contemporary sign.

The beautiful building features br walls and a heavy white aspl shingled roof. The front has a yellow cr of brick on the outside.

The simplicity and beauty of the inter is emphasized by cement blocks paint a pastel gray, walls of light rose, w modernistic windows.

The mahogany pews are stained a colonial tan and are of modern desig There is a wine-red carpet on the floor.

All furniture in the chancel harmon in a shade of colonial tan. The choir cha are of solid mahogany stained colonial t

The Rev. Z. V. Cowan is the pastor. T District Superintendent, Dr. R. G. Daws will conduct the Sunday morning dedicat service.

A picnic dinner will follow the morni service and the public is cordially invit

After the dinner and fellowship, the 4 quarterly Conference will be held.

The church grounds are 107 years and this is the third Shady Grove Churcl

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Those who keep their eyes on hypocrit certainly keep them off of Jesus; and tho who keep their eyes on Jesus have litt time to watch hypocrites. —W.E.I.

Bus Reservations to Camp

Reservations are being accepted on busses to and from *Camp Tekoa* and *Lake Junaluska* for summer assemblies. Special busses will leave from designated churches in Greensboro, High Point, Thomasville, Lexington and Salisbury. Delegates from adjoining districts may also secure reservations. For details contact: L. F. MOORE, c/o L. F. MOORE BROS. TRANSPORTATION CO., 740 W. Broad St., High Point, N. C. Phone 888-7215 (day) or 883-6440 (night).

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What Makes Sunday Different?

By Elmo Roper in The Sunday Guardian for May-August 1964

The fashionable part-time occupation in the United States today is worrying about morality. Everyone seems to be discussing it, in public print and at private parties, and the conclusion of all that can be summed up in a word: pessimism. A new breed of social critics has sprung up since the end of World War II, and since then these gadflies have liberally bombarded us with facts, figures, and a grim set of predictions about our future.

We have been told that our teenagers are delinquents and our adults are godless; that we are rapidly drifting away from religion; and that family unity, which has been so much of our heritage, is disintegrating.

I am happy to report that this pessimistic image is far from accurate. My opinion is based on a nationwide survey of thousands of Americans which my firm has just completed for This Week on the meaning of Sunday. Sunday has been the traditional day for church and family. It is also the one day during which we are left to our own devices and can do what we want. The editors reasoned that, if there had been a breakdown in religious attitudes and family unity, this breakdown would probably show up most vividly on Sunday.

The survey gives a rather different impression of modern American life from that drawn by the caustic commentators on the American scene. It shows that we are, in fact, a people with strong religious commitments and deep family ties.

First of all, we found that for most Americans, Sunday is a very special day. Fifty-six percent of the people we interviewed said Sunday is the day of the week they most look forward to. Another 16 percent said it is their second favorite day. And why? For nearly half of the people we asked, it is because it's the day they go to church. For these people, church is not just a habit, and it is considerably more than a duty. It is the essential meaning of the day. On an average Sunday, a little over half of American adults will attend church. Over two-thirds of the people in this country attend religious services at least once a month (whether on Sunday or other days of the week), and only 8 percent never go at all. Women attend more regularly than men and adults under 35 years old a bit more often than people over 50.

Still there is a feeling of some falling away from the religious fold. Twenty-two percent of the people say they attend religious services more often than they did 10 years ago, but 29 percent say they attend less often. Forty-one percent say their attendance is about the same.

Protestants and Jews attend church and synagogue less often than they used to; Catholic attendance has stayed about the same.

Religion isn't all Sunday is about. Almost tied in importance as a reason for looking forward to Sunday is that it is a day of rest and relaxation. Sunday is a day for taking it easy, for napping on the couch, and for just sitting around. People may do things, but they're relaxed about it, and it doesn't feel like work. Sunday seems to be the only day active Americans can be idle without feeling guilty.

This leads us to the third cornerstone on which most people build their Sunday: the opportunity it offers for being together with their families. For most Americans, Sunday is a social, family-centered day—and family in this case includes relatives living elsewhere. When people go out, it usually is to visit relatives or friends. And if they don't go out to see others, it's likely that they will have visitors. Church may be the reason people look forward to Sunday. But family, in 66 percent of our interviews, is what makes Sunday of greatest value.

A typical Sunday might run something like this: Americans will sleep a bit later on Sunday than the rest of the week. However, 83 percent of the country is up by 9 in the morning. One percent, however, sleep past noon.

Morning is the time for leisurely breakfast, reading the Sunday paper, and going to Church. After dinner, some people take a drive to visit relatives or friends; others just sit around and relax. A few people work around the house or the yard on Sunday. Many get involved in discussions about present family problems and future plans. These might include such subjects as the children's education, or where to go on a vacation, or the next sizeable family expenditure—a car, dishwasher, or a new livingroom rug.

Sunday evenings find most families watching television and our typical American called it a day by 11:00 o'clock.

We found some nostalgia for the Sundays of a generation ago. There is a feeling, expressed by 24 percent of our respondents, that families were even closer then than they are now. Nineteen percent felt it used to be quieter, simpler, more restful day, with fewer distractions. Sixteen percent said that Sundays were better a generation ago because people were more religious and spent more time in church.

Yet others think Sundays have improved. The main contrast with the Sundays of yesteryear seems to be that we are more active today. On a typical Sunday, for example, two thirds of us travel in a car an average of 35 miles.

It's clear that we want to keep the Sunday in Sunday. Sixty-eight percent of the people questioned felt that political rallies on Sunday are improper; 56 per cent disapproved of political speeches on TV; and 77 percent were against candidates talking to people as they left church.

This conservatism runs over into America's thinking about Sunday "blue laws." Only essential stores and services should be open, in most opinions.

The idea of life without Sunday evoked, for many Americans, something close to the end of civilization. "There would be a loss in spiritual values" was one of the milder reactions expressed by 53 percent. "Religions would die out," was the prediction of 45 percent and 44 percent said "Life would be a mess."

The incessant pounding that social critics have been making has, we found, affected the thinking of many Americans. Fifty-eight percent of the people we talked to said that we are less considerate of our fellow man today than in our parents' generation. Forty-five percent said we are less honest and truthful today; 42 percent said we are less religious today. However, of special significance, in view of today's troubled race relations, is the fact that three times as many Negroes as whites felt people are more considerate of their fellow man today than in the past.

One survey of Sunday cannot reveal the whole moral climate of a nation, but it does provide clues. Obviously there are many dark spots and we are right to be concerned about them. But every society has had problems from the beginning of time, and we should not be surprised that our society has some headaches too.

However, one cannot help being reassured when reading over the results of these interviews. Despite the anxiety and tensions, the confusions and complexities of modern life, there still exists in this Nation a deep and sound reservior of people whose lives are grounded in the things that count.

It is this reservior which is encouraging to me, a heartening example that at its core America is basically healthy and well.

★ CAROLINA BRIEFS ★

¶ The set-up meeting for the new conference year for the Gastonia District will be held at First Methodist Church, Gastonia, on Monday evening, June 22.

¶ Dr. Robert E. Cushman, Dean of Duke Divinity School, preached the baccalaureate sermon for the graduating class at Millsaps College in Mississippi last Sunday morning.

¶ Dr. Wilson O. Weldon of Greensboro's West Market Street Church will preach at the Holston Annual Conference in Brainerd Church, Chatanooga, Tenn., on Thursday, night, June 4.

¶ Rev. W. T. Medlin, pastor of First Methodist Church, Cherryville, spoke to the ladies night meeting of the Aldersgate Church, Shelby, last Friday night. Rev. George W. Thompson is the pastor.

¶ Dr. Thomas A. Collins, president of North Carolina Wesleyan College at Rocky Mount, was the speaker for the commencement evercises at the John A. Wilkinson High School at Belhaven last Monday evening.

¶ Rev. H. W. Brittain, associate minister at Trinity Church, Asheville, preached last Sunday at the Black Mountain Methodist Church. Rev. J. B. McLarty, the pastor, preached at the same time the commencement sermon at Brevard College.

¶ Rev. Jack Cooke, Industrial Chaplain with the Carolina Freight Carriers, and a member of the Western North Carolina Conference, will preach next Sunday, June 7, at the St. Paul Methodist Church, Asheville, of which Dr. L. R. Akers, Jr., is the pastor.

¶ Rev. Bill Bumgardner will preach next Sunday morning at the Central Methodist Church, Kings Mountain. Mr. Bumgardner was formerly a member of this church. The pastor is Rev. Howard R. Jordan, who will be in attendance upon the Western North Carolina Conference at Lake Junaluska.

¶ Dr. F. Olen Hunt, Director of the Department of Gifts and Wills of the Methodist Foundation, will be speaking on Saturday night, June 6, in Daniels Memorial Methodist Church in Goldsboro and will preach on Sunday morning at the 11:00 o'clock service. The pastor of the church is the Reverend H. L. Rogers.

¶ The *Advocate* editor preached last Sunday morning at Glenwood Methodist Church, Greensboro. The pastor, Rev. J. E. Rink, was attending the graduating exercises at Greensboro College, where his daughter was a member of the graduating class. Glenwood Church is now in its beautiful new sanctuary, recently completed.

¶ The position of minister of music at the University Baptist Church in Chapel Hill will need a replacement effective August first. The church has both morning and evening services on Sundays. Interested applicants should contact Dr. Henry E. Turlington, the pastor, or Mr. Tom Head, chm., Music Committee, at Box 508, Chapel Hill.

¶ Rev. Martin Chambers will preach next Sunday at Memorial church, Thomasville. Mr. Chambers is a part-time worker on the staff of Memorial church.

¶ Rev. N. Carson Williams, Jr., pastor of Central Methodist Church, Asheboro, preached the baccalaureate sermon for the Asheboro High School last Sunday evening.

¶ Dr. Harold H. Hutson, president of Greensboro College, will preach next Sunday morning at both the 8:45 and 10:45 services at West Market Street Church in Greensboro.

¶ The Baccalaureate service for the Grimsley High School of Greensboro was held last Sunday evening at the West Market Street Methodist Church. Dr. Wilson O. Weldon, the pastor, delivered the sermon.

¶ Revival services will be conducted in the Queen's Creek Methodist Church, Hubert, June 14 and continuing through June 19. Dr. Howard P. Powell will preach at the 11:00 o'clock service, and at 8:00 o'clock Sunday night and each night at 8:00 o'clock. Special music will be furnished by the choir.

¶ Miss Elizabeth Ann Fortesque, daughter of Rev. and Mrs. Frank W. Fortesque of Grandy in the Elizabeth City District, was married recently to Mr. Eugene Davis at the Sharon Methodist Church in Poplar Branch. The father of the bride officiated. The couple now live at 326 Beaucatcher Road, in Asheville.

¶ Mrs. Lettie Rich, mother of Mrs. Howard P. Powell of Raleigh, died last week. Mrs. Rich made her home with the Powells for the past several years. She is also survived by another daughter, Mrs. William Byrd of Durham, and three sons, Mr. Alvis Rich and Mr. Frank Rich of Burlington, and Mr. Robert V. Rich, of Oakland, California. Mrs. Rich died on Sunday, May 24 and was buried Tuesday, May 26.

¶ Homecoming services will be held at the First Methodist Church of Mount Gilead Sunday, June 14. The second Sunday in June has become traditional for this service. After the worship service a picnic lunch will be served and a period of fellowship will be enjoyed. The Homecoming committee, consisting of Mrs. C. W. Kirk, Mrs. Jerry H. Moore, and Mrs. Broughton Safrit, extends an invitation to all members, former members, and friends to attend. Rev. Chester J. Andrews is the pastor.

¶ Dedication ceremonies and open house will be held for the Western Carolina Center for the mentally handicapped child at Morganton June 1-12. The program begins at 9:30 a.m., Thursday, June 11 and ends with the dedication ceremony at 1:30-2:30 p.m., Friday, June 12. A number of outstanding experts working in the field of mentally handicapped children will appear on the program. Ministers and other interested in this work are cordially invited to attend.

Methodist College—On and Off Campus

President L. Stacy Weaver was the commencement speaker at Penderlea High School on May 22 and at the Gatesville High School on May 25. On Sunday, May 24, he delivered the Baccalaureate Sermon at Four Oaks High School. He will give the commencement address at South Granville High School on June 8.

The new library at the college is nearing completion. It will be occupied during the summer.

Chaplain Samuel J. Womack, Jr., filled the pulpit at Camp Ground Methodist Church from April 5 through May 17.

Carson Harmon, Jr., a freshman at the college and a member of Carr Memorial Methodist Church, Durham, was named by the Dixie Intercollegiate Athletic Conference as a member of the 1963-64 All-Conference Team.

Dean Millard P. Burt delivered the commencement address at the Wallace-Rose Hill High School on May 21.

Nancy Best, a Methodist College junior and a member of the Franklinton Methodist Church, was awarded one of the $500 scholarships by the W.S.C.S. of the North Carolina Conference for 1964-65.

Anna Gail Dixon, who will be a freshman at the college next year, also received one of the W.S.C.S. scholarships. She is a member of Grace Methodist Church, Burlington.

The Rev. Bill Lowdermilk, Assistant Director of Public Relations, was the speaker for the annual banquet for the seniors at Hay Street Methodist Church, Fayetteville, on May 15. He preached at Laurel Hill Methodist Church on May 24.

The first yearbook, "The Carillon," has been distributed and has received the highest praise from all who have seen it. It is a real credit to Reese Edwards, editor, and Ralph Hoggard, business manager.

Charles McAdams, Director of Public Relations, gave the program for Methodist Men of the Benson Charge on May 18. He preached at Franklinton Methodist Church on May 24 and delivered the Baccalaureate Sermon at Greenwood High School in Lee County Sunday evening, May 31.

Wins Brevard Award

The Scholarship Committee of the James G. K. McClure Educational and Development has announced the awarding of two 1964-65 Freshman Scholarships at Brevard College of $300 each to Miss Barbara Diane Warman of Boone and Joseph Preston Holder of Andrews.

The awards from the McClure Fund are made for the freshman year only and are based on both scholarships and leadership in high school, evidence of Christian character, intellectual promise, demonstrated ambition and financial need.

The fund was established to assist the people of the mountain area and scholarships are awarded to boys and girls who are rural residents.

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The tallest tower built before the television era is the Eiffel Tower. The maximum sway in high winds is five inches.

Dr. Fletcher Nelson to Work With Duke Divinity School Program

Dr. Fletcher Nelson, Superintendent of the Marion District, Western North Carolina Conference, will become assistant to the Dean of Development at the Duke University Divinity School following the close of the annual conference on June 7.

Dr. Nelson has been the leader of the Conference's Christian Higher Education Campaign, to raise funds for Conference-related institutions of higher learning. The $3 million campaign has just about been completed, and in connection with his work at Duke, Dr. Nelson will continue the leadership of the Conference fund-raising campaign until it is closed.

Bishop Nolan B. Harmon, and R. Taylor Cole, Provost of Duke University, in making the joint announcement, said Dr. Nelson would assume his new position June 7.

At the Duke Divinity School, Dr. Nelson will work in collaborative relation with the general University program of institutional advancement which is presided over by Frank L. Ashmore, vice president of that division.

Bishop Harmon said of Dr. Nelson, "He is a man whose ministry and leadership has meant much to the Western North Carolina Conference in many ways. As a pastor of large churches, a college resident, a district superintendent and a guide and director in the tremendously important work of Christian higher education in our Conference, he has done an outstanding work. We are glad that he will continue to expend his strength and talents in this later field. We predict increasing accomplishments for Dr. Nelson in the years ahead."

Dr. Robert E. Cushman, dean of the Duke Divinity School, said, "We are highly favored and gratified to have the experienced and able assistance of Dr. Fletcher Nelson, a well known churchman, to advance the growing needs of theological education of the region and of the nation as represented in the contribution of Duke Divinity School."

He said Dr. Nelson's long established standing in church and educational circles of North Carolina is recognized by Duke University officials in this appointment for special service to the Divinity School administrative staff.

Dr. Nelson is a native of Beuna Vista, Ga., and holds an A.B. degree from Hendrix College, a B.D. degree from Duke Divinity School, and the honorary D.D. degree from Hendrix College.

He began his ministry as associate pastor for West Market Street Methodist Church, Greensboro. In 1933 he became pastor of First Chuch, Rutherfordton, then followed pastorates at First Church, Forest City, 1938; First Church, Morganton, 1940; and Dilworth Church, Charlotte, 1947.

In 1949 he became president of Lees-McRae College, a position he served until 1957 when he became director of the Commission on Christian Higher Education for the Western North Carolina Conference.

He was appointed superintendent of the Marion District in 1960.

Dr. Nelson is married to the former Murphy Sadler of Paris, Ark., and they have two children, Mrs. Mary Nelson Pierce and Fletcher Nelson, Jr.



Sutton Park Methorist Church

Pictured here is the new sanctuary of Sutton Park Methodist Church of Monroe. While only recently completed, the edifice was formally opened for worship in special services conducted by Dr. W. Jackson Huneycutt, District Superintendent of the Albemarle District, in December of 1963.

The church, located in a new and growing section of Monroe, was begun and organized under the auspices of the Union County Unit of the Albemarle District Mission Society. The first meeting was held on September 10, 1961, and was conducted by the Rev. A. G. Lackey, Director of Church Extension of the Western North Carolina Conference. The church was formally organized on October 29, 1961 by Dr. Huneycutt, assisted by the pastor, with 14 members. Membership has continued to grow since that time and the possibilities are excellent.

Located on slightly more than four acres of land in a beautiful location, the church met in the former Red Cross Center of Camp Sutton days until the erection of the new building. The old Center was on the property purchased, and has now been brick veneered and adapted as amodern education building.

The new structure is of modified "A" frame construction, with steel beams and double cavity walls, and is modern in every respect. The interior is paneled in walnut and the exposed beams are also enclosed with this material. It is of the divided chancel design, and the altar is surmounted by a large circular window with a stained glass figure of Christ, which was purchased by the Woman's Society of Christian Service of which Mrs. W. D. Brooks is the effective president. Seating capacity of the sanctuary is 200 persons. The Rev. T. A. Plyler, Jr., has been pastor of the church since its beginning.

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Dr. Powell at Fort Bragg

Dr. Howard P. Powell of Raleigh is this week preaching in the post chapel at Fort Bragg. Services are held daily for enlisted men and their families. Dr. Powell is much in demand for revival services throughout the state.

An Affirmation

When in the world of thoughts and dreams
I am beckoned by Doubt and Despair,
Shall I stand and linger here
And listen to them with care?
Are they the thoughts that make for peace?
Are they the thoughts of Light?
Awake my will, awake my soul!
And overcome this fright.

Our world of thoughts needs our best
prayers;
To think is to become.
Why be the foolish one and keep
The thoughts that do benumb?
To think the thoughts of God.
My soul cries out, my spirit bleeds
I will have naught to do with Doubt·
My God my spirit heeds!

God's word was made into earthly flesh,
His spirit breathes e'er yet.
Are we to take this nonchalant
And lose the Christ we've met?
The world of thoughts can curse or bless;
Take this not lightly, O mind.
Choose faith, choose trust, the Hand unseen:
In these, God's peace you find!

—*Johnnie Speas Carter.*

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EDITORIALS

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What Can We Expect?

We Americans sometimes appear to be a very gullible people. Mr. Khrushchev has vowed that he will bury us under Communism, and it seems we are willing to contribute to that end.

Much is being said about the controversial law banning communist speakers from tax supported educational institutions here in North Carolina. Some of the leaders in those institutions are raising serious objections under the guise of free speech. And yet they are constantly asking for large appropriations from the tax dollar with which to operate these institutions.

According to the news media the United States recently granted Tito's dictatorial communist regime in Yugoslavia a credit of $64.2 million dollars. A few days later during a May Day parade held in the capital Yogoslavs proudly displayed Russian ground to-air missiles and other Soviet weapons.

It is said an avowed communist speaking in Winston-Salem recently referred to the speaker ban law, with a descriptive adjective, as being rediculous. Of course we would expect the communists to take such a view, but why they should be supported by those who are supposed to be interested in preserving our free institutions and spiritual ideals as opposed to atheistic communism, we do not understand. It goes without saying that the communists are not going to open their educational institutions for Americans to preach the doctrine of religious ideals and to promote the capitalistic system.

We have this picture before us: Many Americans complaining about barring communism from our schools, and at the same time supporting the effort to ban prayer and Scripture reading from our schools. Unless we see the danger, and respond to it, what can we expect?

We may not be qualified to pass judgment on the controversial speaker ban law passed by the last General Assembly, but we hope, whether it is retained or repealed, that our educators will make sure our schools are not used to peddle the communistic doctrine of atheism while banning voluntary extemporaneous prayer. The best defense we know against atheistic communism is a positive emphasis on religious principles. These privileges are vouchsafed us in the Constitution, but unless we are alert we may lose these priceless privileges. Our nation was founded upon spiritual foundations. Let's keep it that way. This is a sacred responsibility that none of us should overlook.

"Wherefore laying aside all malice, and all guile and hypocrisies, and envies, and all evil speakings, as newborn babes, desire the sincere milk of the word, that ye may grow thereby."—I Peter 2:1.

Building the Crumbled Walls Of the Modern Church

By H. B. Jones

"And it came to pass, that when all our enemies heard thereof, and all the heathen that were about us saw these things, they were much cast down in their own eyes: for they perceived that this work was wrought of our God."—Nehemiah 6:16.

Nehemiah was building a wall that had crumbled down, and now we of the modern church have the crumbled wall of our church's testimony and witness to biuld. This wall cannot be built by the strength of man's mind or the might of his arm but by the power of prayer.

I would like to share with you, what I feel to be God's fiulfillment of his promise that whatsoever we shall ask in prayer believing, it shall be done for us.

At the beginning of this conference year, as we came into this new work and saw the potential around us, my wife and I began to pray and then began to enlist other members of the church in prayer. God began to answer in a phenominal way through unbelievable increases in attendance at worship services. We increased from an average attendance of 105 from the year before to over 250 average in three weeks and now at the present time we have increased to 400 average at the three worship services on Sunday. This of course has brought about a large increase in membership with over 165 thus far being added to the embership and through this we have doubled our budget for the coming year.

I know that as we look at these figures that we are very aware that we seem to be number conscious and will come in for some criticism at this point, but we continue to bear in mind that we didn't increase the numbers but God did, through faith in Jesus Christ and the prayers of His children. Many have said that because we live in such a fast growing community that this is possible, and this is true, but then at the same time there are churches of every denomination all around us and yet they are not experiencing this type of growth. We have seen this growth in every area of the church program. The Church School has doubled in membership and more than doubled in attendance. There is no lack of volunteer workers for the work within the church. Let me quote from a report that I received from the Woman's Society of Christian Service:

"When the Woman's Society of Christian Service of the Northwoods Methodist Church of Jacksonville, N. C., sent in its District report in June 1963 the total number of members listed was 26. Now, eleven months later, the report reads that we have 68 active members. The members of the society attribute this almost miraculous growth to the spiritual awakening of the church members, especially the church women and their interest in personal evangelism and the power of prayer.

In honor of the 25th anniversary of the Woman's Society of Christian Service, the women of this church decided to set a goal of 25 new members, one for each of the 25 years. A membership drive was planned in which every woman of the church, both the old and new members, were contacted. As a result of this endeavor, 25 new members were added within three months. As added evidence of the spiritual growth of the Society the budget for the 1963-64 period was set up by faith on the estimated pledges and love offerings of the members plus serving the Methodist Men's fellowship. We have no money making projects such as bake sales, suppers, etc. The budget paid, with money left over being given to the work of the local church.

The women of this society lay no claim to pedsonal glory. They attribute their phenomenal growth to the power of the Lord workng through them and truly believe that we can do all things through Christ who strengthens us."

This is a sample of the way our church has operated by faith. We have taken Jesus Christ at His word and praved, and He has supplied every need. Truly we have no need of bake sales, suppers and bazaars, we have found the answer through prayer, and believe that Jesus is true to His word in supplying all our needs according to His riches which are in glory.

Successful Stewardship Drive at West Market Street Church

West Market Street Church in Greensboro is completing a thorough Stewardship Emphass throughout the membership, which has already gained more than $50,000 (from $179,542 to $230,284) in increased pledges to the operating budget, with additional pledges yet to be received. 326 members have increased pledges, and there are 183 new pledges, totaling more than 1,000 pledes. The campaign has been directed by C. W. Phillips, Sr., former Public Relations Director of University of N. C. in Greensboro and T. C. Harrell, former Business Manager of Greensboro College.

P. J. Weaver, Superintendent of Greensboro City Schools, has been re-elected as Chairman of the Official Board, with Roger Soles, Executive of Jefferson Standard Life Insurance Co., as vice-Chairman. Joe Hardin is secretary and Ray Tysor is treasurer. Dr. Wilson O. Weldon is minister of the church.

Board of Publication Meets

The Methodist Board of Publication, responsible for publishing the North Carolina Christian Advocate and operating the Piedmont Press, held its annual meeting in the Advocate office last Thursday. Present were Dr. Wilson O. Weldon, president; Mr. N. E. Edgerton, vice-president; Dr. O. Kelly Ingram, secretary; Mr. W. B. Hall, Mr. L. W. Routh, Mr. T. C. Hoyle, Jr., Dr. H. G. Allen, and Rev. Barney L. Davidson. The Editor's report showed the operation in good condition, and routine matters of business were transacted.

Sunday School Lesson

FOR JUNE 14

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WHAT CAN I DO FOR WORLD PEACE?. .

Background Scripture: Micah 4:1-5; Matthew 26:47-56; Romans 12:14-21; Timothy 2:1-2

Lesson Scripture: Romans 12:14-21; I Timothy 2:1-2

Peace is our business. Jesus said: "Blessed are the peacemakers for they shall be called the sons of God." The dream of world peace is a dream that will not die. Our particular religious heritage, the Judeo-Christian, is rich in references to this shining goal. From the prophet Micah 4:3 we read: "Then shall he judge between many peoples, and arbitrate for great nations, at a distance; and they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruninghooks. Nation shall not lift up sword against nation, nor shall they learn war any more" (American Translation).

Why, then, if men want peace, do they continually get war instead? According to Dr. Ralph Sockman it is because, while preaching peace, we work for war; perhaps not consciously, but by our way of life as individuals and as nations. In Dr. Sockman's book "The Higher Happiness" he writes: "Jesus hated the things that make for war, but he loved the enemy. We hate the enemy but cherish the things that make for war." According to the Bible, peace is the fruit of righteousness. If we insist upon following unrighteous policies in international relations we can expect war. Dr. Sockman comments further to this effect: "Not so many of our fellow men would die on their feet as soldiers if more of us would get on our knees before God to seek his righteousness."

Many believe that peace is closer now than at any time in recent history. They think that the instruments of death are now so powerful that men will not dare to use them. In the words of Sir Winston Churchill: "Fear is the twin brother of survival." Is this a vain hope? As Grant suggests in the *Adult Teacher*, men once thought international trade would bring peace, then the idea of a "balance of Power" became the hope, then it was suggested that war would finally become too expensive, while others felt that the way to peace lay in international treaties and alliances. Now we find many advocates of world government as the answer to the longing for peace. On the other hand, there are the cynics who claim no scheme can ever work, since man is by nature, and has not changed much over the centuries.

It is time we took a glance at our Scripture for this lesson. The first part comes from the 12th chapter of Romans, a sort of Pauline version of the teachings of Jesus in Matthew, 5th to 7th chapters. In the New English Bible this chapter has the heading "Christian Behaviour,'" and while it is written especially for the brotherhood of Christians in a church, its principles would bring peace to whole communities, or even nations, if they were practiced. In the 14th verse of this chapter Christians are urged to "bless" their persecutors, not curse them. This is a "hard saying," and incidently one that Paul himself was scarcely able to live up to if we are to believe Galatains 1:9 and I Corinthians 16:22.

The exhortation "rejoice with those who rejoice and weep with those who weep" seems an easy thing to do at first glance, but it is perhaps easier to sympathize with the sorrowing than to rejoice with the Joyous. In the International Lesson Annual, we are reminded that John Chrysostom, one of the greatest preachers of the early church, wrote: "There is none so hard-hearted as not to weep over him that is in calamity; but the other requires a very noble soul, so as not only to keep from envying, but veen to feel pleasure with the person who is in esteem." Any of us have sometimes found it difficult to extend congratulations to one of our fellows who has achieved notable success will quickly see how perceptive the above quotation is.

"If possible, so far as it depends upon you, live peacably with all men" (verse 18) has two important qualifications regarding peaceful living. First, it may not be possible, no matter how hard one tries, to live at peace with one who is determined to promote strife. This applies both to man as individuals, and to nations. Second, the responsibility is upon each one for peaceful relations: "So far as it depends upon you."

"Never avenge yourselves; but leave it to the wrath of God" means that we can safely leave the matter of proper retribution to God, who is infinitely wiser than we. In a word, it is not for us to judge how the mysterious laws of divine justice are to be applied.

In the selected verses from I Timothy there is the appeal that intercessory prayer be offered for "all men," but special mention is made for "Kings and all men who are in high position." It is impossible for most of us to know the agony of heavy responsibility that rests upon a President of the United States. When he has to make decisions that will affect multiplied millions of human lives the world over he needs our prayers. When President Roosevelt died and a group of newsmen met Mr. Truman, who succeeded to the office, they asked what he had to say. "*Boys, pray for me*" was his simple answer.

It would be appropiate to close your class with this prayer:

"*Almighty God*, from whom all thoughts of truth and peace proceed: Kindle, we pray thee, in the hearts of all men the true love of peace, and guide with thy pure and peaceable wisdom those who take counsel for the nations of the earth: th t in tranquility thy Kingdom may go forward, till the earth be filled with the knowledge of thy love." Through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

It may be a long, hard, tedious climb to the top, but one leap may take you to the bottom very rapidly. —W.E.I.

If some people would get hatred out of the heart instead of going to the doctor for medicine they would find a remarkable cure. —W.E.I.

Burke County Subdistrict Holds Banquet and Installation

The Burke County Subdistrict held their annual banquet and installation service at Abernethy Memorial Methodist Church, Rutherford College, on May 14, 1964.

Robert Harper, president of the local M.Y.F, welcomed the group, Wayne Link had the invocation. The banquet was served in the fellowship hall which was beautifully decorated carrying out the M.Y.F. colors of blue and gold. The decorations were done by the Rutherford College M.Y.F. under the direction of Mrs. Richard Wagner and Mrs. Earl Harper, the youth leaders of the group. A large M.Y.F. emblem was made and placed in the center of the stage flanked by baskets of blue and yellow iris. The motto, "Christ Above All,' was cut out of blue construction paper with gold glitter on it and hung across the stage above the emblem. The tables were covered with yellow paper with blue strips down the center with the blue candles.

As a part of the program the covenant and symbols were explained by Amelia Harper, Linda Satterwhite, Jimmy Walker, Nancy Holcombe, and Ruby Mauney. Fellowship singing was led by Pat Smith of Newton and Carlos Hicks introduced the guests and new officers.



Burke County Youth Banquet

The group moved to the sanctuary of the church for the installation service led by Rev. Paul Duckwall, Conference youth director from Statesville. The new officers were as follows: Randy Teague, president; Allen Childers, vice-president; Jack Annas, treasurer; Rachel Mosteller, corresponding secretary; Jovita Mask, recording secretary; Patsy Mask, editor of 'The Star.' The chairmen were Linda Causby, Citizenship; Sharon Benfield, Faith; Susan Corbet, Fellowship; Susan Keever, Outreach; Zona Mull, Witness; and Mr. Oscar Smith, adult counselor for the Burke County Subdistrict.

Rev. Dale Holcombe, minister of the host church, announced that 155 young people were present at the banquet.

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Rev. Jack Martin and Wife Report on Alaska Earthquake

Some people ran for the church, some ran for the bars, but more people have come out of the tragedy with a stronger belief in God and the church following the Alaskan earthquake, a Methodist minister said upon his return to the United States.

The Rev. Jack Martin and his wife Rachel were visiting the Rev. Robert Stamey of Hawthorne Lane Methodist Church, Charlotte, after returning from a three-year tour of service in Alaska. The Rev. Mr. Martin will be appointed to a church in the North Carolina Conference this next Conference year. He is a member of that conference.

The earthquake, the Martins said, increased church attendance in the area where they served three churches—Homer, Anchor Point and Seldovia.

Mrs. Martin said the people felt the earthquake was God speaking to them, telling them to return to His ways. "We had been telling them this (to return to the ways of God) for two years, now they feel this was God speaking to them."

The Rev. Mr. Martin, however, said he personally doesn't feel God moves in this manner. And his wife said God was in control during the earthquake, protecting the people.

"God was in control," she said, "but the earthquake was not his punishment. Since it was Good Friday, the school children



REV. AND MRS. JACK MARTIN

were having a religious holiday. The earthquake crumbled the school. If it had been a normal school day, many would have died. I believe the earth is still being formed and God is here to protect us while this is in process.

"Out of this can come good," she said.

She said also that although the Alaskans now show a gratitude for life, they are also showing a consciousness of God's power.

The Rev. Mr. Martin said his first thought when the earthquake hit was of an atomic explosion, "then I said to myself, 'If Anchorage is being bombed, the earth surely wouldnt shake this much.' You feel so small during a thing like this. It is a funny feeling, with the ground shaking and giving way beneath us."

He said each of the people to whom he talked after the earthquake connected it with Good Friday and the description of what happened on that afternoon 2,000 years ago outside Jerusalem.

He said that after the main quake was over, the "earth was still rocking like jelly, for about the next 24 hours. We received many after shocks. Now there is great tension there may be another quake."

The Rev. Mr. Martin said the entire area where he serves sank five to eight feet lower. "You can't tell it inland, but you go to the waterfront and there you see it." He said an area rose several feet, but the people have been told it will return to normal height eventually.

So great was the damage in Seldovia, where the town is built on pilings which sank when the rest of the land sank, that the entire town may have to be moved further inland and rebuilt, the clergyman said.

Damage in the total Alaska Mission is now more than $800,000 from latest estimates of the national Church and the Rev. Mr. Martin said work in most of the Methodist territory will have to be supported on a mission basis until personal family incomes are restored and property is rebuilt.



God and Country Award Given Six Scouts at Duke Memorial Church

GOD AND COUNTRY AWARDS PRESENTED—Duke Memorial Methodist Church of Durham bestowed the coveted God and Country Award upon a record group of six boys Sunday, May 24. The Rev. Warren Bishop, associate pastor, who guided the boys in their fourteen-month study and work period, made the presentations. The scouts are, left to right, Mangum Pickett, Jim Dozier, Bill Coman, Henry Parfitt, George Glasson, Ken Williams and Mr. Bishop. The boys are members of Troop 19, which is sponsored by the church. —PHOTO BY TOM COBLE.

N. C. Conference (Central Jurisdiction) Meets at Bennett College

The 106th session of the North Carolina Annual Conference of the Central Jurisdiction of the Methodist Church is being held on the campus of Bennett College June 3-7 with Bishop Edgar Amos Love, resident bishop of the Baltimore Area, presiding.

Nearly 200 pastors and delegates from North Carolina and Southwest Virginia registered for the meeting.

The Thursday morning session will be opened with Holy Communion and the noon sermon will be preached by Bishop Prince A. Taylor of the Monrovia area, West Africa.

On Friday, June 6, a banquet will be given honoring Bishop and Mrs. Love for 12 years' service. The closing session of the conference will be held Sunday with the reading of the appointments.

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"Spiritual Renewal" Is Theme for Junaluska Conference

"Spiritual Renewal of the Individual and the Church' will be the theme for a conference to be held June 21-26 at the Southeastern Methodist Assembly at Lake Junaluska.

The conference is for ministers and their wives, for lay men and women, and especially for leaders of small groups.

Principal speakers will be the Rev. Dr. Webb Garrison, pastor of Central Methodist Church, Evansville, Ind.; the Rev. Dr. G. Weldon Gatlin, Nashville, a department director of the Methodist General Board of Evangelism; and the Rev. W. Douglas Corriher, pastor of the First Methodist Church, High Point.

Work group topics and leaders will be as follows: "Spiritual Life of the Young Minister"—the Rev. Dr. D. Trigg James, Atlanta, an executive secretary of the Methodist Southeastern Jurisdictional Council; "Spiritual Life of the Young Minister's Wife"—Mrs. Milton Randolph, Nashville, director, Department of Family Worship, The Upper Room; "How to Use the Bible in Solving Personal Problems"—Dr. Garrison; "Renewal of the Church Through Small Groups"—Mr. Corriher; "Witnessing and Unconventional Evangelism"Dr. Gatlin.

Director of the conference is the Rev. John L. Coomer, pastor of Jones Memorial Methodist Church, Louisville, Ky.

The meeting is sponsored by the Southeastern Jurisdictional Council, General Board of Evangelism, and Deeper Life Association.

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If a man is honest with himself and God he will be honest with everybody else.

—W.E.I.

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Tuckaseegee Church, Charlotte, Holds Open House at New Parsonage

Tuckaseegee Road Methodist Church of Charlotte held open house for the newly-completed parsonage May 17. The new parsonage is a tri-level home with four bedrooms, two and one-half baths, den, living room and kitchen. The house is completely furnished and landscaped. Tuckaseegee Road Methodist Church is located in the Charlotte District under the leadership of Dr. Charles P. Bowles, District Superintendent. The church was organized in 1959 and now has a membership of one hundred and sixty-two. Rev. Robert W. Little is the pastor.



Rankin Memorial Receives Twenty-five New Members

On Pentecost Sunday, May 17, 1964, a special program was held at Rankin Memorial Methodist Church, High Point, in honor of the new members who have joined the church this conference year.

The event began with a covered dish supper in the basement of the educational building at 5:30 p. m. Following the meal and fellowship hour the program,' 'Purpose, Meaning and Value of the Church in Each Life" was presented by the pastor, commission chairman, official board chairman, membership secretary, and presidents of each of the organizations of the church. The purpose of the program was to help assimilate the new members properly into the life of the church. That the church can have meaning for their lives and their lives can have meaning for the church.

Shown above are nineteen of the twenty-five members received into the membership of Rankin Memorial this conference year. Names, reading from left to right, first row: Pete Lockhart, Joel Lockhart, Diane Johnson, Mary Jo Morris, Susan Justice, Terry Culler; second row: Darlene Johnson, Jo Ann Towery, Bonnie Towery, Steve Minor, David Ingold, Tim Hucks; third row: Mrs. Pressley Ratledge, Clarence Wright, Mrs. Clarence Wright, Mrs. Bobby Hackler, Bobby Hackler, Mrs. Clinton Davis ond Clinton Davis. Rev. I. Pressley Rutledge is the pastor.

Homecoming Services Held At Wanchese Methodist Church

On Mother's Day, May 10, Wanchese Methodist Church had a Homecoming service. Rev. Robert S. Pullman, the pastor, presided and introduced Rev. J. M. Carroll and Rev. C. W. Guthrie, former pastors, who participated in the service. Rev. R. L. Jerome, District Superintendent, preached the sermon. The "Church Family of the Year" was presented to the congregation. The church recently installed new carpet and pews which were used first time Easter Sunday.





New Parsonage for Pleasant Grove Methodist Church, Thomasville

On Sunday, May 24, the new parsonage for Pleasant Grove Methodist Church at Thomasville was dedicated. Rev. H. T. Penry, Jr., pastor, assisted by Rev. R. H. Nicholson, district superintendent of the Thomasville District, led the dedication service. Following this service, open house was held for the members and friends of Pleasant Grove. Approximately 200 people called between the hours of three and five. Refreshments were served by the WSCS.

This magnificent parsonage, one of the finest in this vicinity, is situated on a beautifully landscaped lot in the Forest Hills Development in Thomasville and was completed in December of 1963. It consists of four bedrooms, separate living and dining rooms, den opening out onto the terrace, kitchen with dining area, utility room and storage area, two and a half baths and a full divided basement with space available for two additional bedrooms. There is also a two-car garage. The parsonage is fully decorated with all new furnishings from the Paramount Furniture Company of High Point. The construction was by Austin T. Batten of Thomasville; the landscaping by Sowers and Shuler Nursery of Thomasville and architectural assistance by Mr. Paul W. Weaver of High Point.

The building committee was composed of Fred Kennedy, W. L. Sink, Charles Hepler, Donald Swaim, E. H. Newsom, Noah Cecil, Stuart Kennedy, Snowden Kennedy, Mrs. Wallace Kennedy and Mrs. Herbert Penry.

Home Coming Queen's Creek

The Annual Homecoming will be observed in Queen's Creek Methodist Church June 21, at 11:00 a.m. Mr. Robert Rose, lay leader, and member of the Board of Evangelism of the N. C. Conference, and one of the leading laymen of the Goldsboro District, will be the guest speaker. Mr. Rose has been to Hubert before and spoke to the Methodist Men of Queen's Creek Methodist Church. Everyone was thrilled with his message.

Everyone is invited to come to Homecoming, and remain for a delicious dinner on the grounds immediately after the morning worship. Rev. David M. Lewis is the pastor.

Smiles

When walking along one day and there seemed so much to do,
I met a stranger who smiled and seemed to wonder how I felt too.
Lately things had not been just as I had wished them to be.
I just stopped to wonder—why did the stranger smile at me?

As I hastened on along my way,
Somehow 'twas brighter that day.
The world seemed a happier place to live.
Couldn't I to others the same smile give?

I met so many faces: sad, glad, weak and strong,
But I was happier as I smiled to them as I walked along.
They seemed more cheerful as they smiled back to me.
A sparkle of kindness in their eyes I could see.

What could be more handsome than a broad smile on your face?
If you will make the effort,God's sure to give you the grace.
Everyone will be happier when you have passed along,
And you'll be so thankful your heart will carry a song.

I like people knowing I'm a Christian when they look at me.
How could they know better than when a glad face they see?
With all of God's rich blessings my heart can but be gay;
Serving Him with a smile makes the journey lighter all the way.

—Mrs. Gaither Beroth.

Dr. Harold Hutson and Wife Honored by G. C. Trustees

In appreciation for his 12 years as president of Greensboro College, the board of trustees honored Dr. Harold H. Hutson and his wife at a dinner last Wednesday night at the Greensboro Country Club. Dr. Hutson will become provost of American University in Washington next month.

J. C. Cowan, Jr., vice chairman of the board at Burlington Industries and president of the G. C. trustees, presided at the event. He cited the leadership and progress that had been achieved at G. C. by Dr. Hutson and said "Although we regret seeing Harold Hutson leave, we wish him well as he goes on to a higher role as an educator and administrator."

Dr. Wilson O. Weldon, pastor of West Market Street Methodist Church, and the chairman of the trustees' resolution committee, read a resolution in which the board expressed appreciation for the work that Dr. Hutson has done at the college.

Judge Marshall Spears of Durham and a senior member of the board presented Dr. Hutson with a silver tray on which Greensboro College and his tenure, 1952 to 1964, is engraved.

About 40 trustees, administrative staff members and their wives attended the dinner.

Dr. Hutson was recently honored by the faculty, students and administration when more than $5,000 was raised in less than 18 hours to establish an annual award to the outstanding senior. The grant will be known as the Harold H. Hutson award.

The G. C. president was instrumental in Greensboro College becoming co-educational 10 years ago. He also has seen six new buildings erected on campus and the school's endowment fund grow from $670,000 in 1954 to $1,225,000 in 1964.

Ten Greek Students Will Attend High Point College

Ten students from Greece will be the guests of High Point College for two weeks next summer through the Experiment in International Living Program, college officials announced. To be on the campus from July 14-27, the visitors will live in the dormitories, eat in the cafeteria, and attend classes along with regularly enrolled students.

During their visit to the campus, the Greek students will be entertained by various student organizations as well as by local civic groups. The total objective is for the visitors to share in the academic and extra-curricular life of American students and to contribute an image of their own culture and values.

Between 85 and 100 such groups will visit the United States this year, representing India, Japan, Morocco, Iran, Greece, Israel, Turkey, and Mexico. Most of the Experimenters are in their early twenties.

Coordinators for the group from High Point College will be Dr. L. B. Pope, who will assume the duties of Director of Guidance and Counseling the early part of the summer; and Mrs. Dorothy Griffiths, assistant to the Director of Student Personnel.

Trinity Church, Franklin County To Erect Education Building

On Sunday morning, April 26th, groundbreaking services were held for a new educational building at Trinity Methodist Church in Franklin County. Those participating in the program were: Mrs. Malcolm Wrenn, president of the Woman's Society of Christian Service; Mr. Kenneth Fuller, chairman of the Building Committee; Mr. T. H. Perdue of the Board of Trustees; Mr. Willis May of the Official Board; Mr. R. M. Fuller, Jr., Church School Superntendent and the pastor, Rev. B. O. Parsons.

The Trnty Church has an old and noble heritage. In Bishop Asbury's **Memoirs,** he mentions a great revival on the Tar River Circuit in 1804. In 1837 when the North Carolina Conference was formed, Trinity Methodist Episcopal church was named as one of the churches on the Tar River Circuit. According to the Conference records, William E. Pell a distinguished publisher was pastor of this Circuit at that time. This is the earliest known mention of Trinity Church, Franklin County, but it is believed that Trinity was one of the original churches of the Tar River Circuit which dates back to the beginning of the 19th century.

The location of the church has changed twice. In 1876, a structure was erected on the present church property and the old structure is still standing. It is presently being used for Church School classrooms.

In 1862, Trinity was one of fifteen churches on the Tar River Charge. This number had decreased to seven by 1880. In 1880, the Circuit paid the pastor $900.00 and was second only to Edenton Street Church in Raleigh, which paid their pastor $1,500.00. In 1889, the Circuit was divided and the Franklinton Circuit was formed. By 1910, there were only five churches on the charge with a total of 626 members.

Trinity was host to the North Carolina Conference in 1910, a date still spoken of by our senior members as "quite a day in Trinity history."

In 1924, the old church structure, which was an elongated, one room structure, was turned cross-ways across the property, was opened up, and the present sanctuary was for classrooms.

In 1940, with the merging of the two large branches of Methodism Trinity became one of four churches on the Franklinton Charge. At Annual Conference in 1959, Trinity became a station appointment and received its new pastor into a new, brick parsonage which had been erected next to the church. The parsonage was dedicated in exercises, April 1, 1962. Since becoming a station charge, Trinity has been served by Duke Divinity School students: Jack M. Benfield, presently serving the Vance Charge in Henderson; Wilbur L. Jackson, presently serving at Knightdale; John Mason, presently serving Masontown Methodist Church, Masontown, West Virginia; and, at the present time, Barbee O. Parsons of the South Carolina Conference.

The erection of the educational building should be completed by the middle of July according to Mr. Arthur Evans, contractor.

Trinity is considered as an exceptional rural church, having 74 children and youth in its 90 resident church families.

The members of Trinity wish to express their appreciation to Rev. Graham S Eubank, District Superntendent, for his leadership and his efforts in their behalf during the past six years. Their prayers and best wishes go with him as he returns to the parish ministry.

Miss Elizabeth Wilson Chairman



Pictured, left to right—Rev. Kelley Jones, Pastor; W. E. Simmons; Bill Clinard; D. W. Mitchell, Contractor; Robert Connor, Architect; C. W. Hoover (with shovel) elder member of the congregation; E. D. Miller, Building Committee Chairman; M. G. Morgan; G. L. Stroud; Dr. Ralph Taylor, District Superintendent.

Duke Chapel Preachers For Summer Are Announced

Following Commencement Sunday services at Duke Chapel during which the President of Duke University, Dr. Douglas M. Knight, will deliver the baccauaureate sermon, Duke Chapel services from June 7 through mid-August will consist of worship hours starting at 9:30 a. m., with Duke Divinity School faculty members and ministers of area churches as guest preachers.

The summer school services will last approximately one hour, according to Duke Chaplain Howard C. Wilkinson. There will be no regular choir, but there will be hymns, scriptures, prayers and a sermon at each of the morning services.

At approximately 10:30 a. m., worshipers will be invited to join in the West Campus Union for an informal coffee hour during which members of the congregation and their guests will have an opportunity to question the preacher regarding the sermon and to express their own points of view.

Summer preachers, beginning June 14th will be: June 14—Chaplain Wilkinson; June 21—The Rev. Dr. Robert G. Tuttle, pastor First Methodist Church, Hickory; June 28—The Rev. Charles Wellborn, Durham; July 5—The Rev. Dr. Thor Hall, Asst. Professor of Preaching and Theology, Duke Divinity School; July 12—Chaplain Wilkinson; July 19—The Rev. Dr. Robert T. Osborn, associate professor of religion; July 26—The Rev. Dr. Creighton Lacy, associate professor of World Christianity; Aug. 2—The Rev. Dr. W. Arthur Kale, Professor of Christian Education (communion service); August 9—The Rev. Marvin Vick, minister, Edenton Street Methodist Church, Raleigh; Aug. 16—The Rev. O. Kelly Ingram, associate professor of applied theology.

The minister for the opening summer worship service has not been announced.

College Village Church, High Point, Broke Ground May 17th

Groundbreaking services for the new first unit of College Village Methodist Church, High Point, were held Sunday, May 17, on the church property at 1501 E. Lexington Avenue.

The service was led by Rev. Kelley Jones, minister of the church. Dr. Ralph Taylor, District Superintendent, gave the declaration that the ground be broken for the new church. Also participating in the service was Rev. Coy Brown, Jr., of the neighboring Northwood Methodist church, who led the prayer for the occasion.

Dr. Ralph Taylor turned the first spade of earth followed by members of the building Committee: G. L. Stroud, E. D. Miller, M. G. Morgan, Bill Clinard, W. E. Simmons, C. W. Hoover, elder member of the congregation; Robert Connor, architect who designed the new church; D. W. Mitchell, general contractor of the unit; and the pastor, Rev. Mr. Jones.

The service was attended by more than 100 persons who joined in singing a new hymn written by Rev. Glenn Lanier of Montlieu Methodist Church.

The new unit to be completed in the fall, will consist of 10 classrooms, kitchen, and multi purpose fellowship Hall, which will serve as a temporary sanctuary. The congregation presently meets in the Northeast Junior High School.

NOTICE

The Association of Ministers' Wives of the North CarolinaConference will hold its 35th Anniversary Luncheon, June 24, at 12:45 p.m. at the Davis Street Methodist Church, Burlington. A nursery will be provided. Reservations should be mailed to Mrs. Leon Russell, 1218 Edgewood Avenue, Burlington, by June 17. The price of the ticket is $1.75. There will be no tickets sold at the luncheon. Husbands are asked to purchase the tickets when they register on arrival at conference.



Showing New Education Building at Spring Hill Methodist Church

Ground Broken at Pleasant Hill For Education Building

Ground was officially broken for the Educational Building of Pleasant Hill Methodist Church, near Robbins, May 10, 1964. Rev. LaFon C. Vereen, Executive Secretary of the Board of Missions of the North Carolina Conference of the Methodist Church, led the members of the congregation in this memorable occasion.

Ground was broken by Mr. Thurman Maness, Church School Superintendent; Mr. Herman Russell, Chairman of the Board of Trustees; Mr. Wiley Purvis, chairman of the Official Board; Mr. L. H. Maness, co-chairman of the Building Committee; Mr. V. A. Kidd, Church Lay Leader; and Rev. John A. Higginbotham, pastor. The whole congregation then participated by symbolically placing their hands on shovels that had been set in the earth and held by the oldest and youngest members present. The oldest members present and holding the shovels were Mrs. Letha Garner, Mrs. Maggie Kennedy and Mr. Tommy Reynolds. Mrs. Garner is 91 years of age and has been a member of the church for over 77 years.



MRS. LETHA GARNER, *Oldest Member*

The youngest members holding the other shovel were Jackie Purvis, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Purvis and Ricky Green, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Green. Both of these young members are 9 years of age.

Construction will begin immediately on the 2-story, 6,000 square feet brick and masonry biulding. It will provide 9 class rooms, a nursery, and a kitchen. Renovation of the existing educational space will provide 2 more rooms, a fellowship hall and a church office. All present and new facilities will be completely air-conditioned.

The new bulding was designed by John James Croft, Jr., (A.I.A.) of Asheboro and Harold Cooper of Siler City is the General Contractor. The total building and renovation will cost approximately $66,000.

Pleasant Hill Church is located 2 1-2 miles noth of Robbins on the Robbins-High Falls road. It is just across the road from the new North-Moore Consolidated High School building site. The present church building was built in 1950. The membership of the church has grown to 297 and more growth is contemplated upon completion of adequate facilities. The building should be ready for occupancy about Nevomber 1, 1964.

Pleasant Hill Methodist Church is on the Pleasant Hill Charge of the Burlington District. Mount Carmel is the other church on the charge.

The Building Committee and key figures in the planning and construction of Pleasant Hill Education Building include: Rev. L. C. Vereen, speaker for ground breaking service; Mr. J. J. Croft, Jr., Architect; Mr. Harold Cooper, General Contractor; Mr. Thurman Maness, Treasurer; Mr. L. H. Maness, Co-Chairman; Mr. Joe Kidd, Secretary; Mr. N. B. Reynolds; Rev. John A. Higginbotham, Pastor; Mr. Dalton Davis; Mr. Wiley Purvis, Co-Chairman; Mr. Herbert Kennedy; Mr. Van Williams; Mrs. Essie Welch; Mrs. Tracy Reynolds; Mrs. Leon Howard, Mrs. Dewey Horner, Ricky Green, Jackie Purvis, Mrs. Letha Garner (oldest member—91), Mrs. Maggie Kennedy, Mr. T. J. Reynolds, Mr. V. A. Kidd, Local Church Lay Leader; Mr. Herman Russell, Chairman Board of Trustees; and Mr. Wiley Purvis, Chairman of the Official Board.

Commencement Exercises Held at Brevard College

The Brevard College board of trustees held their annual spring meeting on the college campus May 22. The current phase of the building program now underway was the major item for consideration. Trustees noted with approval that construction was already underway on the new administration building. Next to be undertaken is the renovation of the present administration building to house music and fine arts and the renovation of the present library tc create a student union. While the trustees met, their wives were entertained by campus ladies at a morning coffee, to which numerous townswomen were invited.

Rev .James B. McLarty, a Brevard College trustee and the brother of President Emmett K. McLarty, delivered the Commencement Sermon to the graduating class on May 31. This service of worship was held in the sanctuary of the Brevard Methodist Church.

President E. K. McLarty gave the President's Address to members of the graduating class at the Commencement Exercises which were held in the Physical Education Building Sunday afternoon, May 31.

Brevard College's 1964 annual, "The Pertelote, "was dedicated this year to Mrs. Louise P. Miller, a long-time member of the music faculty. Said editor Richard Jones, "We dedicate the 1964 "Pertelote" to one who shares with us her love for fine music, steadies us with her gentle good humor and, above all, believes in us." Mrs. Miller has been a member of the Music Department for some years, and she has been organist for the Brevard Methodist Church during much of her tenure at the college.

The month of May brought the final recitals for the school year. The Music Department presented a formal recital for vocal soloists and wind ensemble, and a formal recital featuring organ and woodwind students was also given. Those students who were members of the Asheville Symphony participated ina Mozart Music Festival on May 14-17. The Brevard Civic Chorus, in which some students participated, gave "The Creation" under the direction of Nelson F. Adams. The final musical event for the school year was the Commencement Concert, held the evening before graduation featuring the glee club and wind ensemble.

Brevard's May Day coronation took place inside the gymnasium, due to inclement weather. Queen Margaret Harris of Black Mountain and her attendants looked just lovely and the gymnasium was transformed into a thing of beauty.

The institutional research program that has been in progress at Brevard since last spring is in its final phase. The final draft of the study will be presented to the Commission on Colleges of the Southern Association of Colleges by August. The study has been coordinated by Richard D. Howe of the History Department.

Dr. McLarty has announced the appointment of Dr. J. Braxton Harris as Dean of the college for the coming year. Dr. Harris is the son of the Rev. and Mrs. W. R. Harris of Hickory, who served long and well in the Western North Carolina Conference before his retirement a few years ago.



CHILDREN'S PAGE



By Mary Gardner

"Big I; Little You"

Sally had been elected president of er class for two terms in succession nd some of the boys and girls were just baring mad about it.

"I wonder why it always has to be ally? It's Sally this and Sally that, ll the time," said Elsa.

"It is because she is one of those 'Big people and to her we are just little ou,'" answered Ted.

If you had seen her report card you ouldn't think that she is such a 'Big I'; he made the lowest mark of anybody n arithmatic," said Tim.

"Yes, and she has been tardy several imes to my knowledge too, but she is till 'Big I'. None of us could get away vith anything like that. This is a cross-yed world we have. No justice about t. Yonder she comes now, looking like . Queen or Someone about to mount ner throne. It is a wonder that we don't ll have to go and curtsy to her."

Nettie had been listening quietly vhile these boys and girls berated Sally, but now she spoke up, "Boys and girls," she said, "I think that you are doing Sal-y a great injustice by saying that she s the Big I type of person who feels hat everyone else is far beneath her. Mother's gardener lives right near Sally. His wife has been sick for some time and because they have no one to help them Sally has done their housework for them. She goes early every morning and cooks the noon-day meal, cleans the house and gets the two children all ready for their new day. After she is home from school in the afternoon she goes there again and helps the sick mother. The gardener said she won't take one penny for any pay because she knows the family needs all he makes for their support. Sally's always helping other people in every way she can, too; she just finds things to do to help people that the rest of us would never think of doing. That's why she gets the majority of votes when it comes time to elect a new president. Most of us know her good works. I'm sure you've noticed that she always consults us on all matters; that certainly isn't acting like a Big I. She always wants each one of us to be pleased."

"Well," said Elsa, "I guess we did form a bad opinion of Sally too hastily. We didn't know much of her history."

Tim said, "She makes a most efficient president all right, and since we know her history we don't feel that she is the Big I type any more."

"I think that we should all feel like the 'little you' fellows though, for misjudging her the way we have and not to find out if we were right about it. I'm glad that I don't have that resentful feeling toward her down in my heart any more. It is a load off my mind and off my heart, too."—Mrs. Walter Wright Sr.,, in the Wesleyan Christian Advocate.

How the Church Helps Us

A class of fourth grade boys and girls at the Edenton Street Methodist church school have been learning about the church. One Sunday each one present made a list of some ways in which the church helps us. Their teacher has selected some of them to share with the boys and girls who read the Children's Page. Here they are:

The Church Helps Us to:
- Be good children
- To share
- To love each other and to love others as ourselves
- To play fair
- To pray to God
- Not to lie; to tell the truth
- Learn about Jesus
- Learn how to serve God
- Learn how to understand the Bible
- Learn new ways to pray
- Want to read our Bible more at home
- Learn good rules for living with others
- Learn more ways to worship God
- Helps you to become a Christian
- Helps to understand other people
- Learn about other lands
- Learn to contribute to missions
- To love our church.

How Well Do I Use God's Gifts?

Last week we published on the Children's page a list of sentence endings to be checked according to those which come closest to describing the way you feel and what you do. This week we are sharing some others with you:

In using my body, I
- try to be healthy in order win games.
- don't bother much about health rules.
- try to be healthy so that I can live usefully.

In using my money and other belongings, I
- try to get all I can for myself.
- share what I have with others.
- do not care if others have more than I do.

In using my ability to pray, I
- ask God for things I want for myself.
- ask God to help me help others.
- ask God to take care of other people.

A Thank You for Spring

O God, we thank You for all the wonders that we see about us in the springtime—green shoots, the buds on trees, bright yellow daffodils and scarlet tulips in the garden. We thank You for the rain which waters the earth, for the sunshine in which to play, and for the wind that moves the clouds. We are glad that spring has come, O God! We rejoice in Your wonderful plan of seasons, and that we can depend on You to send the springtime after winter. Amen.

BIBLE QUIZ

1—What building do we refer to as "the house of God?"

2—In what book of the Bible are these beautiful words: "In my Father's House are many mansions?"

3—Which commandment says: "Thou shalt not covet thy neighbor's house?"

4—Jesus once told a story about two houses. On what kind of foundatons were they built?

5—What famous woman in the Old Testament had her house on the town wall?

Answers to Last Week's Questions

1—Philip; 2—Zacchaeus; 3—Goliath; 5—Judas.

JUST FOR FUN

Teacher: "There are five senses and you can remember them this way: three begin with 's' and two begin with 't'. They are sight, sound, smell, taste, and touch."

Bright student: "But, teacher, what about the sixth sense that begins with 'c?'

Teacher: "Nonsense! There are only five senses."

Bright student: "What about 'common!?"

Collecting fares, the bus conductor stopped beside a small boy, who felt in all his pockets and looked under the seat while the conductor was waiting.

"What's the trouble, sonny?" the bus conductor said.

"I had a 50-cent piece and I've lost it."

The ltle fellow looked so upset that the conductor gave him a free ticket. The boy looked up, and at the point of tears, whim pered, "Where's my change?"

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He who spends his time for nothing worth while will be mighty empty when he has no more time to spend. —W.E.I.

Woman's Activities

New Chairman of Public Relations Assumes Duties

Mrs. H. W. Doub

The resonsibility of this page could not be assumed without first acknoweldging the deep gratitude of The North Carolina Conference for the faithful and efficient service which Miss Mary Gardner has given to this work for so long. It is a great challenge to even try to follow in the footsteps of such a devoted and faithful person.

The Public Relations Chairmen of the N. C. Conference Woman's Society of Christian Service and Wesleyan Service Guild join in the sincere plea that you will continue the same loyalty and cooperation given in the past. May all of us carry the banner of Public Relations high and prove worthy of the great trust placed in us. A united effort will bring untold results.

Twenty-Fifth Anniversary

The members of the Woman's Society of Christian Service and the Wesleyan Service Guild of Page Memorial Methodist Church, Aberdeen, met in the Fellowship Hall of the Church for a covered dish luncheon on May 11th. The occasion was the celebration of the 25th Anniversary of the two organizations.

The tables were decorated with yellow jassamine. At the head table was a large emblem carrying out the theme of 25 years of service in the world, and the same idea was carried out in smaller emblems as favors at each place. These had been made by Mrs. Pat Satterwhite, Wesleyan Service Guild President.

Mrs. J. E. Sponenberg gave the invocation and those present served themselves from a bountifully spread table of tempting food.

To carry out one of the special goals of the new Quadrennium, a survey of the Church Roll had been made prior to this meeting and all women who are not members of either organization had been invited as special guests.

Mrs. H. W. Doub, Woman's Society of Christian Service President and Wesleyan Service Guild Coordinator welcomed everyone and presented the special guests: Mrs. J. S. Hiatt, Jr., Fayetteville District President, of Southern Pines; Mrs. J. S. Hiatt, Sr., of Elkin and Miss Ethelynde Ballance of Raeford.

The speaker for this occasion was Miss Ethelynde Ballance, deaconess and presently serving as Religious Education Director in Raeford. She gave a challenging talk, bringing out the accomplishments both of the past and the present, looking forward to greater work in the future for the two organzations.

During the luncheon five Life Membership Pins and Certificates were presented. Three of these went to W.S.C.S. members as follows: Mrs. Della B. Martin; Mrs. George D. Martin, and Mrs. R. C. JZimmerman. The recipients in the Wesleyan Service Guild were Mrs. Clarence Smith and Mrs. C. E. Pleasants. All of these members had been selected by secret ballot and it was a complete surprise to all but the committees.

The benediction was given by Mrs. Pat Satterwhite.

Autonomous Churches

The General Conference granted permission for Methodists in five countries to become independent, self-governing churches during the next four years. The Methodists who were given the right to become autonomous churches are those of Cuba, Liberia, Indonesia, Burma and Pakistan. They comprise 87,057 members (full and preparatory) in 1,128 local churches.

The granting of autonomy to the churches in the five countries is regarded as significant, as they would become the first churches in 34 years to separate organically from the parent Methodist Church (through whose missionary efforts they came into being). In 1930 the Methodist Churches of Korea, Brazil and Mexico became autonomous. They have continued since then as independent churches, though still fraternally affiliated with American Methodism.

The General Conference granted permission for autonomy on recommendation of the Commission on the Structure of Methodism Overseas, an international agency responsible for the organization of Methodism outside the United States and for the formal relationship between Methodists and those in America.

The General Conference authorized the Methodists in Cuba, Liberia, Indonesia (primarily Sumarta), Burma and Pakistan to become autonomous churches because a request for autonomy came from each country. Leaders from the churches in the five countries said they look forward to continuing to be affiliated with American Methodism.

The Commission on the Structure of Methodism Overseas said that the churches gave as reasons for requestng autonomy the desire for fuller self expression, the presence of nationalism and political difficulties, the desire for fuller participation in the ecumenical movement including possible church union, and the facilitating of the election of bishops.

"The churches involved are authorized to become autonomous when the Commission on the Structure of Methodism Overseas and the church in the particular country involved have mutually agreed on (1) a confession of faith for the newly autonomous church and (2) a constitution for new church. Both shall be prepared with care. A Proclamation of Autonomy for each church shall be signed by the president of the Methodist Council of Bishops, the secretary of the General Conference, the chairman of the Commission and the president of the Methodist Board of Missions."

The General Conference authorized the Council of Bishops to provide episcopal supervision for each of the five countries until such time durng the 1964-68 quadrennium as autonomy is achieved. In the case of Liberia and Pakistan, the Conference granted permission for the churches there either to become autonomous or to become a Central Conference.

The membership of the churches seeking autonomy: Cuba—9,009 members, Liberia—14,490, Burma—2,863, Indonesia—2,109, Pakistan— 38,586.

In its report to the General Conference the Commission noted that continuel provision of aid to newly autonomous churches through the Methodist Board of Mssions in the form of missionary personnel and funds is essential. "In order to facilitate the achievement of joint participation in mission," it said, "personnel and finances will go from one country to another according to the mutually agreed upon plan of The Methodist Church in America and each autonomous church concerned. The Board of Missions shall work out whatever agreements are needed to provide the basis of mutual support in the area of missionary personnel and funds."

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W. N. C. Conference

Mrs. E. K. McLarty

Conference Officers Hold Officers Workshop

Race Street Church, Statesville, was the scene of the first training day for the district officers of the WNC Conference WSCS.

Mrs. Carl King, Conference President, presided over the opening session. After a hymn and corporate prayer, the session was devoted to questions and answers on the revisions of structure and program and materials which resulted from the action of the General Conference of The Methodist Church recently held in Pittsburgh.

The immediate admonition to all officers was to make no changes until instructions appear in print. This would avoid much confusion and misinterpretation.

During the morning Mrs. Roy Tirrell gave an inspirational talk defining the main purpose of the women's work. She also reviewed the rich heritage of the WSCS and cited its growth these 25 years from 1,000,000 to 1,750,000 membership; $3,000,000 to $11,000,000 in giving.

"We must be more conscious of growth and change than ever before," she stated, pointing out that there would be greater combined church activities among the men and women members than ever before. She explained that most of the structure changes were on the higher levels and that the local, district and conference structure would be changed very little.

Mrs. Tirrell, who is president of the Virginia Conference WSCS, urged that the

icers study to be more effective in chalge, purpose and the new structure.

Workshops were held following the opening session. They were held in two periods, parated by a luncheon break.

The hostess church served coffee before e opening session in the morning and epared and served the tasty luncheon ovided by the conference.

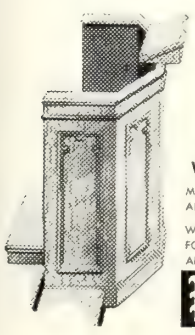
hings for You to Note Carefully

Three districts accepted and approved le Charter on Racial Policies: Asheville, igh Point and Salisbury. Secretaries of erature on all levels will be called sectary of program materials after June 1, 964. Town and Country Work will have special committee, the first nominee for hairman being Mrs. Orell Lineberger of oneville. Be sure to study the nominations r conference officers which were pubshed in the May 14th issue of the Advote. The Methodist Woman will be the ain source of accurate information on the anges being made in the WSCS for the ext quadrennium. Do you have your subscription? The WSCS Love Offering at naluska goes for Lit-Lit. again this year. e doubly generous at this second chance do something big in this area! Note refully that there are two Spiritual Reeats this year: one in July at Lake Junaluska, and the other at Pfeiffer August 1-2. ach is co-operatvely planned by the WSG nd the WSCS, and this is surely the area f work and personal develoment in which e can best join.

Charlotte District Reports Conference

The Charlotte Distrct's retiring officers were honored at a luncheon April 18th at Dilworth Methodist Church. The incoming fficers were also guests on ths occasion.

Following the luncheon, the regular quarterly meeting of the district officers was held, 16 being present. Highlights of he session were plans for the district meeting held April 30 at Memorial Methodist Church; emphasis on the need to attend he School of Missions in August to take he course "Purpose and Program in a New Age"; the instruction to make a pledge of $35,000 to the annual meeting for the Charotte District; and the announcement by Mrs. Leslie Barnhardt that two missionaries are going out from the Charlotte District—a student from Greensboro and a student from Pfeiffer. Other reports from the various secretaries completed the day's business.


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Miss Jane Walker Simpson Doesn't Yield to Handicaps

By Her Roommate

Jane Walker Simpson—leadership, scholarship, vivacity, and charm are just a few of the characteristics possessed by this Guilford College co-ed and member of the graduatng class of 1964.

Jane is the daughter of Reverend and Mrs. Harold Ross Simpson of 205 Grandin Road, Charlotte, N. C. Her father is the pastor of the Wesley Heights Methodist Church. Jane is the older daughter of the Simpsons; her younger sister, Ann, is a rising sophomore at Greensboro College.

Although there are many students throughout the country whose years in institutions of higher learning have won them equal recognition, Jane is unique in that she has conducted her undergraduate activities from a wheelchair.

At the age of nine, Jane became a victim of polio, but she considers herself fortunate to have regained almost complete mobility. Despite the fact that Jane will remain ambulatory for the rest her life, she rarely allows this to limit her activities.

After completing a notable record in high school in Salisbury N. C., Jane entered Guilford College in the fall of 1960. At the very beginning of her college career she asked that no exceptions be made for her because of her handicap and continued this attitude throughout her years at Guilford.

I first met Jane during orientation week at the beginning of the school year and was completely amazed that anyone in a wheelchair would even consider going to college. But after a short time we became good friends, and I was surprised that I had ever questioned whether or not Jane should have been in college. It was evident to me now that Jane was a far above average student and would be long remembered for the things she was to accomplish while at Guilford College. It was evident from the beginning that Jane would never be a part of the unidentified masses that pass through our colleges each year; she would stand apart from the others as one who had served her school well.

Soon after entering Guilford College, Jane began what was to become a long list of student activities. During her first year at Guilford, Jane served as a dormitory representative to the Women's Student Government and as Circulation Editor for the college newspaper, the **Guilfordian.**

Jane's second year at Guilford proved even busier than her first. As publicity chairman for the Women's Athletic Association, she spent many hours promoting the association's projects and social functions. Still a member of the newspaper staff, Jane also served on the campus Social Committee.

It was as Jane's roommate during her junior year that I came to know her best. I watched her spend many hours in fulfilling the obligations of her offices. She represented her class as a member of student legislature, member of the Homecoming Court and a class secretary. As chairman, Jane planned and executed the Junior-Senior Banquet.

I was constantly amazed at Jane's ability to participate in so many activities while at the same time maintaining a high academic average. In the spring of her junior year, Jane received one of the highest honors conferred o nan underclassmen. She was awarded the Lucy Stella Schieffelin Scholarship which is presented to the rising senior who has shown the most outstanding promise.

Jane's senior year was a continuation of her notable record. As secretary of the Student Government, Chairman of the Social Committee, editor of the student handbook, **"The Pathfinder,"** and Homecoming Court sponsor, Jane found her senior year to be the busiest of all. The final and most important honor (except that of graduation itself) of Jane's college career came when she was selected for the National Register of Who's Who Among Students in American Colleges and Universities.

Jane has established a record of achievements to be proud of, but she will not stop here. She will go on to serve her community, her country and mankind as she served her school.

A sociology major, Jane plans to work with the Public Welfare this year, returning to graduate school the following fall for a Master of Arts degree in either medical or psychiatric social work. After obtaining the master's degree, Jane plans to work with physically handicapped children.

A doctor once told Jane that although she would not be able to walk, she would be able to lead a normal life. But this doctor was wrong. Jane will never be "normal" or "average." She will never be satisfied with normal or average achievements. Although she will probably not be recognized again by "Who's Who," she will be remembered by those she meets and works with—whether it be traveling in Europe, raising a large family, or helping handicapped children (all things she wants to do), Jane will bring warmth, happiness, and inspiration into the lives of all whom she meets.

To Teach at High Point College

Dr. Evan Morgan, Olin Mathieson Conn., has accepted a position on the faculty at High Point College for next fall, Dr. Wendell M. Patton, College President, has announced. He will be in the Department of Chemistry.

Dr. Morgan received his B.S. degree in chemistry from Gonzaga University, Spokane, Washington, and his M.S. and Ph.D degrees in analytical chemistry from the University of Washington, Seattle.

Dr. Morgan was awarded an assistant ship at the University of Washington prior to receiving his doctorate, and has been manager of analytical chemical research at the Innternational Business Machine Corporation, Poughkeepsie, N. Y.

He has had numerous articles published in professional journals, and is a member of the American Chemical Society.

Dr. Morgan is married to the former Johnnie Lu Dickson and they have one child.

Bus Reservations to Camp

Reservations are being accepted on busses to and from *Camp Tekoa* and *Lake Junaluska* for summer assemblies. Special busses will leave from designated churches in Greensboro, High Point, Thomasville, Lexington and Salisbury. Delegates from adjoining districts may also secure reservations. For details contact: L. F. MOORE, c/o L. F. MOORE BROS. TRANSPORTATION CO., 740 W. Broad St., High Point, N. C. Phone 888-7215 (day) or 883-6440 (night).



Trinity Memorial, Trinity, N. C.

On Sunday afternoon, May 17, at 3:00 o'clock the Trinity Memorial Methodist Church, of Trinity, N. C., held a ground breaking ceremony for a new education building. The building, construction of which will be started immediately, will be 84 feet by 40 feet. The addition will include a chapel, pastor's study, Sunday school classrooms, utility, furnace room and will be connected by a breezeway to the existing sanctuary which was built in 1920-21. The new structure is expected to be in use by the first of October.

Pictured above are the following persons who participated in the ground breaking ceremony: Francis White, Crusade Finance Chairman; Charles Morgan, Building Committee Chairman; John Payne, Church Lay Leader; George T. Gunter, Church School Superintendent; John Easter, Chairman Official Board; Mrs. Braxton Elliott, President Wesleyan Service Guild; Mrs. Buren Andrews, President Woman's Society of Christian Service; Mrs. D. R. Younts and Gurney C. Younts, senior active members; Dr. Ralph Taylor, District Superintendent of the High Point District of the Methodist Church and Rev. Tracy H. Streater, pastor of Trinity Memorial.

Dr. Ralph Taylor, District Superintendent of the High Point District, and Rev. Tracy H. Sreater, pastor of the church, were in charge of the ceremony which was attended by a large group of the congregation along with Mr. J. L. Darr, the General Contractor, and Mr. John James Croft, Jr., Architect of Asheboro.

Members of the Building Committee are: Charles Morgan, Chairman; Mrs. John Payne, Treasurer; Mrs. Braxton Elliott, Secretary; Guy Royals, William C. Bouldin, John Skeen, Dalton Orr, Gurney Peace, and the pastor.

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Yes, I believe in divine healing, but it cost a trip to see a neighbor first and beg pardon, or pay a debt. —W.E.I.

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He who runs his tongue gossiping certainly doesn't use his tongue in prayer and praise to God. —W.E.I.

Aarospace Education Workshop At High Point College

A complete and exciting program centered around man and his conquest of space is in store for students of the third Aerospace Education Workshop to be held at High Point College beginning June 8, Dr. L. M. Hays, Chairman of the Sociology Department at the college and Director of the Workshop, announced today.

Designed for public school teachers and listed as Sociology 351: The Aerospace Age and Society, the workshop carries three hours of college credit and fulfills state requirements for certificate renewal. The program is of three weeks duration.

Two exciting airlifts are planned for students this year, the first to Wright Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio, and the second to Seymour Johnson Air Force Base, Goldsboro. In addition, visits to local air fields and installations are planned.

The Workshop is jointly sponsored every summer by High Point College, the North Carolina Wing of the Civil Air Patrol; and the United States Air Force.

The College is accepting registrations for the Workshop now, Dr. Hays indicated.

Loyalty Day at Mount Olive

Loyalty Day was observed at First Methodist Church, Mount Olive, Sunday, May 24th. All members present were given the opportunity to place their pledge for next year's budget on the altar at the close of the worship service. In the afternoon visitors went out to visit those who were not in attendance at church.

The graduating seniors were presented leather bound Revised Standard Version Bibles at the morning service on Sunday, May 24th, by the Belle Jurney Class. Mrs. Lloyd Hontz, class teacher, made the presentation to the following members: Laviece Cox, Al Geddie, Julie Garrison, Susie Francis, Linda Herring, Sandra Herring, Terry Lee, Lynn Odom, Betty Pearsall, Brenda Rackley, Jo Jo Ricks, Judy Vernon, Brenda Smith, Ginny Sutton and Jack Winstead.

In Memoriam

ROGER LEE HARPE, SR.

In the passing of Roger Lee Harpe, S our church recognizes the loss of one of i most effective leaders. His passing can at a time when he was actively engaged the work of his church in the communit and in his own business. At the time his passing he was a trustee and Chairma of the Official Board, but through the a most twenty years he had been a membe of our church he had held a number different offices and gave effective leade ship in each of them. The last major proje with which he helped was the establshmer of the Every Member Visitation, the conti uation of which will mean much to the lif of this church.

We miss the presence of Roger from ou church and from our Official Board bu we mark with thanksgiving the labor h gave while he was with us. The Officia Board has directed that this statement b prepared and printed in hs memory.

THE OFFICIAL BOARD
Maple Sprngs Methodist Churc
Wayne W. Woodward, Pastor

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MISS IDA HANKINS

The Woman's Society of Christian Servic of Grace Methodist Church, Wilmington wishes to pay tribute to one of our best loved members, Miss Ida Hankins, who re cently joined the Church Triumphant.

"Miss Ida," as she was affectionately known, was engaged in Christian work fo 35 years. For her chosen field she was well qualified educationally and spiritually. She held degrees from the old State Normal in Greensboro, Geo. Peabody College in Nashville, and Teachers' College of Columbia University in New York. She also studied at Scarritt in Nashville.

Miss Hankins taught in Sunday schools practically all her life. Her first work as a foreign missionary was at Carolina Institute in Seoul, Korea, from 1911 to 1916. From 1917 to 1940 she was connected with the Mary Helm School in Songdo, Kaesong, Korea, first as teacher and later as principal.

In 1938 Miss Hankins was ordained as a minister of the Methodist Church of Korea by Bishop Ryang. The last two years of her missionary career, in addition to her teaching duties, she served as assistant pastor of a church in Seoul under a Korean minister.

In 1940, upon the advice of the Board of Missions and the State Department, Miss Hankins left Korea. After coming home she taught in Erie School in Olive Hill, Ky., from 1941 to 1945. She retired in 1945.

Retirement did not prevent her continuing to serve her Lord. Naturally she was always interested in all phases of missions and in the spiritual life of the church. She served as Secretary of Spiritual Life, Missionary Education, and Missionary Personnel on both local and district levels.

Miss Hankins lived virtually all her life in Wilmington, making her home with her sister, Mrs. E. R. Clarke. Her health was not good during the two years prior to her death and on March 20, 1964, she slipped away from our midst. All of us miss her. Her quiet influence and her devotion to her church and to her Master will be an inspiration for years to come.

Mrs. A. R. CROW
President, WSCS

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To Be Dean of Students At N. C. Wesleyan College

Dr. Allen F. Cordts will be promoted from Director of Student Life to Dean of Students at North Carolina Wesleyan College, effective June 1, 1964, according to announcement from President Thomas A. Collins.

Dr. Cordts is completing his first year of service at Wesleyan and this promotion in rank is recognition of the significant contribution he has made to a growing program of student activities.

Dr. Cordts came ot Wesleyan after serving as assistant dean of students at Central Michigan University, of Mount Pleasant, for six years. Prior to that he has served as resident counselor at the University of Florida for four years.

Dr. Cordts is a member of First Methodist Church where he sings in the choir. He is an active Rotarian, a member of Pi Gamma Mu, and he holds membership in the American Personnel and Guidance Association, the American College Personnel Association and the Southern College Personnel Association.

Edgar C. Stryker will become an Instructor of Music at North Carolina Wesleyan College this fall, according to announcement from College officals.

A native of Long Island, New York, he attended Julliard and earned the B.M. degree from Stetson University in 1949. He earned the Master of Music degree from Florida State University in 1951 in Piano, and is completing the Master of Arts degree in Musicology at the University of North Carolina this spring.

He taught music and piano in Bainbridge City School System, Bainbridge, Georgia, for two years, served as Instructor of Piano at Stetson University for four years, and has served as part-time Instructor of Piano at U.N.C. while he completed his degree in Musicology.

A member of Pi Kappa Lambda National Music Honorary, and Phi Apha Mu, national music fraternity, he is also a member of the American Musicological Society. He is praised by his associates as a superior instructor of piano. He served as piano accompanist for the Opera Workshop recently conducted by Dr. Wilton Mason.

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Life in Heaven

They sing to me of a beautiful land,
Of a city bright and fair,
Of the throne of God where the angels stand,
Of the robes the redeemed shall wear.
But the sweetest song that was ever sung
By the lips of mortal men
Is the song of Him in a stable born,
In the town of Bethlehem.

The water of life in a crystal stream
From the Father's throne doth flow;
The gates of pearl and the streets of gold,
They are beautiful I know.
The walls of jasper and the precious stones
Are so gloriously fair.
But the Lamb who died to redeem my soul
Is the brightest Jewel there.

Each day I draw nearer to that bright home
He has promised to prepare,
And I know someday He will call me home;
Heaven's glory I shall share.
I shall see His face I shall hear His voice,
And the question comes to me;
If here in this world we can have such joy,
What will life in heaven be?

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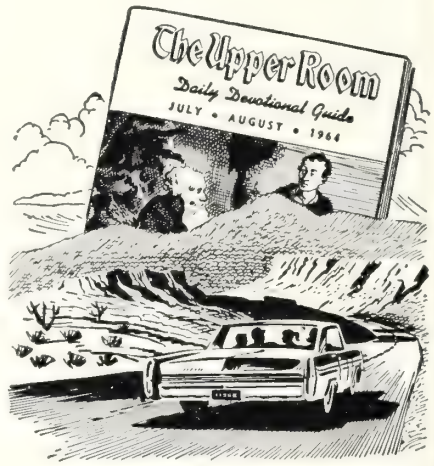
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It is predicted that women will constitute over one-third of the nation's work force by 1975.

Funeral Services In Greensboro For Brother of Mrs. B. T. Hurley

Funeral services for Leslie Summer Franklin, brother of Mrs. B. T. Hurley f Red Springs, were held in Greensboro l t week, May 22. Dr. J. Elwood Carroll, p tor of College Place Methodist church h the services. Burial was in Guilford M morial Park.

Mr. Franklin made his home with l daughter, Mrs. Harry Bird, Sr., 2307 Pi Croft Road, Greensboro. Besides M Bird, he had two other daughters, M Dennis Chapin, of Dallas, Texas, and M John Fitzgerald of Scarsdale, N. Y. Al one sister, Mrs. B. T. Hurley of Red Sprin and four grand children. His wife di five years ago.



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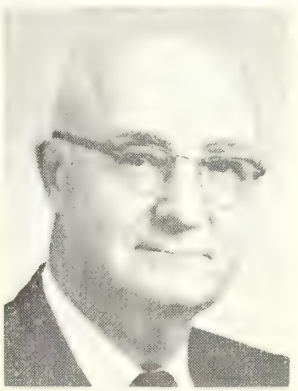
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CAROLINA BRIEFS

¶ William F. Cope, San Antonio, Texas, has been appointed to a faculty position in the Department of Sociology at High Point College for next fall, Dr. Wendell M. Patton, president, has announced.

¶ Dr. J. E. Garlington, pastor of First Methodist Church, Clinton, was the fraternal messenger from the North Carolina Conference to the Virginia Conference in its session in Roanoke, Va. this week.

¶ The new chaplain to Baptist students at Duke University will be the Rev. Robert P. Hyatt, a native of Cherokee, succeeding the Rev. James W. Stines, who is resigning to begin further graduate work at Duke toward the doctor of philosophy degree.

¶ Dr. G. Ray Jordan, member of the Western North Carolina Conference, and professor of preaching at Candler School of Theology, Emory University, preached the baccalaureate sermon at Birmingham-Southern College, in Birmingham, Sunday morning, May 24. The service was held at McCoy Methodist Church.

¶ Glenwood Church, Rockingham, of which Dr. Morris L. Husted is pastor, installed officers of the WSCS last Sunday morning. The church is conducting vacation Bible school June 8-12. A family night supper will be held June 10. This is to be a fellowship meeting, with an interesting program.

¶ At a meeting of High Point District Methodist ministers and their families at Shepherd Mountain Methodist Camp in Randolph County on Thursday, May 28, the laymen and ministers of the High Point District, which included the High Point and Asheboro areas, presented to Dr. Ralph Taylor, district superintendent, a surprise gift of money to be used for a trip to the Holy Land. The presentation was by Rev. Walter Thompson of Liberty, president of High Point district ministers. The gift indicates the high esteem in which Dr. Taylor is held by all Methodists in the area.

¶ Homecoming services were held last Sunday at the Mount Carmel Methodist Church in Vance County. Rev. C. B. Hicks a former pastor of the church, and a native of Henderson, was the guest preacher. Rev. Kermit L. Braswell, welcomed all who attended the homecoming services. Revival services began Sunday evening and will run through the week. The revival will be conducted by the pastor.

¶ It was a real pleasure for the Advocate Editor to have the privilege of preaching last Sunday morning at the new West Irving Park Methodist Church in Greensboro. The pastor, Rev. Lloyd G. Hunsucker, was attending the Western North Carolina Conference at Lake Junaluska. This young church, just two years old, has made wonderful progress, and is in the process of its building program. When completed it will offer one of the most adequate church structures in a very fine residential section of Greensboro.

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Some Articles of Historical Interest

Homer Keever

Important in the early history of Methodism in North Carolina before 1800 was The McKnight—Cokebury Methodist center on the Yakin River, Just southwest of Moravian Salem. Three early frontier conferences were held at George McKnight's about 1790—the first one, in 1789, one of the more important of those earlier conferences. A few years later, near, the other end of the ferry across the river from McKnight's, one of the earlier attempts of the Methodist in education was attempted at a school called Cokesbury.

And yet both McKnight's and Cokesbury have become something of shadowy ghosts. Later generations have shown quite a bit of uncertainty as to the exact location of McKnight's, and only hints of the existance of Cokesbury have come down, although W. L. Grisson, Methodist historian for North Carolina, was shown the spot in preparing for his history and has preserved knowledge of that for us.

A number of factors have contributed to the confusion and uncertainty . By 1796 set annual conference bounds were made, and the territory of the frontier conferences at McKnigth 's was divided into three separate parts. The section around McKnight's and Cokesbury was put into the Virginia Conference; the section on the Yadkin below Salisbury and in the Catawba River Valley was put into the South Carolina Conference; and the section across the mountains was put into a Western Conference.

Before that division was made, the upper Yadkin was meeting place for the frontier, especially at the conferences Coke attended. Two were held at Salisbury and then, after one across the mountains, three more at McKnight's. Nearby the Great Wagon Road from Pennsylvania through the Valley of Virginia and down the Roanoke and James River gaps through the Blue Ridge came to the Yadkin and crossed it. Up the Yadkin the trail west ran through Deep Gap at the head of the river.

Methodists from the part of Virginia next to the mountains and from the same part of North Carolina could meet there and those from across the mountains found it a good place to come— if they had to cross the mountain at all. By the time of the division into set conferences, the frontier had moved westward and a conference across the mountains was logical. And dividing the rest of North Carolina between Virginia and South Carolina was simply following the general pattern—economic and political as well as religious. With North Carolina like Gaul, divided into three parts, the crossing place on the Yadkin lost its significance.

Adding to the confusion and uncertainty that made shadowy ghosts of McKnight's and Cokesbury has been the county organization in that section. When Asbury and Coke held the 1789 conference there, it was near the Rowan-Surry line. That fall Surry was divided as nearly in two as possible and Stokes County was formed, with the corner somewhere just north of McKnight's—the Moravian towns in Stokes and the West Bend country east of the Yadkin left in Surry. George McKnight could move into Surry or Stokes by just going to the back side of his plantation.

Then in 1820 the McKnight section was made part of the Davidson County that was formed from Rowan of the part east of the Yadkin. In 1836 the section around Cokesbury across the Yadkin was made into Davie County. To complicate matters still further, just before 1850 Forsyth and Yadkin were formed from the lower halves of Stokes and Surry. The McKnight section, around Clemmons and Tanglewood Park, was left in Davidson County until 1889 and the West Bend Country in Yadkin until late 1948. With all this complication, records are hard to trace.

Further confusion has been added by the fact that there were two George McKnights. The census of 1790 shows them as Senior and Junior. One of them died in Surry County about 1813; the other one moved to Stokes and died in 1847. The one who moved to Stokes was instrumental in organizing Sharon Methodist Church about 18815, and the inscription on his tombstone has caught the eyes of later historians and led them to believe that it was at his house the conferences were held. and that house between Muddy Creek and Winston-Salem is still pointed out as the conference house.

When Dr. R. N. Price wrote his history of the Holston Conference just before 1900, he noted that he had been told that the house to which the western circuit riders came for conferences on the Yadkin was still standing some seven miles of Winston. That would have been the house near Muddy Creek on the Shallowford Road. Grisson, careful historian though he was, compounded the error by saying that Price said the meeting house was west of the Yadkin (rather than Winston), but he placed it southwest of Clemmons and was far more nearly than Price or some of the later historians.

A careful study of land transactions and land grants leaves little doubt as to the approximate neighborhood of the McKnight house of the conferences. It was somewhere about where the Great Wagon Road from Pennsylvania to Salisbury crossed the Yadkin River just above its mouth. It is a short creek heading around present day Clemmons and running through Tanglewood Park to the Yadkin. It has long since lost the name of Linville, and is marked in Tanglewood as Johnson Creek.

George McKnight received a land grant from Lord Granville in 1762, ten years after the formation of Rowan County, touching the Moravian boundary and lying next to Evan Ellis, William Ellis and William Johnson, all of whom were along Linvlle Creek. That McKnights were already there and that was likely not the first grant is evidenced by the fact William Linville's sale to Evan Ellis five years earlier noted the land as bordering on Douthet's and MsKnight's. Those families were there in the 1750's. How much earlier they had come is anybody's guess. There are references that can be interpreted—with a few

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Continued Progress Shown Along All Lines In Reports To Western North Carolina Conference Last Week

The Western North Carolina annual conference, one of the larger conferences of Methodism, has just closed a very interesting session at Lake Junaluska, which reflected progress along practically every line of endeavor. Especially encouraging was the net increase in membership of 2,577 over last year's report. Every district except one registered an increase, bringing the total membership up to 268,595. Financial progress also was in keeping with other years. Methodists of the conference paid $16,623,057 for all causes during the 1963-64 church year, according to Rev. John R. Sills, conference statistician.

The total shows a $143,146 drop from the previous year, brought about mainly through a $692,412 decrease in church construction and renovation.

Salaries of clergymen increased $105,790 to $2,862,079, and local churches aided the conference's underpaid ministers through the Minimum Salary Fund to the extent of $240,211.

The Western North Carolina Conference sent $799,170 to the national Methodist Church for World Service benevolences, and gave $165,183 to all other benevolences, including $11,282 on Race Relations Sunday (aiding Negro education), and $33,756 for the Methodist Youth Fund (raised by Methodist youth for Methodist youth missions).

The conference paid $502,557 for the Children's Home at Winston-Salem and the Methodist Home for the Aging at Charlotte. The Conference helped its Methodist-related colleges and universities with $221,967 and local churches gave $16,027 to Conference Advance specials (Conference designated mission projects).

The Methodist women, members of the Woman's Society of Christian Service, gave $273,751 from the Conference.

The Conference gave $37,758 for relief of persons and institutions affected by the spring earthquake which hit Alaska and the western coast of the U.S., according to Fred D. Russell of Charlotte, treasurer of the Conference.

National Methodist officials have estimated that damage to Methodist property, including buildings and homes, is near a million dollars in Alaska. Most of the work of Methodism in Alaska is now being supported on a mission basis from the U.S.

The Conference got off to a good start on Wednesday, June 3 with the devotions being conducted by Bishop Nolan B. Harmon, and the report of the Board of Ministerial Training and Qualifications presented by Rev. Walter Lee Lanier, chairman, and Rev. Melton Harbin as secretary. Rev. Jesse G. Wilkinson, chairman, presented the report of the Committee on Conference Relations. Nineteen young men were admitted on trial, and on Thursday evening 28 were ordained Deacon. On Friday evening forty-three were ordained Elder. Twenty-one were recommended for the retirement relation. The class received into full connection numbered 34. At the 8:00 o'clock session Wednesday, the Conference Historical Society had charge of the meeting, with Dr. Charles E. Kachel, of the Evangelical United Brethren, delivering the address. Dr. Kachel traced the history of the two denominations, which are now negotiating in the hope of uniting. He pointed out the many similarities, and also the points of difference. It seems the two groups are very close in the matter of doctrine and polity. Dr. Kachel was well received by the conference and he made a favorable impression upon those who heard him.

On Thursday morning the Board of Christian Social Concerns made its report. Rev. Ray Swink, chairman, presided. Rupert Godfrey John, Human Rights officer of the United Nations was presented as the speaker for the program.

The conference also adopted a board resolution calling on Duke University to reconsider a recently established policy permitting possession and drinking of alcoholic beverages in rooms of residence halls.

The resolution said the conference "urgently requests the administration and trustees of Duke University to reconsider this newly established policy . . . and to take whatever steps are necessary to bring the University's policy once more into harmony with the official position of the Methodist Church."

The resolution said total abstinence from use of alcoholic beverages has been a traditional policy in Methodism.

Dr. Charles P. Bowles, superintendent of the Charlotte district and one of the conference's two members on the Duke trustee board, commended the resolution and added that Duke has suspended one student and disciplined one fraternity for violations of terms of the new rule.

The conference adopted a resolution suggesting the conference set up a study commission composed of nine members selected by the Bishop and his cabinet to explore the opportunities for greater interracial understanding and cooperation, and to make suggestions of ways the two conferences of the Central and Southeastern jurisdictions could work together when mutually agreeable in implimenting the spirit and recommendations included in the plan of action adopted by the General Conference. The commission would work with a similar commission from the North Carolina Conference of the Central Jurisdiction. The resolution was signed by Dr. J. Clay Madison, Rev. James Armstrong, and Dr. Edwin L. Jones, Sr., and by the Executive Committee of the Commission on Christian Social Concerns of the conference.

An interesting item of this session was the presentation of the keys to a new Buick automobile to Bishop Harmon, who has served the conference so acceptably for the past eight years, and who will be assigned to other duties at the forthcoming Jurisdictional Conference to be held at Lake Junaluska July 8-12. The presentation was made by Rev. R. C. Goforth, retired, who was a schoolmate of Bishop Harmon, on behalf of the ministers of the Western North Carolina Conference.

Dr. R. Edwin Kimbrough, pastor of Trinity Methodist Church, Birmingham, Alabama, was the conference preacher. He brought his first message on Thursday morning, and inspired the great congregation with a masterful sermon. He delivered two other sermons, one on Thursday afternoon and one Friday morning.

Committees and Board chairman for the coming quadrennium were organized on Thursday afternoon, and officers elected. At the evening service Dr. Lowell B. Hazzard, of the Wesley Theological Seminary Washington, D. C., spoke at the anniversary meeting of the Board of Education. Dr. Philip L. Shore, pastor of First Methodist Church, Charlotte, president of the Board, presided, and Dr. Carl H. King, Executive Secretary, gave the Board's report.

The Board of Hospitals and Homes presented its report on Friday morning, with Rev. E. H. Nease, Jr., chairman, presiding. "Our Spiritual Ministry in Our Methodist Institutions" was the general theme. Rev. A. L. Chamblee, Jr., of the Children's Home, and Rev. Ted Hoffmann, of the Home for the Aging spoke with reference to the work in those institutions. Rev. W. Q. Grigg, director of Golden Cross gave an interesting report of the accomplishments made possible through Golden Cross funds.

Mr. Robert M. Smith, conference lay leader, presided over the meeting of the anniversary program, and presented a number of persons who spoke briefly on various topics of the Board's work, including stewardship, lay speaking, evangelism, Men's clubs, etc.

Rev. Glenn Lackey directed the program of the Board of Pensions, when the men who are retiring and their wives came to the altar, and heard words of commendation and well wishes from Bishop Harmon. Twenty-one were recommended for the retirement relation.

Dr. H. G. Allen, president of the Conference Brotherhood, enthusiastically spoke of the Brotherhood and told of its work among the ministers of the conference and their families. The amount of retirement now runs something like $3,300 to a widow of a deceased minister.

Mr. Alan Newcomb, with WBTV, Charlotte, was the speaker for the program of Television, Radio, and Film Commission. Mr. Newcomb has had long experience in this field, and brought a most interesting and informative message. Rev. Ernest A. Fitzgerald is chairman of this Board.

Delegates set a budget of $2.86 million for the year ahead. This is an increase of $265,000 over the current budget.

Appropriations for church affiliated colleges included: $120,280 each for Brevard, Greensboro, and High Point; Pfeiffer $60,220; and Duke Divinity School $45,940.

Churches in the following 13 districts were asked to raise these amounts: Albemarle $152,100; Asheville $217,400; Charlotte $349,000; Gastonia $263,200; Greensboro $307,200; High Point $237,400; Marion $155,500; North Wilkesboro $103,100; Salisbury $214,100; Statesville $216,800; Thomasville $191,100; Waynesville $117,900; Winston-Salem $294,300.

The budget, prepared by the Commission on World Service and Finance, was adopted with only minor changes. Bishop Nolan Harmon and his cabinet presented a certificate of merit to Herbert M. Wayne, a

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EDITORIALS

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Let's Move Forward!

The Conference year is now coming to a close, and ministers and laymen are looking back to evaluate the past and plan for the future. We all rejoice in the success we have realized in the work of the church, although we are quite conscious of the fact that it is far below what it should have been. However, we can profit from our failures if we endeavor to turn them into successes. North Carolina Methodism has much to encourage and challenge it. This section of the church has perhaps enjoyed as much or more progress than any other geographical area. In fact many sections have reported a loss in membership, while our state has always reported an increase. Our financial reports have also been on the upgrade through the years. Methodism is one of the most respected and influential denominations in America, and this should encourage us to want to make even greater strides in the days ahead.

A number of things have been responsible for the progress made. We have had fine episcopal leadership; our district superintendents have been men of vision and ability; our pastors have been men of devotion to their calling, always with a desire to go forward. Our laymen and laywomen and young people are not surpassed anywhere in their commitment and loyalty to the church and that for which it stands. All these facts grouped together produces a quality of Christian character which causes us to love the church and want to be more and more an active part of its progress.

As we now look to the new conference year let us make a new commitment of self, substance, and service to the end that our church may be able to accomplish greater things than ever before. If we Methodists follow the program of our church and use its plans and become enthusiastic about its purpose our potentials are almost unlimited.

Incidentally, may we suggest that one of the most significant aids that any church can use in achieving its purpose is to put the church paper in the homes of its people. This has been proven by those who have tried it. During the coming conference year, beginning right now, we are asking each district to have at least 1000 subscribers within the district. For the new conference year that would be twenty-four districts, and therefore 24,000 subscribers. Taken with what the district already has it should not be difficult to add the number needed to reach the total goal of 1,000 for the district as a minimum. Of course some of the larger districts should have many more than that number. The North Carolina Christian Advocate is one of the best in Methodism, according to statements of people both from within and from without the conference. Let's follow the plan brethren, and put the church paper in the hands of our people.

THEME FOR THE WEEK

"Wherefore seeing we also are compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which doth so easily beset us, and let us run with patience the race that is set before us." —Hebrews 12:1

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Some Interesting Statistics of Western N. C. Conference

The Western North Carolina Methodist Conference experienced a net gain of 2,577 members during the 1963-64 church year, according to the Rev. John R. Sills of Greensboro, Conference statistician.

All but one of the Conference's 13 districts experienced a net gain, with the Charlotte District showing the largest increase at 803 members.

The District memberships, and their gains and losses, are:

Albemarle District, 15,616, gain of 10; Asheville, 19,798, gain of 368; Charlotte, 33,089, gain of 803; Gastonia, 23,003, gain of 179; Greensboro, 28,506, gain of 392; High Point, 20,891, gain of 378; Marion, 14,560, gain of 52; North Wilkesboro, 11,735, loss of 169; Salisbury, 20,030, gain of 23; Statesville, 23,430, gain of 269; Thomasville, 20,710, gain of 200; Waynesville, 11,811, gain of 24; and Winston-Salem, 25,416, gain of 48. Total present Conference membership is now 268,595.

Church school membership in the Conference increased 891 persons to 227,535, but average attendance dropped 235 persons to 127,251.

The Woman's Society of Christian Service reported 475 fewer members for 46,685, but five new units for 966 in the Conference.

The Conference's Methodist Men's clubs continued to increase, up 23 to 349 and there was a corresponding jump in membership of 287 to 13,100.

Estimated value of Conference church buildings, equipment and land increased $4,903,396 to $102,529,819. Estimated value of parsonages, furniture and land increased $507,170 to $13,259,653. Estimated value of other property increased $544,263 to $4,747,393.

Indebtedness on all this property decreased $559,746 to $11,129,566.

Continued Progress

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Charlotte banking executive who is commission chairman, for his 20 years as a fiscal officer of the conference.

The election of heads of these boards and commissions for four years were announced: Commission on Worship, the Rev. James B. McLarty of Black Mountain, re-elected president; Board of Christian Social Concerns, the Rev. Ray F. Swink of Granite Falls, re-elected president; Board of Education, Dr. Philip Shore of Charlotte, re-elected president; Board of Ministerial Training and Qualifications, Dr. C. C. Herbert, Jr. of Gastonia, chairman; Board of Evangelism, Dr. Wilson O. Weldon, Greensboro, president.

Board of Missions, Dr. J. Clay Madison of Charlotte, president; Committee on Publishing Interests, F. H. Edwards of Lexington, chairman; Board of Hospitals and Homes, the Rev. E. H. Nease, Jr. of Rutherfordton, re-elected chairman; Commission on World Service and Finance, R. Powell Majors of Charlotte, chairman; Board of Pensions, Dr. J. W. Fowler, Jr. of Lake Junaluska, president; Commission on Promotion and Cultivation, Dr. J. G. Huggin of High Point, re-elected chairman; Committee on Conference Relations, the Rev. H. E. Bolick of Asheville, chairman.

The conference received Friday a message from Bishop Edgar A. Love of the (Negro) North Carolina Conference asserting "we rejoice that the winds of change are blowing among us and bringing us closer and closer together so that we are seeing each other for what we all are—children of our Heavenly Father and one family of God."

The message was in reply to a telegram of felicitations sent the previous day by the white conference to the Negro conference, then in session at Greensboro.

The conference adopted a report increasing the annual minimum salary for pastors by $200. This brings to $4,200 annually the minimum salary of single preachers and that of married pastors to $4,400.

The minimum salary schedule also includes $100 annually for each dependent child up to 6 and $100 annual supplement for each four years of preaching service.

For the period 1964-1968, the conference set a goal of $5,000 as the basic minimum salary for married preachers.

Annual salaries of the superintndents of the 13 districts were increased from $9,300 to $9,600.

Upon motion of its Board of Hospitals and Homes, the conference voted to continue Hugh Chatham Hospital at Elkin as an affiliated Methodist agency. The conference two years ago had received suggestions that the hospital be discontinued as a church affiliate.

About 70 active and retired missionaries of the conference were present at the Friday night program of the Conference Board of Missions, presided over by Dr. W. Kenneth Goodson of Winston-Salem, president, and Dr. Horace McSwain of Statesville, the executive secretary. The group was almost one-half of the 152 missionaries active and retired, who have given an aggregate of more than 2,000 years of service to the church in this century.

Condensed Program—N. C. Annual Conference, Burlington, June 22-25

Monday Afternoon, June 22

1:30 p.m. Call to Worship: Bishop Paul N. Garber
Organization of the Conference
Admission of Class into Full Connection
Address to Class: Dr. J. Manning Potts, Editor, The Upper Room, Nashville, Tenn.
Reports:
District Superintendents
District Lay Leaders
Board of Ministerial Training and Qualifications
Commission on Christian Vocations: Address by Dr. D. Elton Trueblood, Earlham College, Richmond, Ind.
Ministers' Credit Union

Monday Evening, June 22

7:30 p.m. Call to Worshp: Bishop Garber
Words of Welcome: Mr. Arnold L. Sanders, Chairman, Official Board, Front Street Methodist Church, Burlington, N. C.
Response: Bishop Garber
Fraternal Greetings from the Virginia Annual Conference: Dr. J. Aubrey Hughes, District Superintendent, Petersburg District
Anniversary of Board of Missions: Theme —"Tenth Anniversary of Ten Dollar Club, 1954-1964"—Dr. Marvin Vick, Jr., Presiding
Addresses: "What the Ten Dollar Club Has Meant to Our Church"
Report No. 1: Dr. T. Marvin Vick
Report No. 2: Dr. J. E. Garlington
Report No. 3: Rev. Clyde G. McCarver
Reports:
Minimum Salary Commission
Committee on Publishing Interests
Commission on Promotion and Cultivation
College Board of Visitors

Tuesday Morning, June 23

7:30 a.m. Holy Communion Service
8:30 a.m. Call to Worship: Bishop Garber
8:45 a.m. Report of Commission on Worship
Report of Commission on World Service and Finance
10:00 a.m. Memorial Service: Bishop Garber, presiding
Roll of Our Honored Dead: The Conference Secretary
Memorial Address: Dr. Chancie D. Barclift
11:00 a.m. Anniversary of Board of Evangelism: Rev. Paul C. Browning, presiding
Address: Dr. Harry Denman, General Secretary, Board of Evangelism, Nashville, Tenn.
12:15 p.m. N. C. Council of Churches: Statement by Mr. Blaine Madison
12:30 p.m. Reports:
Duke Endowment
Ormond Fund
Bishop's Committee on Church Architecture

Tuesday Afternoon, June 23

2:15 p.m. Annual Meeting of the Conference Brotherhood: Rev. Kermit R. Wheeler, presiding
Report of the Secretary-Treasurer: Rev. Norwood Jones
3:00 p.m. Anniversary of Board of Hospitals and Homes: Rev. Ben F. Musser, presiding
Report of Board: Rev. Kermit R. Wheeler
Address—"The Test of a Religion"—Rev. Joseph F. Coble
Thanks for—"Retirement at Its Best": Rev. W. A. Jenkins, Miss Mary Ferree, Rev. E. R. Clegg
4:00 p.m. Report of Board of Pensions: Mr. Harold Staton, presiding
Greetings from our General Board of Pensions: Dr. Edge Gamble, Evanston, Ill., Rev. Howard Miller, Evanston, Ill.
Report of Board of Pensions: Rev. Willis R. Stevens
5:00 p.m. Reports:
Committee on Annual Conference Corporations
Methodist Building Committee
Sustentation Fund Commttee
Committee on Conference Relations

Tuesday Evening, June 23

7:30 p.m. Anniversary of Board of Lay Activities: Mr. Roy L. Turnage, presiding
Report of Conference Lay Leader: Mr. Roy Turnage
Addresses: "Methodist Men on the March": Charles L. McCullers, Conference Director of Methodst Men
"Laymen Witness Through Lay Speaking" —James F. Rogers, Conference Director of Lay Speaking
"Reviving the Church Through Lay Evangelism"—Robert Rose, Conference Director of Lay Evangelism
Tribute to Mr. J. Nelson Gibson, Jr., former Conference Lay Leader
Report of Board of Lay Activities presented for adoption
Reports:
Group Insurance
Conference Board of Trustees
Conference Calendar of Work
Approved Supply Pastors' School
Board of Publication
Methodist Foundation
In-Service Training Committee
Local Church Emphasis Committee
Board of Managers, North Carolina Pastors' School

Wednesday Morning, June 24

7:30 a.m. Holy Communion Service
8:20 a.m. Call to Worship: Bishop Garber
Report of Television, Radio and Film Commission
9:00 a.m. Report of Board of Education: Rev. Leon Russell, presiding
Address: "Christian Education in a New World Context." Dr. Leon M. Atkins, General Secretary, Board of Education, Nashville, Tenn.
Report: "What the Senior High Migrant Work Camp Meant to Me": Jimmy Creech, Goldsboro, N. C.
Report of the Board of Education: Rev. Brooks Patten
10:30 a.m. Report of Commission on Christian Higher Education: Rev. Vergil E. Queen, presiding
Address: Dr. L. Stacy Weaver, President, Methodist College, Fayetteville, N. C.
Report of Commission: Dr. Allen P. Brantley
11:30 a.m. Anniversary of Historical Society: Rev. A. F. Fisher, presiding
Address: Bishop T. Otto Nall, Minnesota Area, Minneapolis, Minn.
12:15 p.m. Anniversary of Deaconess Board: Miss Ethelynde Ballance, presiding
Report of Deaconess Board: Miss Ballance
Address: Miss Betsy Ewing, Dean of Students, Scarritt College, Nashville, Ten.

Wednesday Afternoon, June 24

2:45 p.m. Anniversary of Board of Christian Social Concerns: Rev. Charles S. Hubbard, presiding
Address: Dr. Albert P. Shirkey, Mount Vernon Place Methodist Church, Washington, D. C.
Report of Board: Rev. James H. Bailey
Citation of the Honorable David S. Coltrane for Destinguished Service in the field of Christian Social Concerns.
Presentation by Rev. Charles S. Hubbard
5:00 p.m. Reports:
Committee on Conference Entertainment
Long-Range Planning Committee
Inter-Conference Commission on College and University Religious Work
Methodist Student Center, Greenville
District Conference Records

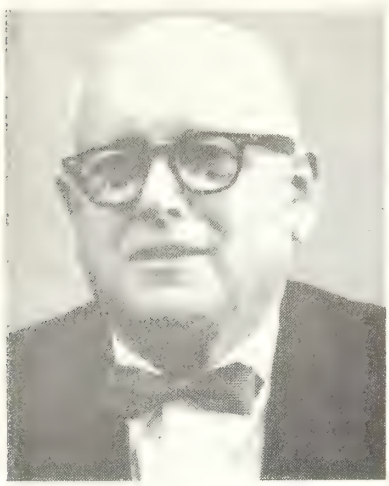
Wednesday, Evening, June 24

7:15 p.m. ORDINATION SERVICE:
Bishop Garber, presiding
Scripture Reading: Bishop T. Otto Nall, The Minnesota Area, Minneapolis, Minn.
Ordination Sermon: Bishop James W. Henley, The Jacksonville Area, Jacksonville, Florida
CONSECRATION OF
Ministers of Music
Directors of Music
Directors of Christian Education
Deaconesses
ORDINATION OF
Deacons
Elders
9:00 p.m. Business Session of the Conference
Organization meetings of Conference Boards, Commissions and Committees

Thursday Morning, June 25

8:15 a.m. LOVE FEAST: Dr. W. A. Cade, presiding
Assisting: Rev. A. L. Thompson, Rev. T. J. Barrett, Rev. J. L. Hunter, Rev. Vernon Tyson, Rev. C. F. Grill, Rev. W. B. Petteway
9:30 a.m. Greetings from the Woman's Society of Christian Service: Mrs. Sam A. Dunn, Conference President
9:45 a.m. Anniversary of Commission on Town and Country Work: Rev. Key W. Taylor, presiding
Address: "The Work of the Commission"— Rev. Ralph L. Epps
Citation of Dr. C. Horace Hamilton for Distinguished Service to Church and State
Officiating: Bishop Paul N. Garber, Rev. W. C. Wilson, Rev. R. W. Ponder, Rev. C. E. Owens
Book Review: "Roots, Revival, and Religion"—by Key W. Taylor: Rev. C. W. Goldston
11:00 a.m. Fraternal Greetings from the North Carolina Conference, Central Jurisdiction: Rev. Joseph Bethea, Reidsville Methodist Church, Reidsville
11:15 a.m. Reports
Parsonage Standards Committee
Conference Statistician
Conference Treasurer
Committee on Resolutions
12:00 NOON: THE READING OF THE APPOINTMENTS: Bishop Garber

139th Session of N. C. Annual Conference at Burlington



Dr. J. Manning Potts

By Bill Quick

Note—For schedule of regular reports see program on page 6.

Over 1,000 delegates are expected for the 139th session of the North Carolina Annual Conference which convenes in Burlington's Front Street Methodist Church June 22. Bishop Paul N. Garber will preside over the sessions for the fourteenth consecutive year. The Reverened Leon Russell is host pastor and Dr. T. B. Hough the host district superintendent.

Following the organization of the conference, delegates will hear Dr. J. Manning Potts who will address the class to be received in full connection. Dr. Potts is the editor of the *Upper Room*, the world's most widely-used devotional guide.

Dr. Elton Trueblood, outstanding theologian and author, will deliver the first of two addresses to climax the Monday afternoon session. Dr. Trueblood of Earlham College in Richmond, Ind., will speak at the Christian Vocations banquet at 5:30 p.m. Monday at Webb Avenue Church on the theme, "Our Other Vocation."

The "Tenth Anniversary of the Ten Dollar Club, 1954-64," will be theme of the Board of Missions' anniversary on Monday evening. Dr. T. Marvin Vick, the chairman, will preside and addresses from laymen,



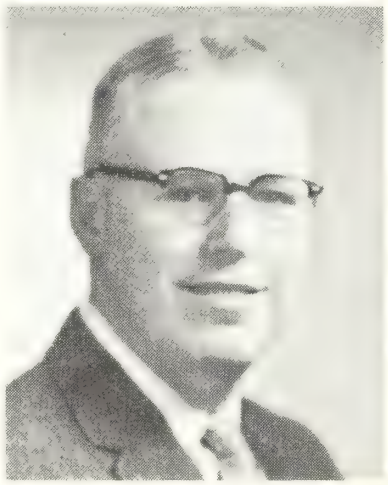
Dr. Elton Trueblood

and a minister will be featured. Dr. Aubrey Hughes, superintendent of the Petersburg (Va.) District, will bring fraternal greetings from the Virginia Conference and words of welcome will be extended delegates from Arnold Sanders, chairman of the official board at Front Street.

Tuesday morning at 8:45 a.m., Dean W. R. Cannon of the Emory Seminary in Atlanta will address the conference on the theme, "Let Us Recover Our Methodist Heritage."

Dr. C. D. Barclift, pastor of Hay Street Methodist Church in Fayetteville, will preach the memorial sermon, "To Their Labors We Must Add," at 10:00 a.m.

The Anniversary of the Board of Evangelism will follow with Dr. Harry Denman as the featured speaker. Dr. Denman, known around the world as "Mr. Methodist," is



Dr. Wm. R. Cannon

the General Secretary of the Board of Evangelism in Nashville.

The Rev. Paul Browning of Fairmont, the chairman, will preside and the executive secretary, the Rev. C. Freeman Heath, will introduce Dr. Denman. Mr. Heath's preliminary report gleaned from the district suerintendent's reports will show a gain of slightly over 3,000 in membership.

Dr. Samuel Wiley, executive director of the N. C. Council of Churches, will speak following Dr. Denman.

Speakers from the Boards of Hospitals and Homes and Pensions will be presented on Tuesday afternoon. "The Test of a Religion" si the topic of the Rev. Joseph Coble's address during the Hospitals and Homes emphasis. Three members of the Methodist Retirement Home family, the Rev. W. A. Jenkins, the Rev. E. R. Clegg and Miss Mary Ferree will speak briefly on "Our Thanks for Retirement at Its Best."

Harold Staton of Bethel will present Dr. Edge Gamble and the Rev. Howard Miller of the General Board of Pensions from Evanston, Ill., at 4:00 p.m.

Tuesday evening's session will spotlight the Board of Lay Activities. Roy L. Turn-



Dr. Harry Denman

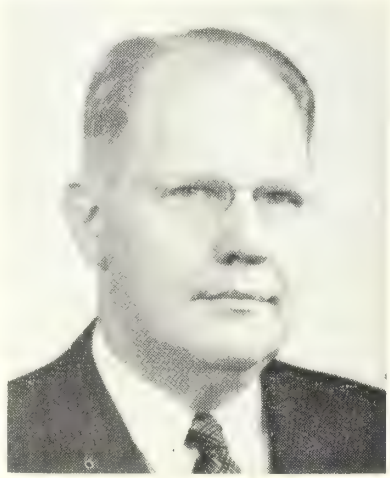
age of Ayden, the Conference Lay Leader, will preside and three prominent laymen of the Conference will speak, Charles McCullers, Dunn; James F. Rogers, Burlington; and Robert Rose of Goldsboro. A tribute to J. Nelson Gibson, Jr. of Gibson, Turner's predecessor, will be present.

Following the TRAFCO report on Wednesday morning, the delegates will hear Dr. Leon M. Adkins, general secretary of the Board of Education in Nashville, Tenn. The Rev. Leon Russell will preside at the 9 a.m. session. Dr. Adkins will speak on the topic, "Christian Education in a New World Context."

Dr. L. Stacy Weaver, president of Methodist College in Fayetteville, will be featured during the report of the Commission on Christian Higher Education. Following Dr. Weaver's address, Bishop T. Otto Nall, episcopal head of the Minnesota Area, will speak during the anniversary of the Historical Society. The Rev. A. F. Fisher of Raliegh, president of the Society, will introduce Bishop Nall.

Miss Betsy Ewing, dean of students at Scarritt College, will be the final speaker of the Wednesday morning session. She speaks during the anniversary of the Deaconess Board.

Bishop Garber will introduce Dr. Albert P. Shirkey, the main speaker of the Wednes-



Dr. Edge Gamble



DR. LEON M. ADKINS

day afternoon session. Dr. Shirkey, pastor of Mount Vernon Place Methodist Church in the nation's capital, will address delegates during the anniversary of the Board of Christian Social Concerns. A citation for distinguished service in the field of Christian Social Concerns will be presented David S. Coltrane of Raleigh by the Rev. C. S. Hubbard of Wilson.

The ordination of deacons and elders and the consecration of ministers and directors of music, directors of Christian Education and deaconesses will follow the Wednesday evening ordination sermon of Bishop James W. Henley. Bishop Henley presides over the Jacksonville, Florida, area and will also assist Bishops Garber and Nall and the district superintendents in the ordination.

At 9:00 p.m. Wednesday night, organizational meetings of the Conference Boards, Commissions and Committees will be called for by Bishop Garber.

The final day's session will open with the traditional Love Feast resided over by the beloved Dr. W. A. Cade of Raleigh. Assisting him will be the Revs. A. L. Thompson, Jack L. Hunter, T. J. Barrett, Vernon Tyson, C. F. Grill and W. B. Petteway. Mrs. Sam Dunn from Enfield will bring greetings from the Woman's Society of Christian Service at 9:00 a.m.

The Town and Country Commission will report to the conference at 9:45 a.m. with the Rev. Key W. Taylor of Carrboro presiding. The commission's secertary, the Rev. Ralph L. Epps of Weldon, will speak on "The Work of the Commission."

Dr. C. Horace Hamilton of Raleigh will be presented a citation for Distinguished Service to Church and State. The Rev. Wade Goldston of Apex will review the book, "Roots, Revival and Religion," by Rev. Key W. Taylor. Fraternal greetings will be brought from the N. C. Conference, CJ, by the Rev. Joseph Bethea of the Reidsville Methodist Church.

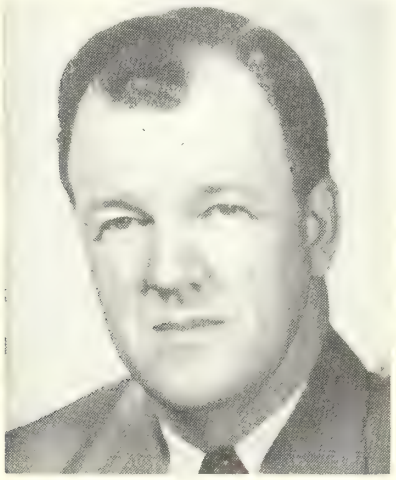
The reading of the appointments by Bishop Garber concludes the business.

All delegates to the conference are reminded of two special Communion services on Tuesday and Wednesday mornings at 7:30 a.m. in the chapel of Front Street Church planned by the conference Commission on Worship. The revised communion service will be used and a copy is available for each minister, according to Dr. J. J. Rudin, chairman of the commission.

The Rev. W. Carleton Wilson of Durham, is the conference secretary; the Rev. D. D. Traynham of Rockingham, conference statistician, and Marvin J. Cowell, Raleigh, the treasurer of the N. C. Annual Conference.



DR. ALBERT P. SHIRKEY



DR. L. STACY WEAVER

Rev. and Mrs. T. A. Plyler, Jr. Honored By Sutton Park

The Rev. and Mrs. T. A. Plyler, Jr., were honored with a surprise buffet luncheon by the congregation of Sutton Park Methodist church, Monroe, at the close of the morning worship service on Sunday, May 31. The occasion was the concluding sermon of Mr. Plyler's pastorate of the church. He was assigned as Sutton Park's first pastor in 1961, prior to its organization, and has served ever since that time, steering the church to steady growth, and through a building program which has seen the erection of the new sanctuary, modern in design and seating approximately 200 persons.

Mrs. Plyler was presented with a beautiful corsage of red roses at the conclusion of the morning service by Mrs. W. Douglas Brooks, President of the Woman's Society of Christian Service, and the luncheon was served in the church dining hall.

Some Articles of Historical Interest

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healthy guesses—that some of the McKnights were in Western North Carolina as early as anyone else, maybe earlier.

McKnight's was a preaching place for at least almost two decades before the conferences. The missionary-minded Moravians were preaching there in 1772. Several times they noted that "Br. Utley" preached there. In August of 1772, for instance: "Br. Utley returned from the Atkin, where he preached last Sunday and visited a number of friends in their homes. On Sunday he preached in German to a large gathering at Elroth's house and then in English at McKnight's house."

In a setting the Moravians described as intensely competitive denominationally the group on Linville Creek became Methodist. The Douthets, at the eastern of the ferry, furnished two early curcuit riders, James Douthet a presiding elder. The name Ellis appears often in early Methodism; whether any of them are connected with the two living next to George McKnight is a moot question. The stroy of the husbands of George McKnight's daughters—and two sons and grandsons to the fifth and sixth generation— is little short of amazing as Methodism spread westward . The real story of McKnight's is to be found with them.

One more complication must be mentioned. At some time the center shifted toward the head of the short creek. By 1816 at least, some day even before the conferences were over, in 1790, Peter Clemmons had established a center there known variously as Clemmonstown, Clemmonsville and just plain Clemmons. In the 1849's it was the real spiritual heir of the movement that had started on the river. It was there that the North Carolina Conference had its first official conference academy—although still co-operating with the Virginia Conference from which it was formed in sponsoring Randolph-Macon College. Some of those tried probing into the McKnight story have looked around Clemmons for its beginnings.

The Cokesbury school across the river is another story. It is as hazy almost as that of the McKnight's. Part of its story is that Jonesville, further up the Yadkin, is its spiritual heir. There was here an academy, earlier than Clemmonsville, and competing with it for Methodist support. It was founded by the same men who had been prominent in Cokesbury.

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Written in Church

O, why do people come to church more than
they've done before?
The church is full before eleven—more are
at the door;
The ushers are so busily in search of empty
seats;
And, finding two, a happy man with smiles
a couple meets;
And when in comfort they are seated, no
more seats are found,
But many people in the rear remain—and
stand around.

Yes, why do they still come to church in
this enlightened day?
Why doesn't atheistic scoffing keep the folks
away?
Why doesn't modern learning teach the
people "better things?"
Why is there such appeal to people when
the church bell rings?
Well, there is just one answer: Up to church
the people go,
For they believe in God, and more of Him
they want to know.

—ERNEST C. DURHAM

Raleigh.

List of Appointments for Western N. C. Conference 1964-65

ALBEMARLE DISTRICT

District Superintendent—W. Jackson Huneycutt
Albemarle: Central—W. Harold Groce
Associate—R. Jerry Faulkner
First Street—Harold C. Austin
Main Street—George H. Needham
Parkway-Pine Grove—Charles F. Martin
Tabernacle—Moir W. Edwards
Albemarle Circuit—James R. Faggart
Ansonville—John A. Petty
Badin—George E. Auman
Bethany—Robert Clinard
Bethel-Palestine—F. R. Davis
Bethesda—B. L. Baucom
Bethlehem—Fred A. Hill
Camp Ground—John F. Edwards
Friendship—J. G. Allred
Hebron—Heywood B. Hiatt
Indian Trail-Stallings—A. B. Bruton
Lilesville—J. G. Highfill
Locust-Oakboro—I. L. Sharpe
Marshville—Raymond L. Wilkinson
Mineral Springs—J. K. Outlaw
Monroe: Central—Harley M. Williams
Associate—T. A. Plyler, Jr.
Memorial-Benton Heights—A. G. Perkins
Rolling Hills—R. L. Poindexter
Morven—Norman Beck
New Hope (Union County)—Hugh D. Sims
New Hope-Bethel—A. D. DeBettencourt
New London—James L. McClesky
Norwood: First—Glenn R. McCulley
Norwood Circuit—Fred H. Shinn
Peachland—Warren Hawks
Polkton—Frank Wooten
Prospect—Curtis L. Sides
Richfield-New Mt. Tabor—Ben H. Ziglar
Salem—Luther H. Lawing, Jr.
Stanfield—R. E. Sides
Unionville—C. J. Winslow
Wade—Marion M. Swann
Wadesboro: First—Harley Dickson
Waxhaw—E. M. Jones
Weddington—B. T. Myers
Wesley Chapel—William H. Faggart
Wingate-Sutton Park—Harlan L. Creech III

ASHEVILLE DISTRICT

District Superintendent—Embree H. Blackard
Acton—W. B. Penny
Asheville: Abernethy—R. T. Houts, Jr.
Associate—Anthony A. Adams
Asbury Memorial—Kenneth M. Johnson
Bethesda—H. W. Brittain
Biltmore—M. V. Thumm
Central—Walter J. Miller
Associate—Robert Combs
Elkwood—D. P. Grant
Emma-Green Memorial—J. Holt Madison
French Broad—C. W. Sartin
Associate—A. B. Dennis
Groce—F. W. Kiker
Haywood Street—John S. Jordan
Associate—Thomas M. Mason
Oakley—J. M. G. Warner
St. Paul—H. Glenn Lanier
Trinity—Horace E. Bolick
Associate—Orba L. Smith
Avery's Creek-Sardis—E. R. Lanier
Azalea Circuit—Frank D. Badlock
Bald Creek—Thomas W. Weeks
Associate—Gordon E. Keeler
Barnardsville—Enock Ball
Bell—Alvin A. Wilson
Bethany Fellowship—Jerry King
Bethel—Charles Vernon Hall
Black Mountain—James B. McLarty
Brevard: First—Brunson Wallace
St. Timothy—Joseph Reeves
Burnsville—R. F. Hilliard
Dana-Upward—Ray Johnson
East Flat Rock—W. A. Kerr, Jr.
Edneyville—Paul M. Hart
Etowah-Cummings Memorial—Joe S. Johnson
Fiarview—Rabert M. Harris
Fanning's Chapel—A. Jack Waldrep
Fletcher—Robert E. Early
Francis Asbury—D. Bryce Parker
Hendersonville: Balfour—Budd Ellington, Jr.
First—Abram J. Cox
Hot Springs—Harry Russell Sellers, Jr.
Laurel Hill-Davis Chapel-Brown's View—Leslie F. Ditchfield
Leicester—R. Bennett Bullard, Jr.
Marshall—William Claude Clark
Mars Hill—Durwood Hollar
Associate—Lo Jo Underhill
Mills River—George H. Winecoff
Montmorenci—June P. Greene
Associate—C. M. White
Newdale—Thomas E. Rutledge, Jr.
Oak Hill—Richard Jarrett
Oteen—E. Vaudry Williams
Piney-Mt. Pisgah—Orin Edmonds
Pleasant Hill—John M. Burton
Reeves' Chapel—A. Wade Thompson
Riverview—Roy T. Houts, Sr.
Associate—Mrs. Roy T. Houts
Rosman—Zeno Wright
Salem—John Wesley Cole
Saluda—O. L. Robinson
Sandy—E. H. Goode
Skyland—R. T. Young
Snow Hill—W. S. Smith
Swannanoa—Douglas R. Beard, Jr.
Tryon-Columbus—Frank B. Cook
Weaverville—L. B. Laye
Weaverville Circuit—Sid Barnes

CHARLOTTE DISTRICT

District Superintendent—Charles P. Bowles
Asbury-Huntersville—Zane G. Norton
Blair Road—Rebert B. Forward, Jr.
Aldersgate—Cecil K. Myrick
Belmont Park—C. C. Washam
Big Spring—W. E. Fitzgerald
Calvary—C. Jerome Huneycutt
Central Avenue—John A. Lowder
Chadwick—Fletcher E. Howard
Christ—Rebert W. Walters
Cokesbury—R. E. Kaylor
Cole Memorial—E. H. Lowman
Commonwealth—A. L. Maxwell, Jr.
Dilworth—Thomas B. Stockton, Jr.
Associate—L. F. Strader
Duncan Memorial—A. A. Kyles
Enworth Lane—Luther M. Taylor
First—Phillip L. Shore, Jr.
Associate—W. T. Ratchford
Associate—Parks D'Armond Hunter, Jr.
Gillespie—Dewey Bailey
Grace—W. C. Leonard
Hawthorne Lane—Robert H. Stamey
Associate—Ed. L. Moore
Hickory Grove—J. Bernard Hurley
Kilgo—Kenneth D. Crouse
Memorial—W. R. Brantley
Monroe—O. Dewey Smith
Myers Park—J. Clay Madison
Associate—W. B. Bobbitt, Jr.
Oak Grove—L. L. Vuncannon
Plaza—F. Donald Beaty
Pleasant Grove—Ernest D. Page
Providence—Dwight B. Mullis
Purcell—Charles Reichard
St. Andrews—Robert J. Ralls
St. James—Leroy A. Scott
St. John's—C. Marvin Boggs
St. Luke—John L. McWhorter
St. Marks—William C. Crowell
St. Paul—James H. Coleman
Spencer Memorial—W. David Argo
Steeleberry-Faith—Thurston St. Clair
Tuckaseegee Road—Robert W. Little
Wesley Heights—Harold R. Simpson
Davidson—Paul D. Lowder
Fair View—C. Milton Young
Harrison-Marvin—Ernest U. Stephens
Homestead—J. D. Harris
Lowesville-Gill's Chapel—V. A. Morton
Matthews—D. W. Charlton, Jr.
Moore's Chapel—James B. Thomas, Jr.
Mount Holly: Aldersgate—James Roberts
First—Aubert M. Smith
Mount Zion—Don G. Bridger
New-Salem-Field—R. J. Essary
Pineville—John P. Spillman, Jr.
Riverbend-Snow Hill—O. L. Hancock, Jr.
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Associate—Robert L. Carter
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Proximity—Phillip H. Gibbs
St. John's—T. H. Swofford, Jr.
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Trinity—Roy C. Putnam
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West Market Street—Wilson O. Weldon
Associate—L. Don Ellis
Associate—Robert L. Moore
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Lee's Chapel—T. D. Adams
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Rehobeth—James A. Northington
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Woodmont—Larry D. Wilkinson
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Ruffin—Mark Wimmer
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Grace-New Union—William H. Dingus
West Bend—Ron L. Hall
West Chapel-West Side—Joe Petree
Bethany-Gray's Chapel—George Carver
Bunker Hill-Sandy Ridge—B. V. Hunter
Burnett's Chapel-St. Timothy—T. E. Strickland
Cedar-Central Falls—Joe Bill Davis
Coleridge—Joe A. Law
Fairfield—Henry S. Carter

Fairview—Charles B. Walker
Franklinville—Wade Bustle
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Associate—Lee Roy Hunt
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MARION DISTRICT

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Alexander—T. B. Huneycutt
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Burke-McDowell—Bennie Walters
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Cliffside—Doyle F. Freeman
Connelly Springs—Charles Finnay
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Forest City: First—M. Teague Hipps
Pleasant Grove—C. B. Barr, Jr.
Friendship-Shady Grove—Kyle N. Smith
Gilkey—William R. Ormond
Glen Alpne—Earl K. Gibson
Hildebran—G. B. Tomlinson
Marion: Clinchfield—W. Stanley Baker
Cross Mill—John Kincaid
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First—Donald Payne
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Marion Circuit—Charles McKinney
Mill Spring—Collins Benfield
Morganton: First—Earl H. Brendall
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Salem—J. R. Morris
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Morganton Circuit—Larry Bumgarner
Mount Harmony—G. C. Gregory
Mount Hebron—William Lee
Nebo-Pleasant Hill—Carl W. Dennis
Oak Grove-Salem—W. C. Sides
Oak Hill—Neil Smith
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Deerfield—Joseph C. McMurry
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Elkin Circuit—Wayne W. Woodward
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Helton—E. F. Kale
Hiddenite—McRae Crawford
Jefferson—John H. Christy, Jr.
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Linville Falls—Philip E. Nordstrom
Miller's Creek—R. L. Clayton, Jr.
Moravian Falls—W. Ralph Surratt
Mount Bethel—Wade W. Benson
Mountain Park-Grassy Creek—Dewey Griffith
Nathan'c Creek—Arelin Freshour
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St. Paul's—S. E. White
Sparta—Roger Pearson
Stony Point—Kenneth A. Horn
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China Grove: First—Malcolm C. Reese
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Cold Springs—Giles O. Bowman
Concord: Ann Street—C. Moody Smith
Center—Gary H. Brown
Central—Roy E. Bell
Epworth—G. H. Allred
Forest Hill—J. Alton Fitzgerald
Harmony—John E. Hawkins
Kerr Street—W. A. Rock, Jr.
Westford—C. C. Phillips
Elmwood—W. W. Pryor
Friendship—Earl A. Cook
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Harrisburg—Billy Baker
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Memorial—I. M. Brindle
Midway—Frank Edwards
Mount Mitchell—Dorris P. Smotherman
North—Kenneth R. Moore
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Trinity—J. W. Braxton
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Roberta—Joseph C. Daniels
Rock Grove—T. P. Starnes, Jr.
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Rocky Ridge—Sidney Head
Rowan—Stanley C. Gibson
Salisbury: Coburn Memorial—Walter R. Kelly
First—Harlan L. Creech, Jr.
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Woodleaf—Frank J. Stough
Associate—Mrs. Frank J. Stough

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Chapel Hill-Christ—Thomas A. Summey, Jr.
Claremont: Bethlehem—Robert Oakley
Collier—Joseph E. Green
Concord-Hopewell—William C. Cockman
Conover: First—Russell N. Burson
Cool Springs—J. Herman Billings
Ebenezer—Otho B. Isenhour
Fairgrove—Charles E. Bruce
Friendship—John S. Oakley
Grace Chapel—F. A. Wright
Granite Falls: First—Ray F. Swink
Harmony—W. B. Benfield
Harper's—G. L. Lovett
Hickory: Bethel—Earl C. Black, Jr.
First—Robert G. Tuttle
Associate—J. Edwin Carter
Highlands—Barrett Wilson
St. Luke's—Jacob B. Golden
West View—Oscar L. Easter
Hudson—Clegg W. Avett
Lenoir: First—John H. Carper
Associate—W. L. Harkey
South-Mt. Olivet—William E. Walker
Whitnel—R. Harold Strader
Littlejohn-Gamewell—M. C. Ellerbe
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McKendree-Rocky Mount—L. W. Templeton
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Monticello—Bryson C. Sweezy
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Broad Street—L. E. Mabry
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Newton: Abernethy Memorial—Leo Pittard
First—Paul W. Townsend
Plateau-Wesley Chapel—J. W. Crawley
Rhodhiss—Wayne Hoyle
Rose Chapel—J. C. Gilland
Shiloh (Catawba County)—R. Dale Hilton
Shiloh-Wesley Chapel—John W. Kale
Statesville: Boulevard—C. F. Womble
Broad Street—Walter Lee Lanier
Race Street—John K. Miller
Wesley Memorial—George Rudisill
Terrell—Ray S. Cody
Triplett—Dwight W. Mashburn
Troutman—G. G. Adams, Jr.
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Vanderburg—Homer A. Barker
Williamson Chapel—Thomas R. Sigmon

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Cid—Forrest Church
Cooleemee—Joe T. Melton
Davidson—Donald K. Funderburk
Davie—Robie B. Evans
Denton: Central—R. P. Bunch
Denton Circuit—G. Roland Mullinix
Dulins—Brown T. McKinney
Elbaton—Billy Weldon Clinard
Eldorado—James P. Clodfelter
Farmer—C. Bryce Smith
Farmington—Bennie B. Bearden
Good Hope-Arcadia—James S. White
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Hopewell—M. W. Heckard, Jr.
Lexington: Erlanger—R. L. Witty, Jr.
First—Julian A. Lindsey
Trinity—Fred R. Love
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Liberty-Concord—William R. Frost
Linwood-Tyro—Arthur J. Pearce
Midway—Sam B. Moss
Mocksville: First—Gilbert Miller
Mocksville Circuit—Carl A. Lain
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New Mt. Vernon—William C. Crummett
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Canton: Central—John Hamilton
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Haywood Memorial—Thomas P. Dean
Cashiers—Paul W. Matthias
Cherokee—John Strond
Clyde: Central—Fred Barber
Crabtree—Luther McPherson
Cullowhee—Avery A. Ferguson
Associate—Aubrey L. Brown
Dellwood—Robert G. Russell, Jr.
Faith-Francis Cove—Leon Larkin
Fines Creek—Finley Orr
Associate—W. H. Pless
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Franklin Circuit—Mark S. Rose
Hayesville: First—George W. Dalton
Hayesville Circuit—C. W. Faulkner
Haywood Circuit—J. C. Lane
Highlands—Vance Davis
Long's Chapel—James Bellamy
Macon Circuit—C. Garland Young
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Murphy Circuit—Edward Lee
Associate—C. A. Smith
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Pigeon Valley—Harry Queen
Plains—Merrill G. Perkins
Robbinsville—Henry A. Justice
Rockwood—Parker B. Holloway
Shady Grove—Roxson White
Shooting Creek—Elsworth Hartsfield
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Sylva Circuit—William D. Clodfelter
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Whittier—V. N. Allen

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Danbury—Tabor H. Wood
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Forsyth-Stokes—Cletus Pope
Germanton-Hickory Ridge—Thomas J. Howard
Associate—H. W. Hudspeth
Associate—Edwin W. Williams, Jr.
Kernersville: Cherry St.-Pne Grove—William T. Forbis

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Wharton Trinity Church Ends Successful Series of Services

The World Service year closed May 31 at the Wharton Trinity Methodist Church near Washington after a successful series of services. The World Service is the foundation of the Methodist program of benevolences.

Family Week was observed at Wharton Trinity last week. The May 3 Sunday service was marked by the young people having the morning devotional for the church school. John Leggett of the Senior class led the thought of teaching together in home and church.

The Rev. Nelson Fulford delivered the 11 o'clock morning message of "Family Communion with God." The Communion service brought adjournment for family worship until Monday evening when the women of the church met.

The Woman's study was from "Evelyn Underhill's writings on 'Growing Toward Christian Perfection.'" Mrs. D. Lester Latham led the study. Two members, Mrs. Robert Brown and Mrs. Latham attended the Spiritual Life retreat at Louisburg College on June 3.

Wednesday evening the pastor led the church families into the study of chapter 13 of Hebrews, stressing family and brotherly love.

Thursday evening the pastor met with the Commissions of Christian Social Concerns and Christian Vocations.

Friday evening was the children's activities. Mrs. Guilford Leggett has been leading the children and parents in understanding the purpose: To emphasize responsibilities of the church for Christian nurture of children.

Sunday evening the MYFers presented a Mother's Day program, and the offering went to the Methodist Retirement Home. A film strip was shown and a covered dish supper enjoyed. This closed the week's Family Life Church activities.

Wharton WSCS Holds Meeting

Mrs. Brown Boyd called the 38th annual meeting of the Woman's Society of Christian Service of Trinity Methodist Church, Wharton, to order Monday evening.

Mrs. D. Lester Latham brought the meditation, "Christianity Today Leading from the Sea of Galilee." Miss Andria Cratch sang "Jesus Called the Rugged Fishers."

Voices of givers to the sea of givers were heard: Mrs. Harvey Dixon, Sr. as a mission nurse; Mrs. Robert Griffin, an African woman; Mrs. Guilford Leggett, a woman of Sarawak; and Mrs. Nelson Fulford, spoke as a city slum churchwoman. Others joined in forming a circle with golden cord and cross. Each spoke briefly on activities during the past year.

Mrs. Josephus Leggett presented an Adult Life membership for the society to a member, Mrs. Guilford Leggett. This is always a highlight of the annual meeting.

Members laid their gifts and new pledges upon the altar, kneeling for prayer. Guests for the annual meeting were the past pastor, Rev. Nelson Fulford, D. Lester Latham, church lay leader, H. C. Harrison, church school superintendent, and Miss Andria Cratch, soloist.



Plateau Church Dedicates New Education Building

The new education building of Plateau Methodist Church, Route 1, Newton, was dedicated on Sunday, May 31. The Rev. Cecil G. Hefner, Statesville District Superintendent, was the principal speaker, assisted by the pastor, Rev. James W. Crawley.

The church was filled to overflowing with members, friends, former members and former pastors, who had come to help celebrate the great day. Corsages were pinned on the wives of all pastors in attendance: Mrs. Cecil G. Hefner, Mrs. J. W. Crawley, Mrs. Ernest Stevens, Mrs. W. H. Benfield, Mrs. Carl Dennis, Mrs. M. A. Beard (widow of Rev. C. A. Morrison), Mrs. G. L. Wilkinson.

Following the dedication service, a fellowship luncheon was held on the church grounds. This was followed by a special service of recognition of all guests and visitors. Former pastors who participated in this part of the service were: Rev. Carl Dennis, Rev. G. L. Wilkinson, Rev. W. H. Benfield, and Rev. Ernest Stephens. Letters of congratulations and best wishes from former pastors unable to attend were read. Open house completed a happy day for the congregation.

Plateau church was originally on the South Fork Charge, Gastonia District, and was a part of eight churches served by one pastor. Other churches on the charge were: Bethel, Crowell Memorial, Ebenezer, Palm Tree, Russell's Chapel (Reepsville), Zion, and Wesley's Chapel. The first change came when Palm Tree and Zion were placed in another district. Then Russell's Chapel was changed to another charge. Bethel and Crowell Memorial then joined in a two-station set-up. This left Ebenezer, Plateau and Wesley's Chapel. Ebenezer is now a one-church station and Plateau and Wesley's Chapel are still on the same charge.

In 1940, Leford's Grove Church, then in the M. E. Church, North, was merged with Plateau Church, following the merging of the Methodist Church, North and South.

The first WSCS was organized at Plateau in 1927.

Early in November, 1961, the groundbreaking was conducted for the new education building, with the following persons participating: the Rev. Ernest Stephens, Dr. J. Elwood Carroll, Guy Scronce, Edwin Scronce, Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Powell, Miss Dale Raney and Marshall Johnson.

The new education building has nine classrooms, rest rooms and all modern furniture. Tom Hutchins of Statesville was the architect for the building, and Seth Lumber Company of Lincolnton was awarded the contract for the building.

Members of the building committee were: Jim Wood, chairman; Kenneth Powell, Marshall Johnson, Edwin Scronce and J. C. Scronce, Jr.



Announce Baker Awards

The Board of Education of The Methodist Church has chosen five persons to receive the Baker awards of $1,000 each for graduate study during the 1964-65 school year. The purpose of the awards is to train persons for professional leadership in Wesley Foundations.

Recipients of this year's awards will be Miss Helen G. Crotwell, Rock Hill, S. C.; the Rev. Kenneth S. Gosselin, Fort Worth, Texas; the Rev. Theodore C. Linn, Fairfield, N. J.; the Rev. David J. Palmer, Terre Haute, Ind.; and the Rev. Robert N. Peters, Mountlake Terrace, Wash.

The awards are given annually in honor of retired Methodist Bishop James C. Baker, Claremont, Calif. In 1913 he organized, at the University of Illinois, the first Wesley Foundation.

Funds for the awards come from contributions made each year on Methodist Student Day, observed in churches of the denomination. The awards are part of the National Methodist Scholarship program.

Announcement of the awards was made by the Rev. Dr. John O. Gross, Nashville, general secretary of the Division of Higher Education of the Methodist Board of Education.

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CHILDREN'S PAGE

By Mary Gardner

A Carol Choir Goes Visiting

The beautiful sunny Sunday of May , 1964, about 12:30 p.m., a Trailways s, loaded with children, our choir ·ector, Mr. Marvin Burke, and four ıer adults, rolled away from Edenton reet Methodist Church headed tri-ıphantly toward Charlotte. This group children was made up of the Carol ıoir of the church.

On the way toward Charlotte, we ›pped at the Myrtle Underwood hool to have our polio immunization gar. After this everyone was loaded ıto the bus and we were off for Myers ırk Baptist Church in Charlotte.

We had a very safe, leisurely, and ling trip to Charlotte. We ate lunch ı the way toward our destination, at hich we arrived about 3:30.

We had a little time before rehearsal take a tour of the church which is ·ry new and beautiful.

At five o'clock there was a service at hich the Myers Park Baptist and the denton Street Methodist Church Carol hoirs sang together in an inspiring orship in music.

The service was over and after a elicious meal at the host church, and ith a last farewell, we were off, headed ack toward Raleigh. When we were) minutes along the way the bus broke own, but in about another ten min-te another bus had arrived, we were aded, and on our way again.

Finally, at 10:30 we arrived safely nd soundly at Edenton Street Church, : was a pack of sleepy, excited chil-ren that got off the bus, greeted their arents and rode quietly toward their omes and beds.

The trip was a very inspiring spirit-al fellowship for all who attended.

Mary Leta Preston
Age 12.

A Deed of Kindness

A boy of 18 left his country home in Kentucky to travel to the nearest city o look for work. It was his first venture ıto the great world to search for fame nd fortune.

To save expenses, he traveled 20 miles n foot to the nearest town on the stage-oach line, carrying his clothes in a arpet bag, and spent the night at the ın, helping the inn-keeper, to pay for is supper and breakfast.

His fare took the last dollar from his purse, but that was not disturbing; and it was with a feeling of exaltation that he stowed away his bag and swung himself up to the seat beside the driver of the stage-coach.

The driver had gathered up his reins when a woman, with a shabby bonnet and shawl, rushed up to the coach and begged a seat.

"Can't take you this time, madam," the driver refused civilly. "Every seat is taken. There isn't room to squeeze in a cat."

"But I must go! I must!" begged the woman, tears choking her voice. "I have word that my son is terribly sick, and he's alone in the city, and he'll die! And he's all I have."

The driver got down and looked inside the coach. He shook his head as he slowly climbed back to his seat. As he had said, there was no room.

The boy could not bear the tragic despair of the woman's worn face. With a bound he was on the ground beside her, rescued his bag, and thrusting his ticket into her toil-roughened fingers, helped her to his seat. Not a word was spoken, the driver cracked his long whip; the coach rolled away in a cloud of dust, leaving the boy standing alone in the road.

He was turning away, bag in hand, whisling to keep up his courage, when a man who had witnessed the little transaction from the walk stepped up and accosted him. He soon learned the facts in the case, and after studying the boy's face, thoughtfully said:

"Young man, how would you like to study law?"

"Like it? Of course I'd like it," declared the boy, for that was one of his dreams for the future.

"Then you come into my office,'" decided the man. "I think we'll suit each other."

That was the beginning. The boy recognized his opportunity when it came to him and made the most of it. Later in life he became a successful lawyer in that city to which he did not travel as a boy; served two terms in the United States Senate, and was elected governor of his state..

Now I don't mean to say that every boy whose actions are ruled by compassion and kindness will meet with the prompt appreciation and help that came to this country boy; but courtesy and kindness are great factors in a successful life, and often pay larger dividends than we know.—Agnes Burden, Dustin in Kind Words.

A Prayer

O God, help me to be the person I want to be:

Help me to play fair, not just in games, but in everything I do, and in everything I say about other people.

Help me to see that other people are treated in the right way, that they are given a chance to do even the things that they aren't good at.

Help me to think about how others feel when things go wrong, and when they are left out or disappointed. And help me to try to show them that I care about how they feel.

Help me not to stay angry at other people, even when they have been unfair or mean.

Give me courage to say what I think is right and fair. Give me strength to forgive those who don't listen to what I say.

O God, help me to be the person I want to be. In Jesus name I pray. Amen.

BIBLE QUIZ

1—Who spoke about making His Father's house a house of merchandise?
2—In what parable does it say, "I tell you, this man went down to his house justified rather than the other?
3—What king burned his palace and died in the fire?
4—When the Philistines captured the ark, they took it to "the house of Dagon." What was that?
5—In whose house was Jesus very much at home?

Answers to Last Week's Questions

1—The church
2—John 14:2
3—The Tenth Commandment (Exodus 20: 17)
4—One was built upon the rock, one upon the sand. (Matthew 7:24-27)
5—Rahab (Joshua 2:15)

Just For Fun

Four-year-old Tommy was fascinated with airplanes and rushed outside and watched every time he heard one. He gazed until the plane became a tiny speck in the distance.

When he had his first ride he was bug-eyed with excitement. About 10 minutes after they were airborne, he asked his mother anxiously, "When do we start getting smaller?"

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Greg, 4, has recently been introduced to Sunday School and, in a sense, to God.

He came home amazed that his teacher had told him God is everywhere.

Later in the week, his mother noticed him tiptoeing about in the yard, and inquired about his action.

"Mama, I'm trying not to step on God," he explained, a bit exasperated.

Woman's Activities

What It Means To Belong To The WSCS

Mrs. E. K. McLarty

Sometimes we get so involved in money-making projects, reports, getting officers and keeping them in office, that our vision becomes a bit clouded. We can't see the most important points of the work we are supposed to be doing.

Part of a statement or two in the portion of our program book devoted to the Christian woman has some very pertinent sentences. We take the liberty of condensing a bit and quoting directly from the general program on page 132.

We belong to a group with a special mission born in the heart of God. There is a special mission for our day and age. It is different from that in other ages and so we must find new patterns of obedience to Christ.

We belong to a group that has a special obligation toward personal education—a continuing study program to increase our personal knowledge of God, Christ, and His Church. And then a special obligation to follow what we learn with suitable action.

We belong to a group that is helping us to live as a citizen of the world, as a member of God's family. Our thoughts are big, and our concern covers the whole wide world!

If we think deeply about the WSCS we shall see it as a threefold fellowship:

It is a fellowship of believers: believing in God; believing that men may be like God; believing in themselves as workers with God.

It is a fellowship of learning and worship. "Study to show thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth."

It is a fellowship of achievement—of striving and of accomplishment. It is full to the brim with the intent to make the "kingdoms of this world become the kingdoms of our Lord, and of His Christ; and He shall reign for ever and ever." Amen.

Theme Hymn for the Annual Meeting

Since the theme hymn is chosen carefully to give the spirit of the thought stressed in the conference sessions, we are quoting the three stanzas so that all may read and re-read it to gain the full portent of the words before we sing them together. So often we sing without thinking!

Draw Thou my soul, O Christ, closer to Thine;
Breathe into every wish Thy will divine!
Raise my low self above, Won by Thy deathless love;
Ever, O Christ, through mine Let Thy life shine.

Lead forth my soul, O Christ, One with Thine Own,
Joyful to follow Thee Through paths unknown!
In Thee my strength renew; Give me my work to do!
Through me Thy truth be shown, Thy love made known.

Not for myself alone May my prayer be;
Lift Thou Thy world, O Christ, Closer to Thee!
Cleanse it from guilt and wrong; Teach it salvation's song,
Till earth, as heaven, fulfill God's holy will.

Methodist Hymnal No. 297

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N. C. Conference

Mrs. H. W. Doub

Southeastern School of Missions

Lake Junaluska, N. C. — The annual School of Missions and Christian Service of the Woman's Society of Christian Service and the Wesleyan Service Guild of the Southeastern Jurisdiction of The Methodist Church will be held here June 25 to July 1.

Methodist women leaders from nine southeastern states will attend the school at this Methodist assembly's Lambuth Inn.

Classes and instructors will be as follows: "The Church's Mission Among New Nations"—Dr. David Graybeal, director of field work for the Theological School, Drew University, Madison, N. J., and Mrs. Junior Avers, Bradenton, Fla., lecturer and teacher; "Spanish Americans"—Rev. Edwin Tewksbury, Nashville, staff, Methodist Interboard Committee on Missionary Education; Dr. Allen Claxton, pastor, Broadway Temple-Washington Heights Methodist Church, New York City; "The United States' Responsibility in the World of New Nations"—Miss Thelma Stevens, New York City, staff, Methodist Woman's Division of Christian Service, and Herman Will, Washington, D. C., top executive of Division of Peace and World Order, Methodist Board of Christian Social Concer

A daily Bible hour will be led by Charles W. Baughman, associate profes of Old Testament, St. Paul School of Theology, Kansas City Mo. He will disc "Genesis: Beginnings of the Biblical Dram

Methodist Bishop James W. Henl Jacksonville, Fla., will lead worship se ices at 11 a.m. and 8 p.m. Sunday, June

Theme of the school will be "That all m have the Spirit of His love."

The school also will have clinics a other features.

Among other speakers and resource p sons will be Miss Cleo Barber, deacone Tampa Methodist Settlements; Dr. Richa Bauer, Nashville, executive secreta Methodist Interboard Committee on Chr tian Vocations; Mrs. Porter Broan, Ne York City, general secretary, Woman's vision of Christian Service; Miss Miria Brattain, Miss Barbara Campbell, M Helen Johnson, and Mrs. Robert L. Owe all of the Womans Division staff; M Howard Weems, Sebring, Fla., a memb of the Woman's Division; Miss Jean Flood, deaconess, Harlan, Ky.; Miss Ma Finch, deaconess, Richmond, Va.; Mi Elizabeth Fairbanks, missionary, India; Mi Elizabeth Howell, missionary, Japan; Mi Lorena Kelley, missionary on leave; Mi M. Louise Killingsworth, missionary leave; Miss Cynthia Malloy, associate pr fessor, School of Nursing, Emory Universit Rev. L. Doyle Masters, Smyrna, Tenn Tennessee Conference chairman, Christi vocations; Rev. Paul Schrading, directo Wesley Foundation at Pittsburgh; and Mi Agnes Shaw, India—"Team of Ten."

Mrs. Frank A. Calhoun, Murfreesbor Tenn., is chairman of the school. She secretary of missionary education for t Southeastern Jurisdiction Woman's Societ

Mrs. A. C. Johnson, Bowling Green, Ky is the dean and Mrs. S. M. Harmon, Men phis, Tenn., registrar.

Wilmington Sub-District Meetings

The four sub-districts of the Woman Society of Christian Service, Wilmingto district, have completed semi-annual mee ings.

The Brunswick sub-district met at Ocea View Methodist Church at Long Beach.

Bladen WSCS members met at historic Carvers Creek Church with Mrs. J. C Thomas presiding. The Rev. Travis Owe pastor, led the devotional. Mrs. Roy Sha of the Bluefield Church was elected sub district leader and Mrs. W. B. Williams Clarkton was named secretary.

Mrs. Hilda Harley of Chadbourn wa elected sub-district leader of the Columbu County group when it met at Fair Blu Church. Others elected were Mrs. D. E Reed of Chadbourn, first vice-president Mrs. Fannie Sessions, Peace Methodis Church, recording secretary. The Rev. Le Phillips led the devotion.

Bethesda Methodist Church was host t the Robeson sub-district. Mrs. John B. Pate leader, presided. The Rev. Paul Bunn, pas tor, led the devotion and music was render ed by Mrs. Lee Phillips.

Ladies of Carrolls Chapel Methodis Church, Snead's Ferry, served a deliciou

Bus Reservations to Camp

Reservations are being accepted on busses to and from *Camp Tekoa* and *Lake Junaluska* for summer assemblies. Special busses will leave from designated churches in Greensboro, High Point, Thomasville, Lexington and Salisbury. Delegates from adjoining districts may also secure reservations. For details contact: L. F. MOORE, c/o L. F. MOORE BROS. TRANSPORTATION CO., 740 W. Broad St., High Point, N. C. Phone 888-7215 (day) or 883-6440 (night).

ood platter to members of the New Han-
r sub-district.

Mrs. L. J. Morris of Trinity Methodist
urch, Wilmington, was elected sub-dis-
t leader of the New Hanover sub-dis-
t. Mrs. J. A. Thompson of Grace
urch, Wilmington, was elected vice
irman and Mrs. C. H. Atanton of Wes-
Memorial, Wilmington, was elected
retary. The Rev. H. L. Pickett, pastor,
e the devotion.

Mrs. Albert Goldfinch of Tabor City,
sident of the Wilmington district, held
officers workshop at each meeting and
s. James Murdock, district treasurer,
ducted a pledge service asking for an
rease in giving. She also stated that
st of the societies had increased pledges
1964-65.

MRS. L. S. THOMPSON

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Appointments

(Continued from page 9)

Main Street—J. S. Gibbs, Jr.
g—Joe C. Smith
el Cross—D. L. Fisher
visville—James T. Ingram
unt Airy: Central—Frank C. Smathers
Franklin Heights—J. Dwight Cartner
Rockford Street—John T. Frazier, Jr.
alem—Paul R. Taylor
unt Airy Circuit—Alberto Rodriguez
unt Pleasant-Tabernacle—O. E. Merritt
w Hope Circuit—Wallace E. Ryals
k Grove and Director of Greater Mount Airy
Parish—C. W. Randolph
ot Mountain—H. I. Ridenhour
e Grove-Clemmons—D. E. Rollins
nacle—Arthur R. Livengood
ral Hall—E. A. Lamb
lge Garden—H. Claude Young, Jr.
loh-Olivet—Dewey M. Morrison
als—Clay Manning
ithtown—Robert M. Smith, Jr.
kesburg-Pine Hall—E. F. Pepper, Jr.
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ry Circuit—Ross Francisco
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Morris Chapel—R. W. McCulley
st Forsyth—E. O. Temple, Jr.
nston-Salem: Ardmore—Eugene C. Few
Burkhead—L. P. Barnett
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Associate—Gene Little
Associate—John Parks Todd, Jr.
Minister of Education—Fred H. Kight
Central Terrace—W. R. Thompson
Children's Home—A. L. Chamblee, Jr.
Crews—Harold F. Schramm
Green Street—E. Paul Hamilton
Hanes-Bethel—W. F. Heffner
Hiatt Memorial-Grace—Gayle Ford
Konnoak Hills—Walter O. Cooper
Maple Springs—Jerry D. Murray
Marvin—Joe M. Taylor, Jr.
Mount Carmel—Paul Cassell
Mount Pleasant—G. F. Houck
Mount Tabor—A. C. Waggoner
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Oak Summit—John H. Barnes
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SILER CITY, NORTH CAROLINA



Rev. and Mrs. Carl F. Tate celebrated their Golden Wedding Anniversary June 7, 1964. They have two sons, one daughter, also a daughter deceased, six grandchildren and one great granddaughter. Rev. Mr. Tate has been a member of the Western North Carolina Conference since November 1921 and is now retired. He has had a wonderful ministry. The reception was sponsored by the WSCS of Oak Grove Methodist Church, Ellenboro, N. C.

Calls for AMU Support

For the third successive quadrennium, the Alaska Methodist University in Anchorage has been given the unanimous endorsement of the General Conference as a home missions project deserving of the financial support of every local Methodist Church.

The 1964 General Conference at Pittsburgh, Pa., following the example of the General Conferences of 1956 and 1960, asked for Methodist congregations to support AMU through Advance Specials of the National Division of the Board of Missions. The resolution commending AMU was adopted by the General Conference on recommendation of the Rev. Dr. R. Marvin Stuart, pastor of the First Methodist Church of Palo Alto, Calif., and a delegate from the California-Nevada Conference.

Bishop Thomas Coke: Sesquicentennial Year

Bishop Thomas Coke, early Methodist leader, passed from the earthly scene on May 3, 1814—150 years ago—on a missionary journey to Ceylon. What highlights and achievements might a one-minute biography contain?

Coke was born on October 9, 1747 at Brecon in South Wales. At 16, he attended Jesus College, Oxford, and took his Bachelor of Arts degree in 1768, his Master of Arts degree in 1770 and was awarded the Doctor of Civil Law degree in 1775. He was ordained an Angelican priest in 1772.

He soon came, however, to cast his lot with the Methodists, being accepted by Wesley into the Connection in 1777. He soon presided over the Irish Conference, with which he was closely affiliated for his remaining years. He became, in effect, the Methodist Bishop of Ireland.

He was appointed by Wesley as Methodism's First Superintendent. With two others, he came to America in 1784, participating in the Christmas Conference that organized the Methodist Episcopal Church in America, receiving election to the General Superintendency as did Francis Asbury.

Coke came to be given the title "The Foreign Minister of Methodism" for his many travels. He traversed one hundred thousand miles in visits to America, and the West Indes. He made attempt to establish Methoodism in Paris and visited Holland. He took strong interest in missions in Africa. While prevented from going to India, he sailed with other missionaries to Ceylon, on his final voyage. He had always paid his own travel expenses and gave an enormous sum to the work of Methodist endeavors.

He left for posterity other contributions of a *Journal*, a *History of the West Indes* and a four-volume *Commentary* on the Bible (1801-1803). Though twice married, he left no descendants.

Bishop Francis Asbury, on hearing of his death, wrote in his *Journal*: "By vote of conference, I preached the funeral sermon for Doctor Coke—of blessed mind and soul—of the third branch of Oxonian Methodists—a gentleman, a scholar, and a bishop, to us—and as a minister of Christ, in zeal, in labours, and in service, the greatest man in the last century.

In 1817, Samuel Drew wrote *The Life of the Rev. Thomas Coke, LL.D.*, possibly the earliest biography of a Methodist bishop. Biographical facts given here are taken from Warren Thomas Smith's booklet *Thomas Coke*

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In Memoriam

MRS. LEILA TODD KENNINGTON

The Woman's Society of Christian Service of the Catawba Methodist Church wishes to honor the memory of Mrs. Leila Todd Kennington. She was a devoted Christian mother whose example will always be remembered. Although she was physically unable to attend church services and related activities her heart and mind were there in our midst. Her contributions came in regularly to help in the ministry of her church. She always looked forward to receiving the North Carolina Christian Advocate. She has left us a precious memory of one who had truly met the master and is now at home with him.

(Miss) Geraldine Sigmon, Secretary
Woman's Society of Christian Service
Catawba Methodist Church.

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MRS. MARTHA J. REYNOLDS

We, the members of the Woman's Society of Christian Service of Pleasant Hill Methodist Church, Star Route, Robbins, N. C., wish to express our sincere appreciation for the Christian life and faithful service of our beloved member, Mrs. Martha J. Raynolds, who died January 1, 1964, at the age of 85.

"Miss Martha," as she was affectionately known has been a member of this church since 1901. She was a charter member of our Society of Christian Service.

Her faithfulness to her church over these years is remarkable. She truly loved her church. She lived long enough to see the church she loved so much take on new life and grow—as it is doing today. Even in declining health she attended her Sunday School and church services until a few weeks prior to her death.

To know her was to love her, and her life is a challenge to us to live better and to serve God faithfully in our daily walk of life.

In expressing our sympathy, we do hereby offer the following resolutions:

First, That we feel deeply the loss of one so rich in faith.

Second, That we express our heartfelt sympathy to her family and pray God's blessing upon them.

Third, That a copy of these resolutions be sent to her family, a copy be placed in our minutes, and a copy be forwarded to the North Carolina Christian Advocate.

Pleasant Hill Methodist Church
Lavina Williams, Pres. W.S.C.S.
Willa Horner, Sec'ty. W.S.C.S.

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EUGENE F. STAMPER

Whereas "Gene" Franklin Stamper, member of Wharton Trinity Methodist Church passed away May 12 at the age of 76 years while in Beaufort County Hospital after suffering an accidental fall in his home on Sunday evening.

Whereas no words can express last respects shown, and tributes of love due him for the highly esteemed and genuine affection with which this devout Christian man was regarded. As one writer said, "Mr. Stamper never sought the spotlight in his community and church and never stood in it, but somehow those who did looked to him often for advice and guidance."

Whereas his sister, Mrs. Addie Staton, summed up his life beautifully when she stated, "Gene, such a good boy—all the days of his life." Yes, Mr. Stamper came into the Methodist Church as a teen age boy in his home town, Scotland Neck, North Carolina, where his body was carried for burial. He moved to Norfolk, Virginia, after his first marriage to Jennie Hearn, and came to Washington in 1919, and united with the Wharton Trinity Methodist Church. Here he served for 45 years. A great man for God as he continually served on the official board, an adult teacher, a lay speaker, steward, a dependable leader wherever ther was a need—always showed his love for his church by his presence at every meeting, sharing material possessions as well as his sincere interest in his fellowman whether he be a churchman or just any neighbor.

Whereas Gene Stamper, a steadfast, beloved brother, abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing and witnessing continually that no labors were in vain in the Lord—only was he waiting for his call to be of greater service in his Master's Kingdom.

Whereas members and friends of Wharton Trinity Church and community wish to pay tribute to all the evidence of Christian character which radiated from his life and hallowed his person; and to say "No person could be missed any more than 'Uncle Gene' (as he was so well known in his community.)" We will miss him as our Bible student helper, interpreter, and guidance in our prayer life.

He was honored by the Woman's Society of Christian Service when he received a Life Membership Pin several years ago, and by the M.Y.F. when a Memorial door was placed in the sanctuary for his services rendered toward youth work.

One greater service we may render now to Gene is to stand up in Memoriam saying, "With God's help we too will live the consecrated life for His name's sake."

Therefore, be it resolved that the official board of the church has suffered a great spiritual loss, though Gene has celebrated another great birthday in God's Kingdom, and so we express our love and sympathy to his family, and do hereby direct a copy of these resolutions be sent to his wife, Mrs. Ida Bell Williams Stamper; to his daughter, Mrs. Virginia Stamper Cratch; to the North Carolina Christian Advocate; the Elizabeth City District News; the Washington Daily News; a copy to his boyhood town paper, The Scotland Neck News, and a copy to be filed in the minutes of the official board.

May 30, 1964.

Mrs. D. Lester Latham
(Chairman and Steward)
Mr. Russell Griffin
(Chairman of Board)
Mrs. Harvey Dixon, Sr.
(Chairman of C.S.R.)

Louisburg Library Grants Total $45,000

Louisburg College recently has received grants amounting to $45,000 toward its library building program.

The Mary Reynolds Babcock Foundation, Inc. of Winston-Salem has made a grant of $25,000; the Mary Duke Biddle Foundation of New York City has contributed the sum of $10,000 for a reference section in the new library; and the Methodist Board of Education, Nashville, Tenn., has made a grant of $10,000 for books.

Other funds for this project are being received, and it is expected that construction on the new building will begin in 1964.

Ben E. Jordan, Jr. of Saxapahaw, trustee of the college, is chairman of the Library Building Committee.

New Church at Banner Elk Officially Opened

On Sunday afternoon, April 19, 1964 4:00 p.m., the new church at Banner was officially opened for scervices. It a great occasion for the loyal Methodists Banner Elk and the North Wilkesboro I trict.

The service was led by the pastor, R Ben T. Steele. Dr. Herman Duncan, district superintendent, paid high respect



the pastor and the people. He express deep appreciation to the North Wilkesbo District Mission Society, the Method Builders Club, the Conference Board Missions, and the Duke Endowment, f the substantial financial assistance th made this Church Extension project success.

Dr. W. A. Kale of the Duke Divini School delivered a stirring message on "Tl Church in the Midst of a Changing Society

Dr. Horace McSwain and Rev. A. Lackey attended as representatives of t Board of Missions and Church Extension

The new building, which is outstandir as a multiple use unit for a small congreg tion, was awarded the Ralph E. Dumo Design Award sponsored by the Du Endowment.

The new church at Banner Elk adjoi the Lees McRae College campus. The are approximately 100 Methodist studen in attendance that will have access to t ministry of this new church.



Picture from left to right—Rev. Ben T Steele, pastor Banner Ealk Methodis Church, Dr. W. A. Kale, Duke Divinit School, and Dr. Herman Duncan, Distric Superintendent, North Wilkesboro District

Sunday School Lesson

FOR JUNE 21

BY RAYMOND A. SMITH

Head, Department of Religious Education
Greensboro College

THE MISSIONARY IMPERATIVE

Background Scripture: *Matthew* 26:15-20; *Acts* 1:68; *Romans* 1:8-16; 10-18.

Lesson Scripture: *Matthew* 28:16-20; *Romans* 10:8-18.

As these lines are being written there comes a voice over the radio which says: "It's hard work, if you can get it. The pay is only eleven cents an hour. The places where you work are often dangerous, but you will be fighting poverty, disease and ignorance. You will be making your life count toward making a world of peace, plenty and freedom."

The reader will recognize this as an appeal to young people to join the Peace Corps, that stupendous modern secular imitation of foreign missions which was launched by our federal government about two years ago. Thousands of youth have accepted the challenge, proving once again that they aren't primarily interested in an easy life, but will respond to sacrifice if given the proper challenge.

We have mentioned the Peace Corps because it is one of the new forms of missions to be seen in many parts of the world today. Owing to the reaction against Western civilization there has been a revolt in many places around the globe against some of the traditional forms of the missionary enterprise. But, as Pierce Beaver has written, "Today is the most exciting and highly adventurous time in the history of missions since the age of the Apostles. Obstacles and hindrances are manifold, competition is fierce and the new ways and means are yet to be discovered. Yet all these things present new opportunities for witness. Throughout all the rising tide of revolution can be discerned the hunger for liberation from *fear* and *lostness* and for reconciliation among men (see book "From Missions to Mission, Association Press, N. Y. 50 cents, p 126). Another book that the students will find most helpful and relevant is "Our Mission Today" by Tracy Jones, Asso. General Secretary of the Division of World Missions of our Church.

The interesting thing about the new books in the field of missions is the substitution of the word "*Mission*" for the word "*Missions*." The new accent is on the obligation of the Church not only to *send* missionaries, but to *be mission*. This means the Church must see itself as an active force in every part of the globe, from churchyard to the farthest part of the world! For example, it has been said that America is one of the greatest mission fields in the world today. Surely it takes no extended argument to prove this. All we have to do is to read the papers and listen to radio and telesion, to scan the offerings on our news stands and to compare the budget for alcoholic beverages with that of our churches and school systems.

Our Scripture for this lesson is from Matthew and from Romans. In the section from Matthew we have an account of a "retreat" that reveals the disciples in conversation with their risen Lord. Here he commissions them to "make disciples", to "teach" and to "baptize." The field is the world. They are to begin at home and to work out to "the uttermost parts of the earth." In view of his, and the fact that Wesley said "The world is my parish" it is difficult to see how the people called Methodists can be indifferent to the missionary imperative. We moderns do not deserve any credit for thinking in world terms. We have to. But all the more glory goes to those of the past who had this vision of world service when the barriers of seas, mountains and jungles made traveling difficult, and often well-nigh impossible.

It was St. Paul who led the way for the new religion of Christ to break away from its mother faith, Judaism, and to plant its banners upon many a foreign shore. This was a natural outcome of the faith of Paul who saw in all men the capacity to respond to the call of higher standards of thought and life. Said he: "For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all and bestows his riches upon all who call upon him."

In verse 14, Paul raises the question of recruiting Christian ministers and missionaries: "How are they to believe in him of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without a reacher? And how can men preach unless they are sent?" As in the time of St. Paul, this is still one of our major problems. Many churches are crying out for workers, and there are not enough to go around. With our expanding population the need will become ever more acute. There are two things we can do about this. The first is to keep before our young people the needs of our churches and the high rewards of sacrificial service. The second is to awaken to a new consciousness of the fact that every one of us has the obligation to "be the Church," no matter what our daily work may be.

Camp Church, Shallotte, Dedicated May 24

Dedication services for Camp Methodist Church in Shallotte were held May 24, at 11 a.m. The dedicatory sermon was preached by the Rev. Lawrence Bridges of Franklinton, a former pastor of the church. The service of dedication was led by the Rev. Mr. Bridges and the Rev. H. Arthur Phillips, Jr., present pastor of the church.

The bulletin board in front of the church was also dedicated at the service. The marker is a memorial gift presented to the church by the family of the late William Frank Parker. After the dedication services, an old fashioned dinner on the grounds was held in the grove behind the church building.

Camp Methodist Church has a long history. The Journal of Bishop Francis Asbury, pioneer 18th and early 19th century Methodist leader, contains references to preaching at Shallotte and forming a "society" in Shallotte during the late 1790's. The present site of the church is on a piece of property deeded by Samuel Sleight to the Methodist Church in 1855. The church site was the location of a traditional camp ground gathering, and the present church continues the tradition in its name —"Camp."

The present building was built during the summer of 1957. Ground was broken May 17, 1957, by Bishop Paul N. Garber, resident bishop of the Richmond Area of the Methodist Church. The building committee was headed by LeRoy Mintz, as over-all chairman. Aubrey C. Johnston was chairman of the building committee and the following persons served with him: Mrs. Katie Mae McKeithan, Charlie Arnold, Odell Williamson, James D. Bellamy, Jr., and Mr. and Mrs. R. D. White, Jr.

Mr. White served as chairman of the finance committee along with the following members: Odell Williamson, James D. Bellamy, Jr., Mrs. Katie Mae McKeithan, Mrs. Frederick Mintz and Dr. M. H. Rourk.

The church was occupied in November of that year, the first services were conducted by the Rev. William B. Starnes, pastor, and the Rev. Dr. J. E. Garlington, superintendent of the Wilmington District of the Methodist Church.

The church, of contemporary straight line design and brick and redwood construction, occupies a site near the Shallotte River on Main Street near the center of town. The church site is spacious, and a great spot of beauty and serenity. A large cross on the front of the building is a dominant feature which lends an air of reverence to the building. The bulletin board in front, and the cross on the building are lighted at night.

Camp Church was a part of the Shallotte Circuit until 1951, at which time it became a station appointment, with the Rev. Lawrence Bridgers as pastor. The program which resulted in the present building got under way at that time. The church has also been served by the Rev. Dennis Rick, the Rev. Charles Ledford, the Rev. Edward P. Armstrong, the Rev. William B. Starnes, the Rev. Glenn Helms, and the present minister, the Rev. Mr. Phillips, who has served the church since July, 1959.

At the present time, the church has a membership of 170 persons. LeRoy Mintz servies as chairman of the official board, James D. Bellamy, Jr., is general superintendent of the church school, and Mrs. Katie Mae McKeithan is the church organist.

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McMannen Methodist Church Has "Sunday For Evangelism"

Sunday, May 31, was "Sunday For Evangelism" for the McMannen Methodist church in the Durham district. The day was under the direction of the Rev. C. Freeman Heath, the Executive Secretary of the Board of Evangelism.

The day's program consisted of: Mr. Heath talking with all the adults of the Church School during the Church School hour. During this session he discussed the meaning of evangelism, and the fact that it is the heart of the church and that it is the business of everyone. At the workshop hour Mr. Heath preached a most inspiring message on the theme, "When You Are Converted Strengthen the Brethren." Then at three o'clock Mr. Heath led the group in a workshop on "Evangelistic Methods" for two hours.

The church was high in its praise for this day offered by our Board of Evangelism. It feels the need for this type of help. The church is thinking of having Mr. Heath come back for another session with the new Commission on Evangelism after Annual Conference. Rev. Vassar W. Jones is the present pastor of McMannen Church.

To Teach at N. C. Wesleyan

Miss Carolyn J. Bowman will become an Assistant Professor of French at North Carolina Wesleyan College according to recent announcement by college officials.

A native of Hickory, Miss Bowman earned the B.A. degree at Lenoir Rhyne College, and M.A. degree at Duke University. She has done graduate study at the University of North Carolina and the Institute d'Etudes Avignon, France.

She taught French at Hillsboro High School and Mebane High School in North Carolina, served two years as a Graduate Assistant at Duke while earning her master's degree, taught two years at Murray State College in Kentucky, and comes to Wesleyan from Carthage College in Illinois.

Czech Ministers Speak at Methodist Home

Communism may rule Czechoslovakia as a nation, but the minds of the young people reach for the same daily pleasures as do the minds of American youth.

The Rev. Vilem Schneeberger, vibrant young Methodist clergyman from the Iron Curtain satellite, spoke these thoughts as he and his superior, Dr. Vaclav Hunaty, General Superintendent of Methodism in Czechoslovakia, visited the Methodist Home of Charlotte during a tour of the Western North Carolina Conference.

"Our two countries are a lot alike," the Rev. Mr. Schneeberger said. "Our young people are interested in dancing and music and girl friends. They are not interested in politics."

Dr. Hunaty said Czechoslovakian Methodists are free to hold worship services, conduct evangelism outreaches, and train young men for the ministry.

The two clergymen were the first the Czech government has allowed to leave the nation and attend the General Conference of The Methodist Church since 1948.

Dr. Hunaty preached an inspiring sermon at the Methodist Home, which was translated into English by the Rev. Mr. Schneeberger.

In the sermon, the Superintendent (equivalent of U.S. bishops in rank) said:

"Our ministers preach the gospel as do your ministers and our churches are working as are yours. We have 14 ministers and 15 ordained clergymen serving 18 charges with 35 churches." (There are 2,800 members and 5,200 preparatory members).

He said Methodism in Czechoslovakia is one of the youngest organizations in European Methodism, but "It is growing in truth and love of God. It is not a large church but our peole are trying to follow Jesus Christ with their whole heart."

"It would be fatal to think we can't do this work," he said. "We can live our religious lives and we do," although he said many "ministers must serve past retirement age because we need ministers."

"I would also like to speak of the world of God," he said. "The world stands between war and peace. We don't want to have war, no good man does. It would be the end of the world. I have seen war in my country and how people suffer. I have seen women and children killed and villages destroyed. I never want to see any more war.

"We as Christians must find a way to peace. The world needs peace—but we also need peace in our hearts."

The Rev. Mr. Schneeberger said the daily life of a Czech clergyman is little different than that of a U.S. Methodist clergyman. There are two services Sundays, and sometimes Sunday afternoons, as well as the Wednesday night service.

In the area of morality, the Rev. Mr. Schneeberger, pastor of Central Methodist Church in Prague, capital of Czechoslovakia, said the Czech government censors love scenes from movies, issues only educational literature and allows no western or murder mysteries on television.

He said the young people are active in church work, but that Czech Methodist ministers have the same difficulties of interesting young people in the church as do American Methodist pastors.

Both men were Roman Catholics who were converted to Methodism as youths. The superintendent, Dr. Hunaty, has been in Methodist work in his country for 42 years.



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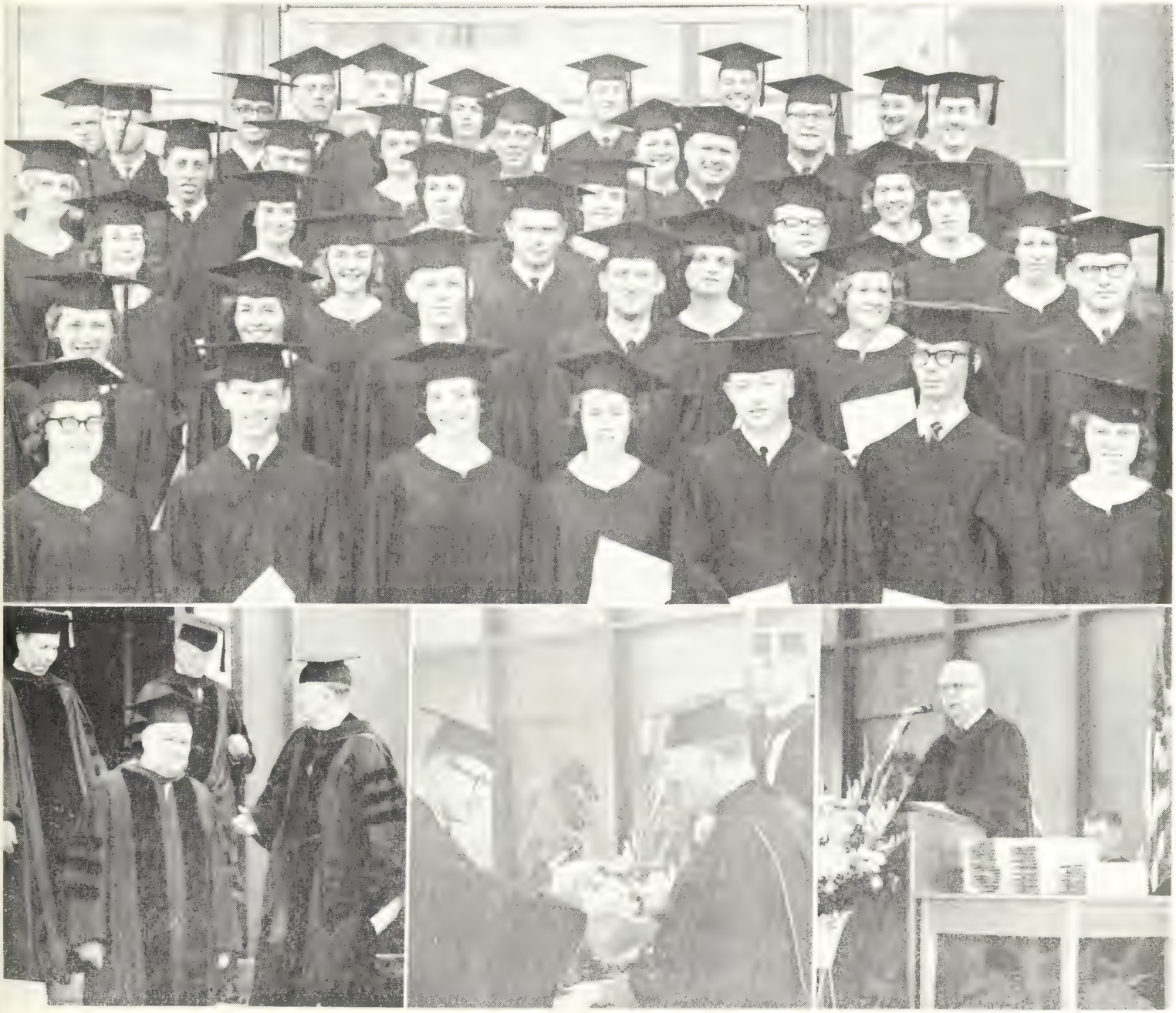


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Top picture: Forty-two of Methodist College's first 43 graduates. Bottom left: Dr. Samuel J. Womack, chaplain of the college; Dr. C. D. Barclift, pastor of Hay Street Methodist Church; Dr. Mark Depp of Winston-Salem, Baccalaureate speaker; and Dr. L. Stacy Weaver, president of the college, recess from the church following the Baccalaureate Service. Center: Guy Baker Beattie, Jr. of Raleigh received the first diploma from President L. Stacy Weaver. Right: Bishop Paul N. Garber of the Methodist Church, Richmond Area, delivers the commencement address.

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CAROLINA BRIEFS

¶ Mrs. John Saidla has begun her duties as Director of Christian education at Saint Paul Methodist Church, Goldsboro. Rev. N. W. Grant is the pastor.

¶ Rev. John T. Maides, pastor of Asbury Church, Durham, is this week preaching in revival services at Shiloh Church, near Roanoke Rapids. This was a part of his first pastorate.

¶ Rev. David Fiffe, director of Wesley Foundation at Winston-Salem, is available for preaching services and for working with MYF groups during the summer. He may be addressed at Box 7433, Winston-Salem, N. C.

¶ Rev. Seavy A. Carroll and family, who have served in the mission field in Southern Rhodesia for the past five years, will return to the states around the latter part of August. They will be located in Fayetteville. Their postoffice box number will be 144.

¶ First Methodist Church of Conover will dedicate its new church Sunday, June 28. Bishop Nolan B. Harmon will preach the sermon and direct in the dedication service. The pastor, Rev. Russell N. Burson, Jr., urges friends of the church to attend the service.

¶ Rev. Warren B. Petteway, pastor of First Methodist Church, Henderson, addressed a joint meeting of the Henderson Lions and Kiwanis clubs last Thursday night at the Henderson Motel Restaurant. His subject was: "Man's Profession in Relation to His Spiritual Life."

¶ Dale Ann Wilkinson, daughter of Rev. and Mrs. Larry D. Wilkinson, was born in Reidsville, N. C., on Conference Sunday, June 7. The Wilkinsons have two other children: Eric, aged 4 and Cindy, aged 2. Rev. Mr. Wilkinson is the pastor of the Woodmont Methodist Church in Reidsville.

¶ A net gain of 7,679 members during the last year has been registered by the Florida Conference of The Methodist Church's Southeastern Jurisdiction. This figure advances the total membership of 580 churches to 276,266, it was announced at the conference's 122nd session held June 3-7.

¶ Friends of Mrs. W. L. Clegg and the late Dr. Clegg will be interested to know their son, David, was united in marriage last Sunday afternoon to Miss Judy Patrick Walker of Burlington. The marriage took place in the Kennette Memorial Baptist Church, Buirlington, at 3:00 p.m. Incidentally, Mrs. Clegg has moved to Durham, and lives at 1408 Alabama Avenue.

¶ Rev. and Mrs. J. Dwight Cartner, 718 South Franklin Road, Mount Airy, announce the birth of a daughter, Kathryn Donata, on June 2, 1964, at the Northern Surry Hospital in Mount Airy. Rev. Mr. Cartner is the pastor of the Franklin Heights Methodist Church in Mount Airy. Mrs. Cartner is the former Carol Leamon of Winston-Salem. The Cartners have another daughter, Jamye Mechelle, who is three.

¶ High Point College's summer school enrollment reached an all-time high last week as more than 700 students registered for first-term courses, according to Dean Harold E. Conrad, Director of the Summer School. This figure represents an unexpectedly large jump over last summer's first-term enrollment of 525 students.

¶ The Methodist Series on the Protestant Radio Hour is scheduled for August 16 through November 1. Dr. J. Wallace Hamilton, minister, The Pasedena Community Methodist Church, St. Petersburg, Fla., will be the preacher for the series. The music for the series will be rendered by Pfeiffer College Concert Choir and Emory University's Candler Choraliers.

¶ Rev Harold M. Robinson, pastor at the Dilworth Church, Charlotte, for the past three years, retired at the recent annual conference on account of illness. Mr. Robinson and his family are greatly loved by the Dilworth people. They have moved into their new home at 205 Oakwood Road, Thomasville, N. C. They covet the prayers and friendship of their many friends.

¶ Charles J. Farmer, currently acting as Dean of Students at West Virginia Wesleyan College, has been appointed Director of Student Personnel at High Point College for next fall. Mr. Farmer received his B.A. degree in philosophy and religion at Davis and Elkins College; his B.D. degree in theology and Bible at Western Theological Seminary; and his M.Ed. degree at the University of Pittsburgh.

¶ The Gillburg Methodist Church in Vance County held Homecoming Day services last Sunday, with Rev. C. W. Faulkner, Jr., as the speaker. Mr. Faulkner is well known to the people of the Gillburg community. He was reared in Vance county and has relatives in the Gillburg church. On Sunday evening the pastor, Rev. Kermit L. Braswell, began revival services at the church. He will preach each evening through the week.

¶ The twenty-third annual meeting of the Chestnut Ridge Memorial Association and homecoming will be held June 21. At the conclusion of the morning service, a picnic dinner will be held on the church grounds. A memorial service will follow in the afternoon. The guest speakers will be Dr. D. E. Earnhardt. All members, past members, friends and former pastors are cordially invited. (Mrs.) Ruth Tapp is Secretary and Treasurer, Route 1, Efland, N. C.

¶ The dedication ceremony for the Western Carolina Center at Morganton was held June 11-12. The Center opened December 16, 1963, and serves the thirty-six most western counties in the state. There are now 256 residents and there are facilities for around 600. The capacity is expected finanlly to reach 1800. Other centers serving the retarded are Murdock at Butner; Caswell Center at Kinston; and O'Berry Center at Goldsboro. Rev. Ralph Miller, a member of the Western North Carolina Conference, is the chaplain at Western Carolina Center.

¶ Miss Pam Treece has been employed as choir director for the Main Street Church, Albemarle. She is a senior at Converse College.

¶ Dr. W. Kenneth Goodson, pastor of Centenary Church, Winston-Salem, was the visiting preacher last week at the North Alabama Conference. Dr. Edwin Kimbrough of the North Alabama Conference had preached the preceding week to the Western North Carolina Conference at Lake Junaluska.

¶ Mrs. William "Ruby" McIlvaine has been elected church organist for Broad Street Church, Statesville. She is a graduate of Mars Hill College, and Northeast Louisiana State College, where she received her A.B. degree in Music History with a major in organ. Her husband is Minister of Music at the Front Street Baptist Church in Statesville. Rev. Walter Lee Lanier is the pastor of Broad Street Church.

¶ Miss Diana Ware, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Ware of Kings Mountain, and Mr. Charles Huss, son of Rev. and Mrs. H. O. Huss of Bessemer City, were united in marriage last Sunday. The Woman's Society of Christian Service of the Concord Methodist Church, one of Rev. H. O. Huss' churches, gave a "drop-in" miscellaneous shower for the bride on Tuesday evening, June 9.

¶ Homecoming serivce will be observed in Queen's Creek Methodist Church, Hubert, N. C., June 21, at 11:00 a.m. Mr. Robert Rose of Goldsboro, will be the guest speaker. Everyone is invited to attend. Dinner will be served on the grounds immediately after the service, and everyone is invited. Rev. David M. Lewis is the pastor.

¶ The Editor preached to a nice congregation at the Lee's Chapel Church, near Greensboro, last Sunday morning. Rev. T. D. Adams, the pastor, was on his way to New York to pick up a group of foreign exchange students who will work in the conference this summer. Lee's Chapel is located in a thickly settled community of industrial workers, and is in the process of raising funds to complete the new sanctuary which will join the present education building. The present sanctuary is very worshipful, but has been in service for many years.

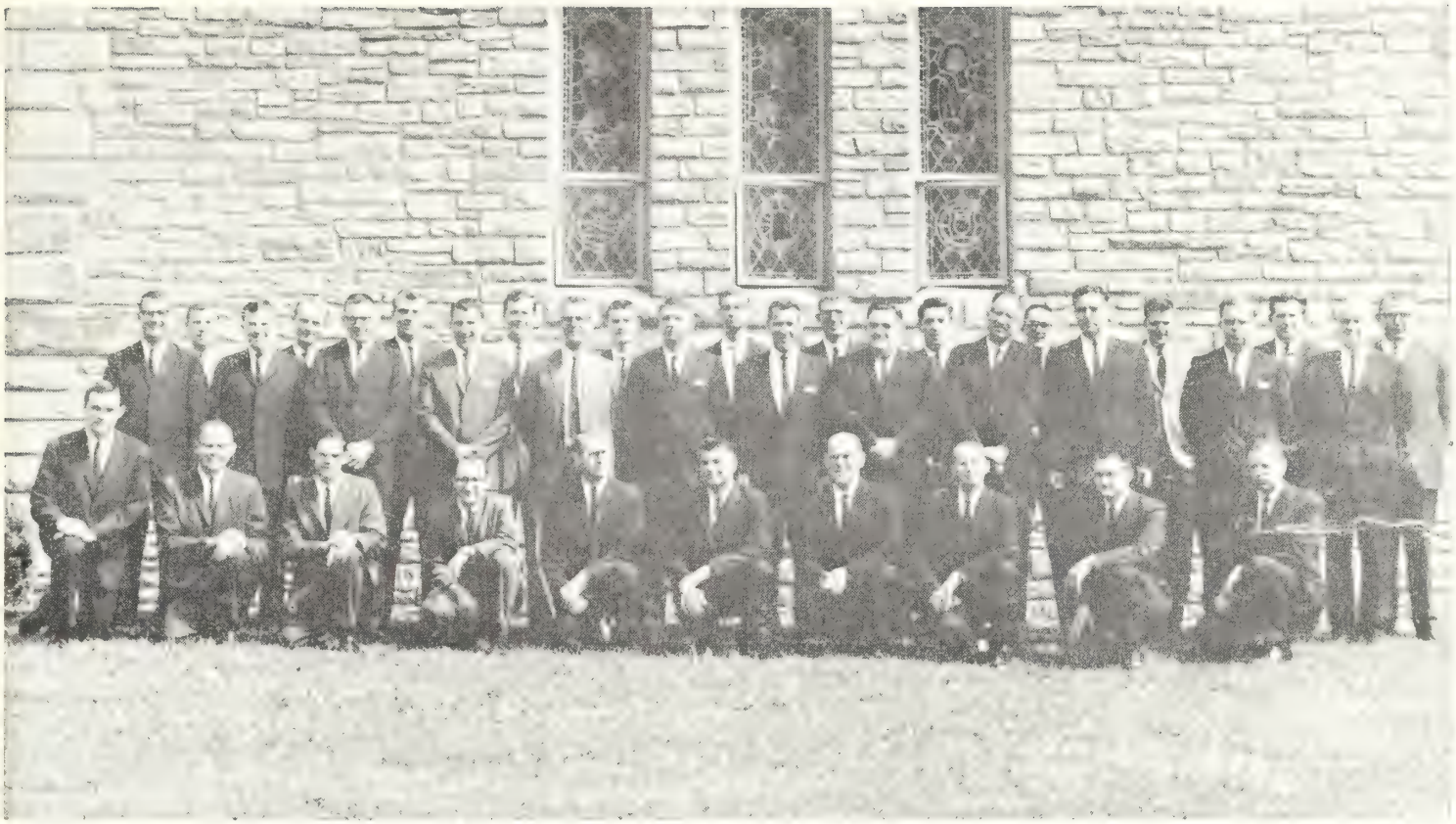
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It took Leonardo da Vinci about two years to paint "The Last Supper."

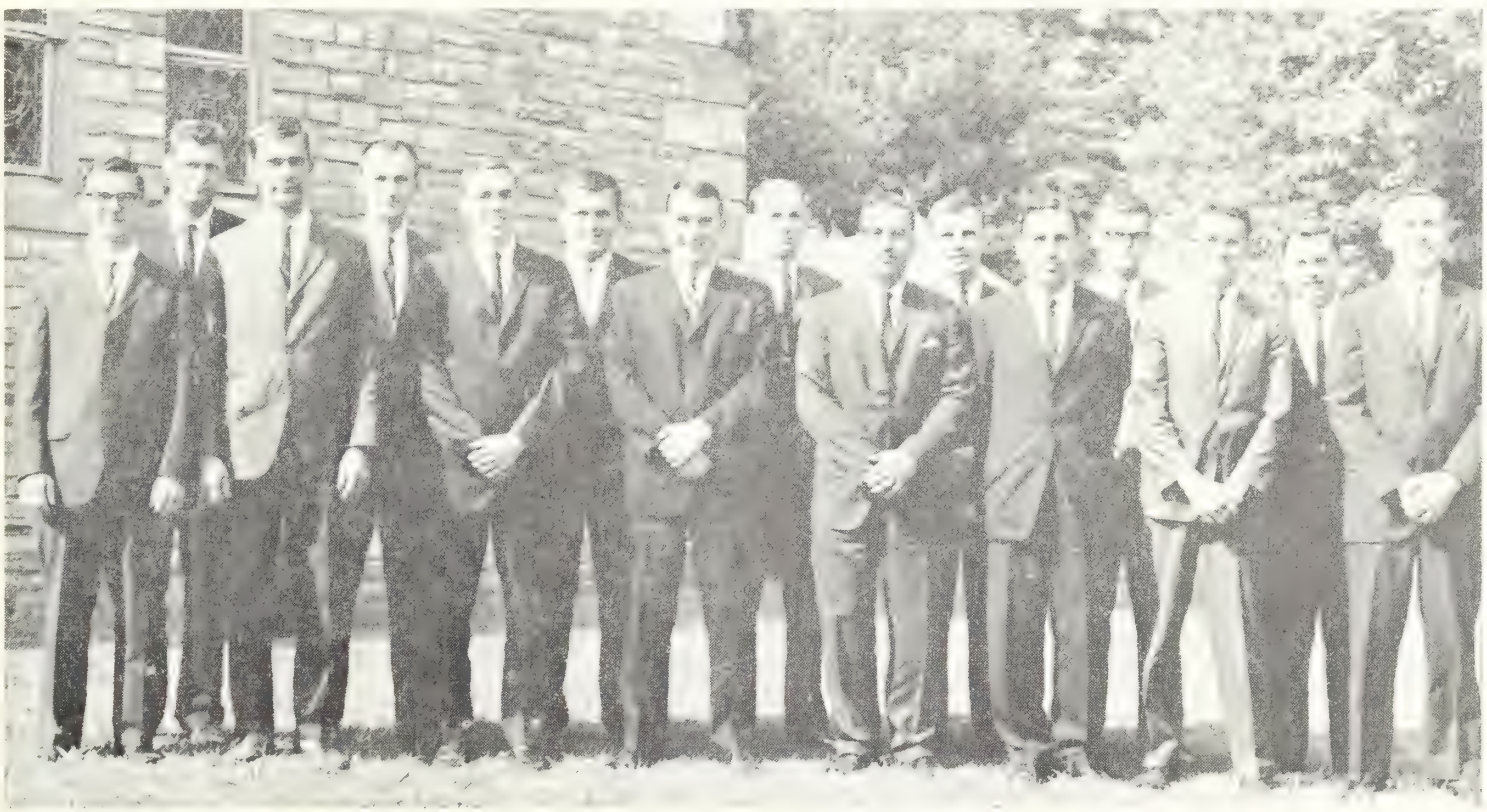
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Coming into the Western North Carolina Methodist Conference in "full connection" during the annual meeting June 3-7 at Lake Junaluska were (from left, standing) Harold E. Wright, P. G. Deal, David F. Jarvis, II, Fred K. Macon, Curtis L. Sides, John Parks Todd, Jr., Charles F. Martin, G. Roland Mullinix, Robert W. Little, John E. Davis., Thomas R. Sigmon, Dwight E. Whitlock, Jr., Fred A. Carlisle, Jr., John Frank Edwards, James R. Faggart, Clyde W. Faulkner, Jr., Cameron Morrison Dodson, Robert F. Streetman, Joseph Marion Fulk, Jr., Maurice Ritchie, Roy H. Lockridge, Jr., Paul M. Hart, Philip Nordstrom and Joseph M. Reeves, and (kneeling, from left) Edward L. Moore, Aaron W. Moss, Thomas Jolly Howard, Henry Durward Hofler, David Stanley Bullins, James Oakley Prichard, Thomas Foy Prichard, William Curtis Cockman, John Albert Petty and Joe Bill Davis.



Coming into the Western North Carolina Methodist Conference "on trial" during the annual meeting June 3-7 at Lake Junaluska were (from left) Clarence Edward Peurifoy, Robert Lee Witty, Jr., Manuel D. Wortman, Edward D. Lee, George Lee Pollock, William B. Ellington, Frank A. Stith, III, Donald W. Turman, Arthur R. Livengood, Elmer O. Hall, Ervin S. Cook, Douglas H. Butler, Sammie L. Martin, Derrell L. Parris and G. Keith Howell. Not pictured are Stephen Webb Brown, James Franklin Herman, James Baxter Long and William Levy Crowell.

EDITORIALS

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Endangering Our Heritage

The Communist party in the United States scored a major victory it seems when the United States Supreme Court ruled a few days ago in its favor in its 14-year-old legal battle against registering as an instrument of worldwide communism. The high court refused to review a U.S. Court of Appeals decision which had reversed a $120,000 fine against the party for failure to submit details of its membership and finances. The court gave no reason for its decision. In 1961 the Court had upheld the validity of a 1953 order by the Subversive Activities Control Board directing the Communist party to register under the Internal Security Act. It seems now to have reversed that decision.

This action, along with others, and with attitudes expressed by many individuals all seem to play up communism and protect it against being responsible to the government for its activities. The so-called Speaker Ban law in this state is finding opposition from many sources, and it may be repealed by the next legislature. The repeal of this law would open our state supported institutions of learning to the Communists to peddle their doctrine of atheism and monarchism. Both of these principles are diametrically opposed to our system of democracy and religion, and yet they seem to be gaining favor with those in high places. The court's decision against prayer and Bible reading in the schools has not helped the cause of religious freedom in any way. While outlawing any "**prescribed**" prayer or scripture, which is right and proper, it is being interpreted by many as being opposed to any religious exercises of any nature. None of us want an "**established**" religion, but we like the second part of the constitutional statement also which says "there shall be no interference with the free exercise of religion." As an indication of what we mean by the interpretation being placed upon this ruling, the Commission on Christian Social Concerns at the recent General Conference of The Methodist Church held in Pittsburgh included in its report a statement urging ministers not to encourage nor take any part in religious services in schools on special days. The proposal was referred back by a close vote of 339 to 341. Moreover, one of the bishops appeared before the Congressional committee hearing and strongly opposed the use of prayer or scripture in schools.

No doubt these people are honest and sincere in their opinions, but it appears to us that they are victims of a recently born tendency to oppose anything that has the slightest relation to religion and morality. Of course they claim that school children are a captive audience. By the same token the Sunay morning congregation is also a captive audience. Shall we rule out religious reference there for fear someone may be influenced by it? Hardly so.

Mr. Khrushchev is evidently no fool. He has vowed to bury us under communism, and it appears he is making real progress. May the good Lord save us from our so-called intellectualism and help us to preserve our simple faith in God and righteousness!

THEME FOR THE WEEK

"Go your way and tell John what great things ye have seen and heard: how that the blind see, the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, to the poor the gospel is preached." —Luke 7:22

Methodism and Boy Scouts

There are a number of influences which enter into the development of good character in young people. Of course the church is the bedrock of all the noble ideals and spiritual attitudes which leave their impression for good. Love of God and our fellowman is the foundation stone, according to Jesus, upon which all the law and the prophets rest.

We are thinking, however, of the Boy Scout movement in America. Its high ideals have registered in the lives of many youngsters who have come under its direction. In a recent communication we learn that the Methodist churches sponsor over 14,000 Cub Packs, Boy Scout Troops, and Explorer Posts, which is the largest number sponsored by any religious body in the United States. Also, in the area of God and Country Awards we note that Methodist churches last year granted 5,059. It is said that Methodist churches over the years have led all Protestant denominations in the use of the God and Country program.

Each year this periodical carries a large number of groups of Boy Scout troops which have made God and Country awards. We are glad to have a part in contributing to the moral character of so many boys who are interested in developing good character and becoming useful citizens.

Good Fathers Needed

(A poem for Father's Day)

We need good fathers in our homes
Whose hearts are full of grace,
Who, by their love and earnest prayers,
Make home a pleasant place;
Who set examples that are clean
For all their folks to see,
And long to be the noble men
That God would have them be.

We need good fathers in the church
To occupy the pews,
And help their fellow-members seek
The things they ought to choose;
Whose lives are such from day to day,
Wherever they may go,
That others looking on may say,
"The Lord they surely know."

We need good fathers o'er the land
Who live and tell the truth,
And have at heart along life's way
The welfare of our youth;
Who want to keep our country free
On ocean and on sod,
And help their fellows on their way
To heaven and to God.

Such fathers then deserve our prayers,
Our honor and respect,
And never should they suffer from
Our spirit of neglect;
And by the living grace of God
We ought to boost them on,
Until their battles all are fought
And Glory's Day shall dawn.

—Rev. Walter E. Isenhour
Taylorsville, N. C.

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Japanese Conference Disbanded

American Methodism's only Japanese Conference has taken the final step to disband and integrate its 31 Japanese-American churches into existing annual conferences of The Methodist Church.

Plans for the dissolution of the conference and the absorption of its 31 member churches into the annual conferences in whose territory they lie were made four years ago. But final action was taken at the 25th —and last—annual meeting of the Japanese Provisional Conference in San Francisco. The churches are scattered through California, Oregon, Washington and Colorado.

Two other ethnic-based conferences still exist in The Methodist Church. One is the Oklahoma Indian Mission, with churches throughout Oklahoma, Kansas and Texas. The other is the Spanish-speaking Rio Grande Conference in Texas and New Mexico.

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Notice, Supply Pastors

The Supply Pastors' Fellowship Luncheon is being hald Wednesday, June 24, 1:00 p.m., at Faith Methodist Church, Burlington. Invitations are given to all members of the Town and Country Commission and all Supply Pastors of the N. C. Annual Conference. The Rev. Dr. Cecil Robbins, president of Louisburg College is to be the guest speaker.

J. C. Parker

Central Jurisdiction Held Conference in Greensboro

Fifteen changes in pulpit assignments were noted when Bishop Edgar A. Love read appointments at the close of the final session of the 106th North Carolina Annual Conference of The Methodist Church at Bennett College Sunday.

In his farewell sermon, Bishop Love, who will be retired later this month at the Central Jurisdictional Conference urged the ministers "to preach the word," taking his text from the Apostle Paul's letter to his son, Timothy.

"All around the world," he said, "there are people who hunger, not for physical food, but for spiritual nourishment. Sometimes these persons are sitting in our own congregations, but they leave the service unfed.

"No man can speak for God unless he, himself, knows God, and I am sorry to say that there are many preaching the gospel who have not been touched by it. We must show people that we care and that God cares."

Bishop Love urged ministers and laity alike to put their arms around the fallen, stating that deeds rather than words count most. He said that "although we live in an age of machines, I have never seen a machine that can bind up a broken heart."

A budget of $38,079 for the conference year beginning on June 8 was adopted on Saturday. The budget, presented by the Commission on World Service and Finance, the Rev. L. M. Mayfield, of Winston-Salem, acting chairman, also provides for an assessment of $1.30 per church member for higher education and the Wesley Foundation.

Approval of a "prepared executive secretary" to be appointed at the annual conference in June, 1965, was also voted as was a recommendation that each of the four district superintendents be granted the sum of $6,200 per year to cover salary, travel expense and parsonage rent.

The Ministers' Wives' Association reported $6,416 for the pension fund, the Greensboro District leading with $1,970, as a highlight of its anniversary meeting. Members of the Woman's Society of Christian Service honored eight widows and two wives of retired ministers by presenting orchid corsages to them. A corsage was also presented to Mrs. Edgar A. Love, wife of the Baltimore Area's head who retires this month.

Delegates approved the report of the Rev. J. W. Gwyn, of Greensboro, conference treasurer, showing income of $107,097 and disbursements of $94,231 for the 1963-64 conference year. They also voted to hold the 1965 conference sessions at Bennett College, declining an invitation from the John Wesley Church of Fayetteville.

In other actions, the conference voted:

To name a study commission to confer with similar groups from the Western North Carolina and North Carolina conferences looking toward transfer of the conference from the Central Jurisdiction to the Southeastern Jurisdiction:

To approve the transfer of the Washington and Delaware conferences from the Central to the Northeastern Jurisdiction;

To approve the transfer of the Lexington conference from the Central to the North Central Jurisdiction;

To approve the transfer of the Upper Mississippi conference from the Central to the Southeastern Jurisdiction, if and when its members may be invited.

Bishop and Mrs. Love were guests on Saturday night at a testimonial banquet in the dining center of the David D. Jones Student Union. Among those bringing greetings was Bishop John Wesley Lord, of Washington, D. C.



Bishop and Mrs Nolan B. Harmon thank the clergymen of the Western North Carolina Methodist Conference for their farewell gift of a 1964 automobile during the annual meeting at Lake Junaluska. Bishop Harmon, who presides over the Charlotte Area, will retire July 12. He has presided over the Western North Carolina Conference since 1956.

Mrs. Taylor Heads Alumnae Group of Randolph-Macon

Mrs. Robert B. Taylor of Greensboro, was elected June 8 to a three-year term as president of the Alumnae Association of Randolph-Macon Woman's College. She succeeds Mrs. Linville K. Martin of Winston--Salem.

The association also elected a new secretary—Rebecca Monroe of Richmond, Va.; three district directors—Mrs. David W. Richardson, Richmond, Va., Mrs. John M. Stewart, Birmingham, Ala., and Mrs. N. Maxwell Goodloe, Houston, Tex.; and an Alumnae Adviser—Mrs. Virgil O. Wood, Tulsa, Okla.

Mrs. Taylor, the new president, is a member of the class of 1930. She has served as president of alumnae chapters in Atlanta, Ga., and Greensboro, as district director, and as program chairman for two Alumnae Councils.

Active in civic affairs, she has been president of the Greensboro Garden Club, the P.T.A. Council, the Woman's Society of the Methodist church, and the Cone Hospital Auiliary. She was vice president of the Greensboro Community Council and secretary of the Guilford County Chronic Illness and Rehabilitation Foundation. She is a Sunday school teacher at West Market Street Methodist Church in Greensboro.

Workshop Being Held At Lake Junaluska

The Board of Education for the Western North Carolina Methodist Conference will hold three workshops at Lake Junaluska during June in additinon to opening Camp Tekoa near Hendersonville, according to Dr. Carl H. King, executive secretary.

The annual Young Adult Assembly began Friday, June 12, and continued through June 14. The Rev. Courtney B. Ross, pastor of First Methodist Church, Elkin, was leader for this event in Shackford Hall.

Camp Tekoa, for junior high boys and girls, 12-14 years of age, opened June 14 and extends through Aug. 19. This is the conference camp located within five miles of Hendersonville. The Rev. S. Lee, Jr., of Statesville, conference director of junior high work and camping, is camp director.

There will be eight one-week sessions, and a final ten-day session. Camp counselors include divinity school students, college girls, conference clergymen and directors of Christian education from individual churches.

The Senior High Officers' Workshop of the Conference Methodist Youth Fellowship are being held June 15-20 in Shackford Hall. The Rev. Mr. Duckwall is in charge of this training event as well as another MYF workshop the following week in this capacity as conference director of senior high and older youth work.

The Rev. Melton E. Harbin, pastor of Memorial Methodist Church, Thomasville, is platform speaker. The Rev. D. Leon Stubbs, pastor of Covenant Methodist Church, Gastonia, is dean; and his wife is head counselor. The workshop is open to senior high MYF and subdistrict MYF officers.

The Senior High Christian Citizenship Assembly of the Conference Methodist Youth Fellowship will follow June 22-27 at Shackford Hall.

The Rev. Julian A. Lindsey, pastor of First Methodist Church, Lexington, will be platform speaker. The Rev. R. Paschal Waugh, pastor of Jamestown Methodist Church, will be dean; and Mrs. I. L. Sharpe of Oakboro will be head counselor.

The event is for senior high MYF youth as well as older youth concerned with Christian citizenship. The assembly is led by Douglas Tanner of Rutherfordton, who is vice president of the Conference MYF.

MYF Honor Graduates

The Senior MYF of Midway Church, Thomasville District, honored the thirteen high school graduates at a banquet on Saturday evening, June 6. Girls from the Junior High group served the meal.

The Fellowship Hall was beautifully decorated with pink roses on trellises with a pink and white motif carried out also in place mats and candles.

Rev. Park Todd, associate minister of Centenary Methodist Church, Winston-Salem, had charge of the program. Following a short inspirational message, he gave a program of folk music.

Mr. and Mrs. Francis Motsinger are counselors for this Senior MYF.

North Carolinians Help Build Costa Rica Methodist Church

What does it mean to 14 North Carolina Methodists to travel 2,500 miles and help to build a church for Methodists in Costa Rica?

The men and women who went to the Latin American republic in February of this year to construct the first story of a two-story church in a government housing project of San Jose, the capital, gathered recently at Myers Park Methodist Church to ask themselves that question.

The Rev. William B. Bobbitt, Jr., associate pastor for the Myers Park congregation, had served as director of the Western North Carolina Conference project following the illness of Dr. N. M. Harrison of High Point, who had originated the trip after a 1962 trip to Puerto Rico with nine Western North Carolina Methodists to see Methodism in action in that U.S. possession.

For the Rev. Mr. Bobbitt, the Costa Rican trip meant this: "I'm especially interested in this story catching on across the nation so others may share our experience. I long for this story to be told to Methodist laymen."

"We have Methodist work in Mexico, Costa Rica, Panama, Peru, Brazil and Bolivia," he said, "and it would be wonderful if groups of laymen and pastors could go to these nearby countries for short periods to aid our Methodists there."

"Upon seeing how we enjoyed working together so pleasantly, there was surprise on the faces of Costa Ricans when they learned we were not all from one congregation. This involved us in a way they had never seen an Amercan adult before."

"The nationals and missionaries," he continued, "felt our coming and being with them counted more than if we had sent money, which would have been less expensive."

Raymond Miller of Canton said he felt he was a "much better man, and I can do a better job as a layman than if I hadn't gone on the trip."

And John Scism of Kings Mountain said that "by going down we learned more about the people than if we had watched television, the movies, or read newspapers or taken a month's tour of the country." He felt the fact they worked side-by-side with Costa Ricans aided in this understanding of the people.

Several of the men wondered if God had chosen this particular group for this particular mission.

Joe Forrest of Charlotte "wondered why there was so much compatability among our group. I wonder if there is a reason—maybe it was God's purpose that we were thrown together for this mission, and in the future we may be together on another worthwhile project."

Ross Mayes of Statesville said, "The fellowship was much beyond anything I expected for a group put together as we were. And the fellowship with these people (the Costa Ricans) it's hard to say if it was worth more to them or to us, than if we had just sent money down to build the church."

The Rev. Ed Cochran of Winston-Salem said he was "impressed by the leadership of the church in these areas. Our church is using predominately young men. I hope back home some of us can impress this story upon the Board of Missions in our conference so we can see teams of laymen and preachers going out every year to get a view such as we got."

Odell Owens, Jr., of Etowah, told the group, "One of the highlights was the fellowship of each of you on the trip. I'm a mountain boy and hadn't been acquainted with you people before. The missionary told us there was need for a Jeep in the work so I've told a friend of mine and we are going to try to raise funds to buy a Jeep and get it down there."

Ground-breaking ceremonies were held the afternoon of the day the western North Carolina group arrived. The two-story church features a fellowship hall-sanctuary combination and two church school classrooms on the first floor, and the parsonage for the pastor, the Rev. Mario Solis, on the second floor. It is called the Hatillo Methodist Church.

The church is located in an area which is being cleared by the government for its new housing development of 20,000 people. In this particular project the government is allowing one Roman Catholic and one Protestant congregation—thus the Protestant church will be Hatillo Methodist Church.

The congregation had been using an old, unpainted shack in which to worship. A family with four children had been living in the rear of the building. A smaller shack, papered with newspapers, was the education building.

The North Carolina crew dug the foundation for the new church—40 by 32 feet—by hand. Then the constructon work on the first story began.

"We used the Amercan production line every chance we got," said the Rev. Mr. Bobbitt. "And everything we had left over, such as the bags the cement came in, was used by the people."

The Rev. Mr. Bobbitt said after their arrival "things began happening fast and we truly inspired the natives in the work we completed in so short a time." The North Carolnians arrived Feb. 2 and had the first story completed Feb. 13.

"The very capable foreman was Sr. Oviedo B. Rafael, a Methodist, and he declared we did the work of 12 men for 30 days. The project is with a congregation of 17 members. They are folk of Spanish blood who have really 'arrived' in a new middle class status in recent years."

The Rev. Mr. Bobbitt said, "They pay for their little homes—$500 to $2,000— over a 20-year period. They have moved out of cardboard shacks into decent quarters."

The new church sits on a 60 by 120 foot lot with the first story of concrete block construction and the second floor parsonage of wood.

"The parsonage will be the largest and best for any family here," the Rev. Mr. Bobbitt said, "and the first floor will provide space for 90 people in the worship hall. Later a chapel will be constructed for large groups at worship. Stll further building development can be done to make more classrooms in the future as needed."

"Perhaps one of the greatest marvels before our eyes," the pastor said, "was to see how these men from such different backgrounds united themselves into such a giant forceful unit to do the work."

The North Carolinians built their own forms for pouring concrete and bent the steel used in the building. A small concrete mixer saved them this job. When the work was completed the congregation had left only the installation of plumbing and electricity, completion of windows and doors, plastering of walls and construction of the second floor.

The Rev. Mr. Bobbitt said "the long theological discussions to and from work among the group were jewels. They saw themselves involved in the Christian movement as they never dreamed. Their minds workd constantly on the re-evaluation of their roles in life. These are dividends which the trip will pay all of us for a long time to come."

The Rev. Mr. Bobbitt said he wanted to emphasize the importance of this group of laymen working for the Costa Ricans. "They have had many student work groups and preaching missions, but this has been a group of mature and capable men who have shown they were busy men willing to give of themselves."

Children in Costa Rica are like children anywhere. "Kids by the dozen came every day to the construction," the Rev. Mr. Bobbitt said.

Three Costa Ricans worked with the North Carolinians throughout the project, which the native Methodists are to have completed soon.

Costa Rica is located principally on a plateau. Where the North Carolinians worked, elevation was 4,000 feet and a semi-active volcano would shower the area with ash on days when the winds were blowing in the direction of San Jose.

After the project was completed, the North Carolinians visited other Methodist work in the nation.

A going away sermon by the Rev. Hubert Floyd, district superintendent for Methodist



work in San Jose and a seminary mate of the Rev. Mr. Bobbitt, emphasized that laymen often come into contact with more people in their work during the week than the minister, and because of this, the burden of spreading the Gospel of this trip must rest with the laymen.

Those who made the trip included:

John Scism of Kings Mountain, Raymond Miller of Canton, Odell Owens, Jr., of Etowah, Ross Mayes of Statesville, Mrs. A. F. Berrier and the Rev. Ed Cochran of Winston-Salem, the Rev. Hubert Clinard of Lincolnton, David Hill of New York City (but at that time, Charlotte).

The Rev. and Mrs. William Bobbitt, Jr., Mr. and Mrs. James T. Knotts, Joseph P. Forrest and Frank Watson, all of Myers Park Methodist Church, Charlotte.

Missionaries who aided the arrangements in Costa Rica were the Rev. Rene Bideaux and the Rev. Herbert Tavenner, both of San Jose. Coordination for the project and the trip was in charge of Dr. Horace McSwain of Statesville, executive secretary of the Board of Missions, Western North Carolina Conference. According to Dr. McSwain another such project is planned for Puerto Rico in January.

Institute on Church Music At Lake Junaluska Aug. 2-7

An institute of church music will be held at Lake Junaluska August 2-7 for Methodists of the southeastern states who have music leadership responsibilities in churches, districts, or conferences.

Alec Wyton, organist and choirmaster, Cathedral of St. John the Divine, New York City, will be one of the institute faculty.

Director of the institute is W. Howard Coble, minister of music, Wesley Memorial Methodist Church, High Point.

Other faculty members include Robert O. Hoffelt, minister of music, Riverside Park Methodist Church, Jacksonville, Fla.; the Rev. Thomas C. Jones, pastor, Charles Wesley Methodist Church, Aiken, S. C.; Richard D. Lapo, minister of music, First Methodist Church, Sarasota, Fla.; and Donold L. Sanford, minister of music, Grace Methodist Church, Atlanta, Ga.

The following courses will be offered: Hymnology; the Organ, the Choir and the Church; Institute Choir, Music in Christian Education, Children and Youth Choirs, Music in the Small Church, Music in the Large Church, Basic Conducting, Advanced Conducting, Music in Fellowship, and New Anthem Reading.

The Rev. Dr. D. Trigg James, Atlanta, will be the registrar and Cecil E. Lapo, Nashville, the advisor.

The institute is sponsored by the Methodist Southeastern Jurisdictional Council in cooperation with the Division of the Local Church of the Methodist General Board of Education, the annual conferences of the Southeast (including those of the Central Jurisdiction), and the National Fellowship of Methodist Musicians.

A 12-hour prayer vigil for world peace was a feature of the Texas Conference's annual session in Houston.

New Foundation Established In Forsyth County

On May 21 a charter was granted by the Secretary of State in Raleigh to a new foundation to be established in Forsyth County. This new foundation is to be known as the Love's Methodst Church Foundation, Incorporated. Designed as a channel for increased stewardship of individuals and groups, the foundation will provide such a channel for stewardship of possessions during life and almost continued stewardship of resources after death. It is authorzed by the charter to receive gifts and bequests of all types including real estate and personal properties. These gifts and bequests may be given for designated or undesignated usage.

Administering the foundation will be a board of directors consisting of the Trustees of the Love's Methodst Church. The trustees may retain, sell, or invest any gifts at their discretion or as instructed by the donor. All of the principal of gifts received must be retained and only the interest or dividend incomes from the principal may be approprated. This income may be reinvested rather than appropriated.

Where funds have been given for designated purposes, moneys appropriated from the same will be appropriated in accordance with the stated purpose. Where income is received from undesignated principal donated, the use of these funds will be recommended by the directors of the Official Board of Love's Church for final approval. Two restrictions will apply to such appropriations from undesignated gifts. At least 50 per cent must be contributed to benevolent causes, having nothing to do with the current expenses or capital improvement of the local church. Of the remaining 50 per cent, none can be used for payment of denominational apportionments or current expenses except for maintenance of the cemetery when needed. These restrictions are designed to make the foundation a means for extending the benevolent ministry of the church both at home and abroad and prevent foundation funds being used for those causes and items which are the annual responsibility of the local congregation.

The proposal for the establishment of such a foundation was orignally submitted by the pastor of Love's Church, the Rev. O. N. Hutchinson, Jr., to their Stewardship and Finance Commission. After being refined in detail by this group and enthusiastically endorsed by them, it was presented in successive steps to the Official Board and Quarterly Conference of the church where it was formally approved and ratified. The foundation now has received its official charter from the State of North Carolina which has been recorded in the Clerk of Court's office in Forsyth County. Applications for tax-exempt status have been filed.

The initial directors of the foundation are Philip H. Booe, James S. Gant, Will P. Hanes, Percy L. Sapp, Euby L. Vaughn, C. Staples Wagoner, Sr., Thomas D. Waggoner, Sr., R. Clyde Webster, and William M. Young. Three new directors will take office June 7: Dr. John B. Garrett, C. O. McLamb, and Drewery G. Warner.

The foundation is set up to receive gifts and bequests of all types and sizes. No gift will be too small. It is hoped that persons will use the foundation as a means to provide living memorials in perpetulty for persons deceased and to provide an opportunity to establish perpetual gfts in honor of individuals. Already this has been the case for the first gifts to the newly-estaplished foundation as provided to memorialize Mrs. D. C. Moir, Love's oldest member, who died at age 92 on May 13, by some friends. An annual report on the foundation will be distributed to the congregation which will include in addtion to a financial statement a list of all persons memorialized and honored by gifts. Charter provisions of the foundation provide that the treasurer shall be bonded and the financial records audited annually.

In time it is expected that the foundation's funds will increase to the point where it's allocations will be sizeable. These funds will provide some assistance for the improvement of the facilities and program of Love's Church but primarily will be a means for the expansion of the Christian expression of Love's mission as a church at home and in distant places.

Brevard College Notes

Dr. E. K. McLarty, Brevard College president, delivered the Baccalaureate sermon to the graduating class of Brevard High School on Sunday, June 7.

Dr. David Lea, chairman of the Brevard Methodist Church Board of Stewards, was presented a copy of the Interpreter's Bible at the recent commencement exercises. Dr. Lea has led the Methodist student seminar on Sunday mornings during the past two semesters. Kappa Chi, the organization for students interested in Christian vocations, presented the gift on behalf of all Methodist students in the seminar.

Six organizations have scheduled summer conferences to be held on the Brevard College campus. The groups include: a Trust Training School for bankers, June 21-27; the Spiritual Life Retreat, June 28-July 2; the American Cheerleaders' Association, week of July 6; Southeastern Region of National Federation of Music Clubs; July 23-26, Disciplined Order of Christ, week of July 27; and the N. C. State School of Forestry, August 3-5.

Dr. Lester F. Zerfoss, Director of Industrial Relations and Management Services at American Enka Corporation, was the principal speaker at the recent Brevard College Luncheon, which was held during Annual Conference. Dr. Zerfoss is a trustee of Brevard and a prominent Methodist layman from First Methodist Church, Hendersonville.

In closing, Dr. Zerfoss invited friends and alumni to come to Brevard and see the excellent progress which is being made in every phase of its program.

Church Property Management

An institute on church property management, first such at American University, has been set for Aug. 3-7 for ministers and laymen. The four intensive 10-hour courses —on using, maintaining, acquiring, insuring and taxing church property—will be given at Mt. Olivet Methodist, Arlington, Va., according to the Rev. Dr. Clyde W. Humphrey, director of AU's Center for Church Business Management. Instructors will include pastors, educators and local church business administrators.

Methodist College Graduates Forty-three in First Class

(Picture on front page)

On Monday, June 1, 1964, Dr. L. Stacy Weaver, president of Methodist College, presented diplomas to 43 members of the college's first graduating class.

Bishop Paul N. Garber of The Methodist Church, Richmond Area, delivered the commencement address. In his address he upheld Francis Asbury, the first Methodist Bishop in the United States, as an exemplary figure of poverty, humility, sympathy and kindness, who achieved "an internal happiness." He urged the graduates to follow this example in achieving happiness, rather than seeking happiness through material things.

More than 600 people gathered in the Student Union at 10:30 in the morning to witness and share in this impressive and history-making event.

The atmosphere was filled with anticipation as Dr. Millard Burt, dean of the college, began the presentation of candidates for degrees, and Guy Baker Beattie, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. G. B. Beattie of 1304 Duplin Road, Raleigh, stepped forward and received the first diploma to be awarded by the college. The Beatties are members of the Fairmont Methodist Church of Raleigh.

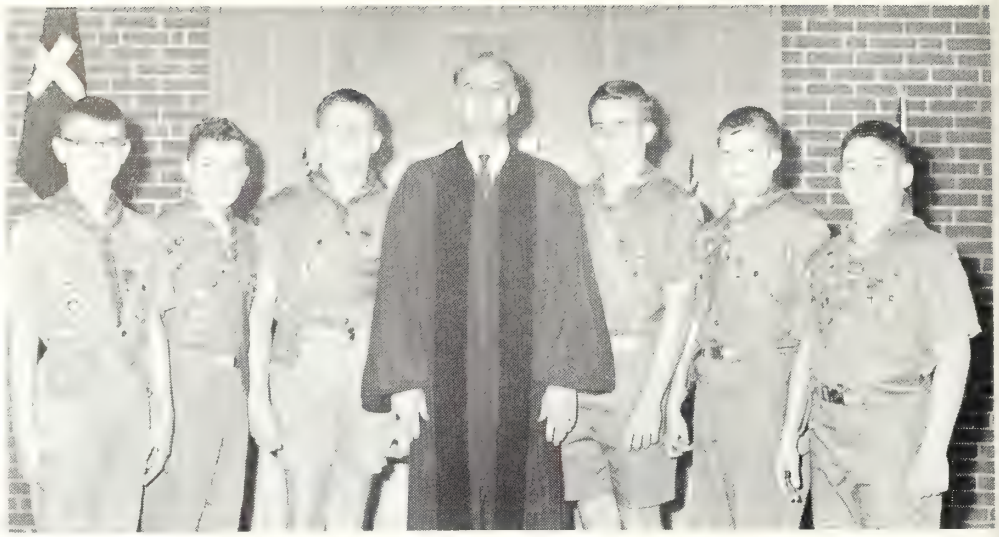
Other members of this historical class to receive diplomas were: Betty Graham Bunce, Stedman; Louise Freeman Council, White Oak; George Fennel Dempsey, Jr., Clinton; Dixie Collier Godwin, Linden; Julian Daniel Jessup, Wallace; James Wilson Johnson, Dunn; Amos William McLamb, Garland; Lula Ritter Marley, Robbins; Lucy Smith Martin, Gray's Creek; David Saxton Myers, Charlotte; John Kern Ormond, Jr., Parkton; Barbetta Smith, Hope Mills; Harriett Mellon Smith, Raeford; Yvonne Spires Tilley, Spring Lake.

Lois Stephenson Cade, Helen Lucille Carter, John Capers Downing, Samuel Reese Edwards, Jr., Paul Joachim Gorski, Ronald Sherwood Greene, Betty Neill Guy, Kay Dawn Hamby, Ralph Finton Hoggard, William Connor Holland, III, Jack Manly Hunter, Marlene Barnheardt Johnson, Virginia Knox Kern, Robert Herman Lapke, Elizabeth Beecher Mazur, Harvey Dale Meeks, Patricia Mae Melvin, Janice Barrett Peters, Samuel Marsden Pope, Alice Adella Smith, Louis Spilman, Jr., Ruth Carter Stapleton, Francis Zenophon Stewart, Harold Junior Teague, William Henry Walker, II, Ann Graham Watson, William Alexander Wolfe, and Jerry Crane Wood, Fayetteville.

On Sunday, May 31, the first Baccalaureate Service was held in the Hay Street Methodist Church of Fayetteville. Dr. Mark Depp, Minister Emeritus, Centenary Methodist Church, Winston-Salem, delivered the sermon.

On Sunday afternoon at 4 o'clock Dr. and Mrs. Weaver honored the graduates and their families at a reception in the lounge of Garber Hall.

Methodist College is one of the two new colleges established by the North Carolina Conference in 1956. The other, North Carolina Wesleyan at Rocky Mount, also graduated its first class of about the same size on June 1.



SIX RECEIVE GOD AND COUNTRY AWARD AT SAINT MARK'S, RALEIGH
Six Boy Scout members of Saint Mark's Methodist Church, Raleigh, received the God and Country Award at a ceremony at the church on Sunday, May 31. Dr. John R. Holsten, Scoutmaster of Troop 344, made the presentation to the Scouts, all members of Troop 344. The Rev. George W. Ports, Jr., is the pastor of the church. Shown in the picture are (from left to right): Reginald Thane Compton, Noah Michael Sites, William Bryan Cheek, the Rev. Mr. Ports, Randolph Daniel Stowe, George W. Ports, III, and Steven Parker Stowe.

Church School Administrators Conference August 14-16

Methodist Bishop John Owen Smith, Atlanta, will be one of the leaders for a Methodist church school administrators conference to be held at Lake Junaluska August 14-16.

The meeting is for all persons who have general responsibility in the church school (which includes Sunday school and other educational activities of the local church).

Theme of the conference is "The Church School *Moves* in the New Quadrennium."

There will be presentations on the church school, organizing new church school units, effective teaching, new depth in curriculum, evangelism in depth through Christian education, and the Bible as the basic resource in Christian teaching.

Bishop Smith's presentation has been announced as "Teaching for Action in an Age of Social Change."

Other leaders include the Rev. Dr. Charles P. Bowles, Charlotte, superintendent of the Charlotte Methodist District; the Rev. Dr. D. Trigg James, Atlanta, an executive secretary of the Methodist Southeastern Jurisdictional Council; Rev. Dr. McMurray S. Richey, associate professor of theology and Christian nurture, the Divinity School, Duke University; and the following staff members of the Methodist General Board of Education in Nashville: the Rev. Dr. Walter Towner, the Rev. Randle Dew, the Rev. Dr. Wayne Lindecker, and Miss Lena Mereness.

Those in attendance will close their meeting by worshiping with others at the Junaluska auditorium on Sunday morning, Aug. 16. The Rev. Dr. Lawrence L. Lacour, Nashville, staff member of the Methodist General Board of Evangelism, will deliver the message.

The conference at this southeastern Methodist assembly will be under the auspices of the Southeastern Jurisdictional Council and the General Board of Education.

W. N. C. Conference Progress Under Bishop Nolan B. Harmon

The Western North Carolina Methodist Conference has prospered spiritually and financially under the eight-year administration of Bishop Nolan B. Harmon.

Now fourth among the 99 annual conferences in The Methodist Church, the Western North Carolina Conference has increased total giving from 1956 to 1964 nearly $8 million, from $8,690,772 to $16,623,057.

Membership during the bishop's eight years has increased 17,249, from 251,346 to 268,595.

These figures become impressive in the light of the bishop's responsibilities during those eight years. Besides the Western North Carolina Conference, he headed the South Carolina Conference (1956-60), the North Alabama Conference (1961-64) and the Kentucky Conference (several months of 1960).

As an authority on Methodist history, church polity and Christian education, he has been involved heavily in national church work, and as the first book editor of the united Methodist Church (1940-56), he has been called upon often for special articles and contributions.

During his eight years with the Western North Carolina Conference clergymen's salaries increased from $1,531,356 to $2,862,-079; the minimum salary fund to support local churches unable to pay pastors a full salary jumped from $82,265 to $240,211.

Estimated value of church buildings, equipment and land increased from $50,-075,371 to $102,529,819; estimated value of parsonages, furniture and land increased from $8,387,958 to $13,259,653; and estimated value of other property jumped from $3,513,783 to $4,747,393.

World Service benevolences, those monies sent by the conference to the national church for national and overseas work, increased from $384,375 to $799,170.

Fellowship of Christian Athletes Convene at Blue Ridge

Army football coach Paul Dietzel was the keynote speaker as the first annual Southeastern convention of the Fellowship of Christian Athletes opened at its permanent convention site at Blue Ridge Assembly Sunday, June 7.

Dietzel, national president of the FCA, urged the delegates to play hard and fair in any game in which they compete, reminding them of one of the FCA's slogans, "Inspiration and Perspiration," calling those two items the ingredients of a winning combination.

The FCA convention enrolled 520 delegates from 22 states, stretching from Texas and Oklahoma in the southwest to Wisconsin in the northwest to New York in the northeast to Florida in the southeast. The delegates are largely high school and college athletes.

Among the convention's noted speakers last week were Paul Anderson of Toccoa, Ga., former Olympic weight lifting champion; Billy Wade, quarterback of the World Champion Chicago Bears; Fran Tarkenton, Minnesota Vikings quarterback; Frank McGuire, South Carolina basketball coach; Dick Harp, recently resigned Kansas coach; John McLendon, Kentucky State College basketball coach who will take a United States team to Russia this year; and Dave (Boo) Ferris, former Boston Red Sox pitching great.

This convention is the first of four this year. Others will be held Aug. 2-7 at Henderson Harbor, N. Y., Aug. 9-14 at Ashland, Ore., and Aug. 16-21 at Estes Park, Colo., site of the original FCA convention nine years ago.

Blue Ridge will be the permanent site of the FCA's Southeastern gathering each summer. This is the first conference ever held in the Southeast.

The FCA convention is broken down into three segments—the Dogpatch Olympics, huddle groups, and featured speakers.

Delegates are divided into units which compete in basketball, football and volleyball. At the end of the convention, aggregate tabulation of victories decides the winner.

The huddle groups consist of 20 to 22 athletes each, with a group captain, usually a college senior, and a coach who acts in a supervisory capacity. In the huddles, members discuss various problems, both group and personal, and also discuss the relationship between athletics and living a clean life, and duty to God.

LeRoy King, associate director of the FCA, calls the huddles "the hard core of the conference."

Duke football coach Bill Murray is a member of the National Board of Directors, and Duke assistant coach, Marty Pilsson is a member of the conference committee. Dr. Howard Wilkinson, chaplain to Duke University, was the morning speaker for the conference.



RECEIVE GOD AND COUNTRY AWARD AT FREMONT

Fremont Methodist Church granted the God and Country Award to three of the boys in its Scout troop at the Sunday service May 31. Those receiving the awards are shown above with their parents. They are Bill Stewart, Bob Stevenson, and Cam Blalock. Two other boys, Wyatt Sasser, and Mike Ellis, are working on their God and Country Award and will receive it in June. Rev. J. Herbert Waldrop, Jr., is the pastor who worked with the boys. He is shown to the right of the picture.

Large Newspaper Praises Work Of Christian Missionaries

The New York *World-Telegram and Sun*, one of America's largest and best known newspapers (circulation 374,000), paid an editorial tribute to Christian missionaries in its May 26 issue and made special mention of Methodist missionaries. In an editorial entitled, "Ancestor of the Peace Corps," the paper said that "missionaries are truly the ancestors of the Peace Corps" and that "their example inspired its creation."

The editorial gave particular reference to the special Congo task force of 15 single Methodist laymen who will leave for the Congo via Belgium this summer to spearhead mission work in difficult and troubled area. The editorial said:

"The dramatic success of the Peace Corps tends to distract public attention, and credit, from the similar and much older work of missionaries representing Christian churches in the United States.

"These missionries truly are the ancestors of the Peace Corps. Their example, inspired its creation. And their efforts continue unabated, despite the fact our government has moved into their chosen field. The world's reservoir of human misery and ignorance is so vast that both combined can affect only a small percentage of it.

"Work of the missionaries is called to mind by the request of the Congo for more Methodist missionaries. The Methodist Church has been working in the Congo and had 160 missionaries there before the civil war which started in 1961.

"The church still has 90 there and is preparing to answer the plea for more.

"In June a 'Congo task force' of 15 unmarried Methodist laymen will go to Brussels, Belgium, for an intensive course in French. Then they will go to the Congo for two years and a half, establishing missions and training the Congolese in their operation.

"Their pay will amount to little more than the satisfaction gained from helping their fellowmen. The Congo government wants them particularly to establish schools in remote areas.

"Education is a main problem in this new nation.

"The Methodists, of course, are not alone in this missionary work. Most, or all, churches in the United States maintain missions abroad, including doctors as well as teachers.

"Their work is financed by pennies and dimes in the collection plates. These missionaries have made more true friends for the United States than all our billions in foreign aid—and perhaps they have done more lasting good."

Research Grants Awarded

Five grants for research into drinking behavior, compulsive gambling, controversy in the local church and similar fields have been announced by the Methodist Board of Christian Social Concerns.

Chosen from among 13 applicants in nation-wide competition, the winners of the annual grants will receive $750 each for their research projects. The research program is under the board's Division of Alcohol problems and General Welfare.

Three of the winners are ministers—two Methodist and one United Church of Christ. One layman is an Episcopalian and another has no church affiliation. Their proposals were selected on the basis of their merits, their relevance to the division work and recommendations as to the applicants' competence in research, according to Roger Burgess, associate general secretary of the board.

Grant winners for the 1964-65 academic year are Charles Norman Alexander, Jr., Episcopalian layman, Chapel Hill; the Rev. Dr. William E. Alberts, pastor of Lafayette Street Methodist Church, Salem, Mass.; the Rev. Charles P. Hamby, a Methodist minister, Claremont, Calif.; the Rev. Merle R. Jordan, United Church minister, Claremont, Calif.; and Dr. Lloyd H. Strickland, assistant professor of psychology at Dartmouth College.

Central Methodist College in Fayette, Mo., will name its new men's dormitory Woodward Hall in honor of Dr. Ralph L. Woodward who has headed the school the past 14 years.

Dr. Creighton Lacy Heads Mission Association

Dr. Creighton Lacy, professor of World Christianity at Duke Divinity School, has been named as president of the Association of Professors of Missions at its biennial meeting in Philadelphia on June 8-9. Having served as vice-president from 1962 to 1964, Dr. Lacy, a member of the Western North Carolina Annual Conference, succeeds Dr. Charles Forman, Professor of Missions and former acting dean at Yale Divinity School. The professional association is composed of nearly 150 teachers of missions, history of religions, and related fields in the United States and Canda.

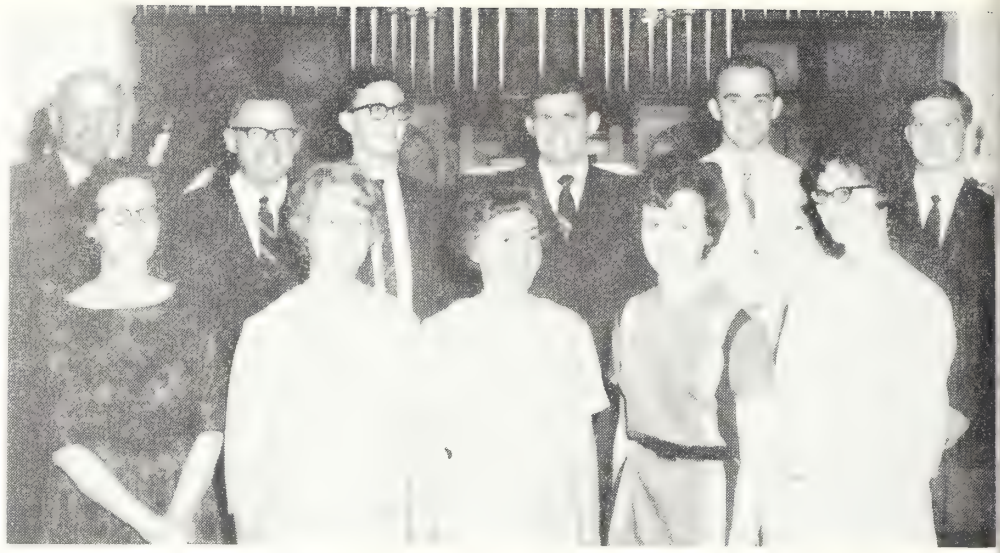
This year's program, held at Eastern Baptist Theological Seminary, featured the ecumenical dialogue in unprecedented fashion through its major papers. Father Ronan Hoffman, OFM. Conv., of the Catholic University of America in Washington, and Dean James A Scherer of Chicago Lutheran Theological Seminaries, read papers on "The Theology of the World Apostolate. Father John J. Considine, M.M., of the National Cathodic Welfare Conference and former Director of the Maryknoll Mission, and Dr. Roswell P. Barnes, secretary of the U.S. Conference for the World Council of Churches, spoke on "Common Ground for Protestant-Catholic Consideration." As a special guest of the group, the Rev. Victor E. W. Hayward, described "Concerns of the Division of World Mission and Evangelism of the World Council of Churches" (the successor agency to the International Missionary Council).

Later this month Dr. Lacy will attend the annual Consultation on the Theology of Missions, sponsored by the Methodist Board of Missions and held this year at Lake Forest, Illinois, June 30-July 3. Leaders in this Methodist discussion group will include Dr. Eugene L. Smith and Dr. Tracey Jones of the Methodist Board of Missions, Dr. Robert Nelson of Oberlin, Dean Charles Ranson and Dr. Carl Michalson of Drew, Dr. Jeffrey Hopper of Ohio Methodist Seminary, Bishop Lloyd Wicke, Dr. A. Dudley Ward of the Board of Christian Social Concerns, the Rev. R. L. Turnipseed from Hong Kong and the Western North Carolina Annual Conference, and others.

Spanish-Speaking Mission Surveyed

Millions of Methodists in the United States will participate this year in a church-wide mission study of their Spanish-speaking neighbors—some 10 million people in the Dominican Republic, Puerto Rico, and the United States.

To assist the church in the 1964-65 study, the Methodist Board of Missions, through its *World Outlook* Press, has published a 125-page Methodist Mission Study Book, *Spanish Doorways,* just recently released. It was written by six leading Methodists who have been involved with work among Spanish-speaking people for a number of years and is a study of present-day opportunities to develop Christian fellowship and understanding between English-speaking Methodists and Spanish-speaking people in the Dominican Republic, Puerto Rico, the Southwest, and the metropolitan centers of North America.



Methodists to Tour Europe

Eight North Carolina Methodist youth and two adult leaders are now on their way to participate in the Methodist European Caravan.

The Caravan will last for approximately 2½ months and will visit England, Germany, Switzland, Italy and France.

A consecration service was held at the First Methodist Church in Roanoke Rapids with the mediation given by the Rev. Hermann Schaad of Lucerne, Switzerland, who will be visited by the group when in that country.

Others participating in the service were the Rev. Troy Barrett, the Rev. L. C. Vereen and the Rev. Jack Page of the state Methodist Conference.

The Caravan group from this area will be led by the Rev. and Mrs. W. Junius Neese.

Those going with the Caravan are Miss Betsy Neese of Roanoke Rapids; Miss Sarah Bradley of Lenoir; Miss Nancy Huntley of Beaufort; Miss Eva Jones of Raeford; Fred Hurst, Jr., of Warrenton; Jeffrey Salter of Beaufort; Kenneth Wheeler of Williamston; and Hubert Wooten of Raeford.

Asheville District Set-up Meeting June 23

Dr. J. Clay Madison, pastor of Myers Park Methodist Church in Crahlotte, will be keynote speaker for the "set-up" meeting June 23 of the Asheville District of the Western North Carolina Conference.

The 6 p.m. event will be held in Central Methodist Church with Dr. Embree H. Blackard, the Asheville District superintendent, in charge. Dr. Madison is one of the outstanding preachers in the Conference, and a former superintendent of the Greensboro District.

The meeting will open with a dinner and the main meeting will follow at 7:30 p.m.

Workshops are set for 8:15 p.m., with with these leaders:

Commission on Education, Dr. Carl H. King of Statesville, Conference executive secretary of the Board of Education; Commission on Evangelism, the Rev. John Hamilton of Canton, president of the Conference Board of Evangelism; Commission on Missions, Dr. Charles Shannon, superintendent of the Marion District.

Commission on Stewardship and Finance, the Rev. Robert H. Stamey, pastor of Hawthorne Lane Methodist Church. Charlotte; Commission on Christian Social Concerns, Mr. Carl B. Hyatt, lay leader of the Asheville District; Commission on worship, the Rev. James McLarty, pastor of Black Mountain Methodist Church and Edwin L. Easter of the Asheville District; Pastors, Dr. Blackard.

What Shall A Man Do After 65?

D. W. Charlton

After some months of "retirement," I looked up the word in the dictionary. To be retired is to "remove from operation or circulation; to retreat and go into seclusion."

When the calendar says a man is sixty-five or over, churches seem to be very conscious of that fact, regardless of a man's experience and capability of service.

This concept of retirement is misleading and grossly unfair to men who are still active.

Moving to Kinston after the last Annual Conference, we have established many happy contacts in the community and church.

For months I have visited for Queen Street Church and assisted in other services when called on. It has been a pleasant relationship, and opportunity.

Two revivals or preaching missions have been conducted with my assistance. I have helped one pastor who took a two-months' leave because of health reasons, and a number of preachers have been gracious enough to open their pulpits to me.

The Christian Action League of N. C. has permitted me to continue as a trustee.

Speaking for many of "the retired men," we are not out of circulation, nor are we out of touch with the ministry and out of action.

To be unassigned does have some advantages. One can choose where he is to live, and the place and nature of his services.

But the calendar should not cut a man off from some of his best years of service and usefulness.

Can we not come up with a different idea and a different term for unassigned relationship?



CHILDREN'S PAGE



By Mary Gardner

Tony Helps

Tony looked out the window. Daddy as bent over the lawn mower, fasten- g something to it.

Tony dashed outdoors. "What's that, addy?" he asked. "May I help fix it?"

"It's a grass catcher," said Daddy,)t looking up.

"Oh, I know!" said Tony. "So the grass ill fall in there and not have to be ked up! Here, I'll help put it on." He abbed the pliers and started to twist metal nut.

"Not so fast!" said Daddy. "That one's ished. If you want to help, hold these lts and hand them to me when I need em, please."

Tony held the bolts. He watched addy work. Jimmy, next door, came ver, swinging a piece of rope in the r.

"Hi, Jimmy!" Tony jumped up. Where'd you get that good rope?" He ent to the fence to talk to Jimmy, toss- g the bolts from one hand to another.

"Ok, now," called Daddy. "Let's have em."

Tony whirled around and dropped e bolts into the flower bed. "Oh, dear," id Tony. Down on his knees he went look for them. Daddy looked, too, ut no shiny bolts could they find among e leaves and stems.

"I'm sorry," said Tony.

Daddy took the grass catcher off and tarted to push the mower without it.

"Let me do it!" begged Tony. "I can ut grass."

Daddy gave him the mower and valked over to the garden. Tony thought e was frowning a little.

Tony pushed the mower straight lown the yard, the way Daddy always lid. A path of grass, crisp-cut and mooth as a new haircut lay behind im.

At the corner he stopped. There was is favorite ball that had been lost all ummer. He picked it up and bounced t off the elm tree. Then he threw the all straight up, crashing it through he leaves and branches.

Daddy strode over and grabbed the awn mower handle. This time Tony was ure he was frowning.

"I'll do it, Daddy," said Tony, "Wait!" He ran along beside the whirring nower. Daddy shook his head.

"Then what can I do?" asked Tony. I want to help."

"You can pull some carrots," said Daddy, "and wash them off at the hose. But pay attention to what you're doing. Mother needs them for supper."

"Oh, I will!" Tony pulled long orange carrots out of the black soil. This time I'm really helping, he thought.

He took the carrots to the side of the house where the hose was connected. His hand began to turn the faucet. Just then he saw the biggest daddy longlegs he had ever seen. It was climbing slowly up the house. Tony started to catch it.

Sss-woosh! went the water in a hard silver stream out of the hose, right across to where Daddy was pushing the mower.

"Tony!" yelled Daddy. "Turn off that water."

It seemed to Tony his fingers couldn't twist the faucet handle fast enough. Daddy came over with water dripping off his arms. Bits of cut grass were splashed all over him. Tony hung his head.

"Tony, go into the house!" ordered Daddy. "I don't need any more help."

Tony slipped in the back door with the carrots. He dropped them in the sink.

"Tony," called Mother. He found her in the living room, dressing his little brother after his nap. "I have to run downtown a minute," she said. "Can you help Daddy watch Paul in the yard?"

Tony swallowed. "I don't know," he said. "Daddy said not to help any more."

Mother's eyes looked questioning.

"I was turning on the hose to wash the carrots and there was a big daddy longlegs I wanted to catch and I let the hose squirt water all over Daddy."

"Oh, I see!" Mother thought a minute. "Maybe, if you try very hard to keep your mind on your job, Daddy would let you try once more, Tony."

They went out to see. Daddy looked stern. Finally he grinned and said, "Ok, Tony, we'll give it another try. I'll finish the grass and you look after Paul. Think you can pay attention to your job?"

"I'll try hard," said Tony.

When Mother left Paul cried to go with her. Tony tried to pick him up and comfort him, but Paul was too fat and Tony dropped him. That made him cry even harder.

"Look, Paul," said Tony. He made a funny face, whipped his ball out of his pocket, and bounced it along the ground. Paul watched. Suddenly he stopped crying and laughed.

"Ball!" he said, chasing after it. "Ball!"

They threw the ball around until Paul was shrieking with laughter. As Daddy went by with the lawn mower, he stopped and gave Tony's shoulder a pat. —Carol Conner in The Sunday School Times.

For All Dads

Dear Father, please bless all dads
The whole wide world o'er,
And help them guide their children,
'Cause that's what they are for.
Help them to teach their boys and girls
The right and honest way
To live the good lives of worthiness
On every single day.
Guide them so they may guide us
To grow up wise with grace,
So we may strive our best to make
Thy world a better place. Amen.

—Clipped

The Boy's Psalm

Father is my good friend—I shall not want. He takes me on walks with him through the woodlands and green pastures; we lunch together beside the still waters; he is the best of companions. He is a good father; he leads me in the paths of right living for his name's sake. Though I walk through places of temptation, I will fear no evil; for father knows what is best for me. His hand and his voice they strengthen me. I have good times with him always. His goodness and loving-kindness will follow me all the days of my life, and I shall strive to be a man like Father.

BIBLE QUIZ

1—There was only one tree in the Garden of Eden, which Adam and Eve were not to touch. What was it?

2—One great catastrophe overtook the world in the early days. What was it?

3—In a certain city there was only one righteous man saved when God destroyed the city by fire. Who was he?

4—Jacob had only one daughter. What was her name?

5—Only one disciple remained at the cross at the time of the crucifixion. Who was he?

Answers to Last Week's Questions

1—Jesus (John 2:16)
2—The parable of the Pharisee and the Publican (Luke 18:14)
3—Zimri (I Kings 16:18)
4—The temple of the fish god
5—The house of Mary and Martha

Woman's Activities

Spiritual Life Retreat

Mrs. H. W. Doub

On June 3-4 two hundred and twenty women of the North Carolina Conference met at Louisburg College for their Annual Spiritual Life Retreat.

The featured speaker for the Retreat was Mrs. Milton Randolph, head of Family Worship, Department of Upper Room, Nashville, Tenn. The theme of this meeting was "Hands, Reaching, Ever Reaching." This was presented in four sessions of spoken meditations, prayers and a general Love Feast. Mrs. Randolph's wide experience as a world traveler, lecturer, author and as a local woman, was interwoven in the depth of her charming personality which enabled her to bring a forceful challenge to every session.

Supporting the speaker with inspirational music was Mrs. Betty Proctor, soloist of Durham, returning to the Retreat for the second year. She was accompanied on the piano by Mrs. J. C. Burwell, former Conference Secretary of Spiritual Life.

The opening session began at 3:00 o'clock in the main auditorium, with Mrs. S. A. Dunn, leading the prayer. Dr. Cecil Robbins, president of Louisburg College welcomed the group and gave a short history of the college and told of many improvements being made on the campus.

Mrs. J. E. Sponenberg, Conference Secretary of Spiritual Life was general chairman of the plans and program for the Retreat. She was assisted by the nine district Spiritual Life secretaries, namely: Mrs. Lessie Woodard, Burlington District; Mrs. Allison Simonton, Durham District; Mrs. Sam Boyette, Elizabeth City District; Mrs. H. R. Odom, Fayetteville District; Mrs. Lemuel Dawson, Goldsboro District; Mrs. W. S. Potter, New Bern District; Mrs. H. V. Prince, Raleigh District; Mrs. J. C. Reynolds, Rocky Mount District; and Miss Mary Nichols, Wilmington District.

During the afternoon Mrs. Randolph spoke on "Come Into Retreat," emphasizing the great importance of coming apart from our worldly cares and seeking a time to evaluate ourselves—to find a sanctuary of being alone. She compared the Retreat to the Sacrament of Holy Communion when we seek to rid ourselves of our sin. She declared "that no one is holy who is not ever striving to become more holy." Like Moses of old, we are also asked "What Is In Thy Hand?"

During the evening session, Mrs. Randolph gave the spoken meditation on "Our Hands, Reaching to God." She spoke of the different kinds of hands, first—the folded, idle hands indifferent to the many opportunities to help others. Secondly, the grasping hand, with a tight, clinched fist declaring that "We only keep the rose we give away." Next the nervous, wringing hands, fearful and distrusting, saying that "If we work for God we will not have to wring our hands—If we give our children to God, we will not have to suffer needless anxiety for their welfare. "Then lastly we look at the praying hands, folded in supplication. "Prayer frees us from fear and it is only by constant prayer and guidance from above we find strength to be our finest and fullest and live our best."

The group then joined in reading how the Love Feast began and how it came to our United States and who may share in it. Mrs. Sponenberg and her district secretaries then passed the bread and water and all participated. In the words of Thomas Rankin who described a similar occasion held in New York in 1774, "We concluded the evening with a general love-feast, in which meeting the Lord's presence was powerfully felt by many persons."

Following the evening meeting a delightful Fellowship Hour was held, this being given by the Louisburg Woman's Society of Christian Service.

On Thursday morning, "Our Petitions" were brought by special persons for special needs and the work of our missionaries, our local women and our unspoken requests were presented by the Spiritual Life Committee. Mrs. Randolph gave her meditations on the hands of Christ and the hands of those present with him at the Last Supper illustrating that every hand has a secret task to do. She concluded her talk by saying, "If we show the world what the Woman's Society of Christian Service and the Wesleyan Service Guild really means to us, we can move the world."

The growth in the registration for the Annual Retreat is very gratifying and it indicates the desire of our women to reach the first emphasis of our new Quadrennial goal—To develop the Spiritual Life.

Mrs. C. D. Barclift was business manager, assisted by Mrs. J. C. Gilbert, Mrs. H. R. Odom and Miss Ethelynde Ballance.

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W. N. C. Conference

Mrs. E. K. McLarty

Annual Meeting Opens Impressively

The 24th Annual Meeting of the Woman's Society of Christian Service opened impressively Tuesday, June 16, at Lake Junaluska.

The Wesleyan Service Guild met June 12-14, while the WSCS met June 16-18. Presiding over all sessions of the Guild was Mrs. Robert Ayers of Pleasant Gard Mrs. Carl King, president, presided o the sessions of the Woman's Society Christian Service.

The District Superintendent of the h ess district, Dr. Herman Duncan gave devotional which began the sessions.

The main address of the afternoon v given by Mrs. E. L. Glossbrenner who President of the Southeastern Jurisdict of the WSCS. Mrs. Glossbrenner chose her topic "Telling Our Age." She depart from the usual meaning of noting our a in years and emphasized the obligation give a message to the age in which we living.

"The women at the tomb that first E ter were given the opportunity of telli their age an incredible message of victo and hope. They were entrusted with t God-given privilege of communicating the world three amazing facts:1) That J us was not dead but risen and alive. That He was going before His friend a living presence leading the way to a n life and capabilities. 3) That His follow were to expect a personal encounter wi Him where they lived and worked.

"As we have reviewed the first quarter a century of the WSCS and WSG we ha been impressed with constantly changi approaches to a continuing mission. Ne vocabulary and techniques were called i to being in order to communicate and co front each age, but never at a loss to co tinuity.

"In 1963 we built a stretch of the ro toward World Order and Understandi through gifts to the Church Center for t United Nations; toward Christian Fami Life in the establishment of the institut for home economic studies in Congo. Du ing the past year's observance of the 75 anniversary of the deaconesses Movemer 22 of our finest women from Southeaste Jurisdiction dedicated themselves and we commissioned here in the United State These are outstanding examples of our "te ing our age" of God's mission and our tas in it today.

In 1964 the Woman's Society and Gui have a new statement of this purpose to i terpret. It is not a new purpose but a co densation and updating of our reason for b ing—of our combined commitment to o common tasks in the mission of the Churc

"As Woman's Society and Guild office and members we are called not only to te but to reveal this spiritual power in o homes, communities, in business, social, an professional life.

"Within the local situation is our greate opportunity to fulfill our roles as tellers our age, not in words but in deeds. Her we may truly be 'salty Christians' helpin to season and preserve the church as a re demptive community."

Other Highlights of the Annual Meeting

In the late afternoon of the first day o the conference, North Wilkesboro Distric was hostess at a World Federation Tea. Thi was held in the adult center at the Harre Building. At six a Fellowship Dinner wa given at Lambuth Inn to honor all mission aries, Deaconesses, and Workers. Fron this they went to the evening session whic was presided over by Mrs. C. C. Weaver President emeritus of the WSCS. After

orful presentation of the World Federa- n of Methodist Women, Mrs. Ralph A. rd spoke on the paths unknown through ich she and others on Taiwan had found ossible to follow Christ with joy. The t day's events closed with a Holy Com- nion in the Memorial Chapel. The op- tunity to present the conference Love ering was afforded at this time, as well as two following Communions. The Rev. rman Duncan and Dr. Cato Dick were celebrants.

The first day of the three day conference ved to be an inspiring time for those at- ding.

ral Workers Have Training Session For Students

The Garland Staffords are playing mom d dad to a group of eighteen in the All- od House at Junaluska.

Twelve college students who are planning work in rural and other community situa- ns are in an intensive training session for week under the supervision of the Com- nity and Church Workers who have been ving on the various appointments in the nference to which they have been as- ned.

Each trained worker contributes out of r experience to the sessions for every type uation in church and church school guid- ce with which the girls need to be famil- .

The night we dropped in, an evening ses- n was just beginning on the activities and oblems encountered and planned for in nducting day camp activities. The slides ed were very good scenes taken from a y camp of former years, and from all the thusiasm exhibited, the girls will be lead- g inspired activities this summer!

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South Dakota Methodists have opened a w retirement home in Mitchell to be own as Wesley Acres.

Miss Chance to Be Certified Director of Christian Education

Miss Dorathy M. Chance, daughter of Mrs. C. F. Chance, and the late Mr. Chance, Lumberton, will be certified as a director of Christian Education in a service of consecration on June 24th at Front Street Methodist Church, Burlington, during the annual



Miss Dorathy M. Chance

session of the North Carolina Conference of The Methodist Church. The service is in connection with the ordination of ministers of the conference.

Miss Chance served as Educational Assistant at Chestnut Street Methodist Church in Lumberton on a part-time basis from 1957-1960, when she became the full-time director of its educational program upon her graduation from Pfeiffer College. In September, 1962, she joined the staff of the Youth Department, Division of the Local Church, of the General Board of Education of The Methodist Church, with headquarters in Nashville, Tenn. During her service there, Miss Chance served on a seven-member Steering Committee which directed "An Exploration for an Effective Youth Ministry in The Methodist Church." The committee was composed of representatives of several boards and agencies from all over national Methodism, and its purpose was to direct a study which will restructure the youth program of The Methodist Church.

During the past year, Miss Chance has been a student in the Divinity School of Duke University, where she has made the Dean's List while working on the degree of Master of Religious Education. She will complete the degree requirements in June, 1965. While in school this year, she has served as the Educational Assistant on weekends at Jonesboro Heights Methodist Church, Sanford, and she will continue in that capacity on a full-time basis for summer months.

The Methodist Church requires that an individual meet certain professional and personal standards in order to be certified as a Director of Christian Education. Following the regular college course, one is known as an "Educational Assistant," and only when one year of graduate study and one year of practical, professional experience in a local church have been completed, in addition to other personal requirements, is the individual eligible for certification by the General Board of Education and entitled to bear the title of "Director of Christian Education."

Miss Hook, Mr. Tilley United in Marriage

The marriage of Miss Sandy Ann Hook of Staunton, Va., to the Rev. Charles J. Tilley was solemized in the chapel of the Second Presbyterian Church in Richmond, Va., on Friday, May 29. The bride is the daughter of Mr. Sandy Hook of Highland County, Virginia. She received her business education in Harrisonburg, Va., and has been employed by insurance agencies in Staunton. She is active in the Spring Hill Presbyterian Church in Augusta County.

The groom is the son of Mrs. Mala Tilley of Durham and the late Charlie Tilley. The groom is a member of the Virginia Conference of the Methodist Church. He transferred from the North Carolina Conference in 1957 after serving that conference for nine years. He received his A.B. degree from Duke University, and his A.M. from the University of Southern California and has studied for the Ph.D. at Stanford University. From 1943 to 1945 he taught history and political science in Whitworth College, Spokane, Washington. Last May he published a book in systematic theology.

Clara Cox Bell Honored

The new dormitory at Randolph-Macon Woman's College in Lynchburg, Va., is to be named Clara Cox Bell Hall, honoring a Lynchburg woman who has given long service as student and trustee of the college. A member of Court Street Methodist Church, Mrs. Bell taught the women's Bible class there for years, was president of the Woman Society of Christian Service and was district secretary of student activities for the Woman's Society.



The new officers who will serve the Ministers' Wives of the Western North Carolina Methodist Conference for 1964-65 are (from left) Mrs. O. L. Brown of Charlotte, historian; Mrs. Charles Beaman of Greensboro, treasurer; Mrs. Fletcher Nelson of Durham, president; Mrs. Charles Shannon of Marion, vice president and Mrs. Melvin Harbin of Thomasville, recording secretary. Not present for the picture was Mrs. John Jordan of Asheville, corresponding secretary.

In Memoriam

MRS. EVA HOWARD RAGLAND

We, the members of the Woman's Society of Christian Service of Bethel Methodist Church, Coble Circuit, Pelham, N. C., offer this tribute of love and respect to the memory of one of our faithful and beloved members, Mrs. Eva Howard Ragland, who passed away May 29, 1964.

She was dedicated to all good causes. She loved and served Bethel Church.

We greatly miss her, but we shall remember the kindness of "Miss Eva," as she was lovingly called, and the unselfish ways in which she served.

She loved her Lord and served Him well.

Mrs. L. M. Dameron
Mrs. Willard Gatewood
Mrs. J. B. Watlington

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MRS. LETTIE McCOY RICH

Mrs. Lettie McCoy Rich, 92, of Raleigh, died May 24 ah the home of Mr. and Mrs. Edwin L. Jones, of Charlotte, where she was visiting.

A native of La Grange, N. C., the daughter of the late Asa and Frances Williams McCoy, she was the widow of the late William A. Rich, and for many years a prominent citizen of Graham. For more than thirty years she had resided with her son-in-law and daughter, Dr. and Mrs. Howard P. Powell in various cities where Dr. Powell held pastorates.

Educated in private schools of La Grange and Western Maryland College, Westminster, Maryland, Mrs. Rich began her teaching career at Yadkin College where she taught piano. She also taught in schools in Rochelle, Ga., Wytheville, Va., and was head of the Music Department at Martha Washington College, Abingdon, Va.

Mrs. Rich founded the Sunnyside School of Music in Graham, which she directed for more than 20 years. Among her pupils were a large number of church pianists and organists. She was a composer and served as concert accompanist for college artists, also as pianist and organist for several Methodist Churches in North Carolina and Virginia. She directed the Graham Choral Union and was a charter member of the Graham Music Club.

Surviving are two daughters, Mrs. Howard P. Powell, of Raleigh, and Mrs. William E. Byrd, Jr., of Durham; three sons, Alvis M. Rich and Frank M. Rich, both of Burlington, and Robert V. Rich of Oakland, California; 11 grandchildren and 12 great grandchildren.

Final rites, at her request, were conducted at the Rich and Thompson Funeral Home in Burlington by Dr. Howard P. Powell; Dr. T. Marvin Vick, Jr. of Edenton Street Methodist Church, her pastor; and the Rev. Charles McAdams, of Fayetteville.

"Face to Face" and "It is Well With My Soul" were sung by her son-in-law, William E. Byrd, Jr., of Durham, accompanied by Mrs. William D. Miller, of Raleigh, at the organ.

Serving as pall bearers were her grandsons, Alvis M. Rich, Jr., Frank Rich Jr., Paul Brown Jr., W. Joseph Rich, and Howard P. Powell, Jr. Internment was in Alamance Memorial Park.

Greatly beloved by people in many walks of life, until the day of her death, "Mother Rich," as she was affectionatly known, retained her mental alertness, her youthful spirit, and a zest for living.

The Poem, "Good Night, Mother Mine", by her friend, the late Bishop Ralph S. Cushman, who held her in deep affection, is an appropriate tribute to her radiant faith and Christ-like virtures:

Death cannot end it, dear Mother of mine!
Spring notes will sound again, sweet on the breeze!
Morning will come again, gliding the trees.
Spring notes will sound again, sweet on the breeze!

This is not dying, my brave Mother dear,
Thou art but climbing up out of the Here,
Out of thy struggles, and out of thy pain,
Out where, with Christ, life will flower again.

So, then, good night, Mother, only good night!
Turn thy dear face to the mansions of light.
Life is so wonderful, life such as thine,
Death can not end it! Good night, Mother mine!

Southeast to Elect Several Bishops

Three new bishops and possibly four will be elected by the quadrennial Methodist Southeastern Jurisdiction Conference to be held July 8-12 at Lake Junaluska.

A total of 460 elected delegates, half of them ministers and half laymen, and several hundred other church leaders and visitors will attend. The delegates will represent 17 Methodist annual conferences in Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, Florida, Kentucky, Tennessee, Alabama, Mississippi, and Cuba.

Bishops will be elected to fill vacancies created by the death of Bishop Bachman G. Hodge, Birmingham, Ala., and the coming retirements of Bishop Marvin A. Franklin, Jackson, Miss., and Bishop Nolan B. Harmon, Charlotte. Membership in the jurisdiction has grown enough to allow the election of a fourth new bishop, said the Rev. Dr. Charles D. White, Asheboro, conference secretary, but whether this will be done is dependent upon the recommendation of the conference committee on the episcopacy.

The Wayside Pulpit

D. E. EARNHARDT

No drunkard shall inherit the kingdom of God. I Cor. 6:10

The liquor manufacturers are as happy as a cannibal with a fat missionary. They are delighted because the tobacco scare has lifted some of the stench from their business. But their product remains the number three health problem, the estimated cause of half of the fatal wrecks, and the responsibility of one-fourth of the broken homes.

A doctor told me that liquor never killed anybody. Then when the nurse forcibly kept him from giving the shot to the wrong patient, I asked her why he was so hypodermically happy. She said he had been drinking. Liquor hadn't killed him but it was making him kill the patient.

When I was a boy in Wayne County I used to hunt snipes back of the government distillery. It made the snipes fat but it made the human guttersnipes poor.

Louisburg College Luncheon At Annual Conference

The annual luncheon for the North Ca- lina Conference Louisburg College Alur i Association will be held Monday, June , at 12 noon, at the Holiday Inn, Burlingt , according to President R. R. Blankenho , of Goldsboro.

Speaker for the luncheon is Wade Gol- ton who is returning to the college as ch- lain after serving the Apex Methodist Chur for two years.

There are at present 106 members of t Conference who attended Louisburg Colle or who have been closely associated w the College as trustees, teachers or past of the Louisburg Methodist Church.

Other officers of the group are J. D. M- chell, Pine Level, vice president; and Jo H. White, Battleboro, secretary.

Benton Heights Occupies New Education Building

The cornerstone laying ceremony for t $25,000 fellowship-education building Benton Heights Methodist Church in Mo roe was held during the 11 a.m. worsh service Sunday, June 14, according to t Rev. Alton G. Perkins, pastor.

Dr. W. Jackson Huneycutt, superinte dent of the Albemarle District of the We ern North Carolina Methodist Conferenc preached the sermon and conducted t ceremony. A picnic dinner followed 12;30 p.m. on the church grounds.

There was a 2-5 p.m. open house of t new structure which contains a large fello ship hall, a kitchen, two classrooms and stage. The building has been constructe so other rooms can be created by the u of folding partitions.

Besides the new building, the churc grounds have been graded and a new par ing area has been added to the front of t building. This is all part of the church expansion program.

Let Us Never Be Weary

We have time to work and time to play,
But an account must be given to God eac day.
There are thoughts about all we do,
Have we worked enough, been kind and tru

The harvest is great but the workers fe
Couldn't we make a pledge all anew?
There's so much that should be done toda
So much to do and so much to say.

And as we plan and till, 'tis rented land
Just loaned to us, fashioned by His han
The money we earn, regardless of amoun
One day to Him we must give an accoun

For all our blessings, we give Him the prais
But we must lay them down one of thes days.
Let's be servants who've so grown in grac
We'll be so anxious to look on His face.

Won't it be wonderful when day is don
And we've been faithful 'till set of sun?
We'll hear Him say "enter in—it's prepare for you,
You've been kind and faithful and lovin too."

Mrs. Gaither Beroth.

Sunday School Lesson

FOR JUNE 28

BY RAYMOND A. SMITH
Head, Department of Religious Education
Greensboro College

THE WHOLE HOUSEHOLD OF GOD

Background Scripture: Ephesians 2:11-22; 4:1-16

Lesson Scripture: Epesians 2:11-22; 2:19

It would be hard to find a more appropriate Scripture lesson for "World Service Sunday" than this one from Ephesians. It calls upon Christians the world over to be united in Christ; in a word, to realize their unity as the body of Christ.

The book of Ephesians has come into increasing use in these last few years. This is because it speaks so plainly to our great yearning for more cooperation and understanding between the divided members of the Church of Christ, Universal. Small beginnings have been made, and continue to be made each year. The late William Temple, Archbishop of Canterbury, called this movement toward Christian unity *"the great new fact of our time."* In the long run of the centuries it may turn out to be of greater significance than many secular events, such as the creation of new nations, the rise of Communism, or the making of many military alliances.

Why is this great movement toward union (which we have come to call "the Ecumenical Movement") so important? Is it not because we have come to realize that a divided Church can be no match for a world in which the rising tide of irreligion seems so powerful? In a word, isn't it about time, after two thousand years, for Christians to stop fighting each other and start fighting our common enemies?

The book of Ephesians assumes, with most of the other early Christian writings, that the Church is the "New Israel." Believing that Judaism, having rejected Jesus, had forfeited their privilege of carrying out their historic mission that would "bless all nations," the responsibility for this mission now rests upon the Church. That is why the phrase "alienated from the commonwealth of Israel" is used to describe those who, before their conversion, were Gentiles. But through Christ these have now been brought into the circle of the faithful. In verse 15, the mission of Christ (which has now become the mission of the Church) is described as one of reconciliation. "For he is our peace, who made us both one and has broken down the dividing wall of hostility . . . that he might create in himself one new man in place of two, so making peace."

We do not need to be reminded of the "walls of hostility" that exist in our world today. One thinks of the "Berlin Wall," the "Iron Curtain," the "Bamboo Curtain," the walls of racial discrimination, the wall between the "haves" and the "have-nots," the wall between Catholic and Protestant, between Jew and Moslem; the list could be multiplied almost indefinitely. The need for reconciliation is acute, even desperate. All of us need to examine our lives, and ask ourselves whether we are throwing the weight of our influence on the side of unity or upon the side of continuing strife.

The author of Ephesians uses a number of metaphors to bring out his emphasis on unity (see Scripture references). There is the figure of the body "one man in place of two," which refers to the corporate body, that is, the Church. Then there follows the suggestion of one "commonwealth," that is, the citizens of one holy community. Finally, there is the suggestion that the new community of the faithful is like a building, resting upon "the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus himself being the chief cornerstone (Ephesians 2:20-22).

In our time, when we see the first, faint outlines of a reunited Christendom, there are some words which ought to be inscribed over the door of very Christian church in the world. They are found in Ephesians 4: 1-7, and we quote in part: "I beg of you be eager to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. There is one body and one Spirit, one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of us all, who is above all and through all and in all."

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GOD AND COUNTRY AWARD GIVEN AT PLEASANT GROVE

Pleasant Grove Methodist Church, Route 3, Thomasville, bestowed the coveted God and Country Award upon Lanny Swaim at the morning worship service May 24. Rev. Herbert T. Penry, Jr., minister of the church, and who guided Lanny during his entire period of training made the presentation. Pictured above from left to right, front row: Chris Bristow, Lanny, his mother, Mrs. Donald Swaim, and Philip McDowell. Back row, left to right: Rev. Herbert T. Penry, Jr., Lanny's Scout Master, Jack Venable, and his father, Donald Swaim.

An Invitation to Methodists

Methodists traveling to or from the New York World's Fair or the nation's capital are extended a cordial invitation to visit Lovely Lane Museum in Baltimore and to tour the Star Spangled Banner City.

The museum, housed in Lovely Lane Church, 2200 St. Paul Street, displays treasures of Methodism gathered since 1855, including the ordination certificate of Francis Asbury given him by Thomas Coke at the Christmas Conference, Strawbridge's pulpit, a portion of Susanna Wesley's diary, etc. Special exhibits on display this summer include "World Evangel for Christ," illustrating the wonderful ministry of E. Stanley Jones, and "100 General Conferences."

Hours are weekdays (including Saturdays July and August) 9 to 4. Sunday after church there is a tour.

American University Honors Two Presidents

The words of two U.S. Presidents who made significant calls for world peace on the campus of Methodist-related American University are being remembered there this summer—in bronze.

On May 27, the university noted the 50th anniversary of its formal opening by President Woodrow Wilson. Later this summer it will dedicate a plaque honoring the occasion and place it on Hurst Hall, oldest building at AU, which was chartered in 1893 but not opened until 1914. Mr. Wilson's words included these:

"We are setting up on this hill as upon a high pedestal once more the compass of human life with its great needle pointing steadily at the lodestar of the human spirit. Let men who wish to know, come and look upon this compass and thereafter determine which way they will go."

On June 7, the university honored the late President John F. Kennedy, who spoke at its commencement a year ago with a call for world peace that led to the Nuclear Test Ban Treaty signed last October. At the spot where he spoke, on the athletic field, was dedicated a concrete monument eight feet high, with a bronze tablet bearing these words from his address, ranked as one of the most important he gave:

"I have, therefore, chosen this time and this place to discuss . . . the most important topic on earth: world peace. . . . The United States . . . will never start a war. . . . This generation of Americans has already had enough of war and hate and oppression. . . . Confident and unafraid, we labor on—not toward a strategy of annihilation but toward a strategy of peace."

Speaker for the commencement program was Miss Pauline Frederick, United Nations correspondent for National Broadcasting Company, who has both bechelor's and master's degrees from American U.

Record Enrollment For N. C. Wesleyan Summer School

A record summer enrollment at North Carolina Wesleyan College got underway Monday, June 15. More than 250 registered for the third summer session of this young college.

The summer school faculty will be composed of 15 members from all divisions of the college's liberal arts faculty. Dr. Raymond E. Bauer, associate professor of education, will serve as director of the summer session.

One six-week session registered 150-200 college students. Two four-week terms of college preparatory study enrolled 80 students under the instruction of Dr. Jack E. Teagarden and Dr. Philip L. Elliott of the English staff.

Among an expanded offering of courses are several for renewal of Secondary "A" Teaching Certificates in history, philosophy, theater, English, music and sociology. Twenty full tuition scholarships are available to teachers currently under contract to teach in North Carolina next fall.

Conference on Building and Architecture August 13-16

An interdenominational conference on church building and architecture will be held at Lake Junaluska August 13-16.

It will be for ministers, laymen and architects who are concerned with the needs of church building for both large and small congregations.

Principal speakers will be Dr. Scott Turner Ritenour, New York City, executive director of the Department of Church Building and Architecture of the National Council of Churches, and Dr. Edward S. Frey, New York City, director of the Commission on Church Architecture of the United Lutheran Church in America.

Norman G. Byar, Philadelphia, director of the Department of Architure, Section of Church Extension, Division of National Missions, Methodist Board of Missions, will be the coordinator of the program. Other leaders will include Dr. H. L. Johns, Dr. Charles A. Nowlen, and the Rev. Forrest D. Hedden, all of the Division of National Missions, and the Rev. Glenn Gothard, Nashville, staff member of the Methodist General Board of Education.

OPPORTUNITIES

Five cents a word. Please count your words and send remittance when sending your copy.

MY LIFE STORY — 60-page booklet. By mail 60c Copy. Rev. John W. Groce, P.O. Box 252, Lake Junaluska, N. C.

FOR RENT—Cabin in mountains. Will accommodate 12 people. By day or week. Must make reservations after June 1. Contact Minnie Hilhoit, Troy.

WANTED: Experienced Director of Christian Education, Mt. Tabor Methodist Church, 3543 Robin Hood Road, Winston-Salem, North Carolina.

RELIGIOUS BOOKS PURCHASED—Any size library. Send list, or write for details. Baker Book House, Dept. NC, Grand Rapids 6, Michigan.

St. Mark's, Kinston Making Progress

As we come to the close of the year here at St. Mark Church in Kinston, we are glad to report that it has been a good year for us. We have received 34 new members, most of whom are already active in our church program. Our increased budget is paid in full, and we have increased it by $2,500 for the coming year. Our building program is well under way, which when completed in the fall will give us several more class rooms, a social hall, pastor's study, and a church office. The new unit will be air-conditioned.



The above picture shows Rev. Vance Lewis presenting to Scout Billy Martin the God and Country Award at St. Mark's Church.

Yes, we are coming to the close of a good year here at St. Mark, and we are grateful.

We sincerely wish to thank the anonymous reader of the ADVOCATE who so graciously donated 24 Cokesbury hymnals.

In this, as in all areas of our church life, our pastor has given the ablest leadership. Week after week he moves quietly among us, tirelessly, understandingly, lovingly ministering to our needs. The most timid can talk to him with ease, and we all know that our most complex problem is his problem too.

Mr. Alex Malpass has given our Scout troop very able leadership, and our troop won top honors at the recent East Carolina Camporee. One of our Scouts was presented the God and Country Award by our pastor, and three more are now working in that program. Mr. Malpass has recently been given the Green Band Award.

Mr. Bryan Rhodes, president of our Men's Club reports an interesting project of that group, the planting and cultivation of a church garden, the proceeds of which will go to the general budget of the church. The Men's Club and WSCS also cooperated in painting the interior of the parsonage throughout, and making other improvements there and at the church.

Average attendance at Sunday School and worship services shows a very decided increase over last year and interest in all areas of the church's program is high. The number of families using *The Upper Room* has doubled during the year. A weekly informal study and discussion of the Christian faith for adults, is reported to be one of the most inspiring aspects of our local program.

Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Ball, counselors, report that our MYF has done far more than "hold meetings," but have devoted much time to studies of Christian approach to the major problems of our time. They have also engaged in several "service" projects to the local church. A Junior Fellowship has been organized to train 8 to 12-year-olds for MYF work when they become old enough. This group is sponsored by our MYF.



Bridgewater Ashram July 6-11

The Bridgewater Ashram will be held at Bridgewater College, Bridgewater, Va., near Harrisburg, and 125 miles southwest of Washington, D. C., July 6-11.

The Ashram faculty will be: Dr. E. Stanley Jones, founder and world missionary evangelist; Dr. J. T. Seamands, missionary to India; Dr. John Biegeleisen, professor of Bible, emeritus, Eden Theological Seminary; the Rev. Irvin Elligan, associate secretary, Division of Christian Action, Presbyterian Church, U. S.; Mrs. Ruth Seamands, former missionary to India; and Rev. Donald Beaty of Charlotte.; and Mr. Mike Mickelson of Columbus, Ohio, will be the youth workers.

The expenses of the Ashram are as follows: $8.00 registration fee for youth and adults. Children under 12, $1.00. Room and board: two persons per room without connecting bath, $24.00; two persons per room with connecting bath, $30.00; and $1.00 extra for a private room. Children 7-12 years, three quarter rate; children 3-6 years, one-half rate; children under three, free.

Supervision and instruction will be provided for all children from 8:30 a.m. until 12:00 noon.

For brochure, write the Rev. Ivan A. Stephens, 3108 South Main Street, High Point, N. C.

Bus Reservations to Camp

Reservations are being accepted on busses to and from *Camp Tekoa* and *Lake Junaluska* for summer assemblies. Special busses will leave from designated churches in Greensboro, High Point, Thomasville, Lexington and Salisbury. Delegates from adjoining districts may also secure reservations. For details contact: L. F. MOORE, c/o L. F. MOORE BROS. TRANSPORTATION CO., 740 W. Broad St., High Point, N. C. Phone 888-7215 (day) or 883-6440 (night).

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The Earthly House

". . . an house . . . eternal in the heavens." II Corinthians 5:1

You tell me I am getting old—Not really so,
The house I live in may be worn and that, of course, I know.
It's been in use a good long while and weathered many a gale,
I'm therefore not surprised to find it's getting somewhat frail.

You tell me I am getting old—you mix my house with me;
You're looking at the outside, that's all that most folks see.
The dweller in the little house is young and bright and gay,
Just starting on a life that lasts through long eternal day.

The color changes of the roof, the windows looking dim,
The walls a bit transparent and getting rather thin.
The foundation's not so steady as once it use to be,
And that is all you observe, but it's not really me.

I patch the old house up a bit to make it last the night.
But soon I shall be flitting to my home of endless light.
I'm going to live forever there! My life goes on—it's grand!
How can you say I'm getting old?—You do not understand.

Those few short years can't make me old. I feel I'm in my youth.
Eternity lies just ahead, full life and joy and truth.
We will not fret to see this house grow shabby day by day,
But look ahead to our new home which never will decay.

I want to be made fit to dwell in that blest house above,
Cleansed in the Precious Blood of Christ and growing still in love.
The beauty of that glorious Home, no words can ever say,
'Tis hidden from these mortal eyes but kept for us some day.

My house is getting ready in the Land beyond the sky!
Its Architect and Builder is my Saviour now on high.
But I rather think He's leaving the furnishing to me,
So its treasures up in Heaven I must store each day you see.

Berta Cain Loman

Carolina Briefs

¶ Miss Mary Powell of Greensboro has begun her duties as director of Christian Education at Central Methodist Church, Asheboro, of which Rev. N. Carson Williams is pastor. Miss Powell is a recent graduate of Greensboro College.

¶ Rev. A. D. Byrd, Jr., pastor of the First Methodist Church, Whiteville, was guest speaker for the interdenominational prayer service on Wednesday of this week at West Market Street Methodist Church in Greensboro.

¶ The Editor had the high privilege of preaching last Sunday at the Shady Grove Church on the Cobb Charge in Caswell County. It was his privilege to serve this church as pastor for four years back in the late twenties and early thirties. The present church was built during his ministry there. Rev. T. R. Conway is the present pastor.

¶ The Tabernacle Methodist Church of the Goldsboro District is having its Annual Homecoming, June 28. The pastor, Rev. C. R. Hollowell, will be the speaker. We invite all the churches, of the community, friends, and loved ones of the church. We welcome everyone to come for a picnic dinner on the picnic table outside the church.

¶ The Rev. James T. Hall, chaplain at Sibley Memorial Hospital, Washington, D. C., has recently been appointed to the position of Clinical Associate in Pastoral Care on the faculty of Wesley Theological Seminary, Washington, D. C. Mr. Hall is a member of the Western North Carolina Conference, and is the son of Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Hall of High Point.

¶ First Methodist church of Conover will dedicate its church plant at the 11:00 a.m. service Sunday, June 28. Bishop Nolan B. Harmon will deliver the mesage and conduct the dedication service. Others participating will include Dr. Cecil G. Hefner, District Superintendent; Rev. Arthur Pearce Rev. Paul D. Lowder, and the pastor, Rev. Russell N. Burson, Jr.

In Memoriam

MRS. LILLIE DEE MOIR

The Woman's Society of Christian Service of Love's Methodist Church, Walkertown, wishes to pay tribute to one of our best loved members, Mrs. Lillie Dee Moir, nine-two years of age who left us May 18, 1964 to join the Church Triumphant. She was deeply interested in the work of the Woman's Society of Christian Service, was a charter member, led and directed the Mission Study Classes for more than 25 years. She did so much to help in her community and made it a better place because she had lived in it. She was faithful n her Sunday School Class and all activities of her church. We miss her, her qiuet influence, but devotion to her Church and to her Master will be an inspiration to us. She has ceased from her labor but her works will follow on.

Mrs. N. S. Poindexter
Mrs. H. C. Martin
Mrs. P. F. Hanes

On A Wide Circuit

By W. W. Reid

Breaking the Cycle of Poverty

Of course, the home missionaries and social agencies of practically all Christian churches have for some years been pointing out that there is an under layer of poverty within the vaunted ecenomic wealth and structure of the United States. But the churchmen's analyses, and warnings, and cries have too often been accepted as "the expression of emotional people rather than the objective reports of calm social scientists." In deed, it was not until the late President Kennedy and now President Johnson called attention to the large percentage of "poor" in the nation that most economically-secure people gave it any serious thought.

But a growing number of lesser-luminaries in Washington, D. C., have seen the dangers of ever-increasing wealth on one hand and ever-growing numbers of those below even subsistence-earning levels on the other. Chapter after chapter, for example, in the 1963 Yearbook of the Department of Agriculture touch on various aspects of this widspread—but "quiet"—poverty, as also did some earlier reports. The major trade union groups—worried not so much by low wages as by growing unemployment and threats of job-loss or job-change through automation—have taken up cudgels against recently-discovered poverty. And I am sure it was a mere coincidence that *Newsweek's* recent special study of "Poverty U.S.A." appeared in an issue surrounded by glowing photos and advertisements of new '64 autos, of luxurious vacation air-travel, of giant industries, and of palate-tempting delicacies. One is the America of which we boast; the other the America we don't show visitors, or ourselves want to look at.

Poverty is, of course, a relative term: it has one measuring-rode in America, and quite another in the Orient—and even in much of Europe. U.S. government and NAM statements would indicate (for the U.S.A.) that "the poverty line for a family" is $3,000 per annum; some other estimates place it at $2,000 per annum. Many families living at or below these "levels" own automobiles, or their own (even if "run-down") homes or television—or all three. The poor, in other areas of the world, are almost wholly without these possessions.

Said the economic report made to President Johnson: "The poor inhabit a world apart, isolated from the mainstream of American life and alienated from its values. It is a world where Americans are literally concerned with day-to-day survival—a roof over their heads, where the next meal is coming from. It is a world where minor illness is a major tragedy, where honesty can become a luxury, and ambition a myth. Worst of all, the poverty of the fathers is visited upon the children." The economist, Leon Keyserling, declares that "the program to reduce both unemployment and poverty are identical."

The fact is that *poverty* never travels alone, but leads a whole train of frustrations against which we make outcry. Where a family (or a community) has inadequate income, there soon follows poor and neglected housing, an early break in school, malnutrition followed by health problems that go uncared for, and a spiritual let-down that saps energy and deadens desire or ability to rise above physical handicaps. One "in the rut of poverty" a family is apt to stay there—perhaps for generations.

There is cause for us all to rejoice that the government is becoming aware of the 30,000,000 Americans (in 9,000,000 families) who live at or below the "poverty level." Bills soon or currently before Congress—civil rights, education, medical care, re-training, employment, etc.—should do much to help end what "in the midst of abundance."

But is there not also an important place for the church to serve in all this? Rather shame-facedly some of us are confessing that ours is a middle-class (economically) fellowship: that the poor, the unschooled, the poorly-attired, or even the honest laborer, do not mingle with us. Yet here are the men and women—and especially the children—for whom the gospel is really the *good news*. Perhaps instead of learned discourses and questionably-effective "teaching," our churches might bend their commissions, committees, and services toward a ministry-of-the-spirit that will help break the deadly cycle of generations of poverty.



Wins High Award

The thrill of a personal presentation and handshake from the president of the United States came June 10 to the valedictorian of this year's class at Allen High School, Methodist school in Asheville.

Miss Andrea Jeanne Williams of Asheville was one of some 120 high school graduates in the class of 1964 selected as presidential scholars under a new program inaugurated by President Johnson to encourage high attainment by students.

During several days of briefing and entertainment in the nation's capital, Miss Williams and others received medallions from the President.

The only Negro among the three North Carolinians chosen, she earlier had won a National Merit Scholarship and is to attend Spelman College in Atlanta on a four-year scholarship, to study mathematics.

Allen High School is a project of the Woman'sp Division of the Board of Missions.

First Report

N C METHODIST EUROPEAN CARAVAN

Dear Friends and Loved Ones:

The 1964 Methodist European Youth Caravan began its journey on June 2nd with a most impressive Consecration and Communion service in which the Reverends Troy Barrett, J. W. Page, LaFon Vereen and Herman Schaad of Lucerne, Switzerland, participated.

Our voyage on the "Queen Elizabeth" was pleasant with clear skies and calm seas.

We were met at Waterloo Station in London on June 9th by Rev. George Groves, Pastor of Cranbrook Park Methodist church in Ilford, England. Mr. Groves ser ed as our host and guide and had arranged for the use of a minibus owned by Mr. Arthur White, who also served as our driver.

We immediately began our sight-seeing tour and first visited the Tower of London for a look at the Crown Jewels, the Bloody Tower where Sir Walter Raleigh was imprisoned and many others met their death. Then on to Ilford where our Caravan members were introduced to their host and hostesses and gven time to refresh themselves.

On Tuesday evening a very warm welcome was given us by the members of the Church. The traditional English dish, "fish and chips," was served for the evening meal, followed by a period of fellowship. Each member of the Caravan was introduced.

On Wednesday morning, we gathered at the Manse to continue our tour of London. We visited Epworth House which contains John Wesley's Book Room and many articles of Wesleyan including some original letters and manuscripts of John and Charles. Next we stopped at the Wesley Chapel which was built by ohn Wesley when he was 75 years old. He preached his last sermon in this chapel a few days before his death. His home containing much of the original furnishings was built in 1791. It included among other things, a small prayer room where he read the Bible and prayed early every morning, and a room for his brother Charles.

We now dashed off to see the changing of the Guards at Buckingham Palace. It happened to be Prince Philip's birthday so the Royal Band played "Happy Birthday," and surprisingly enough, "The Yellow Rose of Texas", among other things. From there we went to St. Paul's Cathedral and were shown a second painting of "The Light of the World," by Holman Hunt. The artist made this second painting especially for St. Paul's.

Westminster Abbey was an impressive sight. The coronation and marriage ceremonies for Kings and Queens take place here. It is also the burial place of many of the world's great men. The last words of David Livingstone inscribed on the tomb in 1873 seem meaningful today: "All I can add in my solitude, is, may heaven's rich blessings come down on every one, American, English, or Turk, who will help to heal this open sore of the world."

We sat for a short while in the Strangers Gallery of the House of Commons, visited Trafalga Square and then attended a performance of "MacBeth" at the Mermaid Theatre.

Thursday, we made a trip to Oxford to see the many colleges and especially John Wesley's room used while he was a Fellow (teacher) at Lincoln College. It was from Lincoln College that he went to Georgia, and to Lincoln College he returned after his mission. Wesley taught the Classics and Logic. While at Lincoln, he wrote a textbook which was used for three quarters of a century. There are 37 colleges in Oxford, 32 for men and 5 for women.

On the way to Stratford-On-Avon we saw Blenheim Castle, the home of the Duke of Marlborough who was an ancestor of Sir Winston Churchill. We also stopped for a short while at the Village of Wootton so Hubert could try to find some trace of his ancestors.

Stratford-On-Avon held much interest for us: Anne Hathaway's Cottage, Shakespeare's home, The Shakespearean Theatre, The King Edward VI School which Shakespeare attended, and The Collegiate Church of the Holy Trinity where he is buried.

Coventry, the scene of Lady Godiva's famous ride is one of the largest industrial cities in England. The city was bombed by 400 German planes during World War II and the Cathedral burned. It has been rebuilt and the rebuilding was partially paid for by contributions from Germany. The old ruins still stand showing quite a contrast between the old and the new.

Rochester, a city on the River Medway, has built up around the Castle and Cathedral. The Norman Castle was built in 1066 and is now in a state of ruin. The Cathedral was originally built in 604. This was the oldest building we saw. Of course, much of it had been replaced. Charles Dickens was very fond of Rochester and spent much of his time here.

A short side trip took us to Margate, a seaside resort area on the North Sea. Then we went on to the English Channel at Dover to see the famed White Cliffs. This section of the country was the setting for Shakespeare's King Lear.

Our last stop for this report was Canterbury. The Cathedral in this city has had continuous worship on the same spot for 1350 years. It was the Mother Anglican Church of Christendom. The Cathedral was surrounded by a wall so thick that a chapel was built right into the wall.

On Sunday, our young people will take part in the services at Cranbrook Park Methodist Church.

With all our traveling and sight-seeing we have tried not to neglect the higher things of life, we have held daily devotions together and are studying the Book of Acts which we discuss in a group when time permits.

Time passes all too quickly, and soon we must take leave of beautiful England. We are thankful to have had the opportunity of enrching our lives by association with these new friends and we pray God's blessing on them.

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Who Is the Patriot?

By Governor Terry Sanford

"It is sometimes easier to be patriotic during war," declares Gov. Terry Sanford, "when you are one of the masses joined in a common goal than during peace when you can be left standing alone."

North Carolina's Gov. Sanford belittles both near-sighted patrioteers and pseudo-patriots in the July issue of *Together*, the Methodist national magazine for families.

Do you really love our country? Or merely wave the flag?

This is Gov. Sanford's challenge in an article, "Who Is the Patriot?"

The true patriot, in the eyes of Gov. Sanford, not only zealously supports his country, but "is not content with things as they are."

"He pushes open new frontiers in order to give people better opportunities for both their physical and their spiritual needs," Gov. Sanford adds. "He is concerned with morals and ethics, deplores preoccupation with status and security, cannot tolerate poverty, illiteracy, injustice."

Calling for a broadening of horizons, Gov. Sanford states:

"Today, when it seems the very world is shrinking we need to think not only of our fellow countrymen as patriots, but also of citizens of the world who deserve that tribute. Men and women of all nationalities and faiths who are working, planning, dreaming, and weighing the good of all over the interests of some."

The patriot also is concerned that heritages be safeguarded for future generations, Gov. Sanford says. And he wants all citizens to share in the nation's bounty.

Appealing to church people to set examples in patriotic devotion, Gov. Sanford writes in *Together* magazine:

"A patriot in 1964 ought to use wisely the God-given faculties which are already his—eyes to see beyond now; a mouth to speak convictions, ears to stay attuned to the heartbeat of God's people; hand to reach out to help those who cannot help themselves; a heart to love God, country, mankind; feet to explore; a mind with which to ferret out truth; a soul to replenish our faith; a spirit with which to soar.

"The Christian," Gov. Sanford exhorts, "ought to be the most dedicated patriot of all. Striving to reflect the Spirit of God in his country and the world, he rises above narrow nationalism because he knows God is not hedged in by the boundaries and barriers that men erect between themselves."

Physicians Meeting Planned

"The Relevance of Christianity to the Practicing Physician" will be the theme of a Methodist physicians conference to be held at Lake Junaluska July 16-19.

The Rev. Dr. Carl Michalson, a theology professor at Drew University, Madison, N. J., will give a series of addresses. One of the speakers is a physician who also has ministerial experience. He is Dr. J. Allen Knight, director of the Program of Psychiatry and Religion at Union Theological Seminary, New York City. Among others on the program will be Dr. Harold N. Brewster, New York City, medical secretary, Methodist Board of Missions.

EDITORIALS

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Meeting the Deepest Needs

For North Carolina Methodists the spring and summer of 1964 is proving a very busy time. Beginning with preparation for and engagement in the General Conference in Pittsburgh beginning April 26 and running till May 8, not only the elected delegates but many others were taken up with this quadrennial gathering of the Methodist Church, which is its law-making body. All were concerned to know just what would emerge from this General Conference in the way of legislation and program. While there were some disappointments, there was also much satisfaction in what was produced.

Following this, the Western North Carolina Conference looked to a busy schedule in its annual gathering at Lake Junaluska June 3-7. The North Carolina Conference of the Central Jurisdiction was in session at the same time in Greensboro. Now the North Carolina Conference of the Southeastern Jurisdiction is in sesion in Burlington this week, and the eyes of all Southeastern Jurisdiction Methodists look toward Junaluska for the convening of its quadrennial jurisdictional meeting July 8-12. That many matters will claim attention there is a foregone conclusion, not the least of which is the election of at least three and possibly four new Bishops. Since there are some retirements of some of the present active bishops and since one death occurred in their ranks during this quadrennium, naturally many areas will be effected in the assignment of the several bishops for the coming four years, and everyone is anxious to know who will be assigned where. These are necessary and important matters in the operation of the Methodist Church.

Now that conferences are about over, attention should be turned to our great work of evangelism and missions, and all the other aspects of interest which demand our attention. Revival time is here; vacation church school time is here; our educational program is ever before us; the laymen's retreats, ministers conferences, youth rallies, woman's society work, and all the rest afford plenty of opportunity to enlist everyone in an active role during these days of summer. Ours is a great church with a great program, and we have given attention to producing the proper machinery with which to do the job, but let's remember that our chief business is not producing machinery, but properly using that which we have. "The fields are white unto harvest." People are yearning for spiritual help. Let the church seek to provide that which will meet their deepest needs.

THEME FOR THE WEEK

"Return to thine own house, and show how great things God hath done unto thee." —Luke 8:39.

Mrs. Louise M. Farr, Now Missionary to India

An Asheville Methodist who felt she would like to "devote the remainder of her life to full-time church service" has arrived in Lucknow, India, where she will work in the Sarah Chacko Memorial Library at the Isbella Thoburn College.

She is Mrs. Louise M. Farr, 55, who was commisioned a missionary of The Methodist Church this past summer at DePauw University in Greencastle, Ind. She trained for missionary work at Scarritt College in Nashville, Tenn., this past fall and departed Jan. 7 for her new field of service.

Mrs. Farr is the mother of two grown children who now live away from home and this was a primary reason for her wanting to give the remainder of her life to full-time Christian service.

She is a charter member of Groce Methodist Church and it was with the help of her pastor, the Rev. F. W. Kiker, that she obtained the training and assignment to the overseas missionary post.

Mrs. Farr had made known her desire to serve her church to the Rev. Mr. Kiker early in 1962 and the pastor contacted Dr. Horace McSwain of Statesville, executive secretary of the Board of Missions of the Western North Carolina Methodist Conference.

The national Board of Missions was notified and found that Mrs. Farr's vast experience in library science would be useful in the Christian movement in India.

Mrs Farr is a native of Kinston, N. C., and until 12 years of age lived in rural communities. Her family then moved to Charlotte and Asheville in North Carolina and to Washington, D. C.

As a child her home was a mecca for visiting missionaries and church officials, and here was implanted the idea for full-time Christian service which has now been realized.

Mrs. Farr, the former Louise Mashburn, daughter of the Rev. and Mrs. C. B. Mashburn, attended Davenport College in Lenoir, N. C., and received an A.B. degree from Atlantic Christian College in 1932, in English. She gained an A.B. degree in library science at George Washington University in 1933, and was certified to teach by Asheville College in 1941 after serving there as a student and assistant librarian.

From 1934-39 she worked with the Sondley Reference and Buncombe County Medical libraries. She became a teacher and librarian at Candler High School in 1941, and was a teacher in 1942 at Farmville High. From 1948-53 she was librarian for the Veterans Administration at Oteen, and from 1953-55 returned to the Buncombe County Medical Library as librarian. From 1956-62 she spent the summers at Pisgah Girl Scout Camp at Brevard as a volunteer first aid and nature counselor.

At Groce Methodist Church she played the piano, taught in church school, helped with recreation, the Methodist Youth Fellowship and in study groups, was active in the Woman's Society of Christian Service, the Prayer Group and in Vacation Bible School, served on the Official Board and the Social and Education commissions. Mrs. Farr was the church historian and wrote the history of Groce Church.

In India she will be working in a library which was opened three years ago. A course in library science has been started at Isabella Thoburn College and Mrs. Farr will be helping in the practical training of the young women of the college who take this study, in addition to handling most of the regular library work of the school.

Lucknow, where the college is located, is a city near the southern border of Nepal, and is located about 400 miles northwest of Calcutta.

The Isabella Thomurn College grew out of a school started in 1870 by the first educational missionary of the former Woman's Foreign Missionary Society. The first college class was begun in 1885. In 1920 the school had outgrown its bounds and a new 30-acre campus across the river from the old campus near Lucknow University was purchased, and new buildings constructed.

The college has over 400 students. Graduates are among many of the leading women of India.

22 Colporteurs Serve Rural Areas in Northern Rhodesia

Mr. Herbert Casler, newly appointed secretary for Northern Rhodesia, reported to the American Bible Society that 22 Colporteurs serve the rural areas in Northern Rhodesia not likely to be reached by the usual channels of distribution. In these areas it has been estimated that more than 400,000 families live off the soil. One-tenth of these earn a reasonable income from their crops. Another one-tenth are getting a little more than they need to stay alive. The vast remainder are considered to be living at subsistance level or on the breadline. Mr. Casler continues, "it is under such conditions that the rural colporteurs work; going out by bicycle with a metal case of Scriptures; sometimes traveling up to 50 miles to sell only a few Gospels. In many areas there are no complete Bibles in the language commonly spoken. These 22 men worked an average of seven and a half months during the year and distributed a total of 8,041 Bibles, Testaments and Portions.

All of these colporteurs were appointed and worked under the supervision of a local church of the area, and in cooperation with the Bible Society office.

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The quadrennial National Methodist Convocation for Deaconesses will be held March 24-27, 1965, at the Netherland-Hilton Hotel in Cincinnati, Ohio. About 400 persons are expected to attend for worship, fellowship, and discussion of mutual concerns.

Girls To Serve As Assistants In WNC Churches

A dozen girls have completed a June 8-12 training session at Lake Junaluska, under auspices of the Commission on Town and Country Work and will spend the summer serving as assistants in churches of the Western North Carolina Methodist Conference.

The Rev. Garland Stafford of Statesville, executive secretary of the Commission on Town and Country Work, said the girls will serve in both local churches and Group Ministry organizations (a collection of churches pooling their programs for greater effect).

The girls were trained in the Student Summer Service Program by Conference church and community workers. Instructors included Miss Virginia Miller of Franklin, Miss Laura Wells of Hayesville, Miss Shirley McDaniels of Mount Airy, Mrs. Arthelia Brooks of Burnsville, Miss Carolyn Thorne of Denton and Miss Vera Falls of Cherokee.

Here are the girls and where they will serve initially:

Miss Becky Andrews, daughter of the Rev. and Mrs. W. E. Andrews, Lincolnton; sophomore at Pfeiffer College. She will work in the Gastonia District, June 13-July 25.

Miss Jo Ellen Ausband, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joe H. Ausband, Conway, S. C.; spring graduate of Winthrop College. She will work in the Denton area, June 13-Aug. 1.

Miss Nan Brown, daughter of Mrs. Margaret Brown, Statesville; junior at High Point College. She will work at Cherokee, June 29-July 18, and in Big Spring Methodist Church, Charlotte, Aug. 1-8.

Miss Joan Marie Bryson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Bryson, Asheville; a junior at Western Carolina College. She will serve the Mount Airy Larger Parish, June 13-Aug. 8.

Miss Margaret Cooke, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Cooke of Burlington; a sophomore at Western Carolina College. She will serve Boger City Methodist Church, June 13-Aug. 22.

Miss Betts Davis, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bryan Davis, Raleigh; a junior at High Point College. She will work in the Gastonia District, June 13-July 25.

Miss Barbara Selina Dyar, daughter of the Rev. and Mrs. W. H. Dyar, Greensboro, a sophomore at Mitchell College. She will work at New Mount Vernon Church near Winston-Salem.

Miss Mary Elizabeth Hardin, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Hardin, Asheboro; a sophomore at Brevard College. She will serve at Murphy, June 13-July 11.

Miss Catherine Poindexter, daughter of the Rev. and Mrs. R. L. Poindexter, Charlotte; a sophomore at High Point College. She will serve Mayodan Methodist Church, June 13-Aug. 22.

Miss Phyllis Reynolds of Hiddenite, a senior at High Point College. She will serve Gray's Chapel near Franklinville, June 13-July 11, and Central Methodist Church, Asheboro, July 11-18.

Miss Marti Trembath, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Trebath, Charlotte; a junior at Pfeiffer College. She will be serving at Taylorsville until June 27 when she will join the staff at Elk Shoals Camp near Jefferson until Aug. 1.

Miss Brenda Tutterow, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Tutterow, Statesville; who has finished a two-year business course at Mitchell College. She will work June 20-27 at Lebanon Methodist Church, High Point, and June 28-Aug. 1 at the Elk Shoals Camp near Jefferson.

Professors Receive Promotions

Seven High Point College professors have received promotions effective in Sptember, Dr. Wendell M. Patton, president, has announced.

Promoted to full professor will be Dr. Charles Eugene Mounts, Department of English.

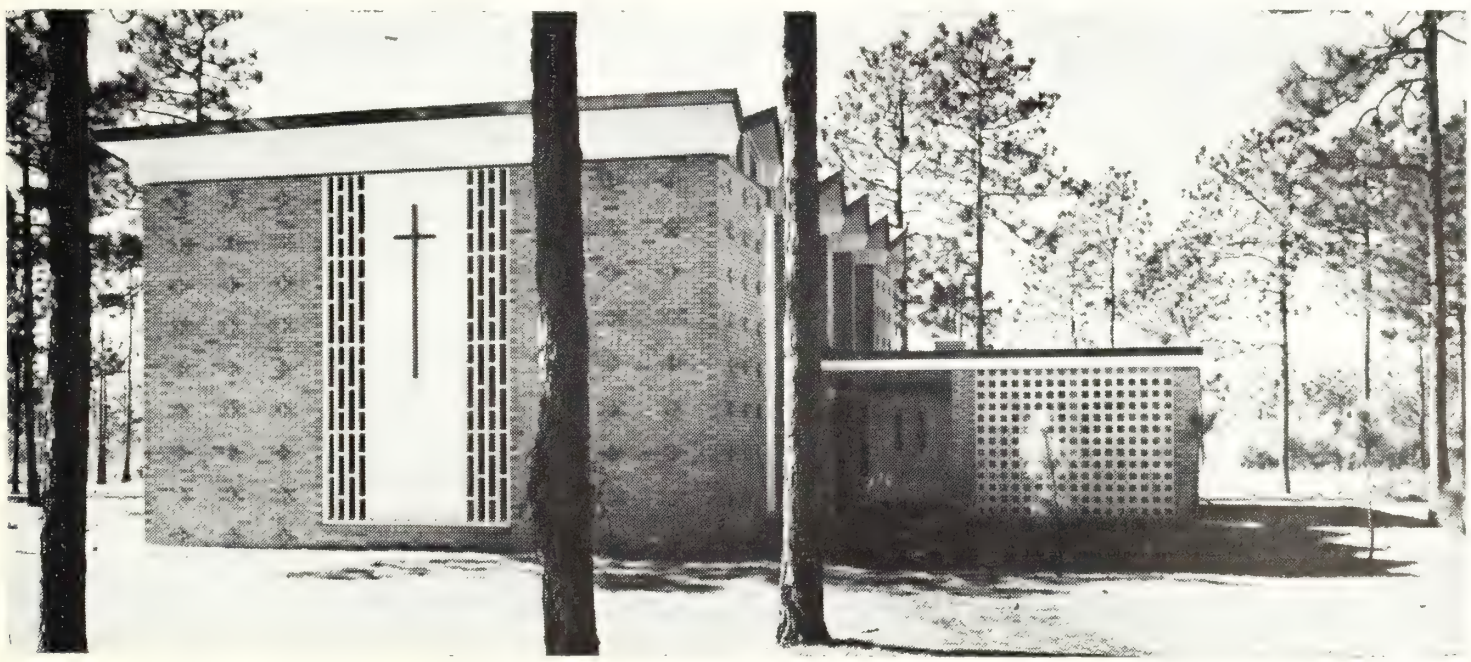
Promoted to the rank of associate professor are Dr. Jean Halladay and Miss Ruth Worthington.

Promotions to assistant professor go to Charles F. Hartman, Miss Berta Hirtzler, Mrs. Kathryn G. Ring, and Mrs. Emily B. Sullivan.

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Housing For Medical Students

A $1,350,000 loan for construction of housing for students at Boston University School of Medicine has been approved by the U.S. Housing and Home Finance Agency. The 13-story building will house 75 men medical students and 75 women medical and nursing students, plus 16 apartments for married students and proctors, dining and social facilities for 162 students.



Shown above is the new Pine Valley Methodist church in Wilmington, which will be the benefactor of July call Number 32 of the Ten Dollar Club. The Ten Dollar was begun in 1953 following the annual Conference in Durham and has been the source of much help during the past ten years in helping new congregations get started with their building programs. Each member of the Club contributes a minimum of ten dollars when a new church is organized, with the understanding that not more than three calls are made within one conference year. The value of this new Pine Valley church is $41,000. Total money raised by the church last year was $10,396.00. It has a membership of seventy, and is located in a splendid growing residential section of Wilmington. This year the church has received five on profession of faith, eighteen from other Methodist churches, and five from other denominations. The present pastor is Rev. Belton F. Joyner, Jr., who lives at 110 Ridgeway Drive, Wilmington. Pine Valley Church bids fair to become a good strong church in a fine residential section of the city.

Western N. C. Conference

In last week's ADVOCATE we ran the list of Pastoral Appointments for the Western North Carolina Conference. Below we give the list of Special Appointments.

ALBEMARLE DISTRICT

SPECIAL APPOINTMENTS

Alvin G. Amick, Chaplain, Greenville County Rehabilitation Center, Simpsonville, S. C.
Mary Bethea, Deaconess, Dean of Women, Pfeiffer College.
E. D. C. Brewer, Professor, Candler School of Theology.
Susan Carmichael, Deaconess, Professor, Pfeiffer College.
Mary Floyd, Deaconess, Professor, Pfeiffer College.
Thor Hall, Professor, Duke Divinity School.
N. A. Huffman, Professor, Willamette University.
C. M. Maness, Jr., Chaplain U. S. Army.
B. C. Russell, Professor, Pfeiffer College.
J. Lem Stokes, II, President, Pfeiffer College.
Sterling D. Whitley, Dean of Students, Pfeiffer College.
Glenn Bush, Asst. Professor, Pfeiffer College.

STUDENT APPOINTMENTS

J. W. Billings, Duke Divinity School.
J. L. Stokes, III, Graduate School, Drew University.
Retired: J. A. Fry, E. M. Jones, E. W. Mills, J. R. Short, D. Moody Nifong.

ASHEVILLE DISTRICT

SPECIAL APPOINTMENTS

Nelson F. Adams, Professor, Brevard College.
W. F. Beadle, Chaplain, U. S. Air Force.
Bertha Engel, Deaconess, Brooks-Howell Home.
Ruth Frame, Deaconess, Allen High School.
W. F. Keeler, Chaplain V. A. Hospital.
N. V. McGlemery, Director, Desley Foundation, State College, Raleigh.
E. K. McLarty, Jr., President, Brevard College.
Reva McNabb, Deaconess, Brooks-Howell Home.
Lewis Miles, Professor, Brevard College.
Wortley Moorman, Deaconess, Brooks-Howell Home.
Carol Ann Miller O'Hanlon, Minister of Education, Bellmore Methodist Church, Bellmore, L.I. N.Y.
M. S. Richey, Professor, Duke Divinity School.
Patricia Rothrock, Deaconess (on Missionary Leave)
C. E. Roy, Professor, Brevard College.
T. G. Sanders, Asst. Professor, Religious Studies, Brown University.
G. M. Schheyer, Professor, Pfeiffer College.
D. L. Swain, Missionary to Japan.
A. Jack Wadrep, Director of Lord's Acre Plan.
Carolyn Sweers, Deaconess, Allen High School.
Ralph Emerson James, Jr., Professor, N. C. Wes. Coll.
J. A. Burris, Chaplain, VA Hospital

STUDENT APPOINTMENTS

O. C. Barker, Jr., Duke Divinity School.
Stephen Brown, Boston University.
Royce E. Smith, Chaplain Trainee, Richmond Memorial Hospital, Richmond, Va.
Retired: W. C. Clark, A. B. Dennis, H. C. Freeman, E. C. Cover, J. H. Green, J. E. B. Houser, Fred W. Paschal, W. H. Pless, Fred L. Setzer, J. N. Snow, L. C. Stevens, M. B. Stokes, A. Wade Thompson, R. Dwight Ware, C. M. White, R. L. Young, E. W. Needham.

CHARLOTTE DISTRICT

SPECIAL APPOINTMENTS

Mrs. G. G. Adams, Associate Chaplain, Meth. Home.
John Moore Bullard, Professor, Wofford College.
J. E. Caldwell, Chaplain, Georgia Asso. for Pastoral Care, Emory University.
K. W. Clark, Professor, Duke University Divin. School.
P. G. Deal, III, Chaplain-Intern, John Umstead Hos.
O. C. Duncan, Chaplain, U.S. Navy.
Mrs. Esther Schlapper, Deaconess, Bethlehem Center.
T. S. Hoffman, Chaplain, Methodist Home, Charlotte.
M. Conrad Holmes, Minister of Ed. First Methodist Church, St. Petersburg, Fla.
G. Ray Jordan, Professor, Candler School of Theology.
T. A. Langford, Professor, Duke University.
J. H. Phillips, Professor, Duke University.
J. L. Swinson, Chaplain, U.S. Navy.
L. H. Witherspoon, Assoc. Professor, Philosophy and Religion, Charlotte College.
Paul W. Yount, Jr., Secretary, MissionaryP ersonnel, General Board of Missions.
Jackson W. Carroll, Chaplain, Methodist Students, Duke University.
Wayne Marshall Jones, Asst. Editor, Editorial Dept., Joint Com. on Education and Cultivation, Board of Missions.

STUDENT APPOINTMENT

W. W. Butler, Graduate School of Religion, Emory U.
Retired: C. G. Chappel, J R. Crew, Jr., F. O. Dryman, J. Chalmers Grose, N. S. Ogburn, Harold Robinson, L. D. Thompson.

HIGH POINT DISTRICT

SPECIAL APPOINTMENTS

J. F. Cagle, U.S. Army.
Douglas Cannon, III, U.S. Army.
Paul Duckwall, Director of Youth Work and Young Adult Work, Conference Board of Education.
N. M. Harrison (RS), Director of Cuban Relief and Church World Service.
W. E. Hudgins, Professor, Greensboro College.
W. R. Locke, Professor, High Point College.
H. H. Peterson, Professor, High Point College.

STUDENT APPOINTMENTS

Ronald Alva Koonts, Duke Divinity School.
Billy Wayne Stamey, Wesley Theological Seminary.
Roy Glenn Steed, Jr., Duke Divinity School.
Manuel David Wortman, Duke Divinity School.
Retired: E. M. Avett, R. W. Blanchard, D. D. Broome, G. B. Ferree, J. W. Groce, N. M. Harrison, C. Excelle Rozzelle, C. W. Russell, R. C. Stubbins.

GASTONIA DISTRICT

SPECIAL APPOINTMENTS

J. H. Cooke, Chaplain, Carolina Freight Carriers.
Leo Rippy, Jr., Professor, Scarritt College.
Jonell Robinson, Deaconess, Director of Christian Ed.
J. J. Shepherd, Chaplain, Danville, Ky., State Sanatorium, Fallston.
H. C. Wilkinson, Chaplain to Duke University.
Robert P. Crawley, Supernumerary.
D. D. Sain, Professor, Bethune-Cookman College.
Retired: J. M. Barber, J. W. Combs, J. W. Hoyle, Jr., S. W. Johnson, H. F. Kuehn, M. E. Leftwich, D. H. Rhinehardt, W. A. Rollins, R. M. Hauss.

GREENSBORO DISTRICT

SPECIAL APPOINTMENTS

L. A. Bennett, Librarian, Greensboro College.
Jackson W. Carroll, Director, Methodist Sutdent Work, Duke University.
G. B. Ehlhardt, Professor, University of Dubuque.
H. H. Hutson, Provost and Executive Vice President, American University, Washington, D. C.
W. A. Kale, Professor, Duke Divinity School.
C. B. Lacy, Professor, Duke Divinity School.
J. A. Raines, Intervarsity Fellowship.
E. M. Reagan, Jr., Chaplain, U.S. Navy.
Raymond A. Smith, Professor, Greensboro College.
H. C. Sprinkle, Editor, "World Outlook."
C. D. Stokes, Missionary to Korea.
K. M. Taylor, Asst. Professor, Greensboro College.
J. D. Turner, Hawaiian Mission Child Evangelism, Inc.
Joseph Cates Bowles, Methodist Publishing House.
Fred K. Macon, Methodist Campus Minister, U. of N. C.-Greensboro.

STUDENT APPOINTMENTS

Ole Borgen, Duke Divinity School.
Henry B. Clark, II, Boston University.
William Byrd Ellison, Duke Divinity School.
Elmer Odell Hall, Duke Divinity School.
Robert F. Streetman. Drew U. Graduate School.
J. D. Willingham, Duke Divinity School.
Retired: W. T. Albright, J. H. Armbrust, E. Lester Ballard, T. V. Crouse, Lacy T. Edens, C. O. Kennerly, Karl H. Koestline, A. L. Latham, R. M. Laughlin, C. B. Newton, R. M. Price, A. D. Shelton, P. L. Shore, Sr., J. L. Trollinger, E. C. Widenhouse, T.R. Wolfe, J. R. Duncan, Francis S. McFarland.

MARION DISTRICT

SPECIAL APPOINTMENTS

L. H. Evans, Jr., Chaplain, U.S. Air Force.
Mattie Lou Summey, Deaconess (on leave).
Joe B. Tyson, Professor of Religion, Southern Meth. U.
Fletcher Nelson, Asst. to the Dean of Divinity School, Duke U. for Development, Executive Sec. Com. on Higher Ed. of Board of Education.
Ralph Miller, Chaplain, Western N. C. Center.
J. R. Bogle, Sabbatical Leave.

STUDENT APPOINTMENTS

David Myles Abernethy, Tutor Asst. on Faculty, Union Theological Seminary.
J. C. Davis, Duke Divinity School.
J. W. Setzer, Jr., Duke Divinity School.
Retired: J. R. Bowman, J. Max Bradon, G. C. Graham, E. P. Greene, T. B. Huneycutt, A. C. Kennedy, O. L. Robinson, C. F. Tate, V. P. Crawder.

NORTH WILKESBORO DISTRICT

SPECIAL APPOINTMENTS

F. L. Heckard, Chaplain, U.S. Army.
M. Wilson Nesbitt, Jr., Professor, Duke Divin. School.
Baxter Maurice Ritchie, Director, Wesley Foundation.
Wayne G. Shelton, Chaplain, U.S. Army.

STUDENT APPOINTMENTS

John Paul Davenport, Duke Divinity School.
George Keith Howell, Candler School of Theology.
Sammie Lester Martin, Asburn Theological Seminary.
Retired: O. L. Brown, S. J. Brawley, J. L. A. Bumgarner, J. S. Gibbs, Sr., J. M. Green, R. P. Jones.

SALISBURY DISTRICT

SPECIAL APPOINTMENTS

W. O. Bigham, Missionary to Brazil.
Jack C. Smith, Missionary to Hawaii.
H. H. Wood, Chaplain, U.S. Air Force.
Sarl P. Crow, Jr., Asst. Professor, High Point College.

STUDENT APPOINTMENTS

Dauglas Howard Butler, Candler School of Theology.
James Franklin Herman, Duke Divinity School.
Frank W. Kiker, Jr., Graduate School, U. of N. C.
James Baxter Long, Jr., Duke Divinity School.
John J. Penick, Graduate School, U. of N. C.
Clarence Edward Pourifoy, Duke Divinity School.
William H. Osborne, Duke Divinity School.
Retired: C. R. Allison, G. W. Clay, W. B. Davis, E. J. Harbison, B. W. Lefler, Vero Masters, J. W. Parker, I. L. Shaver, Frank I. Stough, C. D. Brown, Ben Stamey, W. E. Rufty.

STATESVILLE DISTRICT

SPECIAL APPOINTMENTS

H. G. Allen (RS), Director, Annual Conf. Brotherhood.
Charles W. Clay, Missionary to Brazil.
Rollin P. Gibbs, Director, Field Service and Finance, Board of Missions.
George F. Hood, Chaplain, Salisbury VA Hospital.
Homer M. Keever (RS), Director, Archives, Conference Historical Society.
Carl H. King, Executive Sec., Board of Education.
A. Glenn Lackey, Director of Church Extension.
Thomas S. Lee, Jr., Director, Junior High Work and Camping, Board of Education.
Louise Robinson, Deaconess, Director of Children's Work, Board of Education.

STUDENT APPOINTMENTS

Phillip Allen Phar, Duke Divinity School.
Blythe M. Gabriel, Candler School of Theology.
Donald Thurman, Candler School of Theology.
Retired: H. G. Allen, M. L. Chappell, R. Roy Cornelius, D. H. Dennis, M. G. Ervin, A. C. Gibbs, R. Clem Goforth, T. W. Hager, W. L. Harkey, W. E. Harris, M. W. Heckard, D. T. Huss, Homer Keever, Ebenezer Myers, Y. D. Poole, E. H. Spencer, G. L. Lovett, G. L. Wilkinson, Preston L. Smith.

THOMASVILLE DISTRICT

SPECIAL APPOINTMENTS

James R. Calloway, Admissions Counselor, High Point College.
J. Harley Cecil, Chaplaincy Intern., Murdoch Center.
James T. Hall, Chaplain, Sibley Mem. Hos., Washing'n.
James C. Singleton, Chaplain, U.S. Army.

STUDENT APPOINTMENTS

Rodney C. Brown, Menninger Clinic, Durham.
Robert A. Clanton, Jr., Duke Divinity School.
R. Webb Leonard, Jr., Adler Institute, New York.
Charles W. Sisk, Wesley Seminary.
Retired: G. W. Fink, J. B. Fitzgerald, C. L. Grant, W. A. Jenkins, R. G. McClamrock, A. P. Ratledge, C. E. Ridge, W. B. Thompson, J. W. Vestal.

WAYNESVILLE DISTRICT

SPECIAL APPOINTMENTS

Elmer T. Clark, Sec. Emeritus, World Meth. Council.
Vera Falls, Deaconess.
J. W. Fowler, Jr., Superintendent Assembly.
Carl W. Judy, Missionary to Korea.
Horace McSwain, Missionary Sec., WNC Conference.
Virginia Miller, Church & Community Worker, Macon County.
G. A. Oglesby, Chaplain, U.S. Navy.
V. J. Ramsey, Chaplain, U.S. Army.
James T. Thurman, Chaplain, U.S. Air Force.
Lee F. Tuttle, Executive Sec., World Meth. Council.
Laura Wells, Church & Com. Worker, Clay County.
B. M. Whitesides, Chaplain, U.S. Army.

STUDENT APPOINTMENTS

C. W. Faulkner, Jr., Emory.
Robert Rogers, Emory.
Retired: D. E. Camak, Elmer T. Clark, L. B. Hayes, C. W. Kirby, A. W. Lynch, C. O. Newell, Mrs. C. O. Newell, W. M. Rathburn, L. B. George, I. L. Roberts, J. H. Brendall.

WINSTON-SALEM DISTRICT

SPECIAL APPOINTMENTS

S. G. Ferree, Editorial Associate, "The Upper Room."
C. H. Peace, Industrial Chaplain.
H. M. Pollock, Chaplain, U.S. Army.
David Riffe, Director, Wesley Foundation Wake Forest College.
Garland R. Stafford, Executive Sec., Town & Country Work.

STUDENT APPOINTMENTS

Louis H. Woodard, Duke Divinity School.
Frank A. Stith, III, Duke Divinity School.
Retired: J. Clyde Auman, John R. Church, George B. Clemmer, G. R. Combs, Mark Depp, J. C. Gentry, O. J. Jones, S. M. Needham, J. B. Tabor, Jr., R. E. Ward, N. C. Williams, Sr., P. T. Dixon.

Contribution of $841.74 For Alaskan Earthquake Relief

Against a backdrop of some 64 missionaries in costume and flags from the countries in which these missionaries served along with youth escorts and a lighted world map, attendants at the recent Annual Conference of the Western North Carolina Conference contributed $841.74 for Alaska Earthquake Relief.

Much of the work in Methodist institutions was affected by the recent disaster in Alaska. Repairs to buildings are needed and relief for Methodist church members is necessary.

The generous offering of those attending the Board of Missions program will help tremendously in this relief work.

National Missions Suggests Strategy to Make America Christian

A declaration that "America is not a Christian country" and a call for a strategy of positive church expansion, including the organization of many new congregations, are the keynotes of a quadrennial report from the Division of National Missions of the Methodist Board of Missions, New York, and Philadelphia, Pa.

"We need a church expansion strategy that will reawaken each local church to its privilege of witness and will lead us to undergo the agony necessary to the planting of new churches needed in years ahead," said the National Division in its report to the General Conference of The Methodist Church, April 26 in Pittsburgh, Pa. The National Division's report is a major part of the over-all quadrennial report of the Board of Missions to the General Conference. The report covers the 1960-64 quadrennium.

The National Division, which has headquarters in Philadelphia, said that a basic fact underlying all home missions and church extension work is that America is not a Christian country. "There may be those who will dispute this flat statement," it said, "but any reading of the current news, any understanding of the moral crisis that is upon us, will surely lead to this conclusion. Except in name and certain formalities, our American way of life can hardly be characterized as embodying the principles of Christ. We must come to a new realization of America as a mission field."

The National Division's report outlined some of the principles involved in a strategy of positive church expansion and reviewed its work in the last quadrennium in leading Methodism in the fields of church extension and home missions.

In pointing out the need for new congregations, the National Division said: "In the nation as a whole, we Methodists are not maintaining our percentage of the population growth. We are not winning our own constituency to membership through the church school. Our evangelistic ratio is too low. We are not following our people on the move. We are organizing only half as many new churches as we need. These factors force us to a deeper analysis of our present program of expansion.

"One activity of importance is our rate of growth in membership, about 1 per cent a year. We cannot be content with half-hearted effort in this regard. We must set our hearts on rapid growth."

And there is a definite correlation between rapid membership growth and new congregation development, the National Division said. Areas such as Florida, southern California, Virginia, the gulf coast of Texas, the Chicago area and North Carolina, where membership increase is proportionately large, are the areas where the largest number of new churches have been organized.

During the 1960-64 quadrennium as a whole, new congregations have been organized in Methodism at a rate of 200 a year, the National Division said. In addition, 200 sites for new churches have been purchased yearly.

Thise figures are better than the corresponding figures for the 1956-60 quadrennium but fall short of the goal of 400 new congregations annually set by Methodism in 1960, the National Division said. Thus while the goal for the quadrennium has not been achieved in new congregation development, "we have observed an increasing awareness of the urgent and critical necessity of concentrating our attention on this great task," it added. "The demand of our time, however, is to follow the people into new housing centers—both in the center and on the periphery of our cities. We must evolve a strategy of positive church expansion, wrought out by our ablest Methodist leaders. Let it be great in scope, real, certain, absolute, precise, strict and unequivocal.

"To do this, let each church extend its parish of responsijbility and cultivate the area with singleness of purpose and genuine devotion. As we examine ourselves in relation to this task, we become obsessed with the necessity of affirming our faith and sharing our convictions about life. We need to reawaken each local church to its privilege of witness and to undergo the agony necessary to the planting of new churches in the years ahead."

An important issue in church expansion is the financial cost, the National Division said. On the average, a new church with first unit buildings costs $125,000, and the price increases each year. Financial support cannot be separated from the task of sharing and witnessing, the Division said.

As to the importance and place of buildings, which some critics of the institutional (organized) church have called into question, the National Division said:

"It is true that man can find and commune with God anywhere at any time, but for purposes of education, fellowship and worship it is necessary for each congregation to have an adequate church home. This has been Methodism's conviction from the beginning. Certainly in these modern times all religious services need not be limited to a church building. People are offered the Gospel in factories, offices, store buildings and on street corners. So it should always be! But eventually in each parish, there should be a meeting-place for the neighbors who become a Methodist society of believers."

The National Division said that during the quadrennium Methodism had sought to fulfill the task of making real in every part of America the Christian way of life. The home missionary task is little concerned with pronouncements, the Division said, but it is concerned about meeting the needs of men. Those needs constitute the frontiers for the mission of the church ni America.

"For us in home missions, the fronties are not geographic," the National Division said. "The rural areas, the new housing developments, the inner city, these are our frontiers. They may not be as romantic or exciting as the frontiers of an earlier day created by a new nation pushing out through unexplored territory, but they are just as real and fully as urgent."

Ways in which the National Division has sought to meet needs on missionary frontiers were outlined in the report:

"1. We have endeavored to meet the need for increased personnel and physical facilities (new churches, parsonages, youth camps, etc.) in such areas of special need as Alaska, Puerto Rico, Hawaii and the Oklahoma Indian Mission.

"2. We have engaged in special ministries to the handicapped through helping to start new Goodwill Industries and providing church facilities and personnel for the deaf.

"3. We have been at work in rural areas, where shifting populations have created a crisis situation in many places. Far too many of our churches are being abandoned or served by a part-time ministry and an inadequate program.

"4. In the desperately needy mission field of the inner city, we as a Division are at work with other agencies of the church, exploring means by which we can move into urban areas with a common strategy and combined resources. We brought together inner city pastors from the eastern part of the country for a sharing of ideas on how to minister to the city.

"5. We give direct financial aid to rural and inner city churches which must minister to their surrounding areas but whose resources are too limited to do so without outside help."

The National Division called attention to three factors of special importance during the 1960-64 quadrennium—the opening of Alaska Methodist University, the Methodist Investment Fund and the growth of the church on home missionary frontiers.

"In September of 1960," it said, "Alaska Methodist University opened in Anchorage —the culmination of many years of planning and of the generosity of thousands of Methodist churches and people. It is destined to loom large in the future of Alaska as it provides the Christian leadership necessary if the full potential of this great area of our country is to be realized. The great need of the university is for continued support by all of Methodism sufficient to enable it to grow and develop in such a way that it may serve to the fullest in the years ahead."

It is significant that the growth rate in five special home missions areas of Methodism is several times that of the general church, the National Division said. For 1963, the membership gain in these six areas was: Alaska, 8.7 per cent; Hawaii, 4 per cent; Pacific Japanese Conference, 3.2 per cent; Olahoma Indian Mission, 6.3 per cent; Puerto Rico, 8.8 per cent; Rio Grande Conference (Spanish-speaking work in Texas and New Mexico), 2.9 per cent. The growth rate of Methodism as a whole in the last several years has been about 1 per cent a year.

The Methodist Investment Fund was set up by the National Division in 1960 on authorization by the General Conference as a place where Methodist individuals, churches and agencies could invest funds, receive a favorable interest rate and have their money used for loans to Methodist churches for building expansion. The Fund grew rapidly during the quadrennium, the Division said, and now amounts to more than $7,000,000. It is quite apparent that Methodist individuals and institutions have huge sums of money available for investment and that a considerable amount of this can be used for financing Methodist church building under the Methodist Investment Fund, the Division said.

Protestants and Catholic Cooperate in Brazil

Cooperation between Protestants and Roman Catholics is increasing in Brazil, according to two Methodist missionaries just back from that South American nation.

The Rev. William Bigham, now residing in Greensboro, and the Rev. William Andrews, now residing in Mt. Ulla, said the spirit of cooperation existed before the late Pope John XXIII called the first Vatican Council, and probably has been a liberal influence in the Council sessions.

The two missionaries are members of the Methodist Church of Brazil, an autonomous church of more than 45,000 members and 1,000 congregations. They are appointed to congregations of the Methodist Church of Brazil in the same manner as they would be in the Western North Carolina Conference, where they also hold membership.

The Rev. Mr. Andrews has been serving in Brazil since 1947 and twice has held the position of a district superintendent. The Rev. Mr. Bigham went to Brazil for the first time in 1959.

The Rev. Mr. Bigham said there have been a number of significant breakthroughs between Protestants and Roman Catholics, mostly at the local level.

"There have been exchanges at Methodist and Catholic institutes," the Rev. Mr. Bigham said, "exchanges of pastors and priests, and Catholic groups have participated in Protestant programs."

"There is a definite warming of priests toward the evangelicals (Protestants)," the Rev. Mr. Bigham said. "I wanted to start a meeting between Catholic and Protestant ministers, but I haven't been able to start it as yet because of a fear and feeling of insecurity among the evangelical pastors."

He said the Roman Catholic Church in Brazil is making "real breakthroughs in the political, econmic and social life of the nation. While we (the Protestants) talk of need, they act. Their priests work with the factory and rural workers, and they work against the Communists. The Roman Catholic Church is now using methods the evangelical churches used a generation ago for results."

The Rev. Mr. Bigham feels the Protestant churches are now too numerous for the clergymen available, and a great effort is being made to train laymen to take over the many mission points which have been established across the country.

The missionary said Methodism is moving forward in Brazil and "the thrust of the church is always into areas where no church existed. Every Methodist family represents the state of a Methodist church."

He said that in general, Methodists in Brazil represent the lower and middle income classes. But, he said, the Methodists are beginning to gain members in the professions.

Despite the friendliness between the Protestants and Roman Catholics, both the Catholic Church and its "established families" still refer to Protestants as sects and cults.

The Rev. Mr. Bigham worked in Jundiai, a city of 130,000 people in the state of Sao Paulo, which is heavily industrialized.

The Rev. Mr. Andrews spent his Brazilian ministry in coffee and cattle country in the states of Rio Grande do Sul and Parana. He said the friendly, cooperative Roman Catholic attitude toward Protestants can be found in these areas.

"The Roman Catholic Church is more liberal here than in any other part of Brazil," he said. "We (Methodists) have a wonderful relationship with the Catholic schools. And one of our Methodist preachers was asked to preach a closing series of services in a neighboring Roman Catholic Church. I would say our relationship is cautious, but friendly."

"We might not get together theologically and we might not organize," he said, "but we realize we have the same objective, and the catholics recognize us as Christians. The Roman Catholic Church is providing a stimulus to us in Latin America."

The Rev. Mr. Andrews said Methodist work in this part of Brazil has been heavy in the field of social services. "We have a fine aid center to which doctors and dentists give their time. We distribute medicine, food and clothing to the people. We have an orphanage, an old folks home, and we have adult education classes."

In fact, the Methodist Church of Brazil has maintained the tradition of its founder, John Wesley, in being a leader in education. At present, according to the Rev. Mr. Andrews, there are 20,000 students in Methodist schools n Brazil.

The Rev. Mr. Bigham said in the wealthy, industrialized area where he serves, the revolutionary unrest of the nation has had little effect. "This is a conservative area," he said.

But in the poorer part of Brazil where the Rev. Mr. Andrews works, the unstable economic and political situation is being felt. The Brazilian cruzeiro (the nation's dollar) was cut in half in one year. Many people make just $15 a month, but that won't buy much more in Brazil than it would in the U.S.

Segregation is not only practiced in Brazil, the missionaries said. The bulk of Brazil's population is of European descent, mostly Southern Europe, but there are large segments of Indians, Japanese and Negroes, and also some Chinese.

"Discrimination is at a minimum," the Rev. Bigham said. "Certain clubs don't permit Negro members. And I was told of a barber closing his shop and going to lunch when a Negro came in for a haircut. But discrimination is largely a matter of prejudice. However, on every hand you are asked about the racial problem in the U.S."

The Rev. Mr. Bigham is a native of Monroe and holds an A.B. degree from High Point College and a B.D. from Duke University Divinity School. He served the Mount Pleasant Methodist Church, Salisbury District, from 1955-58, then trained at Scarritt College for his missionary assignment to Brazil.

He is married to the former Martha Anne Eury of Concord, who was a director of Christian education at Forest Hill Methodist Church, Concord. They have three sons, Alex, David and Joseph. A daughter, Anna, died in Brazil.

The Rev. Mr. Andrews was born in Davidson, attended Spartanburg Junior College, gained his A.B. degree from Wofford College and his B.D. from Duke University Divinity School. He served as pastor at Whitter, Waynesville District, from 1940-44, and had the Friendship Tabernacle Charge, Albemarle District, from 1944-46, then studied at Scarritt College and went to Brazil.

He is married to the former Margaret Falls Sloop and they have five children, Judith, Rebecca, Thomas, Susan and William.

Cause for Defeat

The thing that spells a man's defeat
Is not so much what he may meet,
Like words that cut and burn and sting
That jealous men and critics fling;
Or stumbling-stones that foes may lay
To cast him down along life's way;
Or oppositions to his plans
He never fully understands.

Defeat more often dwells within
When men decide to live in sin;
When they possess a jealous soul,
Or fail to practice self-control;
Or yield to unbelief and doubt
By shutting heaven's blessing out;
When they are out of God's good will,
Then drift in spirit down the hill.

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Taylorsville, N. C.

Activities at North Carolina Wesleyan College

President Thomas A. Collins preached at Conway Methodist Church on Sunday, June 14, 1964 for Rev. Eugene Tisdale. He brought the inspirational address to the Wilson MYF Subdistrict and installed officers on Monday, June 15, 1964.

Approximately 190 students enrolled for summer session study at North Carolina Wesleyan College Monday and Tuesday, June 15-16. Fifteen faculty members will teach, with 40 additional students to register for the second College Preparatory program beginning July 12, 1964.

Miss Louise Kepley, rising senior from Harrellsville Methodist Church was announced as the recipient of a $500 scholarship provided by the WSCS. Miss Kepley is studying to become a Director of Christian Education in The Methodist Church.

Miss King Fun Ho, Chinese student from Kendall College, and Miss Tomoko Takahashi, Japanese student of Konan University, were recently announced as the winner of two Junior Wesleyan Award Scholarships to continue their study at Wesleyan College. Miss Ho intends to complete her education in Medical College after graduation, and Miss Takahashi intends to teach English and American Literature upon her return to Japan. Each will enter Wesleyan during 1964-65.

Dr. James Cox, professor of Religion, has been selected to serve on the faculty of the Pastors School at Duke University this summer.

British and American Preachers Scheduled For Exchange Program

Twenty-four British and American preachers will be involved in trans-Atlantic pulpit exchanges in 1964, Dr. Lee F. Tuttle, U.S. secretary of the World Methodist Council has announced.

Dr. Tuttle, who maintains offices both in New York and Lake Junaluska, has worked out the schedule in collaboration with Dr. A. Stanley Leyland of London, chairman of the British exchange committee.

Two of the exchanges soon to take place are for an entire year. The other ten are for vacation periods of five or six weeks. A variation of the usual program will see two British Methodist ministers exchanging pulpits with two ministers of the United Church of Canada. Another exchange involves a U. S. Evangelical United Brethren minister. Both the United Church of Canada and the Evangelical United Brethren Church are related to the World Methodist Council.

During the exchanges each visitor fulfills all the pulpit and pastoral duties of his opposite number. The families occupy each other's parsonages and in some cases use each other's car.

The values of the exchanges in enlarging international understanding and good will are not only developed in the parishes directly involved. The visiting ministers find themselves much in demand as speakers at neighboring churches, conferences, institutes and assemblies as well as at service clubs and other secular community organizations.

The life stories of these British visitors to America reveal instances where divinity studies were preceded by several years apprenticeship as mechanical engineers, accountants and on the soil. One of these preachers, a reference wrote, because of his understanding of England's workers, "prays like a saint in homespun terms."

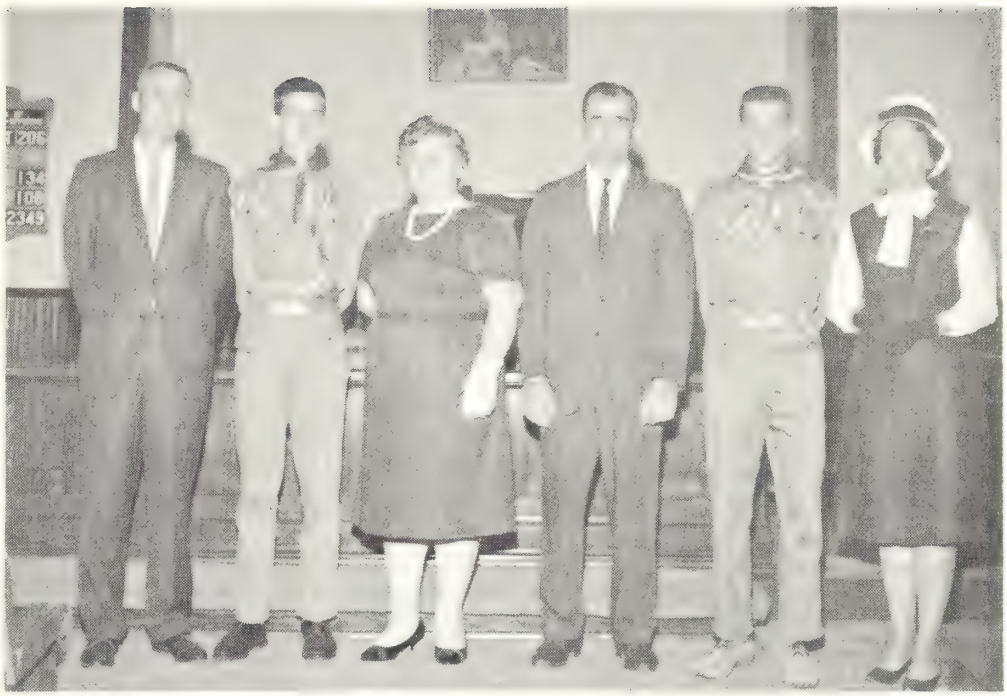
While military connections were not always listed in the data furnished, at least three of the summer's preachers served in the Royal Air Force during the war. One won his wings during training in Florida and Alabama. He returned to England to complete 300 day and night fighter missions over Europe. Another served for six years as chaplain to the Cameronians (Scottish Rifles). Several of the American exchange preachers also have military records.

Wembly, Brittain's famous sports center, is one of the exchange cities. Appropriately, the minister is described as "a keen golfer and angler. Outside the pulpit he is most vociferous at a rugby football match."

One exchange American will preach in Scunthorpe, just five miles from Epworth, the Anglican parish made famous by the Wesley family.

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Two names prominent in Methodist history are being paid tribute at the New York World's Fair by *The Upper Room*. Plaques honoring Peter Bohler, German Moravian mystic of the 18th century, and Francis Asbury, father of American Methodism, are on two of a series of pylons in the Protestant-Orthodox Center at the Fair.



Two Eagle Scout Awards were presented in a ceremony at the Grays Chapel Methodist Church Sunday morning, May 31, and the two recipients and their parents are shown above. Left to right is Mike Nixon, standing between his parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Nixon, and Bill Routh, standing between his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Sylvan Routh.

Grays Chapel-Bethany Gives Two Eagle Scout Awards

By Ralph L. Bulla

An impressive ceremony occurred during the morning worship service at the Grays Chapel Methodist Church Sunday, May 31, with the presentation of the Eagle Scout Award to Bill Routh and Mike Nixon, members of Scout Troop No. 518.

The scout troop is sponsored by the young adult class of the Sunday School of the Grays Chapel Church. Scoutmaster is Howard Kearns and he has as his assistants, Leo Corder and E. L. Lambert.

Pastor of the church and chairman of the scout committee is Rev. George Carver, who expressed his pleasure in the presentation of the two awards. These were the first Eagle Scout Awards to be given to members of Scout Troop No. 518 since its organization three years ago last January.

Besides the Grays Chapel Church, the Bethany Methodist Church is also a part of the same charge, with each church claiming one of the Eagle recipients.

Bill Routh, son of Mr. and Mrs. Sylvan Routh, Route 1, Franklinville, attends the Grays Chapel Church while Mike Nixon, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Nixon, also of Route 1, Franklinville, attends the Bethany Church.

Both boys are 14 years of age and both were 8th grade students this past year at the Grays Chapel school. Each boy is a member of the Methodist Youth Fellowship of the church he attends.

Bill Routh accumulated 38 merit badges in the attainment of his Eagle Award while Mike Nixon acquired a total of 30 merit badges. Bill has also been nominated for membership in the "Order of the Arrow."

Presentation of the Eagle Awards were made to the boys by Vernon Freeman, advancement chairman for the Randolph County District of the General Greene Council of Boys Boy Scouts of America.

LETTERS

Dear Sir:

Americ a is a great country; but for too long it has withheld first class citizenship from many of its citizens. It will not be "Land of the noble free" in reality until every man is allowed to walk the earth proudly, with dignity and not be subjected daily to the indignities of injustices heaped upon him because of the color of his skin.

America cannot hold her place in world leadership as long as we continue in this degrading and heart-breaking practice.

The time has come for all Americans of good will to speak for a people unable to break "the shackles of slavery" alone.

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Receives Scholarship Award

Larry Thomas Neal, son of Mr. and Mrs. George M. Neal, Jr., Route 1, Belews Creek, has been awarded a National Methodist Scholarship to attend High Point College next fall.

Larry was graduated from East Senior High School, Kernersville, this past spring, and was in the top 10 per cent of his graduating class.

He was a member of the Beta Club, the Key Club, the Track Team, the Boy Scouts, a delegate to Boys State, a delegate to the UN Peace Tour, a student council representative, and treasurer of the Senior Class.

He is a member of the Antioch Methodist Church, and has served as president and as treasurer of the Methodist Youth Fellowship, as vice-president of the Sub-district MYF, and as secretary of his Sunday School class. He is also a member of the church choir.

The Bible and the Fall of Two Christian Nations

Barrett D. Wilson

Two soldiers stationed overseas after World War II decided to visit a monastery located a short distance from camp. They had never visited a monastery before and had always wanted to do so. A priest came to the door and invited them in. He cheerfully showed them through room after room. Finally in one room he proudly showed them a candle burning.

"Do you see that flame?" he said. "It has been burning for 350 years and has never gone out! We have changed candles, of course, but the flame itself has never gone out in 350 years." Then the priest was suddenly summoned to another part of the monastery. He excused himself and said he would return in a moment.

While he was gone, one of the soldiers looked at the other and said: "Did you hear what he said?" "Yes," answered his buddy. "He said that this flame has burned for 350 years and has never gone out. "Well," answered his friend, "**It has now!**" And he blew out the flame!

There are many today who are trying to blow out the lights which have been burning a long time! One such light which the Christian Church has kept burning many centuries is the divine authority of the Holy Scriptures. Winds of hurricane velocity are blowing in America today against this flame which has been burning brightly now for centuries.

In our lifetime two great Christian nations have met their downfall as Christian nations because they turned away from the divine authority of the Holy Scriptures. Russia was once a Christian nation in the sense that Christianity was the dominant religion. But this Christianity was not Biblical Christianity! Thus the Christian faith faded into mere form and ritual, losing touch with the poor, the hungry, the underprivileged, the segregated, the uneducated, the exploited. The church became a tool of the state and became associated mainly with the aristocracy and the wealthy.

Into this vacuum atheistic communism quickly moved. The youth of Russia, disgusted with the corruption and feeble witness of the church, rebelled against the church and Christianity itself. It was Karl Marx who said, "Before I will consider becoming a Christian I must see one first."

Both Stalin and Khrushchev once studied for the priesthood! It is not generally known, but Khruchchev once knew the Gospels practically by heart, having been taught them as a boy. This seed of the Word planted in his mind may very well be the main reason for the striking difference between his attitude and the aggressive, warlike attitude of Red China today.

Germany is the second Christian nation that has fallen in our lifetime. R. A. Torrey says of World War I: "This awful war, with its staggering cost in money and men was due directly to the teaching of destructive criticism in German universities . . . it undermined the faith of the German people in the authority of the Book of God. It got them to substitute the good old German god of war for the God of this Book." I don't know about World War I, but I decided to make a study of the factors which led to Martin Luther's nation's instigation of World War II.

There are many factors, of course, including the mishandling of the World War I armistice, but underneath them all I discovered one main root—a turning away from the divine authority of the Bible. Germany substituted Hitler's "Mein Kampf" for the Bible. In 1925 there were 10,000 copies sold; in 1933 when Hitler took office one million were sold; by 1940, after Hitler had been in office seven years, six million copies were sold. Nearly every school child received a copy upon graduation. Every bride and groom received a copy of "Mein Kampf" at their wedding. Now the Bible was still a best seller in Germany, but more and more people, especially the leaders, were turning away from it with savage hostility.

The Nazis fiercely attacked Biblical Christianity and aimed their poisonous venom especially against the Bible. They turned to writers like Nietzsche, Hitler's favorite, who wrote that Christianity is "the one great curse of mankind." What was Nietzsche's attitude toward the Bible? He wrote: "In the whole New Testament there appears but a solitary figure worthy of honor: Pilate . . . before whom the word "truth" was samelessly mishandled . . . Pilate enriched the New Testament with the only saying in it that has any value—"What is truth?" The extreme hostility of the Nazis toward the Bible may be clearly seen when they took over the Christian church by force and intimidation and established the National Reich Church of Germany. On November 13, 1933 these German Christians had a mass rally in Berlin. The leader, Dr. Reinhardt Grause, stood up and proposed the abandonment of the Old Testament, "with its tales of cattle merchants and pimps," and he proposed the revision of the New Testament so that the teachings of Jesus would be changed to fit the principles of National Socialism.

This National Reich Church had a 30 point program. Here are four of them: (1) "Immediate cessation of the publishing and dissemination of the Bible in German; (2) proclaimed that the Fuehrer's "Mein Kampf" was "the greatest of all documents . . . and embodies the purest and truest ethics for the present and future life of the nation; (3) all churches must clear away from their altars all crucifixes, Bibles and pictures of saints: (4) on the altars nothing permitted but "Mein Kampf" (to the German Nation and therefore to God the most sacred book) and to the left of the altar a sword."

Even certain preachers permitted themselves to be carried away by the godless political enthusiasm that was then sweeping Germany. Bishop Otto Dibelius, one of the Church leaders along with Martin Niemoller and others who resisted Hitler, describes a typical situation in the pulpit on a Good Friday on the part of those pastors who had accepted National Socialism. They were quite heedless of the scriptural text. "For instance, on Good Friday, there would be a description of the arrest of Jesus. "Then all the disciples forsook him and fled." To which the preacher would add: "Such a thing could never have happened to Adolph Hitler!" and he would go on about German loyalty." Or again—this was a particular favorite with the German-Christians as a text for sermons in 1933—"But thanks be to God, which giveth us the victory!" The words "through Jesus Christ" were suppressed. And the fact that the whole verse deals with victory over sin did not trouble them. The victory, as they saw it, was Adolph Hitler's victory of January 30, 1933. Nor did they shrink from altering the text when it suited them. For instance, the opening words of St. John's gospel would now be cited as reading: "In the beginning was the people, and the people was with God, and the people was God." It was at this time that many faithful Christians began to wake up in Germany to what was happening.

What about America? Andrew Jackson once said, "The Bible is the rock upon which our republic rests." President Wilson said, "America was born a Christian nation. America was born to exemplify the devotion of the elements of righteousness which are derived from revelations of Holy Scripture."

What was it that led to the recent Supreme Court decision concerning Bible-reading in public schools? Ignoring the question of whether the Supreme Court decided correctly about this matter, how did the case happen to come to the Supreme Court?

A family in Philadelphia was responsible. He was an electronics engineer. Their family were Unitarians and they attended the Unitarian Sunday school. How do they feel about the Bible? Ellory, the older boy, stated that he did not believe in the Trinity or the Virgin Birth. When Roger, 15, was asked, "What do you believe about Christ?" he answered, "I believe he was a great man, but I do not think he was some of the other things they claim he was or that he did everything that is supposed to have happened" (according to the New Testament). Donna, 12, testified concerning the beliefs she had acquired in Unitarian Sunday school that "where it says that the devil came down to Jesus and tempted him, we have been taught that that was just a dream . . . also I don't think any man would have the powers to do the miracles that the Bible says he does." The father, on the stand, pointed out portions of the Bible he objected to as a moral guide for his children, such as "Leviticus, where they mention all sorts of blood sacrifices, uncleanness and leprosy. I do not want my children believing that God is a lesser person than a human father" (he didn't object to using the Bible as literature or history).

When Rabbi Solomon Grayzel, the Jewish expert, testified, here is what he said. Notice how strong his objection is: He pointed out that the story of the crucifixion in Matthew, for example, picturing a Jewish mob overcoming the doubts of Pilate and refusing to exchange Barabbas as a prisoner for Jesus, had caused more anti-Jewish riots throughout the ages than anything else in history . . . and that the concept of Jesus Christ as the Son of God in the New Testament was "practically blasphemous," and that Jesus' scathing attack on Jewish teachers — Scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites — would be offensive to a Jewish child."

Two Christian nations have fallen in our lifetime. Will America be the third? The winds are blowing.

TELL IT AGAIN

Tell again the Christmas story.
Of our dear Saviour's birth;
We love the story,
So full of glory,
O, tell it again to the Earth.

Tell of the star that was shining,
How the heavenly host did bring
Such joyful tidings
To the Shepherds abiding,
Joy to the world we sing.

Tell how he lay in a manger,
The Christ child so divine.
May the gladness of that day,
Fill our hearts until we say
That Jesus born in Bethlehem is mine.

MARY TAYLOR MUMFORD
Seaboard, N. C.



By Mary Gardner

THE LITTLEST MISSIONARY

"I wish that I would grow up faster," Nancy said with a sigh.

"Why do you wish that?" asked Johnny. They were walking home from Sunday School. Johnny took shorter steps so his little sister could keep up.

"So I could start being a missionary. I want to be just like that lady who talked to us today about teaching the children in Africa about God and Jesus," Nancy replied.

"That's fine, Sis. You couldn't do anything better than to be a missionary," Johnny answered, smiling at her.

"Yes, I know," Nancy said. "But it will be years and years before I will be old enough to be one. It seems like such a long time!" And she sighed again.

"You don't have to wait that long. You can be a missionary right now!" Johnny said.

"Please don't tease me," Nancy pleaded. "I really mean this." She looked at him reproachfully.

"I'm not teasing you," Johnny answered. "Don't you know someone who doesn't go to church or Sunday School?"

Nancy looked puzzled. She thought so hard that she almost stopped walking for a moment.

"Yes," she answered finally. "Ginny Lee Smith next door to us. She has never been to Sunday school."

"Well, there you are!" Johnny exclaimed. "If you brought her to Sunday school with you, wouldn't you be helping someone to learn about God?"

"Why, yes!" Nancy's face brightened. "I never thought of that."

The next day Nancy skipped eagerly down the sidewalk to Ginny Lee Smith's house. She found her friend playing in her back yard.

"High!" Ginny Lee greeted her. "Where were you yesterday morning? I went to your house to ask you to play with me, but no one was at home."

"I was at Sunday school!" Nancy replied. "I go every Sunday."

Ginny Lee looked at her curiously and asked, "Do you like to go to Sunday school? What do you do there?"

"I like it very much," Nancy answered. "There are other girls and boys there, and we sing our favorite hymns and we pray. Then our teacher tells us stories from the Bible. I'm sure you would like it, too. Will you come with me next Sunday?"

"I would like to very much," Ginny Lee answered. "I'll have to ask my mother, but I'm sure she will let me. Thank you for asking me to go along with you. Now let's go to the park and play on the swings."

When Nancy came home, she told Johnny about her talk with Ginny Lee.

"You've made a good start, Sis," Johnny told her. "There are many ways you can do God's work right here at home while you are little. If you are a good missionary now, that will help you to be a better missionary in other countries when you grow up."—*Joyce Christensen in The Sunday School Times.*

The Little Taper

One night a man took a little taper out of a drawer, lighted it, and began to ascend a long winding stairs.

"Where are you going?" said the taper.

"Away up high," said the man, "higher than the top of that house where we sleep."

"And what are you going to do there?" said the taper.

"I'm going to show the ships out at sea where the harbor is," said the man, for we stand here at the entrance to the harbor, and some ships out on the stormy sea may be looking for our light even now."

"Alas, no ship could see my light," said the little taper. "It is so very small."

"If your light is small," said the man, "keep it burning bright, and leave the rest to me."

Then he climbed the stairs to the lighthouse—for this was a lighthouse they were in—and he took the little taper and lighted the great lamps that stood ready there with their polished reflections behind them.

Our little lights may be small, but they can do great things.

A Thank You Prayer

O God, there are many things that I can do—
Swim, play ball, skate, and run races;
I can swing and draw, and read and write;
And I can make things that just suit me,
Or, when they don't suit me, I can make them over,
Or get a new idea.
O God, I give Thee thanks for all that I can do.

O God, there are so many things that I can learn—
About the world and the space beyond the world,
About space ships and rockets and jets,
And boats and automobiles.
I can learn how things work and why they sometimes don't work.

And I can learn about people, what they do and what they think about.
I can learn about people who are near,
And others far away in places I read about
And maybe see someday.
O God, I give thanks for all that I can learn. Amen.

Choosing Persons to Help

Twelve kinds of persons are named below. Check the six that you think would be in most need of friendly treatment:

1—A pleasant person with many friends.
2—A disagreeable person with few friends.
3—A good player who generally wins a game.
4—A poor player who seldom wins.
5—A Junior who has less friends than I.
6—A Junior who has more friends than I.
7—A stranger.
8—My chum.
9—Those who are well.
10—Those who are sick.
11—Those of another race: Negro, Chinese, Jewish.
12—Those most like myself.

BIBLE QUIZ

1—There is only one book of one chapter in the Old Testament. Which is it?
2—Who spoke the parable of the "one ewe lamb" to David?
3—What did the man who was given one talent do with it?
4—When two women claimed one baby, how did Soloman decide whose baby it was?
5—Who said: "There shall be one fold, and one shepherd?"

Answers to Last Week's Questions

1—The tree of the knowledge of good and evil (Genesis 2:17)
2—The flood (Genesis 7)
3—Lot (Genesis 19)
4—Dinah (Genesis 30:21)
5—John (John 19:26)

Just For Fun

"What's new around your house?" said a lady to a little boy.

"I don't know," he replied, sadly. "They spell everything."

Woman's Activities

Some Highlights of the Annual Meeting

Mrs. E. K. McLarty

There is something inspiring in itself about seeing 1000 or more women gathered together in one auditorium with a common purpose of furthering the work of Christ. The annual meeting of the WNC Conference of WSCS opened with the singing of the theme hymn "Draw Thou My Soul, O Christ," and the reading together the new purpose of the WSCS. The Rev. Herman Duncan's appropriate devotional message was followed by formal greetings and the business of organization. The main address of the afternoon was by Mrs. Glossbrenner, Jurisdictional president.

The Tuesday evening session was preceded by a dinner at Lambuth Inn at which all the missionaries and workers of Brooks-Howell Home and those others who were guests of the conference were entertained by the conference officers. Some of the ladies came in the costumes of the countries in which they had served, and this added a colorful touch to the evening. Mrs. Ralph Ward spoke effectively on the paths unknown which had opened up in Taiwan in the last few years. Exchange of technical aid with African free countries, opening a hospital with Chinese staff in Libya, the building of the Wesley Girls School and a refugee center, and the effective uses of funds for Lit-Lit. It was particularly impressive to have Mrs. C. C. Weaver, first president of the WSCS, to preside over the evening session. In addition to the main address, some slides and a skit on the World Federation of Methodist Women added a strong note of world fellowship to the evening.

On Wednesday morning, Bishop Nolan Harmon opened the session with a timely and personal message. Said he, "There are times when we should think of ourselves, even though we are dealing more and more with a collectivized world!" In thinking of ourselves, he emphasized three points: 1. We have a personal obligation to have a personal faith. We must ask ourselves the searching question "What do we believe?" We must know and be sure; 2. We have to live as an individual. Our example speaks so much stronger than our words. "We men look to you for the highest demonstration of lives scared unto God." Of the sins of the flesh, mind, and heart, these latter are the most insidious and have to be watched most carefully by Christian women; 3. There is a limit in what we can do, but not in what we can be. By what we are someone else get a call and a message to God's eternities. We must resolve to live His life for us in the times and in the world in which we are living. The best contribution we can make is to be Christian women in this day and time.

Among the Conference Guests

Beside the featured speakers, the 24th Annual Session had a number of interesting and prominent persons attending and participating. Mrs. John C. Wright, long known for her work in public relations, was in charge of the pledge service; Miss Shirley McDaniel, US-2 Rural Church and Community Worker at Mt. Airy; Mrs. William Kodzai, a member of the WSCS of Southern Rhodesia and a speaker at last year's School of Missions; Mrs. Raymond Jones, Official correspondent, AMEZ, to the World Federation of Methodist Women; Bishop Nolan B. Harmon, retiring from WNC area; Dr. J. W. Fowler, superintendent of Lake Junaluska; Miss Vera Fall, Deaconess at the Cherokee Methodist Mission; Mrs. Ernest F. Dixon, president of the N. C. United Council of Church Women. The music for the sessions was furnished by the assembly quartet and various soloists, accompanied by Mr. Warren Broome, organist. Mrs. C. C. Herbert led the platform and group singing.

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N. C. Conference

Mrs. H. W. Doub

Prior to the Spiritual Life Retreat, held at Louisburg College on June 3-4, a called meeting of the North Carolina Conference Woman's Society of Christian Service was held at 2:00 p.m. on the 3rd.

The resignation of Mrs. Harold Braswell, secretary of Missionary Education was read and accepted. the Committee on Nominations presented the name of Mrs. H. C. Turlington who was elected to fill this vacancy. Mrs. Turlington comes to this office well qualified to serve and will bring to it a wealth of experience. She has served on local, district and conference levels in the Methodist Church and has just completed serving four years as Conference president.

The following officers in the quadrennial pattern of attendance will attend the Southeastern School of Missions at Lake Junaluska, June 25-July 1; Mrs. Sam A. Dunn, president; Miss Camille Staton, vice-president; Mrs. J. E. Davis, recording secretary; Mrs. Harold Mann, treasurer; Mrs. D. K. Fry, Christian Social Relations; Mrs. H. C. Turlington, Missionary Education; Mrs. J. E. Sponenberg, Spiritual Life; Mrs. C. H. Boyd, Wesleyan Service Guild; Mrs. J. W. Benson, Promotion; Mrs. Harold Davis, Literature; Miss Bernice Ballance, Missionary Personnel; Mrs. H. W. Doub, Public Relations and Mrs. Fred Lemmond, Christian Social Relations for the Guild.

Mrs. Dunn made the following appointments for this year:

For the North Carolina Council of Women's Organizations—Delegates to the Leadership Training School, to be held July 13-17, 1964, in Chapel Hill are: Mrs. Charles B. Miller, Mrs. T. B. Upchurch, Mrs. C. B. Hicks, and Mrs. L. H. Lane. Alternates Mrs. J. C. Wingate and Mrs. D. K. Fry.

Delegates to the North Carolina World Affairs Council are: Mrs. J. E. Davis, Mrs. D. K. Fry, Mrs. J. S. Hiatt, Jr., and Mrs. P. F. Newton.

To serve the following committees — Executive Committee, Mrs. D. K. Fry; Leadership Training Workshop, Mrs. L. C. Vereen; Calendar and Directory, Mrs. James Auman; Leadership Roster, Mrs. John Crawford; Public Relations, Mrs. H. W. Doub; Program Services, Miss Camille Staton; TRAFCO Representative, Mrs. James Auman; Board of Evangelism Representative Mrs. J. E. Sponenberg.

Mrs. J. W. Benson announced Officers' Training Day to be held on August 4, at Queen Street Methodist Church in Kinston at 10:00 a.m. This training will be held for all District Officers and Subdistrict Leaders. More details will come later.

The total amount of the Love Offering placed on the altar by the women of the N. C. Conference Woman's Society and Guild at the Annual Meeting in March, was $3,671.57. A note of thanks was read from Miss Ruth Lawrence, Executive Secretary, Africa and Europe.

A New Name—A New Service

On May 1, Cincinnati became the main distribution center for literature and audio-visuals for the Board of Missions and the new name for the distribution center is—

SERVICE CENTER

Board of Missions, The Methodist Church
7820 Reading Road, Cincinnati, Ohio 45237

This means that Woman's Societies and Guilds will continue to order materials from 7820 Reading Road as in the past. All materials ordered from Literature Circulation Office, Room 1301, Riverside Drive, New York, will now be ordered from the Service Center in Cincinnati. Audio-Visual materials formerly ordered from office of Visual Education, Room 475 Riverside Drive, New York, will now be ordered from Service Center. The catalog for 1964-1965, will list all literature and audio-visuals available from the Service Center.

Another important change to note is—the office of Secretary of Literature will now become Secretary of Program Materials.



Vesleyan Service Guild Held Successful Meeting

Methodist women of the business community will give $40,625 during 1964-65 or their programs in the Western North Carolina Conference and also the National Methodist Church.

Secretaries of 13 districts of the conference's Wesleyan Service Guild pledged the unds at the close of their June 12-14 meeting at Lake Junaluska. Over 300 women rom throughout the conference attended he meeting which featured talks by outtanding women missionaries, special workhops and a religious play.

The pledges for 1964-65, by districts, nclude:

Albemarle District, $1,500; Asheville District, $2,300; Charlotte District, $5,600; Gastonia District, $4,000; Greensboro District, $1,450; Salisbury District, -1,800; Statesville District, $2,575; Thomasville District, $4,100; Waynesville District, $2,-00; and Winston-Salem District, $4,000.

The total pledge represents a $1,375 increase over the 1963-64 pledge.

New officers were elected to fill several positions in the Guild. These included:

Spiritual Life chairman, Mrs. C. O. Newell of Lake Junaluska; Program Materials chairman, Mrs. Lucille Culp of Albemarle; Research Committee chairman, Mrs. Norman White of Winston-Salem; delegate rom the Woman's Society of Christian Service, Mrs. John Wright of Weaverville; delegates for the Southeastern Jurisdiction meeting of the organization, Mrs. B. H. Groce of High Point and Miss Lois Weaver of Greensboro.

Mrs. James Jarvis, Jr., of Concord and Mrs. Perry Mallonee of Asheville were elected as members of the Research Committee.

During the meeting the Guild approved a telegram, presented by the Social Concerns Committee, asking both Democratic candidates for the June 27 primary runoff battle for North Carolina governor to refrain from becoming involved in the race issue. It read:

"As the second primary draws near, we urge you to continue the positive approach of presenting your platform to our people, leaving out race as an issue in your campaign. North Carolina has made much progress and must continue to do so. This is a time to work for a total progressive program for our great state; not a time to divide or bind our progress. The office of Governor of North Carolina carries a responsibility to all people in our state regardless of race or creed. Thank you for your consideration."

The telegrams were sent Saturday to Dan Moore of Canton and Richardson Preyer of Greensboro.

Missionaries serving as keynote speakers were Miss Lorena Kelly of Mooresville, on furlough from the Congo; and Mrs. Ralph Ward of Hendersonville, on furlough from Taiwan.

Mrs. Carl King of Statesville, president of the Conference Woman's Society of Christian Service, told the Guild delegates since the beginning of 1964 five persons have been accepted from the conference for national and overseas mission work, and three others are in the process of being accepted, including one applicant for the career of deaconess. She said each of Methodism's 99 annual conferences had been asked to reach a goal of a total of four persons over the next four years.

The Western North Carolina Conference has always been a leader in Methodism in the number of men and women who have gone into mission work, Mrs. King said.

Mrs. Robert Ayers of Pleasant Garden, the Guild's presiding officer, was in charge of all sessions. More than 300 women attended the event.

Young Adult Council Elects New Officers

Bobby M. Rudisill of Catawba has been elected president of the Young Adult Council of the Western North Carolina Methodist Conference.

Conference officers were elected in all categories at the close of the June 12-14 Young Adult Assembly at Lake Junaluska. Over 100 persons attended the event, which featured training in young adult work. The Western North Carolina Conference is expanding its work with the young adult group.

Others elected included these vice presidents: Daniel Roundtree of Greensboro, Fred E. Smith of Charlotte, Mrs. Thomas Poole of Woodleaf and William T. Keever of Lincolnton. Mrs. Luke Livingstone of Granite Quarry is secretary and Mary Asheley of Arden is treasurer.

Chairmen of conference committees include Miss Sue Williams of Vale, Social Concerns; Mrs. John N. Kirkpatrick of Charlotte, Christian Education; Mrs. Lewis Brinton of Mooresville, Recreation; Jay Brandon of Spencer, Evangelism; Cecil Newton of Mooresville, Missions; D. T. Panarese of Morganton, Worship; and Ben Wilson of Winston-Salem, Music.

The Rev. Courtney B. Ross, pastor of First Methodist Church in Elkin, was keynote speaker, delivering three talks, including a Sunday morning worship sermon. The Rev. Paul Duckwall of Statesville, conference director of young adult work, was in charge of the assembly.

Ministers' Wives

The wives of ministers attending Ministers' Week at Lake Junaluska are invited to an informal coffee hour on Wednesday, July 15, at 10:30 a.m. The coffee hour will be in the Children's Building at Lake Junaluska, N. C.

(Mrs.) Eleanor Sanders

Materials Needed For Building A Church: Spiritual Organization

Foundation	—Christ and His principles of truth
Pillars	—Loyal and devoted disciples
Sills	—Consecrated leaders
Joist	—Dedicated followers
Columns	—Faith and charity
Stones	—Good deeds
Cement	—Mixture of compassion, loving kindness and tender mercies
Under-girding	—Joy and peace
Timbers	—Patience and long suffering
Rafters	—Goodness and righteousness
Supporting Beams	—Prayers of the faithful
Windows	—Open to view the needs of the world
Doors	—Leading to paths of service
Walls	—Reaching around the world, with goodwill and brotherhood to all men
Roof	—Love of Christ over all
Steeple	—Mountain-top expeences of worship
Balcony	—Moments of quiet meditation
Carpet	—Reverence and holiness
Seats	—Humility and meekness
Pulpit	—Courageous men of God
Altar	—Communion, repentance, forgiveness, and commitment
Heat	—Harmonious workers
Musical Instruments	—Warmth of Christian love and fellowship
Light	—Reflection of the Spirit of Christ in the lives of all Christians
Paint	—Blend of temperance self-control and purity
Bell or Chimes	—Daily witness of believers—proclaiming the Gospel of Christ to the world

—Mrs. Geo. H. Tally, Jr.
Fayetteville, N. C.

Bus Reservations to Camp

Reservations are being accepted on busses to and from *Camp Tekoa* and *Lake Junaluska* for summer assemblies. Special busses will leave from designated churches in Greensboro, High Point, Thomasville, Lexington and Salisbury. Delegates from adjoining districts may also secure reservations. For details contact: L. F. MOORE, c/o L. F. MOORE BROS. TRANSPORTATION CO., 740 W. Broad St., High Point, N. C. Phone 888-7215 (day) or 883-6440 (night).



Blue Ridge Methodist Service Program Through the N. C. Save Our Boys and Girls Funds

2,000th Pair of New Shoes Donated To Needy Children



The Methodists of North Carolina set out last December to provide a pair of new shoes to many needy children in the eight northwestern counties served by the North Wilkesboro District of the Western North Carolina Conference of The Methodist Church. **Rev. Herman F. Duncan,** is the superintendent of the North Wilkesboro District and is the one under whose leadership, over 2,000 pairs of new shoes have been distributed to the underprivileged children of the area.

The actual distrbution was made by the Blue Ridge Methodist Service Program, Rev. Arthur B. Pearce, director and the full team of County Welfare directors, county superintendents of education, principals and teachers, ministers and devoted laymen. It would be impossible to list all who had a part in finding the needy boys and girls and seeing that each one received a sturdy attractive pair of shoes of which they could be proud. Much effort was expended to give each child the pair of shoes which would make that child happy!

Our North Carolina **Christian Advocate** has added still another significant service by letting the Methodists of Nor Carolina know of this work. Many children were able to stay in school because of this contribution by Rev. S. J. Starnes, the editor, and the **Advocate** staff.

The funds used to purchase and distribute the pairs of new shoes to the children were donated by Methodists and other interested persons throughout North Carolina. Large amounts and small amounts came from many warm hearts to help warm the feet of those lovely boys and girls. Many donors sent messages of love along with their cash or checks. One elderly lady enclosed a one dollar bill with a note that sad, "I am 84 and a wdow wth a small pension but I cannot bear to know that some children are without warm shoes." A Sunday School teacher of juniors wrote, "Thank you for the opportunity of helping these children. It has certainly made our Christmas a more meaningful one for all of us. Could we help in any other way." A pastor at Candler, N. C., writes I am enclosing a check for $130.00 with sincere wishes for you and yours in this work of our Lord. One group of employees wanted to honor their employer. They sent agenerous check. They wrote, "Because Mr. Beard is a Christian gentleman who loves children, we feel confident he would prefer that a portion of our Christmas gift be given to help these children."

Along wth the new pars of shoes the children received a pair of new socks. These new socks were donated for this purpose by Mr. M. O. Bollinger, Jr. of the Kiddie Tot Hosiery Mills of High Point in honor of his son.

Many thoughtful words of thanks have been received from those who have seen the work at first hand. The Local School Committee of the Parkway School at Boone, James A. Green, princepal, Clyde Moretz, Fred Norris, Clark Miller, Fisher Sims and Wade Moretz wrote the following:

"We express our deep and sincere appreciation to you and to the North Wilkesboro Methodist District for the outstanding work being done in providing shoes for needy children. It is always a wonderful sight to see the look of excitement and gratitude in the children's eyes when they receive their new shoes. Such expressions can only be made when love and compassion are in their hearts. Thank you for the work you are doing and may God bless you and the project being so aptly carried on in His name."

Under the supervision of the district superintendent, Rev. Herman F. Duncan, more than 2000 pairs of new shoes have been delivered to children in the eight counties served by the district. The county chairmen and the number of pairs of new shoes distributed are: Alexander, Rev. Ralph Jacks, 113 pairs; Alleghany, Rev. W. Pleas Elder, 182 pairs; Ashe, Rev. John H. Christy, Jr., 235 pairs; Avery, Rev. Ben Steele, 240 pairs; Surry, Rev. A. Gayle Ford, 280 pairs; Watauga County, Rev. J. O. Prichard, 219 pairs; Yadkin, Rev. E. R. Freeman, 41 pairs; Wilkes County, Rev. Larry Clayton, 425 pairs; Prison Camps and others, 294 pairs.

We are hoping to be able to send 16 of the 2,000 needy children, who have been given pairs of new shoes, to our Methodist Summer Camp at Elk Shoals. Our Elk Shoals Methodist Summer Camp is owned jointly by the Winston-Salem and the North Wilkesboro districts of the Western North Carolina Conference. It was suggested at the Conference Summer Camp Council that these underprivileged boys and girls would profit greatly by a summer camp experience where they would have fellowship with our fine Methodist boys and girls and would enjoy the wonderful atmosphere and training provided by our Methodist camp leadership. Each child would be provided with the camp fee of $20.00, a pre-camp physical, suitable clothing and a little spending money. Spaces have already been reserved for these children and some funds are earmarked for this purpose. Anyone who wishes to have a part in helping an underprivileged boy or girl to attend our Summer Camp, may write to Rev. Arthur B. Pearce, Director, Blue Ridge Methodist Service Program, P. O. Box 22, Hamptonville, N. C. or to Rev. Herman F. Duncan, District Superintendent, 101 Pilson Street, North Wilkesboro, N. C.

It is understood that the children will be chosen for the above by our ministers who are chairmen of the eight counties served by the program. They will be chosen with regard to their possible association with local MYF Chapters and Church School attendance. The purpose of the program is not just to give new shoes or provide summer camp experience to needy children, but to help them break their personal cycle of poverty by introducing them to the full fellowship of the church.

It is interesting to note that this plan of sharing in the name of Christ and the church is really working. Several families have begun to attend Church School and persons have been received into church membership by holy baptism and on profession of faith as a result.

Program County Represntives Executive Committee are:

Alexander County, Rev. Ralph Jacks, Box 35, Taylorsville, N. C.; Mr. Fred Johnson, Taylorsvlle, N. C.

Alleghany County, Rev. W. Pdeas Elder, Sparta, N. C.; Mr. J. E. Rufty, Sparta, N. C.

Ashe County, Rev. John H. Christy, Jr., Jefferson, N. C.; Mr. Wayne Shepherd, West Jefferson, N. C.

Avery County, Rev. Ben Steele, Newland, N. C.; Mr. Gurney Franklin, Linville Falls, N. C.

Surry County, Rev. A. Gayle Ford, Elkin, N. C.; Mr. Clifton Leary, Elkin, N. C.

Watauga County, Rev. J. O. Prichard, Todd, N. C.; Mr. L. E. Tuckwiller, Boone, N. C.

Wilkes County, Rev. R. L. Clayton, Millers Creek, N. C.; Mr. J. Van Caudill, North Wilkesboro, N. C.

Yadkin County, Rev. E. R. Freeman, Yadkinville, N. C.; Mr. Miles Johnson, Hamptonville, N. C.

District Director: Rev. Arthur B. Pearce, Box 22, Hamptonville, N. C.



The why, what, and how of church ushering will be emphasized at the third annual Metodist Church Ushers Conference at Lake Junaluska, June 26-28.

Sunday School Lesson

FOR JULY 5

BY RAYMOND A. SMITH
Head, Department of Religious Education
Greensboro College

FROM SOJOURNERS TO SLAVES

Background Scripture: Genesis 46:1-47-12; Exodus 1

Lesson Scripture: Genesis 27:1-16; Exodus 1:8-14

With this lesson we begin the third quarter. Our theme for these thirteen lessons will be "Early Hebrew History" and will take us from the beginning of the sojourn in Egypt to the time of Samuel.

It is appropriate that we should begin this study of the liberation of the Hebrew slaves on the Sunday nearest Independence Day. It reminds us that we, as a people, were not always free. And just as we like to celebrate the beginning of *our* freedom, so Biblical writers never seem to tire of recalling to mind the mighty act of God by which the people of Israel were led from bondage to freedom. Some Biblical scholars begin their histories of the Hebrew people with the Exodus because it is really the birth of a nation. They then take up Genesis as a sort of prelude to Exodus. The reader will wish to review the material in Genesis 46:1 to 47:12 in order to get the setting for the events described in the lesson Scripture.

A distinguishing mark of the religion of many ancient peoples was their concern with their national origins. The Hebrews, likewise, treasured the traditions regarding their beginnings. But while there was this trait common to both religions, there was a very important difference. Many of Israel's neighbors saw the divine activity in the processes of nature; that is, in the recurrence of the seasons and in the motions of the stars. For the Hebrew, however, the arena of history is the sphere of God's activity. John Calvin wrote of God's action in Biblical times: "He subdued the pride of Tyre by the Egyptians; the insilence of the Egyptians by the Assyrians; the haughtiness of the Assyrians by the Chaldeans; the confidence of Babylon by the Medes and Persians. The ingratitude of the kings of Israel and Judah, and their impious rebelion, notwithstanding His numerous favors, He repressed and punished, sometimes by the Assyrians, sometimes by the Babylonians. . . . Whatever opinion be formed of the acts of men, yet the Lord equally executed his work by them when he broke the sanguinary scepters of insolent kings."

The Hebrews came into Egypt as "sojourners," this is, temparary residents. This came about through Joseph who had made a place of honor for himself by distinguished service to the then reigning king. When their status changed from sojourners to slaves it was due to the enthronement of a king "who knew not Joseph." With his ascension to the throne the Hebrews were suddenly regarded as a threat to the security of the country. This was because (1) they were becoming too numerous and (2) because they were located nearest to the most vulnerable border of Egypt, where any disaffection on their part might lead them to conspire with an invader thus opening the gates to the enemy. So it is the old, old story of the suppression of minorities because of fear.

Today we may see an illustration of the above principle in those who fear the consequences of extending human rights to minorities; but is that the real question? Is it not rather that it should be a question of what is right? Once we have done what is right we may safely leave the consequences to God.

The Hebrew slaves in Egypt must have wondered about, and even doubted the power of God. But God had plans for them of which they could not be aware. One is reminded of the lines of Lowell:

> "Though the cause of evil prosper,
> Yet 'tis truth alone is strong:
> Though her portion be the scaffold,
> And upon the throne be wrong;
> Yet that scaffold sways the future,
> And behind the dim unknown,
> Standeth God within the shadow
> Keeping watch above him own."

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Shown here is G. H. Hodgin, Jr., receiving the God and Country Award of Boy Scouting from Rev. James A. Northington. The presentation was made at the worship service at Rehobeth Methodist Church, Greensboro, on Sunday, May 24, 1964. Young Hodgin is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Glenn H. Hodgin, Sr., Route 8, Greensboro. He is a member of Troop 320 which is sponsored by the church and is the third member of the church to receive the award. Of the over 30 million scouts in America only 50,000 or one out of 600 have received this award.

Faculty Exchange Program

The first five American professors in a faculty exchange program between U.S. and Indian women's colleges have been announced by Dr. William F. Quillian, Jr., president of Randolph-Macon Woman's College and project chairman. They include Dr. Charles E. Garth, professor of sociology at Bennett College. Methodist-related schools in India in the program are Isabella Thoburn College and Women's Christian College.

Elk Shoals Methodist Camp Opened Last Saturday

Elk Shoals Methodist Camp, near West Jefferson, opened its second season of supervised camping activities Saturday, June 20, for Methodists of the North Wilkesboro and Winston-Salem districts.

The camping schedule will include a work camp for senior high youths of the two districts, and four six-day sessions of camping for junior high boys and girls, according to Dr. Taylor Dobson of Winston-Salem, chairman of the Bi-District Camp Committee.

The total camping program will be in charge of the two district superintendents, Dr. Herman F. Duncan of the North Wilkesboro District and Dr. Frank B. Jordan of the Winston-Salem District.

The work camp will run from June 20-27, with the Rev. James T. Ingram, pastor of Lewisville Methodist Church, in charge. Part of each day will be spent in actual work projects on the campsite as part of the continued development of the facilities.

The campers will also participate in cookouts, campfire programs, swimming, rafting, and in discussions led by Mrs. R. L. Young, Jr., of West Jefferson. Others on the staff will include: Robert E. Dowda of Birmingham, Ala., and Miss Marty Trembath of Charlotte, assistant directors; and A. B. Weaver of West Jefferson, who will supervise painting during work project periods.

From June 29-July 4 camp counselors and local church leaders will participate in a training session, to be directed by the Rev. Kenneth A. Horn, pastor of Stony Point Methodist Church, who will also direct the junior high camping. He is administrator of the Elk Shoals Methodist Camp.

Elk Shoals Methodist Camp is open May 15-Oct. 15 for use by local church groups and families in the two Methodist districts. During the 1963-64 church year over 650 persons used the camp for all purposes. An attendance of over 1,000 persons is expected this church year.

Dr. Cooke Reports on General Benevolence Fund

The general treasury of The Methodist Church has reported receipts of more than 32 million dollars for the denomination's general benevolence and administrative funds amounted to $32,146,826.71, according to a report issued by the Rev. Dr. Don A. Cooke of Evanston, general secretary and treasurer of the church's Council on World Service and Finance. Dr. Cooke said this was a gain of $1,833,829.30 over last year's total receipts of $30,312,997.41 or an increase of 6.05 per cent.

The recent Alaska Earthquake Appeal accounted for $1,366,068.57 of the total amount raised by the denomination during the past fiscal year.

Despite the large increase due to the Alaska Earthquake Appeal and substantial gains in five other general funds, the church's largest and most basic benevolence fund—World Service—and five other funds registered losses from 0.15 per cent to 19.1 per cent.

The World Service total for the year was $14,920,690.28—a decrease of 0.56 per cent from last year's total of $15,004,502.28.

Counselors For Camp Tekoa Announced For Summer

Counselors for the June 14-Aug. 19 session of Camp Tekoa near Hendersonville, the junior high camp of the Western North Carolina Methodist Conference, were announced by Dr. Carl King of Statesville, executive secretary of the Conference Board of Education, which operates the camp.

The Rev. Thomas S. Lee, Jr., of Statesville, Conference director of camping, will be in charge of Camp Tekoa, with the Rev. Howard R. Wilkinson, pastor of Pisgah Methodist Church near Kernersville, directing the camp the week of July 5-11 while the Rev. Mr. Lee is away.

Miss Ruth King of East Flat Rock, a rising senior at Berry College, Mt. Berry, Ga., will be crafts director; Mrs. Woods M. Dickerson of Charlotte will be dietitian, Mrs. C. E. Seagle of Charlotte will be head cook; Mrs. Alice Manthey of Baltimore, Md., will be the nurse; and in charge of kitchen clean-up will be Misses Carolyn French and Bettye Yarborough of Salisbury, who were graduated this spring from Price High of Salisbury.

Counselors are chosen from seminary and university students, including girls, clergymen and directors of Christian education in local churches. Here are the counselors for the regular camp season, listed by Conference districts, with their home towns, and the periods they will serve:

Albemarle District—The Rev. George Auman, Badin, Aug. 2-8.

Asheville District—The Rev. L. B. Laye, Weaverville, Aug. 9-19; Miss Diane Murray McElroy, Marshall, from Mars Hill College, June 28-July 4.

Charlotte District—The Rev. Jim Armstrong, Paw Creek, July 26-Aug. 1; Miss Anne Black, Mount Holly, from Pfeiffer College, July 12-Aug. 1; the Rev. Bob Little, Charlotte, July 12-18; the Rev. Ernest Page, Charlotte Aug. 2-8; C. M. Worthy, Charlotte, from High Point College, June 21-July 11.

Gastonia District—Rev. Max Brandon, July 26-Aug. 1; Miss Harriet Hartman, Lincolnton, from Pfeiffer College, July 5-25; Miss Jean King, Lincolnton, from Salem College, June 14-July 18; Rev. Brown McKinney, Shelby, July 19-25; Rev. Aaron Moss, Grouse, July 5-11.

Greensboro District—Rev. W. Thornton Hawkins, Reidsville, Aug. 9-19.

High Point District—Rev. Glen Lanier, Asheville, July 19-25; Miss Judy Morgan, High Point, from Appalachian State Teachers College, June 14-27; Miss Carol O'Brient, Asheboro, from the University of N. C. at Chapel Hill, June 28-July 11.

Marion District—Rev. Larry G. Bumgarner, Morganton, July 5-11; Miss Bonnie Burgin, Valdese, from Greensboro College, Aug. 2-19; Thomas B. Byers, Forest City, from Duke University, June 14-July 4 and July 12-Aug. 1.

North Wilkesboro District—Miss Martha Sue Brown, Boonville, from Greensboro College, June 14-July 4 and July 12-Aug. 1; Miss Caroline Dillon, Elkin, from Queens College, June 14-27 and July 5-Aug. 1; Rev. Gayle Ford, Elkin, July 19-25; Miss Frances Williams, Boonville, from Duke University, Aug. 9-19; and Rev. Wayne Woodward, Ronda, July 12-18.

Salisbury District—Miss Ernestine Craig, Salisbury, from High Point College, July 19-Aug. 19; Rev. and Mrs. Melvin McIntosh, Granite Quarry, Aug. 2-8; Miss Arthurine Spry, Kannapolis, from High Point College, June 14-27 and July 12-Aug. 8.

Statesville District—Rev. Bill Benfield, Harmony, July 26-Aug. 1; Miss Carolyn Brewer, Hickory, from Greensboro College, Aug. 2-19; Miss Elaine Gail Fox, Granite Falls, from Greensboro College, June-27 and July 12-Aug. 19; Mrs. Neil Morgan, Hickory, director of Christian education, July 5-11.

Thomasville District—Rev. Fletcher Andrews, Lexington, 5-11.

Waynesville District—Rev. and Mrs. Joe Law, Hayesville, Aug. 2-8; Rev. Merrill Perkins, Canton, Aug. 9-19; Miss Ann Marie Sossamon, Bryson City, from Queens College, June 14-20.

Winston-Salem District—Miss Starr Barnhardt, Winston-Salem, from Greensboro College, June 14-July 1 and Aug. 2-19; Rev. Clyde Collins, Winston-Salem, July 12-18; Rev. Frank Heffner, Winston-Salem, June 14-20.

From outside the Western North Carolina Conference—Miss Frances Burck, Chapel Hill, from Pfeiffer College, June 21-July 18; and Miss Jo Chapman, Greer, S. C., from Pfeiffer College, June 28-July 25.

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Eighth Convocation of Youth At Purdue University July 27-31

More than 5,000 registrations have been received from Methodist youth and adult workers with youth who plan to attend the eighth National Convention of Methodist Youth July 27-31 at Purdue University, West Lafayette, Ind.

"Many more wanted to attend, but we had to limit the size of the convocation to the number now registered," said Thomas F. Duncan, Nashville, convocation director.

"The primary purpose of the convocation is for youth and adult leaders to explore together what it means to respond to God's action in this generation and to his love as revealed in Jesus Christ," said Mr. Duncan.

The organizing framework for the quadennial convocation is based on the relevance of the Incarnation, Crucifixion, Resurrection and Holy Spirit for contemporary life, Mr. Duncan said.

The themes will be presented in a variety of ways, including worship, drama, art, music, films, and consultations. Daily the more than 5,000 youth and adults will meet in small groups of 15 persons each to discuss how the convocation presentations relate to themselves, the church, and society.

Some of the top leaders of the church, including two bishops, will be leaders of small-group discussions.

The Rev. Dr. James S. Thomas, Nashville, staff member of the Methodist General Board of Education, will be the leader of corporate worship services each night. The opening night's presentation of "The Coming of Christ' will combine drama and worship.

There will be dramatic programs each morning. Especially written and produced for the convocation, they will have a professional cast.

At least 14 other countries will be represented by nationals and missionaries.

In attendance will be fraternal delegates from other Protestant denominations, The Roman Catholic and Orthodox churches, and the Jewish faith.

Chairman of the Convocation Directing Committee is the Rev. Dr. Joseph W. Bell, Nashville, director of the Council on Youth Work, Methodist General Board of Education.

The convocation, which will focus on high school youth, is sponsored by the National Conference of the Methodist Youth Fellowship, a policy-making body of about 125 which will have its annual meeting at Purdue July 23-27, immediately before the convocation.

The MYF is the Methodist Church's local church organization for youth, and there are more than 1,500,000 members in churches across the nation.

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A portion of the class of fifteen received into Full Connection in North Carolina Conference. Nineteen were received On Trial. Sorry we do not have their picture.



Showing a portion of the class ordained Deacons. There were 28 in the class.



Showing a portion of the class ordained Elders. There were 23 in the class.

New District Superintendents



Rev. N. W. Grant
Superintendent of Raleigh District



Rev. Vergil E. Queen
Superintendent of Sanford District



Rev. W. R. Stevens
Superintendent of Greenville District

Carolina Briefs

¶ Rev. Paul H. Fields, retired member of the North Carolina Conference, preached last Sunday at the Glenwood Church Greensboro, of which Rev. James E. Rink is pastor.

¶ Rev. P. L. Smith retired at the last Western North Carolina annual conference, and is now living in his new home. His new address is 262 South Academy Street, Mooresville, N. C.

¶ St. Luke's Methodist Church of Goldsboro held its Fifth Annual Laymen's Retreat June 27-28 at Hickory Hill near Seven Springs. Leaders were Rev. Roscoe Garris, of the Veteran Hospital, Mountain Home, Tenn., and Mr. Wade H. Pierce, District Lay Leader of the Wilmington District.

¶ Dr. Fred W. Paschall, retired, of Hendersonville, preached last Sunday morning in the Davis Street Methodist Church of Burlington. He also taught the nine combined adult classes in Sunday School at 10:00 a.m. Dr. Paschall served the church as pastor for eleven years. He will return and preach in revival services Octobr 25-29.

¶ Miss Carrie Whitehurst began her duties as direltor of Christian Education last Monday at Davis Street Methodist Church, Burlington. She is a native of Stokes county, and graduate of High Point College. She will work with the total educational program of the church. Rev. Howard M. McLamb is the pastor.

¶ The Rev. and Mrs. T. Stuart Taylor announce the birth of a daughter, Susan Carol, June 24, at Prince George Hospital, Washington, D. C. Mr. Taylor is a member of the Baltimore Conference. Mrs. Taylor is the daughter of Rev. and Mrs. John R. Sills, of Muir's Chapel Methodist Church, Greensboro.

¶ Miss Elizabeth Holland will assume her duties as church organist for the Chestnut Street Methodist Church, Lumberton, on June 30. This is a summer appointment. The church is looking for a permanent organist. Mr. Fred Bohrer, Jr., professor at Pembroke State College, also assumed his duties as Choir Director of the Chestnut Strreet Church on June 30.

¶ The Advocate Editor spoke to the Methodist Men's Ladies Night Banquet of the Sunset Park Church, Wilmington, last Monday evening. This is an annual affair and the men and women look forward to a fine fellowship on these occasions. It was good to be back among so many of our friends. Rev. James Brown is the popular pastor of Sunset Park Church.

¶ Rev. Paul Berrier, pastor of West End Methodist Church in Thomasville, was presented the "Lion of the Year" award from the Thomasville Lions Club on Thursday, June 25. This was in recognition of his work in promoting the causes and ideals of Lionism by his work as editor of the weekly bulletin, *By-Lions*. He was also presented a trophy as winner of the first place award for the best bulletin in Lion District 31-E.

¶ Students of the High Point College American History Caravan left Sunday, June 28, on their 12-day tour of Civil War historical sites in the Chattanooga, Tennessee, area and along the route of Sherman's march to the sea. Accompanying the fourteen students was Dr. Stuart C. Deskins, director of this year's caravan, and Jesse L. Taylor, director of student personnel.

¶ The Brower's Chapel Methodist Church Woman's Society of Christian Service, Asheboro, presented Life Memberships and pins to three members of their Society on Sunday, June 14. Certificates and pins were presented to Mrs. Wilbur Kearns, Mrs. Bill Burrows and Mrs. Bill E. Bass, by the pastor, Rev. Bill E. Bass. In presenting the membership certificates and pins, Mr. Bass commended them for their service to the Woman's Society of Christian Service and to their church. He also expressed appreciation to all the members of the Society for their loyality and service to Brower's Chapel Methodist Church.

Methodists Write Books for Mission Study

Two Methodists actively engaged in "the ministry of the printed word," one a minister and one a layman, are the authors of recently published mission study books which will be used in thousands of Prostestant churches through North America during the next year.

The authors are:

The Rev. Dr. Leslie C. Sayre, New York and Leonia, N. J., who has written *This Rocket Called Freedom*. Dr. Sayre is the secretary for promotion of the Committee on World Literacy and Christian Literature (called Lit-Lit) of the National Council of Churches, which does Christian literacy and literature work in 54 countries.

George M. Daniels, New York and St. Louis, Mo., who has written *This Is The Church in New Nations*. Mr. Daniels is associate director of the Department of News Service of the Methodist Board of Missions.

Both books are published by Friendship Press, the cooperative publishing agency through which 26 Prostestant denominations publish annually mission study materials about home and overseas missions. The books by both Dr. Sayre and Mr. Daniels are related to the 1964-65 overseas mission study theme, "The Church's Mission Among New Nations." Materials related to that theme will be used in thousands of Methodist and other Prostestant Churches of the United States and Canada, in schools of missions, Sunday schools classes, women's study groups and in other ways. Dr. Sayre's book is the principal study text for youth on the "New Nations" theme, and Mr. Daniels' is a major reading book on the theme for both adults and youth.

Experienced in the fields of publishing, promotion and community development, Dr. Sayre has served as a missionary to the Congo and Hawaii, and has been a Methodist pastor in Michigan. During the formation of the National Council of Churches in 1951, he was director and editor of the Adult Department of what is now the Council's Commission on Missionary Education. He is the author of another book, *Africans on Safari*.



David Atwood, a member of Roseboro Boy Scout Troop 38, received his God and Country Award, Sunday, May 31, 1964, during services at the Roseboro Methodist Church. Making the presentation was the pastor, the Rev. Horace S. Garris. David is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Wendell F. Atwood of Roseboro.

Southeastern Jurisdictional Conference Meets July 8-12

Fifty delegates from the Western North Carolina Methodist Conference and thirty-four from the North Carolina Conference will attend the quadrennial Southeastern Jurisdictional Conference of the Methodist Church July 8-12 at Lake Junaluska.

The Conference will elect three new bishops, possibly four, and conduct other business.

A total of 460 elected delegates, half of them ministers and half laymen, and several hundred other church leaders and visitors will attend.

The delegates will represent 17 Methodist annual (regional) conferences in nine Southeastern states and Cuba. The states are: Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, Florida, Kentucky, Tennessee, Alabama and Mississippi.

Bishops will be elected to fill vacancies created by the coming retirements of Bishop Nolan B. Harmon of Charlotte, N. C., and Bishop Marvin A. Franklin of Jackson, Mississippi, and the death of Bishop Bachman G. Hodge of Birmingham, Alabama.

Membership in the Jurisdiction has grown enough to allow the election of a fourth new bishop, but whether this will be done depends upon the recommendations of the Conference Committee on the Episcopacy.

The approximately 12,000 Methodist churches in the Southeastern Jurisdiction have more than 2.8 million members.

Dr. Charles D. White of Asheboro will head the ministers from the Western North Carolina Cenference delegation. Heading the laymens section will be Dr. Edwin L. Jones, Sr., of Charlotte. Dr. White is secretary for the Southeastern Jurisdiction as well as for his own Conference.

Rev. O. L. Hathaway, Superintendent of the Durham District, will lead the North Carolina Conference clerical delegation, and Mr. J. Nelson Gibson will head the lay delgation.

Changes Authorized in Way of Organizing New Church

On recommendation of the Methodist Board of Missions, the General Conference of The Methodist Church, meeting April 26-May 8 in Pittsburg, Pa., adopted some new provisions for the organization of new cogregations. The new provisions, which will be incorporated in the 1964 Methodist *Disciple,* are intended to make for more efficiency and effectiveness in the efforts of Methodism to serve areas unreached or inadequately reached by the church.

As adopted by General Conference, the new provisions will comprise paragraph 155.1 of the *Disciple,* entitled "The Method of Organizing a Local Church," and read: "A new congregation or mission shall be established only with the consent of the bishop in charge and his cabinet, and with due consideration of the conference Board of Missions long-range and short-range program of home missions and church extension. When a local church is to be organized, the bishop shall designate the district within those bounds the church shall be organized, and the district superintendent of that district shall be the agent in charge of the project."

The Board of Missions had recommended the new provisions in a memorial (petition) to the General Conference, and the memorial was referred to the Conference's Committee on Missions. The Committee on Missions recommended adoption by General Conference, and the final action was taken by the Conference.

Spokesmen for the Board's Division of National Missions said that the effect of the new*Disciplinary* provisions is to fix authority for organizing a new congregation in the hands of the bishop and the cabinet, and to assure that new churches will be organize, in so far as is possible, in harmony with the over-all church extension plan of the annual conference, as determined by the conference board of Missions. Before the adoption of the new legislation, there was no *Disciplinary* provision calling for new congregations to be organized within the framework of the over-all church extension planning in the conference.

The Board of Missions has sent its memorial to the General Conference at the request of the Interboard Commission on the Local Church, which is composed of representatives of several national Methodist agencies and which is intended to coordinate policies and programs of the constitute agencies.

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Bobby M. Rudisill (third from left, standing) is the new president of the Young Adult Council of the Western North Carolina Methodist Conference. He, and other officers pictured, were chosen during the annual Assembly, June 12-14, at Lake Junaluska. The officers pictured include (kneeling, from left) Fred E. Smith, Charlotte, vice president; Cecil Newton, Mooresville, Missions; Daniel Roundtree, Greensboro, vice president; William T. Keever, Lincolnton, vice president; Ben Wilson, Winston-Salem, Music; and Jay Brandon, Spencer, Evangelism; and (standing, from left) Mrs. Luke Livingston, Granite Quarry, secretary; Mrs. Thomas S. Poole, Woodleaf, vice president; Mr. Rudisill; Miss Sue Williams, Vale, Social Concerns; Mrs. John N. Kirpatrick, Charlotte, Christian Education; and Mrs. Lewis Brinton, Mooresville, Recreation. Not pictured were Mary Asheley, Arden, treasurer; D. T. Panarese, Morganton, Worship; and the Rev. Lawson Henderson, Lincolnton.

Bishops to be Consecrated at Junaluska July 12

Ministers attending the annual Methodist Southeastern Jurisdiction Conference for District Superintendents and Pastors at Lake Junaluska July 12-16 will officially open their meeting in time to be present for the consecration of new bishops elected by the Southeastern Jurisdictional Conference.

The consecration of new bishops is at 8 p.m. Sunday, July 12, the last thing on the program of the Jurisdictional Conference, a quadrennial meeting of both ministerial anl lay delegates. The district superintendents and pastors will start registering for their meeting at 2:30 that afternoon.

The Rev. Dr. J. Wallace Hamilton, St. Petersburg, Fla., and Bishop Kenneth W. Copeland, Lincoln, Neb., will each preach once daily, Monday through Thursday July 13-16, for the district superintendents and pastors conference.

Dr. Hamilton is pastor of Pasadena Community Church, a Methodist church at St. Petersburg, and Bishop Copeland is head of the Nebraska Area of The Methodist Church.

Theme of the conference for district superintendents and pastors will be "One Witness in One World," which is the theme of The Methodist Church's 1964-68 quadrennial emphasis.

The Conference will have workshops for district superintendents as follows: Orientation of New District Superintendents, Making Pastoral Appointments, and Interpreting New General Conference Legislation.

Workshops for pastors will be: The Pastor Recruits for the Ministry, Good Habits in Effective Preaching, The Ministry of the Church in a time of Social Change, and Interpretation of New General Conference Legislation.

There will be a special workshop on "The Use of the Hymnal and Ritual."

The conference is sponsored by the district superintendents and pastors of the jurisdiction in cooperation with the Southeastern Jurisdictional Council.

The Southeastern Jurisdiction includes nine states: Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, Florida, Kentucky, Tennessee, Alabama, and Mississippi.

¶ Taking part in the dedication service of the Conover, Methodist Church last Sundlay were the Pastor, Rev. Russell Burson, District Superintendent, Rev. Cecil Hefner, Bishop Nolan B. Harmon, former pastors Rev. Arthur J. Pearce, and Rev. Paul D. Lowder. The church was begun in 1955 under the direction of Rev. Ralph Taylor, then superintendent of Statesville district. It now has in nine years grown to 268 members, owns its church plant and parsonage, representing an investment of $150.00. The three pastors mentioned above have served during this time. Conover church has made great progress and bids fair to continue to grow.



Notice

It is customary to miss an issue of the North Carolina Christian Advocate for the week of the Fourth of July. However, we are running the issue of July 2 in order to carry the appointments of the North Carolina Conference held last week. We will, however, omit the issue of July 9. So do not be surprised nor disturbed if you do not receive your Advocate next week. This is the normal procdure which has been observed for years.

EDITORIALS

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The Birth of a Nation an that Which Sustains It

Once more we Americans are approaching our national birthday as we prepare to observe (not celebrate) the Fourth of July. As a matter of fact many have lost the spirit of the observance because there has been too much celebration. For many Americans it is nothing more than a holiday when they don't have to work, can go fishing, or golfing, or otherwise satisfy some selfish indulgence. It has never gotten beyond the stage of blowing horns, or displaying flags, or shooting firecrackers. They seem never to stop and meditate upon its real meaning. It is almost inconceivable that in the 188 years sinces 1776 this country could have made such mar velous progress as to place it among the foremost national powers in world history economically, militarily, and spiritually. And that is not to say the nation is all that it should be, but it is to recognize the fact that it perhaps exercises a larger influence in world affairs than any other political group. This in itself brings an added responsibility to all who enjoy the privilege of citizenship in this country, known as the land of the free and the home of the brave.

Americans enjoy freedom of assembly, freedom of worship, freedom of the ballot. They can have a part in determining who their leaders shall be, and likewise they must bear a responsibility as to what course their nation pursues. Some of us are keenly aware that these freedoms are being threatened and it is our responsibility to safeguard them by speaking our minds and exercising our sovereign right in the use of the ballot or other legitimate means of correcting wrongs. This is not only a privilege to be cherished, but one to be exercised.

Let us, therefore, observe this Fourth of July, or National Independence Day, not in a frivolous, irresponsible manner, but with deep appreciation for what it really means to us, and therefore with reverence and meaningfulness. Because our forefathers declared their "Dependence" upon God, they could and did declare their "Independence" from other political alliances and establish this as a sovereign entity, appealing to the best to be found in every loyal citizen. The following pledge, written in 1892 by the late Francis Bellamy of Rome, N. Y., leaves no doubt as to its meaning: "I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America and to the Republic for which it stands: one nation, under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all."

THEME FOR THE WEEK

"He that denieth me before men shall be denied before the angels of God."
—*Luke* 12:9

Personnel Changes

Our readers will note by looking at the Woman's Page that the responsibility for that page has shifted to other shoulders within the past few weeks. This page is edited by the Chairman of Public Relations of the Woman's Society of Christian Service in each of the two annual conferences. For a number of years in the North Carolina Conferences that task has been in the hands of Miss Mary Gardner of Raleigh. She has done an excellent job, and the women as well as the Advocate editor have been most appreciative of her service. In the Western North Carolina Conference Mrs. Emmett K. McLarty of Brevard has held this same position, and she likewise has rendered excellent service. It has been a high privilege for the Editor of the Advocate to work with these two ladies in giving to the conferences such fine coverage of the Woman's Society work. However, each of them felt they should be relieved of this responsibility and so expressed it.

At the last annual meetings of the two Woman's Societies of Christian Service each of these positions was filled by other persons, and therefore the writing for the woman's page changed hands. Mrs. H. W. Doub of Aberdeen was chosen Chairman of the Public Relations for the North Carolina Conference Woman's Society, and Mrs. John C. Wright of Weaverville was chosen to the same position in the Western North Carolina Conference Woman's Society.

Each of these ladies has been most active in the women's work. Mrs. Doub has served for several years as secretary for the North Carolina Conference Woman's Society,and has been responsibile for editing the Woman's Conference Journal. Mrs. Wright served for several years as chairman of Public Relations in the Western North Carolina Woman's Society, so she is returning to a position with which she is thoroughly familiar and in which she is very capable. While the Editor regrets to lose the services of Miss Gardner and Mrs. McLarty, he is glad to welcome as co-workers Mrs. Doub and Mrs. Wright. Our readers may be assured that the work of the Woman's Page in the Advocate will be carried on upon the same high plane which has characterized it through past years.

LETTERS

Dear Editor:

Yesterday I stopped in at a service station to get some gas. I got some in my auto and some in my ear. To be specific, while the attendant was filling my tank I listened to the radio. A speaker was delivering a harrangue on the same subject which bother many people today: Communism and school devotionals. He was urging his hearers to attend a meeting where something was going to be done about the latter. These were his words: "Let's get Bible reading back in the schools so we can start praying again!" How does one comment on this type mentality? Let us let this little gem stand unadorned.

I am a little weary of the hysteria which people try so generously to share. Communists were allowed to speak in public institutions exactly because we believe in free speech. We are opposed to Communism in large part because Communist do not believe in free speech. So, we lick them by joining them. We put ourselves in the awkward position of saying to the world that our North Carolina young men and women are too immature to choose speakers to listen to, and too unsure of their heritage to hold it faithfully when it is placed on the open market along with communism. They are not supposed to listen to Communists who in theory advocate the overthrow of the government by force, but they may listen to those who actually attempt such. These happen not to be Communists, but they may be worse. Before we get in the habit of hysteria let us ask some thoughtful questions. First, are we trying to preserve the practice of prayers or the perfunctory saying of prayers? Next, can we name from our aquaintances any Communist person? If not, why the hysteria? The college age is the natural age for wild-eyed liberalism, sometimes radicalism. We can never change it.

Walton N. Bass

Dr. W. D. White Attending Kenyon College Seminary

Dr. W. D. White, assistant professor and director of undergraduate studies in religion at Duke University, is attending a special seminar at Kenyon College, Gambier, Ohio, which the Church Society for College Work of Cambridge, Mass., is sponsoring between June 20-July 30.

He is one of 15 faculty members and their families from schools across the country from many different academic disciplines who will be at Kenyon for the summer study program under the Episcopal Church's auxiliary organization.

Each professor carries on his own research and the entire group is involved in periodic discussions of the work in progress together with other studies of the practice of religion in academic communities in the nation.

Later this summer, Dr. White will be a participant in a conference in the University of Chicago's "Center for Continuing Education" on "Faith and Learning in the University."

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Studies by The Travelers Insurance Companies show driver error and lack of judgment were responsible for 34,700 deaths and nearly 3,000,000 injuries on U. S. highways in 1963.

North Carolina Conference Registered Gains Along Many Lines During Past Year As Shown In Reports

The session of the North Carolina Conference held last week at Front Street Methodist Church, Burlington, was characterized by a spiritual concern which was contagious. The beautiful Front Street church is a delightful place to hold such a gathering. It is unsurpassed in its architectural and worship appeal. Music for the conference was furnished by the combined choirs of Front Street, Davis Steet, First Churh, Graham, and Mebane churches. The anthems and solos were timely and well rendered by trained voices, and all this added to the inspiration of those in attendance and caused each one to want to join whole-heartedly as a participant in the services.

Bishop Paul N. Garber called the session to order on Monday afternoon and the hymn "And Are We Yet Alive," the traditional opening hymn written by Charles Wesley, was sung. Names of deceased brethren and widows of ministers who had passed away were read by Rev. W. Carlton Wilson, the secretary. The conference stood in reverence and Bishop Garber quoted appropriate scripture and spoke comforting words of assurance. Dr. T. B. Hough, Burlington District Superintendent, led the opening prayer.

The address to the class admitted into full connection was delivered by Dr. J Manning Potts, editor of the Upper Room, and a member of the Virginia Conference. District Superintendents gave their reports for the year, after being presented by their respective District Lay Leaders. There was a note of progress and optimism expressed in these reports and the conference was aware of the fact that it had experienced another great year.

Rev. Graham S. Eubank of the Raleigh District, on behalf of the twenty-seven men who have served as district superintendents under Bishop Garber during his thirteen years of episcopal leadership in the conference presented Bishop and Mrs. Garber with a beautiful Silver Service as a token of love and appreciation. Rev. R. Grady Dawson of the New Bern District read a resolution in which he expressed the high admiration in which the Garbers are held in the conference, and asked that the Jurisdictional Conference meeting at Lake Junaluska July 8-12 to set up a new area of the North Carolina Conference to be known as the Raleigh Area, and requesting that Bishop Paul N. Garber be assigned to this area for the next four years. The resolution passed with enthusiasm. Many achievements were pointed out under the administration of Bishop Garber, among which were its preemminence in the field of church extension, earning for it the title "the miracle Conference of Methodism."; Christian Higher Education, in which two new four-year colleges have been established and are now strong institutions. Dr. John O. Gross of the General Board of Education had sent a communication thanking the North Carolina Conference for leading world Methodism in the field of Christian Higher Education. Missions and Evangelism have made great strides during this period. The conference has grown from 289 pastoral appointments in 1951 to 515 at present. Something like one hundred new churches have been established, and the conference has been the leader in the Ten Dollar Club program. This program was launched by this conference in 1953 and has grown steadily under the direction of the executive secretaries who have directed it—Dr. Thomas A. Collins, Rev. O. L. Hathaway, Dr. A. J. Hobbs, and Rev. L. C. Vereen. Dr. Harry Denman, speaking at the Tuesday morning session pointed out that some other conferences are following the example of this conference in selecting full-time directors of evangelism. Rev. C. Freeman Heath occupies this position and his program and efforts are producing fine results.

Dr. Elton Trueblood, professor of Earlham College, Richmond, Indiana, spoke in connection with the report of the Commission on Christian Vocations. The Credit Union gave its report as the closing action of the first afternoon.

At the Monday evening session Mr. Arnold Sanders, Chairman of the Official Board of Front Street Church spoke words of welcome to the more than a thousand delegates present and assured them of an earnest desire on the part of the local church and the city to make their stay pleasant and profitable. Dr. J. Aubrey Hughes, Superintendent of the Petersburg District of the Virginia Conference brought words of fraternal greetings from the sister conference of the episcopal area.

The Board of Missions held its anniversary program on Monday evening with Dr. T. Marvin Vick, president, presiding. Dr. J. E. Garlington, Conference Missionary Secretary, reported on the work of missions in the conference program, Rev. A. F. Fisher, pastor of the Highland Methodist Church of Raleigh, told of the growth and development of that church, which is a product of the Ten Dollar Club. The church has a membership of between seven and eight hundred members, and has a budget of some $58,000.

Dean William R. Cannon of the Candler School of Theology, Atlanta, spoke during the program of the Commission on Worship on the subject: "Let Us Recover Our Methodist Heritage." Dr. C. D. Barclift, of the Hay Street Church, Fayetteville, gave the Memorial address for the ministers and wives of ministers who have passed away during the year. The Board of Evangelism gave a fine report of progress and Dr. Harry Denman, in his usual dynamic and winsome manner lifted the conference to a high level of dedication in this important field of Christian service. Rev. Paul C. Browning is president of the Board and Rev. C. Freeman Heath is the executive director.

Dr. Samuel S. Wiley, the new executive director of the North Carolina Council of Churches was introduced and spoke of the work of the Council. The Conference Brotherhood held its annual meeting Tuesday afternoon with Rev. Kermit R. Wheeler, president, presiding. Among other actions taken was an increase added to each category of ministerial payments on the death of a member, thus increasing the size of the check paid the widows.

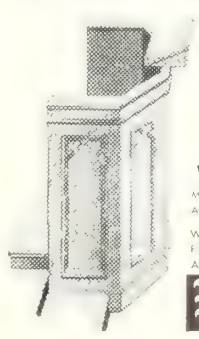
Rev. Joseph F. Coble spoke during the Hospitals and Homes program, and introduced Rev. W. A. Jenkins, Rev. E. R. Clegg and Miss Mary Ferree who told of the work of the Home. Harold Staton presided over the meeting of the Board of Pensions, and Dr. Edge Gamble, Evanston, Illinois was the speaker. Rev. Willis R. Stevens, the secretary, gave the report.

On Tuesday evening the Board of Lay Activities, under the direction of Mr. Roy L. Turnage, Conference Lay Leader, gave a most interesting program. Speakers included Mr. Charles McCullers, Mr. James F. Rogers, Mr. Robert Rose. Mr. Robert Wooten delighted the congregation with two vocal solos. Mr. Turnage presented to J. Nelson Gibson, Jr., former lay leader, a certificate of appreciation for his valuable services in the laymen's work of the conference.

Dr. Leon Adkins of the General Board of Education was the speaker on Wednesday morning for the program of the Board of Education. He also spoke at a luncheon meeting at the Holiday Inn at the noon hour. This meeting was sponsored by the Board of Education, Dr. C. P. Morris, executive secretary, and was under the auspices of the group of directors of music and directors of education. The speaker for the program on Christian Higher Education was Dr. L. Stacey Weaver, president of Methodist College, Fayetteville. Participating also were Rev. Vergil E. Queen and Dr. Allen P. Brantley. Dr. Albert P. Shirley of Washington, D. C., delivered a timely and stirring address during the program of Christian Social Concerns, presided over by Rev. C. S. Hubbard. The Conference Historical Society held its meeting Wednesday morning with Bishop T. Otto Nall of the Minneapolis Area as the guest speaker. Bishop Nall also assisted in the ordination service on Wednesday evening. Preaching the ordination sermon was Bishop James W. Henley of the Jacksonville, Florida Area, who brought a challenging message to the young men being ordained. At the ordination service one young lady was consecrated as Director of Music; five were consecrated Directors of Christian Education; two young ladies were consecrated Deaconesses; Twenty-eight young men were ordained Deacon; and Twenty-three were ordained Elder. There were fifteen admitted into full connection and nineteen were admitted on trail.

The traditional Love Feast on Thursday morning was conducted by Rev. W. A. Cade assisted by several other ministers. It was a time of spiritual meditation and uplift. The testimonies were inspiring, the singing was heart-warming, and the whole atmosphere of the service was helpful. A number of items of business were transacted. Fraternal greetings were brought by the Rev. Jo-

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Dr. Thomas Elected Bishop by Central Jurisdiction

The Rev. Dr. James S. Thomas, 45, was elected and consecrated a bishop of the Methodist Church at the Central Jurisdictional Conference at Daytona Beach, Florida, June 17-21.

The first of some ten bishops to be chosen at the beginning of the quadrennium, he was elected on the 17th ballot—longest in the jurisdiction's history— after the withdrawal of the Rev. L. Scott Allen of New Orleans, editor of the *Central Christian Advocate.* Currently, he is the youngest of the 44-member Council of Bishops.

Known throughout the church, Bishop Thomas for the last 11 years has been in Nashville, Tenn., as associate director of the Department of Educational Institutions, General Board of Education, representing the board to the 13 colleges historically operated for Negroes by the denomination.

The new bishop was assigned by the conference to a new and temporary Chicago Area to supervise churches of the Lexington Conference in nine Midwest states. It is expected that the North Central Jurisdictional Conference (July 8-12) will take the final action to transfer Lexington Conference from Central to North Central Jurisdiction and to integrate the Negro churches into the region's annual conferences. At the same time, Bishop Thomas would be transferred to North Central to become resident bishop of one of its episcopal areas.

The Central Jurisdiction assigned its other four bishops as follows, with some revisions of episcopal areas and residence cities occasioned by changes in conference boundaries.

Baltimore Area—Bishop Prince A. Taylor, Jr., formerly in Monrovia, Liberia, for Washington and Delaware Conferences.

Nashville-Carolina Area—Bishop Charles F. Golden, residence in Nashville; for North Carolina-Virginia, Tennessee-Kentucky and South Carolina Conferences.

Southwestern Area—Bishop Noah W. Moore, Jr., residence changed from New Orleans to Houston; for Louisiana, Texas, West Texas. Southwest and Central West Conferences.

Atlantic Coast Area—Bishop M. Lafayette Harris, Atlanta; for Florida, Georgia, Mississippi and Central Alabama Conferences.

The conference also honored two retired bishops who are life-long friends. Bishops Matthew W. Clair, Jr., of St. Louis, and Edgar A. Love of Baltimore are both sons of ministers in the Washington Conference, both graduates of Howard University and Boston University School of Theology, both World War I Army Chaplains, both elected bishops in 1952.

Plans are being developed for an exchange between white Methodist pastors in New Hampshire and Negro pastors from the South. Bishop James K. Mathews of Boston said the exchanges will include salary, homes, and all phases of a pastor's work. A similar program was carried out the past two summers by pastors of the Iowa Area of the North Central Jurisdiction and the St. Louis Area of the Central Jurisdiction.



Leaders in the Woman's Society of Christian Service chat outside the auditorium at the Annual meeting at Lake Junaluska. They are (seated) Mrs. E. L. Glossbrenner, Richmond, Va., president of the Woman's Society of the Southeastern Jurisdiction; Mrs. Leslie Barnhardt, Charlotte, newly elected president of the W.S.C.S. of the Western North Carolina Conference; Mrs. Robert Ayers, Pleasant Garden, secretary of the Wesleyan Service Guild of the W.N.C. Conference; Mrs. Carl King, Statesville, retiring president of the W.S.C.S. of the W.N.C. Conference.

THE FOURTH DAY OF JULY

Strong men had sacrificed their lives
In battles far and near;
Had left their children and their wives
And homes so sweet and dear;
That freedom's flag might float and wave
Across our native hills,
And prove the goodness of the brave
Who suffered for our ills.

Then on the fourth day of July
The bells of freedom rang,
When soldiers laid their armor by
And hymns of freedom sang;
And hallelujah shouts went up
To God upon His throne,
Who gives in joy a brimming cup
To those who pray and moan.

Oh, don't forget the sacrifice
Of blood our fathers shed,
And tears that flowed from weeping eyes
And prayers our mothers said;
For those were days of awful strife
When freedom was at stake;
When son and father gave his life
For home and country's sake!

Yes, on the fourth day of July
Sweet freedom was proclaimed
From sea to sea and mountain high
For hearts that were defamed
Proclaimed for well and strong and weak
Who dwell upon our sod;
Proclaimed for all who wish to seek
Sweet fellowship with God.

REV. WALTER E. ISENHOUR
Taylorsville, N. C.

What Is Happening at Brevard College

This article, the third in a series on "What is Happening at Brevard College," a report on the characteristics of the student body. The statement of purpose, the academic program, and the admission requirements defined in the first and second articles are the determining factors.

In considering a prospective student's application for admission to Brevard, the Admissions Committee attempts to reach a decision which is best for the student. What a student has done in high school is the best indication of what he will do in college. If he has at least an average grade of C in college preparatory subjects, he should be able to do college work by developing a persistent desire to do so. Regular students are required to enroll in courses leading to graduation and to plan their schedules accordingly.

Because the two-year program at Brevard primarily offers basic courses which are required by four-year colleges or universities for transfer credit, eighty-five per cent of the regularly enrolled students take the "university parallel" subjects expecting to continue their studies at a four-year institution after graduating from Brevard.

In order to graduate from Brevard a student must complete a minimum of sixty-six semester hours. One quality point is required for each hour of academic credit ATTEMPTED. This means that for every D or F grade a student must make B in another subject with the same number of credit hours, or in repeating a course.

What is the calibre of the Brevard College student body? Last semester 35 students made the honor roll. To attain this distinction a student must achieve an average grade of B at least. Most of the students at Brevard, as in most colleges throughout the country, have an average academic potential, and work hard to maintian an average grade of C. The national IQ average among college students is 100. The average of the Brevard student body is 110.

Most of the students seeking admission to colleges anywhere, are average students, There is a notion held by some that the "average" student is a "late bloomer", one "without goals", or "without motivation." Invariably he comes from a "good family", according to character references, and sometimes he is described as one who has "just come to himself" after making a poor record in high school.

An "average" student seeking admission to Brevard College is one who has made an average grade of C in his college preparatory work. He may need prodding, he may be working below his capacity, he may need guidance, but his high school record indicates that he should be able to do college work.

Ted J. Rakstis, in an article entitled WHAT COLLEGE HOLDS FOR THE "C" STUDENT, wrote, "The junior college generally will admit any high school graduate as long as there is room." This is true at some junior and some senior colleges. Brevard College does not fit into this category. It is not a refuge for the intellectually inept.

(The next article in this series will report further on the profile of the student body at Brevard College. Overall figures, including completed application, applications accepted, number enrolled, distribution of College Board Aptitude scores, geographical distribution of enrolled students, religious affiliation.)

Senator Thurmond to Speak at Lawyer's Conference

U. S. Senator Strom Thurmond of South Carolina will be one of the speakers for a Methodist lawyers conference to be held at Lake Junaluska July 2-5, it has been announced.

The announcement was made by J. O. Rogers, Manning, S. C., chairman of the program committee of the conference.

Senator Thurmond will speak at 8 p.m. Saturday, July 4.

Among other speakeres for the conference will be Dr. Samuel S. Stumpf, chairman of the Department of Philosophy, Vanderbilt University, Nashville, Tenn.; Paul Ervin, Charlotte, N. C., president of the Methodist Judicial Council; Dr. Ernest S. Griffin, dean, School of International Service, American University, Washington, D. C.; and Methodist Bishop Poul Hardin, Jr. Columbia, S. C.

"The Christian Lawyer in Today's World" is the theme of the conference.

This will be the third such lawyers conference to be held at Lake Junaluska, summer asembly of the Southeastern Jurisdiction of The Methodist Church.

In Memoriam

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, The Heavenly Father, called Frank A. Stith from the Church militant to The Church Triumphant on May 27, 1964: WE,the Members of the Official Board of Burkhead Methodist Church, wish to express our humble thanks to Almighty God for the love and labor of this gifted, trained, and dedicated man. Frank A. Stith did not know how to be little in any sphere of life's endeavor. He was humanity's friend, a servant of God.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that we not only express our sympathy to the members of his family, but that we share the loss which they sustain.

THE OFFICIAL BOARD directs that a copy of this Resolution be spread upon the minutes of the Official Board of this Church, a copy sent to the family of the deceased, and a copy to the N. C. Christian Advocate.

Mrs. J. G. Hedrick
Financial Secretary

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MRS. CORA SMITH JOHNSON

The members of the Woman's Society of Christian Service, of Central Methodist Church, Denton, N. C., wish to pay tribute to Mrs. Cora Smith Johnson whom God Called from our midst on June 5, 1964. She was deeply interested in the work of her church and W. S. C. S. of which she was a charter member. We are grateful to have had the privilege of knowing one who, by her daily living showed her deep devotion to her family, church, and community. Her Christian life, the charm and grace of her personality, her concern for others, was an inspiration to all who knew her.

We, therefore, respectfully request that a copy of this memorial be sent to the North Carolina Christian Advocate for publication and to the Davidson Record; also that a copy be entered in our permanent records.

Respectfully submitted,
Mrs. Sam Badgett, Chm.
Memorial Committee
Mrs. D. M. Sexton



New officers of the Woman's Society of Christian Service of the Western North Carolina Conference elected at the Annual meeting held at Lake Junaluska June 16-18. They are: seated, left to right, Mrs. Hugh Wilkins, Charlotte, chairman of committee on nominations; Mrs. Arthur Williams, Greensboro, recording secretary; Mrs. Leslie Barnhardt, Charlotte, president; Mrs. E. D. Chandler, Asheville, reelected treasurer; Mrs. Orell Lineberger, Stoneville, chairman of committee on Town and Country; standing, Mrs. J. Z. Watkins, Charlotte, Christian Social Relations; Mrs. Gilreath Adams, Jr., Troutman, Children's Work; Mrs. Cletus G. Norton, Hendersonville, spiritual life; Mrs. Robert M. Smith, Sr., Mt. Airy, Missionary Personnel, and Mrs. Walter Allred, Greensboro, Supply Work. Those not present when the picture was made are Miss Mary Floyd, Deaconess, Pfeiffer College, student work; and Mrs. John C. Wright, Weaverville, public relations.



Presidents who have served in the Woman's Society of Christian Service of the Western North Carolina Conference form a line of splendor over a quarter of century.. They have served since the unification of the three branches of Methodists and the birth of the Woman's Society of Christian Service. They are: (seated) Mrs. Carl King, Statesville, 1960-1964; Mrs. Leslie Barnhardt, Charlotte, elected in 1964 for four year term; (standing) Mrs. Clarence C. Cranford, Asheboro, 1956-1960; Mrs. J. W. Harbison, Shelby, 1952-1956; Mrs. J. W. Payne, Honea Path, S. C., formerly of Cherryville, 1948-1952; Mrs. C. C. Weaver, Winston-Salem, 1940-1948, now president emeritus.

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arland—S. L. Wood
arris-Walker Memorial—Leon Lewis, Jr.
oldsboro: Arboro—R. R. Blankenhorn
Daniel Memorial—H. L. Rogers
Elm Street-Falling Creek—George E. King
Jefferson—T. O. Fulcher
New Hope—H. L. Harrell
Pine Forest—L. A. Dillman
Providence—Tracey Maness
St. Luke—J. H. Miller, Jr.
St. Paul—G. S. Eubank
Salem—R. M. Poulk
oshen-Keener—J. E. Richardson
Iopewell-Mt. Moriah—James G. Snypes
ohnston—H. W. Burnside
enly-Buckhorn—James E. Thompson
ucama-Brietz—J. H. Coile
Micro-Fellowship—Joseph Bennett
Mt. Carmel-Saulston—Frederick Dillon
Mt. Olive: First—Christian White
Newton Grove—A. B. Falls, Jr.
Pikeville—Leonard Mayo
Pine Level—J. D. Mitchell
Princeton—E. M. Rhiner
Roseboro—H. S. Garris
Salemburg—John M. Roberts
Selma—E. R. Porter
Seven Springs—V. N. Moore
Smithfield: Centenary—C. H. Mercer
South River—F. J. Duplissey
Turkey-Friendship—G. E. Hawkins
Warsaw—W. R. Crowder
Wesley-Black's Chapel—Wesley Noble
Woodland—W. E. Howard
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Conference Evangelist, Tommy Tyson
Director, Leadership Education, General Board of Education, M. E. Cunningham
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District Secretary of Evangelism, Tracy Maness
District Director of Gifts and Wills, Ray Armstrong
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District Director, North Carolina Christian Advocate, E. P. Armstrong
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Ayden—W. D. Caviness
Bath—C. L. Cherry
Belhaven—J. M. Waggoner
Bethel—K. D. Sexton
Farmville—Wayne G. Wegwart
Greenville: Jarvis Memorial—E. B. Fisher
St. James—W. K. Quick
Grifton—R. S. Brodie
Grimesland—D. R. Woodworth
Hobgood—C. S. Tyson
Hookerton-Rainbow—E. L. Earnhardt
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Jamesville—Harvey E. Jackson
Jerusalem—T. C. West, Jr.
Kinston: Queen Street—W. S. Potter
St. John—H. H. Cash
St. Mark—Vance Lewis
Westminster—G. R. McKenzie, Jr.
Kinston Circuit—W. T. Clarke
LaGrange—J. E. Bedsworth
Mattamuskeet—C. H. Beale
Maury-Mt. Hermon—J. E. Bryant
Noble's Chapel—D. W. Charlton
Pink Hill—J. L. Hood
Robersonville—D. L. Harris
Salem—J. R. Blue
Snow Hill: Calvary—F. O. Fitzgerald, Jr.
Stantonsburg—F. R. Randolph
Stokes—L. A. Watts
Swan Quarter—R. C. Hamilton, Jr.
Walstonburg-Tabernacle—C. R. Hollowell
Washington: First—T. J. Whitehead
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Wesley Memorial—B. O. Merritt
Williamston—J. D. Young
Woodington—H. F. Pollock
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Professor, Central College, C. E. Hix, Jr.
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District Director of Christian Social Concerns, Vance Lewis
District Director of Christian Vocations, W. D. Caviness
District Secretary of Evangelism, Kenneth Sexton
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District Director of Golden Cross, E. B. Fisher
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District Director of Publishing Interests, W. K. Quick
District Director of Radio, Television, and Film Commission, J. M. Waggoner
District Director of Town and Country Work, H. H. Cash
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Atlantic—M. S. Amspacher
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Beech Grove—J. G. Lupton M
Belgrade-Tabernacle—Fred Lutz
Bridgeton—P. H. Hager
Core Creek—L. A. Lewis
Dover—R. E. Pack
Harker's Island—Robert F. Randalls
Harlowe-Oak Grove—L. G. Royal
Havelock: Cherry Point—W. C. Feltman
First—W. W. Sherman, Jr.
Hubert—S. H. Brown
Jacksonville: Northwood—H. B. Jones
Trinity—J. T. Maides
Lane's Chapel-Bethany—J. C. Parker
Marshallberg—Tracie Varnum
Maysville—P. N. Knight
Midway-Bethlehem—P. W. Evans
Morehead City: First—H. F. Leatherman
Franklin Memorial—A. S. Lancaster
St. Peters—J. S. Epperson
New Bern: Centenary—A. F. Fisher
Garber—W. I. Jackson, Jr.
Riverside—L. E. Lugar
Trinity—J. T. Smith
Newport—I. E. Cook
Oriental—G. C. Smith
Pollocksville—L. A. Green
Richlands—R. F. McKee
Richlands Circuit—F. L. Reynolds
Salter Path—R. L. Collier
Sea Level—Linwood S. Harris
Sandy Grove—Z. V. Cowan
Snead's Ferry: Carroll Chapel—H. T. Pickett
Stonewall—I. J. Wall, Jr.
Straits-North River—L. C. Swink
Swansboro—David L. Moe
Trenton—J. E. Wood
Vanceboro—D. M. Tyson
Vanceboro Circuit—J. F. Casey
Verona—George M. Marsh
Williston-Smyrna—R. D. Shinkle
Chaplain, United States Navy, M. O. Stephenson
Chaplain, Veterans Administration Hospital, Waco, Texas, J. O. Jernigan
Director, Volunteer Service for the North Carolina Fund, J. P. Mansfield
Professor, Scarritt College, James H. Warren
Student, Candler School of Theology, Emory University, James A. Tingle, III, Stonewall Q.C.
Student, Union Theological Seminary, New York, T. J. Collier, Jr., Stonewall Q.C.
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District Director of Christian Social Concerns, David L. Moe
District Director of Christian Vocations, J. S. Epperson
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District Director of Gifts and Wills, A. F. Fisher
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District Director, North Carolina Christian Advocate, H. B. Jones
District Secretary of Publishing Interests, S. H. Brown
District Director of Radio, Television, and Film Commission, J. T. Maides
District Director of Town and Country Work, I. J. Wall, Jr.

RALEIGH DISTRICT

District Superintendent—N. W. Grant
Apex—D. Russell Stott
Bethlehem-Shady Grove—Wayne Wingfield
Cary: First—T. J. Barrett
Associate—Donald C. Nagel
White Plains—J. M. Lewis
Ebenezer—L. R. Sparrow
Franklin—Conrad M. Cohen
Franklinton—L. J. Bridges
Fuquay Springs—N. L. Jones
Garner—J. K. Ormond
Garner: Southside—W. D. Sabiston, III
Gillburg—A. E. Thompson, Jr.
Harris Chapel—Fred C. Morton
Henderson: City Road—J. C. Andrews
First—W. B. Petteway
White Memorial-Wesley—H. L. Tinney
Holland's-Mt. Zion—Dan E. Meadows
Holly Spring—J. W. Reskovac
Jerusalem-Zion—R. A. McLean
Knightdale—K. L. Braswell
Kittrell-Plank Chapel—R. J. Rudd
Louisburg—K. J. Wilson, Jr.
Louisburg Circuit—Rudolph Benesh
Macon—Milton T. Mann
Middleburg—W. F. Huntington
Norlina—R. Bruce Pate
Raleigh: Benson Memorial—William G. Sharpe, IV
Cokesbury—S. S. Moore
Edenton Street—T. M. Vick, Jr.
Associate—H. A. Phillips
Fairmont—J. M. Cline
Associate—J. A. Higginbotham
Hayes Barton—Paul Carruth
Associate—R. H. Hodge
Highland—J. Paul Edwards
Jenkins Memorial—W. T. Greene
Layden Memorial—E. P. Osteen
Longview—L. A. Tilley
Macedonia—H. L. Hicks
Millbrook—J. L. Hunter
Pleasant Grove—B. H. Wilson, III
St. James—James I. Warren, Jr.
St. Mark's—J. Malloy Owen, III
Trinity—W. A. Tew
Wesley Memorial—Neil H. Thompson
Westover—R. L. Fleming
Wynnewood Park—Robert B. Ward
Rehobeth—Louis B. Cain, Jr.
Tabernacle—Julian Weisner
Trinity (Franklin County)—Barbee O. Parsons
Union Chapel—J. B. Speight
Vance—J. M. Benfield
Wake Forest-Youngsville—L. W. Ross
Warren—O. F. Taylor
Warrenton: Wesley Memorial—L. T. Wilson
Wendell—W. A. Wentz
Zebulon—P. H. Layfield
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Chaplain, Louisburg College, Wade Goldston
Chaplain, United States Air Force, C. C. Caudill
Chaplain, Methodist Home for Children, Franklin D. Daniels
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Professor, Louisburg College, W. N. McDonald
Professor, Mt. Union College, Gunter F. Somner
Student, Andover Newton Theological Seminary, R. H. Merritt, Edenton Street Q.C.
Student, Duke University Divinity School, W. A. Ruth, Cary, White Plains Q.C.
Student, University of Georgia, William R. Garrard,

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Appointments

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District Director, Gifts and Wills, S. L. Gluedge
District Director of Golden Cross, L. A. Tilley
District Missionary Secretary, Paul Carruth
District Secretary, Publishing Interests, J. M. Lewis
District Director, North Carolina Christian Advocate, J. A. Higginbotham
District Director of Radio, Television, and Film Commission, E. P. Osteen
District Director of Town and Country Work, J. B. Speight
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ROCKY MOUNT DISTRICT

District Superintendent—J. W. Page
Bailey—G. H. Tyson
Battleboro—J. H. White
Bethesda-Hollister—W. L. Spencer, Jr.
Calvary—A. W. Winstead
Conetoe—Ashton Archer
Conway—Eugene Tisdale
Elm City—R. E. Walston
Enfield—R. L. Crossno
Evansdale-Black Creek—R. M. Gradeless
Gaston—C. M. Treihart
Halifax—D. C. Boone
Hawkins-Tabor—J. T. Smith
Hornes-Mt. Zion—H. M. Owens, Jr.
Littleton—O. V. Elkins
Middlesex—Andrew C. Phelan
Milwaukee—James E. Sutton
Mt. Pleasant—Wade Mullikin
Nash—C. E. Shaw
Nashville—L. P. Jackson
Northampton—Angus Cameron
Pinetops—H. H. Cameron
Red Oaks-Yorks—J. R. Hailey
Rich Square—O. S. Williams
Roanoke Circuit—O. W. Watson
Roanoke Rapids: First—W. J. Neese
Rosemary—G. W. Crutchfield
Rocky Mount: Clark Street—W. S. Davenport
Englewood—B. F. Musser
First—H. G. Ruark
Associate—G. P. Phillips
Marvin—Ralph James
St. Paul—W. D. Wise
Sandy Cross—W. L. Barbee
Scotland Neck—E. M. Thompson, Jr.
Seaboard—W. Hoyt Cheek
Sims—John C. Pearsall
Smith—C. K. Wright
Spring Church-Garysburg—T. H. House
Spring Hope—R. W. Morgan
Tarboro: Hart-Speight—William Taylor
St. James—J. B. Parvin
Temperance Hall—G. W. Campbell
Weldon—R. I. Epps
West Halifax—H. D. Stanley
Whitakers—David B. Beale
Wilson: First—C. S. Hubbard
Associate—E. H. Measamer
West Nash—J. H. Bailey
Winstead—Arnold Pope
Woodland—W. E. Herbert
Chaplain and Assistant Professor of Religion, North Carolina Wesleyan College, James R. Hailey
Chaplain, Eastern North Carolina Sanitorium, John Pearsall
Chaplain, Veterans Administration, J. F. Rogers
Deaconess, Wilson, First Church, Louise Sparrer
Dean, North Carolina Wesleyan College, Jack W. Moore
Executive Secretary of the Ministers' Credit Union, C. M. Mitchell
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President, North Carolina Wesleyan College, Thomas A. Collins
Professor, North Carolina Wesleyan College, Hugh L. Bond
Professor, Florida State University, J. T. Green
Student, University of Edinburgh, Julian McCleese Aldridge, Jr., Rocky Mount, First Q.C.
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Biscoe—W. R. Johnson
Broadway—R. E. Fowlkes
Caledonia—George Davis
Candor—W. F. Meacham
Carthage—Paul Boone
Center—J. H. Kinkle
Cordova—R. W. Pritchard
Ellerbe—J. R. Regan
Glendon—C. A. Young
Goldston—C. E. Vale
Hamlet: Fellowship—L. R. Aills
First—Russell S. Harrison
Laurel Hill—E. R. Shuler
Laurinburg—D. J. Reid
Lovejoy-Macedonia—L. C. Bissette
Mt. Gilead—J. C. Chaffin
Mt. Gilead Circuit—C. H. Brigman
Norman—Walton Bass
Pekin—William Currie
Pinebluff—Julian Scott
Pleasant Hill—Van T. Crawford, Jr.
Poplar Springs—J. F. Herman
Roberdell—D. D. Traynham
Robbins—W. A. Crow
Rockingham: Community—McDonald McLamb
East Rockingham—I. J. Strawbridge
First—J. V. Early
Associate—T. E. Loftis
Glenwood—R. L. Baldridge
Grace—R. L. Vickery
Pee Dee—M. W. Warren
St. Paul-Trinity—J. D. Jones
West Rockingham—C. D. Roettger
St. John-Gibson—C. H. Mewborn
Sandhill Circuit—Robert Campbell
Sanford: Jonesboro Heights—V. C. Tyson
Steele Street—W. C. Ball
Trinity—John Paschal
Smyrna—T. R. Conway
Southern Pines—A. L. Thompson
Spring-Chapel—Jefferson W. Davis
Star—James Hamilton
Troy: Trinity—W. B. Cotton
Troy Circuit—Floyd Edge
Vass—C. W. Wooten
West End—J. D. Aycock
Chaplain, United States Air Force, B. F. Meacham
Director of Social Action, North Carolina Council of Churches, J. H. Crum
Missionary to Costa Rica, Rene O. Bideaux
Missionary to Polish People in America, Konstanty Najder
Professor, St. Andrews College, J. Rodney Fulcher
Professor, St. Andrews College, Theodore J. Solomon
Student, University of Chicago, Glenn Lambeth Warren, Pee Dee Q.C.
District Director of Christian Higher Education, W. B. Cotton
District Director of Christian Social Concerns, James Hamilton
District Director of Christian Vocations, W. A. Crow
District Secretary of Evangelism, D. J. Reid
District Director of Gifts and Wills, Garland F. Garris
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District Missionary Secretary, Charles Mewborn
District Director, North Carolina Christian Advocate, A. L. Thompson
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District Director, Television, Radio and Film Commission, L. R. Aills
District Director of Town and Country Work, E. R. Shuler
Retired: F. B. Brandenburg, John Cline, W. L. Dawson, L. C. Larkin, McDonald McLamb, N. F. Noblitt, J. A. Russell, R. L. Vickery.

WILMINGTON DISTRICT

District Superintendent—Clyde S. Boggs
Bethel-Lebanon—W. C. Lewis
Bladen—T. R. McKay
Bluefield-Pierway—J. M. Carroll
Bolivia—J. A. Starnes
Bolton—W. R. King
Burgaw—C. E. Owens
Carolina Beach—Jack Martin
Carver's Creek—Travis Owens
Cerro-Gordo-Evergreen—G. M. Kelly
Chadbourn—C. O. Gardiner, Sr.
Clarkton—H. K. Jeanneret
Council-Trinity—J. C. Dunn
Dublin—Dennis Weaver
Duplin—J. P. Pegg
Elizabethtown—Fred Davis
Fair Bluff—L. A. Phillips
Hallsboro—C. B. Hicks
Harrells—Robert Proctor
Lake Waccamaw—H. A. Bizzell
Ocean View—R. R. Knowles
Old Dock—Bruce Taylor
Reigelwood-Wesley—W. R. Heston
Rocky Point—J. T. Ledford
Rose Hill—C. E. Sparks
Sarecta—R. G. Spence
Scott's Hill—D. G. Davis
Shallotte: Camp—M. L. DeHart, Jr.
Shallotte Circuit—W. B. Greogry
Southport—C. H. Lancaster
Tabor City—C. F. Hirschi
Town Creek—Allen Richardson
Wallace—George R. Ports
Wesley's Chapel—C. L. Warren
Whiteville—A. D. Byrd, Jr.
Whiteville Circuit—David R. McKay
Wilmington: Devon Park—C. B. Hutcherson
Epworth—L. L. Parrish
Fifth Avenue—C. J. Andrews
Grace—R. L. Nicks
Oleander-Pine Valley—F. B. Joyner
Sunset Park—J. C. P. Brown
Trinity—A. C. Lee
Wesley Memorial—J. K. Bostick
Wrightsboro—C. E. Price
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District Director of Town and Country Work, C. E
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Emergency Sick Leave: W. L. Creech, Jr., Fant Stee
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Retired: W. C. Benson, J. M. Carroll, W. J. Freema
L. D. Hayman, G. M. Kelly, L. L. Parrish, D.
Petty.

N. C. Conference Gains

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seph Bethea of Reidsville, representing th
North Carolina Conference of the Central Ju
risdiction. Two babies were baptized, an
a full morning program was climaxed b
singing "How Great Thou Art," by Dr. Mo
ris L. Husted, with the congregation joinin
in the final chorus. This has become a tr
ditional way of closing the annual confe
ence. Bishop Garber read the long list
more than 500 pastoral appointments an
the additional special appointments. Th
congregation stood and sang "God Be Wit
You Till We Meet Again," and the Bisho
pronounced the benediction. It was a goo
conference and now the group faces a ne
year with new enthusiasm and a great pu
pose.

Two new districts were formed, the Greer
ville, and the Sanford, with Rev. W. F
Stevens being appointed as Superintender
of the Greenville District, and Rev. Vergil F
Queen as Superintendent of the Sanfor
District. The conference now has eleve
districts, and there is already talk of form
ing another in the near future to meet th
growing needs of expansion.

Financial report showed that contributior
for all purposes totaled $10,258,754 last yea
That was an average of $51.05 per membe
Church school membership continued to fo
low a national decline, however, droppin
from 144,000 in 1962 to 141,871 last yea

Delegates also adopted without debate
proposal to establish a commission on publi
relations and Methodist information. Th
Rev. William K. Quick of Greenville wa
elected chairman.

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Youthful drivers in 1963 had the wor
record of any age group in the United State
Young men and women under age 25 rep
resented only about 15 per cent of the na
tion's licensed drivers, yet they were involv
ed in more than 29 per cent of all fata
accidents and in more than 26 per cent o
all non-fatal accidents.



By Mary Gardner

Primary-Junior Group Holds Outdoors Session

The lovely Sunday of June 14, 1964, about 11:15 o'clock, we, the AMY, Additional session of Methodist Youth, as we call our group, rode away from the Sunday school classes at Wharton Trinity Methodist Church, Washington, N. C., headed triumphantly toward a secluded spot on Pamlico Beach to continue our Sunday's study and to enjoy a splash in Pamlico River and feast on goodies our teacher-leader and mothers had prepared for us.

On our way at the first stop sign we heard a voice, "Quiet now; close the mind's door, clear the way for God and say a prayer. Ask God to first help all drivers who meet us or pass us, and help our driver, Mrs. D. Lester Latham, that we may have a safe and helpful day."

We sang helpful songs all the way to the beach. We splashed and swam in the rolling waters caused by passing boats and waves washing the shore line. We spread our picnic lunch and the food really rolled away after our individual blessings for our day.

The crawling snakes, crabs, and jellyfish added excitement.

We left the water about 3:30 and started on our way to St. Thomas Episcopal Church, Bath, North Carolina's oldest religious sanctuary built in 1734. It is notable that the 265-year history of the parish, founded prior to 1700, there is no record of more than four or five separations of couples who were married there, so many children have enjoyed their unbroken homes. Here in this church yard we planned to complete our study for the day on Christian Choices. We each joined in answering questions concerning the roads we will take this year leading from the trunk of our tree of life which had been drawn on the previous Sunday. The roads followed to happiness coming from Bible study, prayer, religion, and sharing by giving and witnessing for our Lord, attending church, worshiping, honesty, obedience, loyalty, truth, and love. All these roads will assure us of making Christian choices.

At 4:30 o'clock the exploring and service were over, and we headed back to Washington a singing, happy, burning group of children, but very excited and ready to greet our parents, homes, and beds, though some attended church at 7:30.

—Thelma Boyd Age 11

Hymn Story: "For the Beauty of the Earth"

Some of our hymns are written for a special use in worship. Then as they are sung over and over by worshipers through the years the words are changed or the reason for using the hymn is forgotten.

Folliett Pierpont wrote a number of hymns for his church in England which were to be sung only at the communion service or at times when there was a flower service. In the late summer when English flower gardens were bright with many blossoms, at a special late Sunday afternoon service, the people carried their most beautiful flowers to the church. Children dressed in choir robes marched in a procession down the aisle of the church. They carried flowers and sang this hymn about the beauty of the earth. After the service was over the lovely flowers were carried to the hospitals. And some were carried to homes where there were old people who could not walk in gardens.

The word pictures described in this hymn are so easy to remember, for they are about the lovely things we see and feel every day. Because it was a favorite hymn of children, gradually the lines of the refrain were changed so that it might have more meaning for children. Today, the hymn is not sung very often in communion service. It is used more often by families in their worship. In the services of our church, people sing this hymn on beautiful Sunday mornings when we are grateful for the beauty of trees and flowers, hills and valleys, the sun and moon and stars of the day and the night.

Perhaps you learned to know this hymn in the primary department. Then you sang it with a congregation and realized that the words suggest things for for which older people as well as children are thankful. You could make a list of the word pictures and recall the places where you had seen every one of them.

The hymn-writer helps us to think about the things we have seen and heard. He makes us thankful for the harmony of our senses because we can realize the delightful meaning of sounds and sights and appreciate them with our heart and with our mind.

Over and above all we are surrounded by the love of the members of our family and the love of God "which from our birth over and around us lies." We have the joy of being with friends and of having other friends from whom we are separated.

In the last stanza our thoughts are directed to the church. Some of us will picture a church with a steeple pointing upward. Then we will see the people on every shore, in every land, living unsefishly and with the love of God in their hearts.

A Thank You Prayer

I thank Thee, O God, for people:

I thank Thee for my parents who care about me, who expect me to do what is right and good, but who care about me when I disappoint them.

I thank Thee for brothers and sisters, who can be fun to play with; who care about me and are loyal to me, as I am loyal to them.

For my family, I give Thee thanks, O God.

I thank Thee for my friends—the ones at school, at church, and in my neighborhood who are fun to know and to do things with; and for my special friends like . . . .

For my friends, I give Thee thanks, O God.

I thank Thee for other people, too—

For those in offices and factories and stores and for those on farms; for all the many people whose work gives us the good things we have.

For men and women who make our neighborhood a good place; for those who work for fair treatment for every person and who try to make the whole world more friendly.

O God, for all these people, I give Thee thanks. Amen.

Just for Fun

"Mommie, what's a witches' stand?" asked a five-year-old.

"Oh, I dont know, dear," his mother replied.

"Witches' stand, witches' stand: You know," the boy insisted.

"Well,' said Mommie firmly, in order to please him, "I suppose it's a stand where witches go when they want to fly off their broom handles."

"Oh," said the little boy. Then he turned and shuffled away muttering something about ". . . . and to the Republic for which it stands."

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Woman's Activities

A Message From Mrs. Milton Randolph

Mrs. H. W. Doub

Dear Wonderful Women of North Carolina:

What joy it was for me to be with you in retreat at Louisburg College. It was a lovely place to meet and blessed with the warm welcome of the Robbins. Surely a beautiful spirit pervaded our time together.

My appreciation to Tillie Sponenberg is deep for giving me this great privilege. She had planned a program which united us into a whole and lifted us to God. Even the weather cooperated, didn't it?

Everything was done for my comfort, with Winnie Dawson—certainly one of God's choice people—to care for my every need, and to be my spiritual sister.

Remembering the years Mrs. Burwell has played for the glory of God, we were thrilled as she played for beautiful, young Betty Proctor, whose singing transported us to the very feet of our Lord. What a spiritual experience it was!

The spiritual life secretaries who lifted the women of their district during our time of intercessory prayer on Thursday morning, and those who offered the special prayers were indeed spiritual giants. The Holy Spirit was felt. Surely God heard the plea of every request placed in the prayer boxes, and those made silently within each heart.

My conversation with those of you with whom I had meals, or you who came for a little visit, meant more to me than words can express. How I longed for more time! Only the silence of our Love Feast could express the spirit which bound us together and will continue in memory.

In Christian love I send my gratitude and ask your prayers.

Affectionately,
Mrs. Milton Randolph

Burlington District

Officers of the Woman's Society of Christian Service of the Burlington District of the North Carolina Methodist conference, held a training session in Sanford, Thursday, at the home of Mrs. J. E. Davis, President of the Burlington District, who will be conference recording secretary for the Woman's Society of Christian Service for the coming year. Associate hostesses were Mrs. F. M. Humphries, Mrs. A. G. Martin and Mrs. L. F. Meador.

Reports were given by each officer. Plans were completed for the Spiritual Life seminar to be held at Louisburg College, June 3 and 4.

Dates for the fall sub-district meetings were set and an announcement was made that the Burlington District will be hostess for the Monday evening social hour at the School of Missions at Fayetteville College, August 10-14. Mrs. W. B. Gibbs, secretary of Missionary Education, was named chairman for the social.

Mrs. William W. Newman of Burlington, district vice president, presented a past president's pin to Mrs. Davis, who resigned as district president to accept the conference recording secretary post.

Following the meeting a luncheon was served.

Those attended were Mrs. J. S. Hiatt, Jr., of Southern Pines, president of the Fayetteville district; Mrs. Harold Mann, Jonesboro Heights, conference treasurer; Mrs. Taylor Long, Blanch, conference secretary of projects; Mrs. P. F. Newton of Burlington, who will serve as president of the district filling the unexpired term of Mrs. Davis; Mrs. J. R. Lloyd, Graham, district recording secretary; Mrs. F. M. Humphries, Sanford, district treasurer; Mrs. L. F. Meador, Lemon Springs, secretary of children's work; Mrs. M. E. Rudisill, Burlington, outgoing secretary of Christian social relations; Mrs. H. T. Winstead, Leasburg, secretary of Christian Social relations; Mrs. W. B. Gibbs, secretary of missionary education; Mrs. A. G. Martin, Sanford, secretary of promotion; Mrs. Lessie Wollard, Carbonton, secretary of spiritual life; Mrs. William Ward, Providence, secretary of student work; Mrs. V. L. Warren, Mebane, secretary of supply work; Mrs. Hubert Salley, Burlington, secretary of youth work; Mrs. Ray Janey, Burlington, public relations secretary; Mrs. Robert W. Self, Burlington, secretary of literature; Mrs. W. L. Maness, Carthage, chairman of nominating committee; Mrs. Melvin Wilson, Burlington, film librarian; Mrs. Morris Burke, Graham, subdistrict leader for North Alamance; Mrs. T. J. Jones, Saxaphaw, South Alamance subdistrict; Mrs. George Brotz, Jonesboro Heights, Sanford subdistrict; Mrs. Wayne Ward, Staley, outgoing Siler City subdistrict chairman and Mrs. Jasper Braxton, Graham, Siler City subdistrict chairman.

Mrs. Ray Janey,
Chairman Public Relations

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N. C. Conference

Mrs. E. K. McLarty

Miss Nina Troy Honored

Many Western North Carolina Methodists and especially among the Woman's Society and Guild members know and love this great friend of China. Even after serving a period of internment, finally arriving in the United States, she remained a staunch ally of Chinese Christians. Miss Nina helped in many ways to encourage and assist her friends through her "Cows for China" and her nylon hose collection.

On Wednesday, March 11, at the Greensboro district guild meeting, a testimony designed by Miss Betsy Scott, treasurer of the Junior Guild, was read by President Annie Puett and presented to Miss Nina.

"In recognition of the many contributions of Miss Nina Troy to the cause of Christianity both here and abroad, the Junior Guild of the West Market Street Methodist Church, Greensboro, North Carolina, will henceforth be known at the Nina W. Troy Wesleyan Service Guild."

In addition to the recognition, a contribution from the Guild will be sent to the mission of Miss Troy's choice.

June Guild-O-Gram

A Suggestion for Those Going to the Fair

Don't forget, if you are going to the World's Fair in New York that there is a new Church Center for the United Nations which you should visit. There will be a special seminar, there, according to Mrs. King, and it will be worth your while to find out more about it. Marlene Harmon from Gastonia, North Carolina, is assisting there.

This is one way, as church people, we can keep our perspective true, as we enjoy the exciting varieties of New York's latest displays.

Dr. Clayton Calhoun Speaks

One of the main speakers of the annual meeting of the WSCS of the Western North Carolina Conference was Dr. Clayton Calhoun. His address was made Wednesday night, June 17.

Dr. Calhoun used as his topic "This Side of the Wall". Using Roberts Frost's line "Something there is that does not love a wall," he pointed out that the building of barriers to protect and separate from those unlike themselves has been a futile gesture. The only walls that cannot easily be torn down are those that separate through the heart.

No man can build a wall so high that it can close him off from the claims of Christ. No man can build a wall so high that it can protect him from the clamor of conflict. No man can build a wall so high that it insulates him from Christian intercession. Before a man can shut out any other man he must ask himself the question, "What manner of man am I? Eventually the Christian, under disciplines of God's reconciling ministry in Christ, must, in love, reclaim the enemy. But more than that, make of the brother-enemy a brother apostle of reconcilation.

Not for us to outwit, but to win is the way. In the words of Paul "I show you a better way—even Christ."

Although Dr. Calhoun is President of Paine College in Augusta, Georgia, He is a members of the Florida Conference. This made it appropriate for the music of the evening to be given by the Chapel Choir of the First Methodist Church of St. Petersburg, Florida. This choir of forty young people sang three Negro spirituals.

Change of Chairman Noted

As of July 1, please send all material for publication to Mrs. John Wright, Church Street, Weaverville, N. C.

Greensboro District Holds Annual Meeting

A total of 322 persons boosted a record attendance at the recent annual meeting of the Woman's Society of Christian Service of the Greensboro District held at College Place

Methodist Church in Greensboro. A special guest was Rev. J. Garland Winkler, superintendent of the district. Mrs. Max Tucker, president, presided.

Five new officers were installed. They bewere: Mrs. H. I. Swink, vice president; Mrs. Harold Moag, treasurer; Mrs. Charles Keesee, secretary of literature; Mrs. A. O. Funderburke, secretary of promotion; Mrs. Edward King, chairman of sub-district No. 1.

Mrs. H. L. Ledbetter, chairman of the Christian Social Relations committee, presented the Charter of Racial Policies for vote of the meeting. It was defeated.

Mrs. Arthur Williams, district chairman of the Spiritual Life committee, conducted the Memorial Service for the 36 members who have died in the past year.

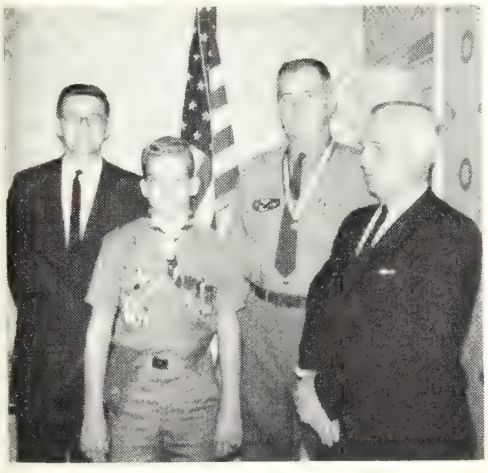
Mrs. Max Tucker presented the goals of the 25th anniversary of the Woman's Society of Christian Service, the celebration now in progress, as a challenge to each woman to increase the memberships of the local societies and increased giving.

Mrs. Odell Lineberger, retiring secretary of promotion, and Mrs. Jesse Walker, retiring secretary of literature, were awarded Life membership pins by Mrs. Charles Riley, chairman of nominations.

Speaking on her work at the Bethlehem Center in Charlotte, Miss Lucy Gist told the group much more training could and should be done there for the children from kindergarten through teen-agers. Mrs. Julian Reeves, president of the North Wilkesboro District, reported on the seminar held at the National Methodist Women's Convention held at Tacoma, Washington, last year. Her after lunch speech also focused on the "Role of Women in the World Today."

The Glenwood Methodist Church issued an invitation for the district meeting to be held there on April 29, 1965.

Mrs. J. A. Blackwood
Sec'y Pub. Relations of the Greensboro District



God and Country Award

Mike Minor, son of Rev. and Mrs. Harold D. Minor received the God and Country Award at Belmont Methodist Church, Nashville, Tenn., May 31. Mike is a Life Scout. His father was for five years director of Adult Work for the N. C. Conference and has been an editor at the Methodist Publishing House for three years. Mike is the grandson of Rev. and Mrs. W. B. Thompson (retired) of Lexington.

Left to right: Rev. Luke Dunn, assistant Minister; Mike; Mr. W. P. Gray, Scout master; Dr. Ferris Moore, Minister.

Growth of W. S. C. S. In WNC Conference Reviewed

By Mrs. John Hoyle, Jr.

In Broad Street Methodist Church, Statesville, October 1, 1940, at ten A.M., Bishop Clare Purcell called to order the organizational meeting of the Western North Carolina Woman's Society of Christian Service. Mrs. C. C. Weaver, president of the Woman's Missionary Society of the Western North Carolina Conference of the former Methodist Episcopal Church, South, was elected president for the day. Officers were elected and necessary business transacted.

In November 1940 the district meetings were held, and the conference woman's work was begun under a new name.

The pledge to the Council Treasurer in 1939, the last year before Unification, was $49,800 and the Conference paid $53,565. In 1941 Mrs. A. L. Thompson, the Conference corresponding secretary, reported 566 societies with a membership of 21,158. This is not the same number reported by the secretary as Charter Societies organized with membership reported but you can well see that these figures do not tally. The secretary reported all certificates sent in as charter societies and charter members. Some of these societies could have disbanded and some could have just not reported.

Through the treasurer in 1941, the first time a pledge to the Woman's Division was made, after Unification, the Conference pledged $55,000. It is interesting to note the treasurer reports, "The District Apportionment shall be as follows:" Only two Districts were apportioned over $7,000. The Charlottee District was apportioned $9,400 and the Winston-Salem $9,000. On this pledge the Conference sent to the Woman's Division $58,979. In 1963 the Conference reported 950 societies, 216 Guilds, with a total membership of 48,321 and with a pledge of $180.000 and paid on pledge $185,029. This shows a gain in membership since Unification of 137 per cent and a gain in amount pledged of 227 per cent. Each year the pledge was over paid.

It is reported that during the World Fair in 1939. in making plans for the 1964 World Fair it was predicted that by 1964 one could cross the United States in 24 hours at a 10,000 feet altitude. It was further predicted that there would be 38,000,000 cars on the U. S. highways by 1964. Nothing was projected in the prediction concerning the harnessing of atomic energy, space travel, or new medical discoveries. It is apparent that the 1939 prediction was far short of the accomplishments achieved by 1964. Instead of crossing the U. S. in 24 hours, the earth was orbited in appromixately 90 minutes. So at Unification in 1940, even if we did think in terms of increased membership and enlarged giving we were also thinking or training and teaching Methodist women to be able to meet the challenge of change. Regardless of predictions made and goals set by the Organizational Conference in 1940 they could not foresee the many changes that the women of Methodism were to face, nor the marvellous achievements that would be wrought as Methodist women adjusted to their changing world.

Mrs. J. Fount Tillman, the Division president, tells us that the heritage we entered into opened doors for Methodist women to enlarge their minds and hearts in enriched service in the church, the community and the world. Women have sought to meet the needs of the day or the hour. We have come into closer fellowship with women throughout the world. We have extended our giving in the program of serving women and children—one new venture is in our own Conference, the Brooks-Howell Home. We have extended our efforts in such enterprises as Crusade scholarships, theological training, literature and literacy work, ecumenical relationships, social concerns and many others. The idea expressed in terms "Mission" has changed over the changing years. Our "Mission" has come to involve us with new Church-State relations. Our "Mission" today relates us to new churches which were once our mission stations. We are confronted with these changes, but are not overwhelmed by them.

We look upon the past, not just to glorify the past, but that by so doing we may evaluate the present and plan for the future in the light of the past. We are sometimes disturbed by changing patterns but we have gone through many changes which have helped us to cope better with problems before us. So then let us be proud of our heritage and use it to relate ourselves to the future place for us in service in the total church program.

In the words of Angela Morgan:

"To be alive in such an age!
To live in it!
To give in it!
Breathe the world-thought, do the world-deed,
Think highly of thy brother's need.
Give thanks with all thy flaming heart,
Crave but to have in it but a part—
Give thanks and clasp thy heritage—
To be alive in such an age!"

CHILDREN'S PAGE

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Said a kindly old gentleman to a small boy carrying a load of newspapers under his arm: "Don't all those papers make you tired, my lad?"

"Naw,' replied the boy. "I don't read 'em."

Bible Quiz

Of what Bible story are you reminded by the following?

1—A farmer, seeds, the sun, a hundredfold?
2—A lad, grass, 12 baskets, a fish.
3—An apostle, a sermon, a King almost persuaded.
4—A gourd, a shade, a woman, a complaining man.
5—A crowd of people, a small man, a tree.

Answers to Last Week's Questions

1—Obadiah
2—Nathan (2 Samual 12)
3—He buried it (Matthew 25:25)
4—He prepared to cut it in two, giving each woman half, when the real mother cried to him she would rather give it to the other woman. (1 Kings 3:16-28)
5—Jesus (John 10:16)



Seated—Miss Jean Mullis, Miss Carol Ann Cooke, Miss Carolyn Brewer and Miss Libby Huggins; first row standing—Miss Susan Kelley of Conover, Miss Karen Cotllins and Mrs. Copeland; back row—Michael C. Raezer and J. Michael Engle, both of Charleston, W. Va., Mrs. R. G. Tuttle, Jr., Britt Brittain, David H. White, Jane Lucas, Diane Lucas, Gary Newman and Mr. R. G. Tuttle, Jr.

First Church Hickory Sends Group To Costa Rica

"Operation Sharing" was launched at the First Methodist Church, Hickory, recently when fourteen young people and three adult leaders (pictured here) started a long journey with Costa Rica as the destination.

The Methodist group traveled by church bus to Miami, Fla., where they took a plane to Costa Rica. In early July they will return by air to Miami to pick up the church bus for the last link of the round trip.

In Costa Rica, the "Operation Sharing" group will be under the direction of Methodist missionaries, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph M. Miller. They will see much of the nation, when they are not studying the Methodist mission program and work and helping build a mission church.

This small mission church will be located at Esparta, in the jungle, fifteen miles from Puntarenas on the Pacific Ocean.

The visiting Methodists will work with Costa Ricans in the church project. In fact, they will work, cook, worship, study and play together for about three weeks.

Discussing "Operation Sharing," Dr. Robert G. Tuttle, First church pastor, said:

"We believe that this fellowship with persons of another nation and culture will enable them to witness in depth as Christians, and will challenge them to growth, thought and understanding of life, which otherwise might never have been possible for them. Out of such missions, we believe, that the individuals are produced who will build a better world.

"We are grateful to the men of First Methodist church who by their gifts have made this mission possible. Also, we are indebted to our Commission on Missions, Mrs. William Craven, chairman, Mrs. Mataleen Morgan, and others who have worked so effectively in carrying out the details of this exicting adventure."

The young people included in "Operation Sharing" are of college age, many just through the Freshman year, and their leaders, a member of the faculty at Lenoir Rhyne college and an active participant and leader at First Church, and Mr. and Mrs. Robert G. Tuttle, Jr., studying at Garrett Biblical Institute.

All of those participating in this Christian work camp are from First church except two young men from Christ Methodist church at Charleston, W. Va., and one young lady from First Church in Conover.



At The End Of 'Quite A Day'

Hawthrone Lane Camping Program Going Well

It was quite a day. Pitching tents and building fires for a big cook-out, sitting around a roaring campfire afterwards. And now, in the warm glow of a camping lantern, Brenda snuggles up closer to her mother, Mrs. Robert E. Gibson. It was all part of the annual camping trip to Morrow Mountain, sponsored by Hawthorne Lane Methodist Church, Charlotte. Seventeen families—around 80 people—attended the weekend event. For Brenda, the morning is to bring softball and hikes to the Indian Mound, walking the laurel trail, more cooking out. But now it's night, and soon those big eyes will slowly close. It was quite a day for Brenda, and everybody.

Missionary Conference For Southeastern Jurisdiction

The world's frontiers—from nearby communities of distant continents—will be stressed at the annual Missionary Conference for Southeastern Jurisdiction Methodists at Lake Junaluska July 23-29.

Several hundred leaders of mission programs in local churches and annual conferences of 12 states, plus some 200 young people, will attend for separate training sessions. For several inspirational and informational addresses they will meet together in Stuart Auditorium, according to the Rev. Dr. Edward L. Tullis, Ashland, Ky., chairman of the Southeastern Jurisdictional Committee on Missions.

Twice-daily speakers on the "frontier that call us" will include:

—India, the Rev. William Moon of Ohio and Hilderbad, India.

—Africa, Job de Carvalho, a writer from Angola who has just completed a novel set in tha Country's revolution.

—Latin America, the Rev. William O. Bigham of Monroe, N. C., and Brazil.

—Malaya, the Rev. Hugh Lomor, New York City, executive secretary for Southeast Asia, Board of Missions.

—Alaska, Dr. Tullis.

—Southern Appalachia, the Rev. Dr. James W. Sells, Atlanta, jurisdiction executive secretary.

—Inner City, panel with the Rev. Dr. Claud M. Haynes, Atlanta, Church extension secretary for North Georgia Conference.

—Asia consultation, the Rev. L. Turnipseed, Greenwood, S. C., and Hong Kong.

Other program specials will include Sunday sermons by Bishop W. Ralph Ward of Syracuse, N. Y., and Bishop John Owen Smith of Atlanta; talk by the Rev. Dr. Gerald Clapsaddle, general secretary for education and cultivation, Board of Missions; and workshops on various phases of Conference efforts.

The annual workshop for chairman of local church commissions on missions will be July 24-26, coordinated by the Rev. Dr. Horace McSwain, Statesville, N. C., missionary secretary for Western North Carolina Conference. Their sessions and leaders will include organization and program, the Rev. David W. Reese, Jr., Columbia, S. C., study books, the Rev. Walter M. Lockett, Jr. Martinsville, Va.; audio-visual, the Rev. James S. Bellamy, Lake Junaluska; budget, the Rev. Dr. W. S. Steele, Chattanooga Advance program, the Rev. Fred F. Pfister, Bowling Green, Ky., Chairmen, the Rev. Homer E. Johns, Paducah, Ky.

The youth representatives, in charge of the Rev. John B. Tate, Jr., of Gordonsville, Va., will meet most of the missionaries in small groups to hear more of the challenge to their own futures. Each day they will have a "topic for immediate action," including the church in a changing world, Biblical basis for the church in action, "inside inner space," traditions and revolutions, the church's "changing voice" and " on this foundation—what?"

Other speakers for the youth will include the Rev. Dr. Lewistine McCoy, New York City, executive secretary for Methodist missionary recruitment.

Sunday School Lesson

FOR JULY 12

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:OD'S CONCERN FOR HIS PEOPLE

ckground Scripture: Exodus 2 through 4
sson Scripture: Exodus 3:1-12

In our lesson for today God shows his ncern for his people by giving them a liverer in the person of Moses, one ot the vering figures of human history. Among e traditions that gather about the figure Moses, the Liberator, are these: (1) He is miraculously saved from death in incy (2) grew up in Egypt in the place of e Pharoah where he "was taught all the rning of the Egyptians" (3) upon reach- g man hood he first saw the sad fate of ; people who were slaves (4) seeing this ; anger knew no bounds and he killed an gyptian foreman of the labor force (5) left the country and made his way to idian where he got a job as a shepherd th a Midianite priest variously called Jeth- Reuel and Hobab. We are told further at Moses married one of the daughters of hro.

On a certain day Moses led the flock to e back side of a large mountain which s become world-famous as Sinai, or Horeb. was here in the silence of a remote and solate scene that God appeared to him in e burning bush. The vision of God that oses experienced there calls to mind the ct that many of the leading figures of nkind received their commission in some- hat similar mystical experiences. There e those who find satisfaction in discovering me natural explanation of the circumstanc- surrounding the experience of Moses. ey point to the fact that this particular ea had many acacia trees the leaves of hich, especially in the rays of the setting n, seemed literally to be "burning up." owever that may be, there is no doubt at God's presence was overwhelming in e events that happened there. The story longs to the sacred history of Israel. In e words of one writer it is "Salvation His- ry" and therefore belong in another di- ension that of secular history. It is part the memories of a nation called of God make a witness to his power and his love the world.

At the moment when Moses was moved "turn aside and see this great sight" he owed himself to be a man of sensitivity. ot enough of us are disposed to "turn ide" from the immediately pressing things the moment and listen for the voice of od. Bond Fleming, writing in the In- national Annual, reminds us of Elizabeth arrett Browning's poem in which these ell-known lines occur:

> "Earth's crammed with heaven,
> And every common bush afire with God;
> But only he who sees takes off his shoes.
> The rest stand around and pluck blackberries."

It was only after Moses turned aside that od spoke to him (verse 4). What God had to say to Moses changed his life completely; and not only his, but the lives of his brethren who were living the lives of miserable slaves in Egypt.

However, Moses was not prepared for such a mission as that of liberator of his people . He recoiled from such responsibility with the words: "Who am I that I should go to Pharoah and bring the sons of Israel out of Egypt?" This is the voice of the human creature when faced with an overwhelming challenge. But the Lord was not willing to accept Moses' expression of unworthiness. There was one very important factor that Moses had overlooked. This was the assurance of the Divine Presence: *But I will be with you."*

As we look back over the centuries we may see hundreds, even thousands of outstanding Christians whose encounter with God has followed much the same pattern. When first they see the magnitude of the task that confronts them they are overcome with a sense of their unworthiness. But when they are assured of the Divine aid they rise to meet the task with courage. But let us not think only of those whose names are found among the distinguished. When *any* man or woman is faced with what appear to be insuperable demands and then turns, in faith, toward the Source of Divine help, they will find the strength they need to accomplish the task, if it is the will of God. Such is the testimony of those "Who climbed the steep ascent of heaven through peril, toil, and pain. We all need to utter the prayer that follows: "O God, to us may grace be given to follow in their train."

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SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON JULY 19
GOD DELIVERS HIS PEOPLE

Background Scripture: Exodus 5 through 15:21.
Lesson Scripture: Exodus 6:2-7; 12:29-33

The writer sat in Soldier's Field, Chicago, and saw the mighty drama of the Exodus unfold before him. An immense crowd of people had come to this large stadium to see re-enacted the story of the liberation of a people. Since that time many more dramas, novels and paintings have been created to memorialize this event. It's an old, old story, but one which seems always appealing; and will be as long as men value liberty over slavery.

God reminds Moses first that the forthcoming liberation is a part of the promise already made in former covenants with the Hebrew people, or their leaders: "I also established my covenant with them, to give them the land of Canaan, the land in which they dwelt as sojourners" (Exodus 6:4). It will be remembered that some of the people had been living in Canaan before they came to Egypt. But at that time they were wandering nomads. Now there was the promise of a permanent home in the area.

The covenant is once more re-affirmed in the statement: "I will take you for my people, and I will be your God; and you shall know that I am the Lord your God who has brought you out from under the burdens of the Egyptians, and I will deliver you from theer bondage and will reedeem you with outstretched arm and with great acts of judgment, and I will take you for my people, and I will be your God" (Exodus 6:6-8).

These words, spoken through the mouth of Moses, seem to us to be a marvelous assurance. However, we are told that "Moses spoke thus to the people of Israel; but they did not listen to Moses, because of their broken spirit and their cruel bondage" (Exodus 6:9).

Here, in the incident related above, is a suggestion for us. Do we ever feel so opposd and discouraged by the circumstances of life that even the promises of God do not reach our hearts? The Hebrew people had yet to learn to rely upon the promises of their God. The writer recalls hearing his grandfather sing "Standing on the Promises," a song that will be remembered by many readers of this magazine. As a lad it didn't mean very much to hear these words. Perhaps it is only after we have known the buffetings and disappointments of life that we can really appreciate such sentiments.

In the second part of our lesson Scripture (Exodus 12:29-33) there is recorded the last of the plagues sent upon the ruler and the people of Egypt. The Hebrews saw in these the hand of God working in their behalf for their liberation. We may note in reviewing the several plagues recorded in Exodus that many of them were recurring disasters that overtook the people of Egypt from time to time. But this last plague, the slaughter of the first-born, was one they had never experienced before. It was the thing that finally humbled the Pharoah and caused him to let the people go.

Sometimes we go on from day to day and from year to year, hardly noticing the wonderful works of God in nature and in history. And then of a sudden something tragic hits *us!*. It is then that we are shocked out of our lethargy and forced to reexamine the foundations of our faith!

In chapter fourteen of Exodus we see some of the problems that arise when a people, long enured to slavery, suddenly find themselves free. In this case they found many grounds for complaint. In one account we are told that they longed for "the flesh-pots" of Egypt. It is well for us to realize that freedom is not all privilege; it is also a great responsibility. It proved to be a long time before these Hebrews had developed from slaves to free men. They could not enter the land of promise till they had learned their lesson. Neither can we.

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A Silver Lining

In every cloud there is
"A Silver Lining."
Tho the night be dark
And the clouds blot out our view.
The Stars are in the Heaven
They will again shine through.

In every cloud there is
"A Silver Lining."
Tho the road be rough
And the paths be winding.
God is in the Heavens
We only have to find Him.
God will break the clouds in two
And let His Face shine through.

Louise R. Booker,
Williamston, N. C.

The Enlistment of Preachers In Early Methodism

By Wayne Woodward

In this day we find the practice of enlistment for the ministry encouraged. Such enlistment is not a new practice in American Methodism. In Wade Crawford Barclay's **History of Methodist Missions,** (Part I, **Early American Methodism,** Volume 2, **To Reform the Nation,** pages 422-4) we find a record of early enlistment. Barclay relates that the phenomenal spread of the church created a need for more ministers than there were men who felt the call to preach. As a result, many older ministers began to enlist men. At a quarterly Meeting in the spring of 1802 Jesse Walker surprised Peter Cartwright by handing him a paper with the following on it:

> Peter Cartwrigt is hereby permitted to exercise his gifts as an exhorter in the Methodist Episcopal Church so long as his practice is agreeable to the gospel. Signed in behalf of the society at Ebenezer.
>
> Jesse Walker, A. P.

The matter had never come up before and Cartwright didn't want the Exhorter's license, but Walker urged him to keep it and use it at Class Meetings. He finally consented. The next fall Cartwright's family moved to another county, eighty miles from any circuit. When Cartwright applied to the Presiding Elder for a church letter for himself and his mother and sister, the letter came with certification of church membership, with certification of authority to exhort, and with "authority to travel through all that destitute region, hold meetings, organize classes, and . . to form a circuit and meet him the next fall . . with a plan of a new circuit . ." Again Cartwright did not want to take it, but he did; and the next he met John Page, the Presiding Elder, and Jesse Walker, his pastor, with a plan for the Livingstone Circuit which he had formed. The next year he was received on trail in the Western Conference. He went on, of course, to become a prominent and colorful frontier preacher, Presiding Elder, and, incidently, opponent of Abraham Lincoln for election to Congress.

The case of Willam McKendree, third elected Bishop of the Methodist Episcopal Church, was similar. He converted in his thirtieth year and soon afterwards his faither said, "William, has not the Lord called you to preach the Gospel?" He replied that he did not know, for he did not know what a call to preach implied. His father related that when William had been sick with a fever and been given up for lost, he prayed for his son and had been given the assurance that William would live to preach the gospel. Later he was sick again and John Easter, under whose preaching McKendree had been converted, came and prayed for him. He prayed that the Lord would raise up McKendree and "thrust him into His vineyard." Soon after, as the 1788 Conference approached, Easter urged McKendree to go to conference with him. McKendree did. At the conference Easter invited McKendree to come to the Conference-room at a certain hour and see the preachers. He went and the first thing after prayer was to read out the preachers' stations; "and . . (Asbury) announced that I was appointed to Mecklenburg Circuit, with Philip Cox. This, I confess . . was an unexpected shock; but . . (Asbury's) gentle manner of proceedings with young preachers presently restored me to a degree of ease." McKendree later had doubts regarding his call to the ministry, but Barclay adds, "It scarcely needs to be added that of all the Methodist preachers of his day and generation none came nearer fulfilling his ministry, in an apostolic sense, than William McKendree.

A thrd nstance, and many similar stories could be told, is that John Steward, who, one day when a preaching service was to be held at his father's house, was taken outside by the preacher, who talked to him a while, then handed him an Exhorter's license. He was told to do the best he could, and given four appointments to be filled every four weeks. He served effectively for about 50 years in Missouri and Ohio. The account of his life as a Methodist preacher is a valuable source on Methodism in Ohio from 1800 to 1865.



New Church In North Wilkesb District Dedicated

On May 31, at the 11 o'clock wor service, Zion Church on Todd Charge d cated its new church building. A re crowd of 250 people were in attend for the dedication service.

The Reverend Herman F. Duncan, trict Superintendent of the North Wil boro District, of which Zion Church part, delivered the dedication message.

Reverend James O. Prichard is the pa and he saw the new church built and for in less than two years. Total cost for building project was appromixately $40.

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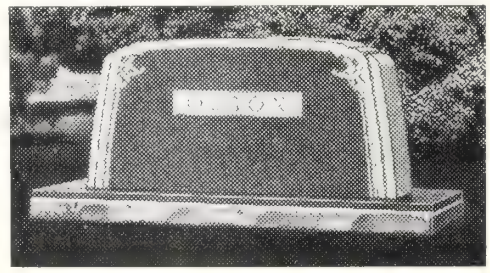
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New Raleigh Area Created -- Four New Bishops Elected

The Southeastern Jurisdictional Conference held a stimulating and profitable session last week at Lake Junaluska. This is the third time the Jurisdictional Conference has been held at the summer capital of Methodism in the Southeastern Jurisdiction.

The four hundred sixty elected delegates and many hundreds of other churchmen gave themselves earnestly to the work of the church. Bishop Paul N. Garber, senior active bishop and president of the College of Bishops, called the meeting to order Wednesday morning, July 8, at 9:00 a.m., and the conference joined in singing the traditional hymn, "And Are We Yet Alive." From the first note of music it was apparent the audience was in fine spirit and expected a great conference.

The Episcopal address was read by Bishop Marvin A. Franklin, representing the College of Bishops. It was an interesting and challenging message, recalling much of the progress of the quadrennium and challenging Methodists to a great advance in the days ahead. The committees and commissions were busy in presenting reports and setting plans.

It was especially interesting to note the spiritual atmosphere in evidence, as expressed in many of the addresses and reports. Notable among these was the devotion on Thursday morning by Bishop Arthur J. Moore; the address by Bishop Eugene M. Frank of the Missouri Area, representing the Council of Bishops; the sermon by Dr. Ralph Sockman of New York; the report of the work of the Council for the past four years, given by Bishop Paul N. Garber, and others. Music for the Conference was under the direction of Mr. Glenn Draper and the Junaluska quartet.

Dr. John O. Gross, general secretary of the commission on Higher Education, Nashville; Dr. Robert E. Cushman, dean of the Duke Divinity School, Durham; and Dr. Sanford S. Atwood, president of Emory University, spoke on the program of Christian Higher Education on Thursday evening. Bishop Nolan B. Harmon also spoke in the absence of Dr. Douglas M. Knight, president of Duke, and as a representative of the Emory Board.



Bishop Paul N. Garber
Raleigh Area

A memorial service was held Friday for Bishop Bachman G. Hodge, Bishop William T. Watkins, and Bishop Clare Purcell, all of whom have died during this quadrennium. Papers were presented by Bishop Costen J. Harrell, Bishop Marvin A. Franklin, and Bishop Paul Hardin, Jr.

The Committee on Episcopacy unanimously recommended the creation of a new Episcopal Area to be known as the Raleigh Area, embracing the North Carolina Annual Conference, which has more than 200,000 members. This was done. The Nashville Area was enlarged to include the Memphis Conference, along with Tennessee and Holston Conferences.

Dr. and Mrs. Carl H. King of Statesville was the only husband-wife team representing the clergy and laymen of their respective conference as elected delegates.

Mrs. E. L. Glossbrenner of Richmond, Va., president of the Jurisdictional Society of the WSCS, spoke of woman's work throughout the jurisdiction.

Fraternal messengers were: Bishop B. W. Doyle, from the Christian Methodist

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CAROLINA BRIEFS

¶ The address of Bishop and Mrs. Nolan B. Harmon after July 17, 1964, will be 998 Springdale Road, N. E., Atlanta, Georgia.

¶ Miss Linda Pearson has assumed her duties as Educational Assistant at the Haymount Methodist Church, Fayetteville. She is a graduate of Greensboro College. Rev. T. R. Jenkins is pastor of Haymount Church.

¶ Rev. and Mrs. F. Owen Fitzgerald of Snow Hill announce the birth of a daughter, Anne Tunstall Fitzgerald, June 28, 1964, Kinston, N. C. Mr. Fitzgerald is the pastor of the Snow Hill Methodist Church.

¶ Rev. J. B. Golden, pastor of the Saint Luke's Methodist Church, Hickory, has been appointed to represent the Western North Carolina Conference at a seminar on Family Life to be held at Boston University. He left Sunday, June 21, for Boston.

¶ Rev. C. L. Patrick, Walstonburg, has been named North Carolina Rural Minister of the Year at a banquet at Emory University, Atlanta, Ga. He is pastor of the Free Union Free Will Baptist Church in Greene County. This is the 16th year that the award has been made by *The Progressive Farmer* magazine and Candler School of Theology, Emory University, Ga.

¶ The Rev. and Mrs. Ben F. Stamey of Concord, N. C., wish to express their deep and sincere appreciation to all their many friends, family, and former members who have been so generous and kind during recent illnesses within the family circle. Both Mr. Stamey and Mr. Swaringen are improving rapidly and hope to be home soon.

¶ Four members of the Scandinavian team of Caravaners have worked recently at Central Church, Monroe. They are Miss Madeleine Persson, of Enskede, Sweden; Mrs. May Ring, of Stockholm, Sweden; Mr. Ingemar Bjorkas, of Enskede, Sweden; and Mr. Per Dag Mathisen, of Oslo, Norway. Rev. Harley Williams is the pastor of Central Church. The team worked the weekend of July 11, 12, and 13.

¶ Dr. J. Wallace Hamilton, pastor of Pasadena Community Church, St. Petersburg, Fla., will be the preacher for the Protestant Hour over radio beginning August 16 and continuing through November 1. This series is presented by the Joint Radio Committee of the Southeastern and South Central Jurisdictions in cooperation with the Television, Radio, and Film Commission of the Methodist Church. Consult your local station for time.

¶ The Editor preached Sunday morning, July 5, in the Rural Hall Methodist church, Winston-Salem district, in the absence of the pastor, Rev. Eugene A. Lamb. Mr. and Mrs. Lamb were visiting their daughter, Mrs. Stephen Hayworth, in San Francisco, California. It was a delightful experience to be associated with the fine group of the Rural Hall church. Filling the pulpit at Rural Hall last Sunday was Rev. George B. Clemmer of Winston-Salem The Lambs expect to be back in time for the services July 9.

¶ O. E. Dowd, dean of students at Methodist College, was an official delegate to the meeting of Lions International at Toronto, Canada, July 7-11.

¶ The North Carolina Conference W. S. C. S. School of Missions will be held at Methodist College August 10-13. The Wesleyan Service Guild Weekend will be held at the College August 8-9.

¶ Two hundred twenty regular students, plus 95 students in the Reading Development program, were enrolled in Methodist College's Summer Session June 8-July 17. Thirty-nine in-service teachers were enrolled in the summer program.

¶ The ground breaking service for the new Sandy Ridge Methodist Church, Rt. 1, High Point, will be held Saturday, July 18, 1964, at 5 p.m. The service will be conducted by the pastor, Billy V. Hunter, assisted by the Rev. Dr. Ralph H. Taylor, superintendent of the iHgh Point District of the Methodist Church, the Rev. Bill Forbis and the Rev. Edward O. Temple, Jr., both former pastors of the Sandy Ridge Church.

¶ The Rev. and Mrs. W. D. Sabiston, III announce the birth of a son, William Denine Sabiston IV on June 26 at Maria Parham Hospital in Henderson, N. C. The Sabistons have a daughter, Robia, age three and a half. The Sabistons moved last week from Route 3, Warrenton, where Mr. Sabiston has been pastor of the Bethlehem-Shady Grove Charge for the past three years. He has been assigned to Garner, Southside, where he will begin a new church. Their new address is Westerlocking Road, Greenbriar Estates, Raleigh, N. C.

¶ Terry Van Swicegood, 1945 Fairview Boulevard, Winston-Salem, is one of 11 persons who are participating in a summer service project for Methodist college students in Hawaii from June 15 to August 15. Mrs. Van Swicegood was a student last year at Pfeiffer College. The Hawaii project is one of nine service projects being sponsored this summer by the Methodist Student Movement (national organization for Methodist students) in cooperation with the Methodist Boards of Missions, Education and Christian Social Concerns.

¶ Homecoming will be observed at the Pisgah Methodist Church, North Wilkesboro District, on Sunday, July 19, with Rev Ben Ziglar, a former pastor, bringing the eleven o'clock message. Dinner will be served on the grounds at the noon hour. In the afternoon at 2:30 will occur the dedication service for the new educational building The district superintendent, Rev. Herman Duncan, will bring the dedicatory message and dedicate the building. On Monday night after homecoming, will begin a series of revival services. Rev. Glenn Lackey of Statesville will be the pulpit help. Everyone is invited to these services. P. E. Bingham is the pastor.

Methodist Ministers Hold Meeting in Robeson

The first meeting of the Robeson County Methodist Ministers Group since the consolidation of all Robeson County churches into the Favetteville District of the North Carolina Conference of the Methodist Church has been held.

The group's president, the Rev. Frank D Salmon of Rowland, introduced the speaker the Rev. Barney L. Davidson superintendent of the Favetteville District.

The main item of business was the election of officers for the new conference year The Rev. Paul Browning of Fairmont was elected president. The new vice president is the Rev. Robert Moore of Red Springs, and the secretary-treasurer, the Rev. Charles H. Carpenter of Pembroke.

The Robeson County Methodist ministers group has been active in civic affairs, being the first such group in the area to actively seek the allocation of funds to combat poverty in the county.

This group is composed of ministers from the 21 Methodist churches in the county, retired ministers residing in the area, and Methodist ministers who are serving on the faculty of Pembroke State College and as chaplain at Southeastern General Hospital.

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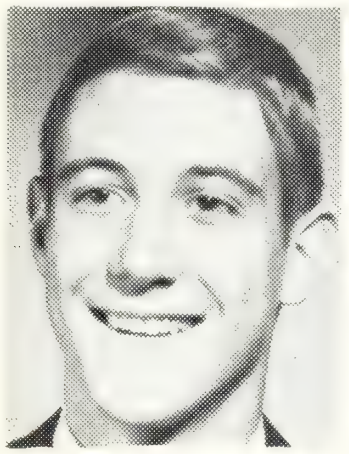
Roxboro Youth Made District MYF Leader

Paul Long of Roxboro wa elected 1964-65 president of the Durham District Methodist Youth Fellowship during the eighth annual retreat of the group held July 4-5, at Camp Chestnut Ridge near Efland in Orange County.

Around 50 MYF leaders from churches in Durham, Orange and Person counties attended the two-day planning, business and fellowship session.

Other officers elected and installed include: Scott Thompson of Chapel Hill, vice president; Harriet Walker of Durham, secretary; Susan Jenkins of Durham, treasurer; and J. B. Whitfield of Roxboro, publicity chairman.

The new program area chairman, who were elected by the executive council and installed along with the other officers, include: Judy Belk of Durham, Christian faith chairman; Suzanne Cates of Hillsboro, Christian witness chairman; Dale Jordan of Hurdle Mills, Christian citizenship chairman; Kay Ogburn of Chapel Hill, Christian outreach chairman; and Tony Chapin and Jane Graham of Chapel Hill, Christian fellowship cochairmen.



PAUL LONG

The president of the three organized subdistricts of the four-county district include Eddie Southerland of Durham, president of the Durham subdistrict; Terry Woods of Hillsboro, president of the Orange subdistrict ;and Doris Whitt of Roxboro, president of the Person subdistrict. The three are ex officio members of the district council, The Granville subdistrict, the fourth county subdistrict organization, is not organized.

W. A. Graham of Chapel Hill is the district director of youth work.

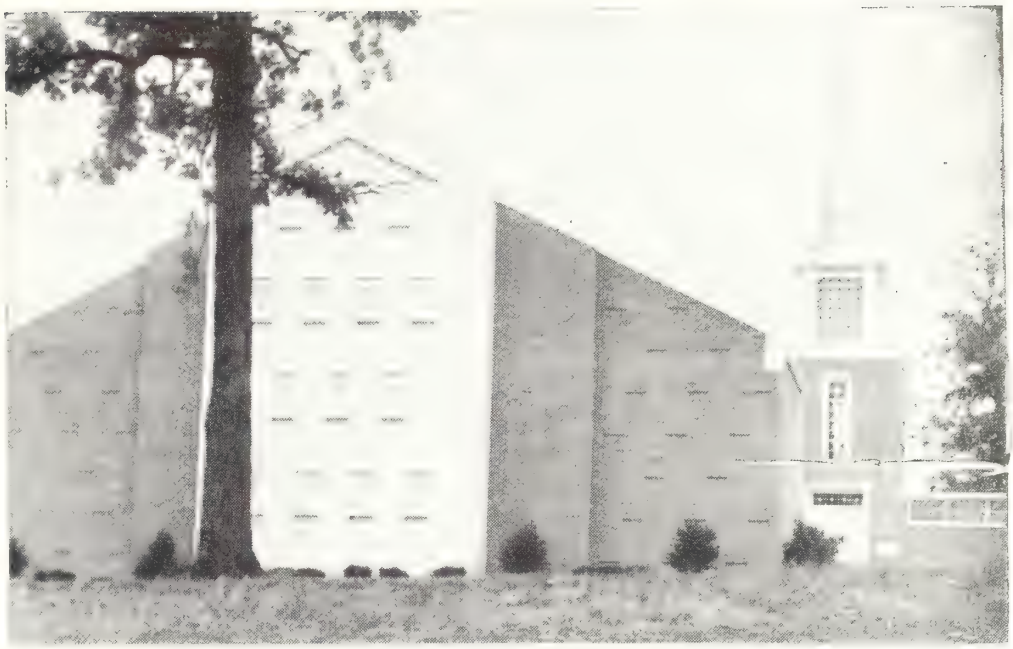
The Durham District MYF is composed of 72 churches and 52 pastoral charges in Durham, Orange, Person and Granville counties. Around 2,500 young peolpe are on the rolls of these churches.

Jane Dyer of Chapel Hill, the retiring district president, conducted the installation of officers and presided over the business sessions and the closing worship service.

Speaker for the worship service was Dr. Thomas Langford, professor of religion at Duke University.

Jane Graham of Chapel Hill and Welda Rudin of Durham led the recreation.

Long, the new district president, is a rising senior at Roxboro High School. He is president of the senior high MYF of Long Memorial Methodist Church



Groometown Methodists Hold Opening Service in New Sanctuary

The congregation of Groometown Methodist Church, Greensboro, held its homecoming and opening worship service on June 28, 1964. The service in the newly completed sanctuary was a climax of many hopes and dreams that had filled the congregation since a tragic fire destroyed the old sanctuary in February 1961. It was fitting that this joyous occasion should be shared by friends and former members of the church who were invited to worship and to dinner on the grounds.

Dr. J. Garland Winkler, superintendent of the Greensboro District, participated in the service. The pastor is Rev. E. F. Bradley.

The sanctuary, which will seat 360, was built at a cost of $85,000 and is adjacent to the educational building. The modified contemporary exterior structure is complemented by the interior furnishings in the same motif.

This is the second church built on the present site. The original burned in 1961. It is located on Groometown Road in southwest Guilford County at the edge of the city of Greensboro. The church grounds cover 3½ to 4 acres, with one acre of this being used as the cemetery. Many of the charter members of the church rest within its boundaries.

The orginal deed, dated July 10, 1897, was on display Sunday. It stated that the church property site was owned by C. A. and his wife Alice Lee Groome. The first trustees were C. A. Groome, E. F. Paschal, C. T. Weatherly, W. J. Groome, Lee Davis, Plato Freeman and W. T. Osborn. The first church bore the name of Shady Grove Methodist Episcopal but was changed in the 1920's to Groometown Methodist.

The church has a membership of 124. Rev. E. F. Bradley has served as pastor for six years. C. H. Groome and C. V. Walker have been cochairmen of the building committee. Landscaping and planting of grounds was a gift to the church from Dr. Philip B. Davis of High Point, a family connection to the church's namesake. J. R. Graham & Son was general contractor and Adrian Stout was architect.

At a special service Sunday night five children were presented by their parents for the sacrament of baptism. Three youths joined the church.

Special services of praise and thankgiving were held June 29-July 3. Guest ministers included Rev. E. L. Ballard, retired, Greensboro, former minister; Dr. J. Clay Madison, Myers Park, Charlotte, former district superintendent; Rev. R. P. Waugh, Jamestown, former minister; and Rev. Tommy Swofford, Jr., former minister.

NOTICE

At the recent North Carolina Conference my name was read out as pastor of a church in the Greenville District. This was an error. I am not serving in the pastorate this year. I am living in retirement in my home in Cary, N. C. In my retirement I am doing evangelistic work, and will be glad to help any of the brethren in revival work that can use me. My address is Ben O. Merritt, 201 South West Street, Cary N. C.

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EDITORIALS

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Recovering A Sense Of Mission

Irish Methodism was urged in its recent meeting in Donegal-Square Church, Belfast, to recover its sense of mission. The Rev. R. W. McVeigh, presenting his first report as secretary of the Home Mission Department, said, "Every district and every department of the Church should be organized on the keynote that the cause of unity could never be advanced by a weakened and de-hydrated Methodism."

This same note of urgency and mission should be stressed in our American Methodism if we are to make the kind of progress and give the winning witness that Methodism was born to give. We have become so engrossed in statistics and financial challenge that some of us seem to have lost the passion for souls. Dr. J. Manning Potts, Editor of the "Upper Room," speaking recently to the class being received into full connection in the North Carolina annual Conference at Burlington, told of hearing two young ministers from another state as they engaged in conversation at the General Conference at Pittsburgh. He said their conversation hinged upon what a delightful set-up they had, how many members, the cost of the church, the size and elaborate cost of the parsonage which contained three bathrooms a two-car garage, the size of the salary, and all the other modern conveniences, etc. He kept listening for some reference to the spiritual task that confronted them, but it was lacking. And that it too true in many instances. Yet we wonder why Methodism is not growing more rapidly. Too many of us are satisfied to maintain the status quo, or even to lose members from year to year while the fields are white unto harvest and awaiting the reapers.

There was a time, we are told, when men felt they were "called" into the ministry. The call was so clear that they felt like St. Paul, "Woe is unto me if I preach not the gospel." They went forth with a passion; they gave themselves without stint or limit; and they came forth with many sheaves as a result of their consecrated efforts.

We do not mean to imply that all have fallen into this undesirable category of those who are more concerned about their own convenience and their own advancement than they are about winning souls to Christ and the kingdom. We have some of as fine men in the ministry today as ever; men who are deeply concerned, and who are expressing their concern through their unselfish service to mankind. But there does seem to be some who measure success in terms of what they get for themselves, rather than what they are able to give of themselves to others. Jesus said, "He who would save his life shall lose it; but he who would give his life for my sake and the gospel's, the same shall save it."

Today there are many forces at work in the world which need to be curbed. We Americans especially have been prosperous in material things, and out of that seems to have developed a sense of self-righteousness and self-sufficiency. Atheistic forces are seeking to cash in on these opportunities. There are those who denounce religious faith, the value of prayer, corporate worship, and to imply, if not actually to say, that man can lift himself by his own boot straps. To be sure, there is a responsibility for each of us to bear, but "our help cometh from the Lord who made the heavens and the earth." The liquor forces are really taking us for a ride, gambling, sex promiscuity, disregard for the dignity and sanctity of human life, selfish indulgence in many ways seems to be the order of the day. And too many of us are either co-operating, or are pitifully blind to the situation.

We are not profits of doom. We are simply calling attention to conditions which should stir us to action, NOW. There was perhaps never a time when the high calling of the Christian ministry offered a stronger appeal or laid a heavier responsibility upon those who preach the gospel. Let us sing as Maltbie D. Babcock sang, "This is my Father's world; and though the wrong seems oft so strong, God is the Ruler yet." Or as William Pierson Merrill put it, "Rise up O men of God! Have done with lesser things; give heart, and mind, and soul, and strength, to serve the King of kings."

Paul's advice to Timothy is still appropriate: "Preach the word; be instant in season, out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort, with all long suffering and doctrine. For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine; but after their own lusts shall they heap to themselves teachers having itching ears; and they shall turn away their ears from the truth, and shall be turned unto fables. But watch thou in all things, endure afflictions, do the work of an evangelist, make full proof of thy ministry."

Today's world offers a clarion call to renewed devotion and unselfish service. Let us seek to give a message that will convict of sin, call to repentance, purify hearts, strengthen lives, build character, and assure spiritual success.

THEME FOR THE WEEK

"But God said unto him, Thou fool!. This night thy soul shall be required of thee; then whose shall those things be which thou hast provided? So is he that layeth up treasure for himself, and is not rich toward God."—Luke 12:20, 21.

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Laymen's Conference on Effective Churchmanship

Inspiration and training for "effective Methodist churchmanship" will be provided for laymen at Lake Junaluska July 30-Aug. 2 in the annual Southeastern Jurisdictional Methodist Laymen's Conference.

The session, which has drawn over 1,000 men in recent years, will have the theme of "The Church Tomorrow. . . What We Do Today." Chairman is Dr. Roy Black, Nettleton, Miss., businessman. Program chairman is R. Howard Berg, Melbourne, Fla.

Keynoter Thursday evening will be the Rev. Dr. G. Ross Freeman, Atlanta, Assistant to the dean and director of field work at Candler School of Theology. Other speakers will include William C. Patten, Albuquerque, N. M., insurance man; the Rev. Dr. Thomas A. Carruth, on "The Bible Challenges the Laymen"; the Rev. Dr. Charles Ray Goff, Chicago, retired pastor of Chicago Temple and former speaker on the nation-wide "Methodist Men's Hour"; Bishop James K. Mathews of Boston and Bishop James W. Henley of Jacksonville, Fla.

Several dozen discussion groups will meet Friday morning and afternoon for discussion of churchmanship and Christian living.

Other program features will include a panel on "What happened at General Conference"; a Saturday afternoon "Metholodia" of singing humor and inspiration; an old-time testimony meeting; a 65-hour prayer vigil all through the conference.

Song leader and soloist will be Bill Mann, Dallas, Texas., gospel concert artist.

Conference lay leaders will be in charge of the several sessions.

New Scholarship Is Established at Wesleyan

The Victor Gray Herring Scholarship has been established at North Carolina Wesleyan College as an annual endowed scholarship, according to announcement by President Thomas A. Collins.

The $2,500 scholarship was given by Miss Nellie M. Herring of Kinston, N. C., in memory of her father, Victor Gray Herring, and her brother, Victor Gray Herring, Jr., of Goldsboro, N. C. The scholarship will be awarded first to a freshman entering Wesleyan this fall.

In making the annual award consideration will be given candidates on the basis of scholarship and vocational commitment. Preference will be given to a student from Wayne County planning full-time Christian service. The president of the college is authorized to name the scholarship recipient.

Bishop Harmon Has an Outstanding Record of Achievement in Methodism

Bishop Nolan B. Harmon, one of 20th Century Methodism's outstanding leaders, retired from his episcopal duties last week, but his nearly five decades of service to his church will continue.

The Southeastern Jurisdictional Conference of The Methodist Church, in session at Lake Junaluska, N. C., July 8-12, marked the final official duties for the bishop who presided over the Charlotte Area.

Bishop Harmon delivered two sermons, the final one being the ordination sermon for new bishops of the Jurisdiction. He was the first bishop to be consecrated at Lake Junaluska, the assembly for the Jurisdiction.

After the close of the Jurisdictional Conference, Bishop Harmon will take on two tasks. He will become editor of the "Dictionary of Methodism" and also will become a professor at the Candler School of Theology, Emory University, in Atlanta, Ga., where the Harmons will make their home.

Bishop Harmon was born into the family of a Mississippi clergyman, and learned to love the South and the ministry as he grew into manhood. However, he fought a battle with himself over becoming a pastor, but finally made the decision for the ministry just as the U. S. entered World War I.

He served as an Army Chaplain, gained his master's degree in 1920 at Princeton and that same year became a pastor in Maryland.

Bishop Harmon has been a man of wide interests and as he served pastorates in Maryland and Virginia during 1920-39, he became involved in Methodist missions, education, music, the arts and writing.

It was this latter interest which led to his election, in 1940, as the first Book Editor for the newly-united Methodist Church.

As the Church's book editor from 1940-56 he became well known throughout Methodism. He was the general editor of the "Interpreter's Bible," and of "Religion in Life," and the "Discipline" by which the Church lives through its laws and traditions, and he did some writing of his own.

Two of the bishop's books are used as authorities in the Church today: "The Organization of The Methodist Church" and "Understanding the Methodist Church."

Although he had contributed to the unification of The Methodist Church and to its forward movement after Unification in 1939, his greatest days of service to the Church were to begin in 1956.

In that year he was elected a bishop of his Church and appointed to the Charlotte Area. At that time this episcopal area included Methodists of western North Carolina and all of South Carolina. Both Conferences surged forward under the bishop's leadership, and early in 1960 Bishop Harmon found himself with a third Conference—Kentucky, which became his temporary ward until the Southeastern Jurisdiction met that summer.

Bishop Harmon's work load appeared to have been eased in the middle of 1960 when the Jurisdiction gave South Carolina its own bishop and Kentucky rejoined its episcopal area under another bishop. That left Bishop Harmon in charge of Western North Carolina, the fourth largest Conference in Methodism.

But in January of 1961 Bishop Bachman Hodge died and the Birmingham Area's two Conferences needed leadership. Bishop Harmon took over North Alabama and Bishop Paul Hardin, Jr., of the South Carolina Conference took over the Alabama-West Florida Conference.

Not only did Bishop Harmon find himself with the leadership of a half million Methodists in North Carolina and Alabama, but the national Church was making heavier demands upon his knowledge.

He became chairman of the Curriculum Committee of the Board of Education, and in that role was in charge of the creation of a new curriculum for the 1-11 year old children which will give them a better understanding of Christianity. This chairmanship capped a career of 24 years of service on the national Methodist Board of Education.

He was also given the task of chairman of the Committee on Texts for the new Methodist Hymnal, the first revision of this book in 30 years. He led the movement to restore the texts of their original writing.

The bishop has led the great advances in the Western North Carolina Conference, the one conference he has served continuously during his eight years in the episcopal office.

In statistics the Conference has shown these eight year's gain:

Total giving for all causes up from $8,690,772 to $16,623,057; memberships up from 251,346 to 268,595; World Service benevolences up from $384,375 to $799,170, and clergymen's salaries up from $1,531,356 to $2,862,079.

In the Conference the bishop has been a leader in the establishment of a $3 million Wesley Nursing Center, of a drive to raise $3 million for the aid of conference-related colleges, for the establishment of the conference headquarters building, which is located in Statesville; for the setting up of a pioneer Christian Research Center for the Southeast at Hayesville—the Hinton Memorial Rural Life Center; for the establishment of an Office of Methodist Information; and in the starting of the Blue Ridge Methodist Service Program, which brings aid to needy families in the North Wilkesboro District of the Conference.

Bishop Harmon has encouraged the work of women in Methodism, both on boards and commissions of the Conference, and in the Woman's Society of Christian Service.

He has backed the men of the Conference in their Methodist Men clubs and as certified lay speakers, the latter being a program whech has assured most of the Conference's churches of having preachers almost every Sunday.

The Bishop has been an eager listener to youth and under his administration the Methodist Youth Fellowship has increased to 41,000 members, and a yearly first place in the Southeast in meeting the Conference MYF's share of the Methodist Youth Fund, the national MYF budget for missions.

Outside the Conference, perhaps the most important contribution of Bishop Harmon has been his aid in establishing the Patagonia Provisional Annual Conference for Methodists in Southern Argentina. His episcopal visit to that area, with headquarters in Bariloche, in 1959, revealed a struggling Methodism and upon his return to the U. S., the bishop urged western North Carolina Methodists to aid this work with $50,000. They did, and Methodism is now growing in Southern Argentina.

The bishop has been active in the councils of his Church both before and since 1939 Unification. He has attended all General Conferences, starting in 1930, as a delegate or a bishop. He was a delegate to the Uniting Conference on Methodism which brought together the three branches of Methodism into The Methodist Church, in 1939. And he has been active in the World Methodist Council.

The bishop has taken stands on Christian principles, and has continually spoken concerning these despite criticism.

In June of this year, in his closing sermon to the annual meeting of the Western North Carolina Conference, he told the delegates that many Christians like the idea advanced in a book of some years ago of keeping one foot in Heaven and one foot on Earth.

He said Christians, to meet the demands of the times, must keep both feet on Earth, while keeping their sights on Heaven and the principles of Christianity.

He has told Methodists that they have been placed in this Age by God for a purpose, to save the world, and they are not to turn away from this challenge. He has told them to throw off pessimism and defeatism.

He has stood firm for the rights of each individual in the area of race. He has said that racial integration in America can be achieved best "in the Christian way through obedience of laws, gradualism which promotes harmony and goodwill, and respect of private groupings and associates."

Bishop Harmon has been a leader in defending his Church against some of its major boards which have sought to become more powerful than The Methodist Church. And it was his influence which has temporarily saved the Order of Deacons in the Church, an ordination which some Church leaders are seeking to have abolished.

He has made pronouncements which have not been popular to those who would follow the masses. He said, for instance, in a 1963 sermon, that all people, and especially Christians, must throw off the prevalent philosophy that the world owes them a living and instead must begin to feel a "personal obligation to the world.

The bishop's defense of the foundations of The Methodist Church in all areas of life has gained for him a respect throughout world Methodism and has led to the two positions he will now serve upon completion of his service in the episcopal office.

The eight years Bishop Harmon devoted to Methodism in South Carolina and North Alabama—four in each Conference—brought dividends to churches there. He advanced membership in South Carolina nearly 10,000 saw total property value gain from $57 million to over $70 million. In North Alabama he moved the membership over the 200,000 mark for the first time led World Service giving to a nearly $60,000 increase and property valuation up $14 million to $68,493,444.

The bishop, who will be 72 years old July 14, has maintained a vigorous physical ability and youthful appearance for his years.

He has had the ability to make use of his time without allowing himself to worry about things which have not occurred, and he uses his spare time at home to relax with his two hobbies, woodworking and chess.

When he has time to get into his work as an editor and teacher, he plans to do more writing. He is particularly interested in revising his book on, "The Famous Case of Myra Clark Gaines," which he said is one of the most unusual cases of law in U. S. history. He hopes to get the book out in paperback form so it can have a more general public reading.

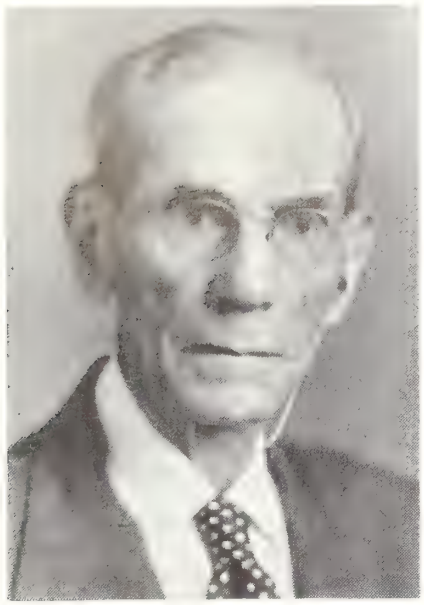
He will also write much in the area of the Church, drawing on his vast knowledge in the field of church history, polity and theology.

The name Nolan B. Harmon will undoubtedly be one to be heard from when the General and Jurisdictional Conferences of 1968 arrive, since retirement from the episcopal office will be no deterrent for the bishop in keeping himself involved in matters of his Church.

Veteran Member of Board of Publications Passes

Thomas C. Hoyle, Sr., dean of Greensboro lawyers, died at his home in Greensboro July 2, at the age of 95 years after suffering a heart attack.

He had entered Wesley Long Hospital May 22 for a minor operation and had returned to his residence at 2318 Walker Ave.,



THOMAS C. HOYLE, SR.

where he was recovering. His general health had been good, and death was not expected.

Mr. Hoyle was the oldest practicing attorney in Greensboro and senior member of the law firm of Hoyle, Boone, Dees, and Johnson.

From 1942 to 1957 he served as Guilford County attorney.

He was a life-long Democrat, and an active member of Bethel Methodist Church. For 38 years, until 1952, he served as Sunday school superintendent there.

In the 1920s he was chairman of the Guildford County Board of Elections. He also served on the Board of Trustees of Greensboro College, and on the Methodist Board of Publication for some fifty years. He was secretary of the Board of Publication for many years and was always faithful in attendance. Only recently he asked to be relieved of membership on the Board because of his difficulty in hearing. The Board elected him to honorary life membership, and elected his son, Mr. T. C. Hoyle, Jr., Greensboro attorney, to succeed him on the Board.

Mr. Hoyle was graduated from Trinity College (now Duke University) in 1894. After studying law privately for some time, he continued at Wake Forest College and was licensed to practice in 1898.

After practicing in Burlington for two years, he moved to Greensboro where he resided for the rest of his life.

At one time he served as general counsel for Pilot Life Insurance Company.

Mr. Hoyle was born August 30, 1868, in the small community of Baskerville in Mecklenburg County, Virginia His father, S. V. Hoyle, was a Methodist minister who in the 1880s brought the family to North Carolina, where he served a numebr of churches.

In 1906 he was married to the former Lucy Welflay who survives.

At one time Mr. Hoyle attributed his long life to the fact that he "never burned the candle at both ends." He was a non-smoker and a non-drinker.

When he retired as county attorney, the Board of Commissioners cited him for his "excellent legal services, sound judgment, and high moral character."

He was a charter member of the Greensboro Bar Association.

In addition to his wife, he is survived by two sons, Thomas C. Hoyle, Jr., and Lawrence T. Hoyle, both Greensboro attorneys; one daughter, Mrs. H. J. Underwood of Clinton, N. C.; one brother, Tettus V. Hoyle of Rye, N. Y.; one sister, Miss Nannie Hoyle of Carthage; and six grandsons.

Methodist Mission Board Plans Expansion

The Methodist Board of Missions is leading the 10,250,000-member Methodist Church this year in observing the 100th anniversary of organized church extension in Methodism.

The board is using the centennial as a launching-pad for a new forward thrust in Methodist church expansion dunring the 1964-68 quadrennium, including the starting of 400 new congregations a year and raising $28,000,000 in loan funds for building programs.

The board's Division of National Missions, which has headquarters in Philadelphia, is calling for observance of te centennial in all 39,000 local Methodist churches and is preparing materials for use in each church.

The division says emphasis is not only to be on the 100-year heritage of Methodists in organized church extension work but also on achievements of five goals in the field of church expansion. The goals for Methodism are:

1. To encourage local churches' intensive study of their parishes and evolution of a positive program of extension, which takes account of the Gospel mandate and changing parish conditions.
2. To assist local churches in building programs.
3. To establish 400 new congregations each year and to purchase 400 sites for future development.
4. To raise $28,000,000 in loan funds so as to provide a total loan fund of $50,000,000.
5. To provide leadership and financial resources to extend Methodist work in the special home mission areas of Alaska, Puerto Rico, Oklahoma Indian Mission and the Rio Grande Conference (Spanish-speaking work in Texas and New Mexico).

New Librarian At Methodist College

Robert L. Mabson has assumed the duties of Librarian at Methodist College according to an announcement by Dr. L. Stacy Weaver, president of the college. He succeeds Alva W. Stewart, who resigned to accept a position on the library staff of Emory University. Mr. Mabson, who assumed his duties with the college on July 1, is a native of New Orleans, La.

Chestnut Ridge Opens New Parsonage

The Chestnut Ridge Methodist Church in Orange County held its annual Homecoming and Memorial Day on Sunday, June 21. Dr. D. E. Earnhardt was the guest speaker. A picnic lunch was served at noon.

Following this, the new parsonage, which was constructed during recent months, was opened to the public. Rev. Gayle Alexan-





der, former pastor, cut the ribbon formally opening the parsonage.

The first service was held at the site of the Chestnut Ridge Methodist church in 1827. Since that time, five church buildings have been constructed by Orange congregations. The present building was completed in 1959, and the first service held in January, 1960. It is situated on a hill amidst stately chestnut oaks, hence the name, Chestnut Ridge.

The parsonage, begun in 1963, and completed early this year, is located in a grove of oaks adjacent to the church yard.

Rev. J. F. Minnis, retired missionary from India, returned to his home church, where he has served as pastor during the past two years.

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Methodist Youth Caravan

Dear Friends and Loved Ones:

The members of the European Caravan met early on Sunday morning, June 14, at Cranbrook Park Methodist Church in Ilford, Essex, England to discuss plans for the evening worship service for which we had been given responsibility. After the planning session, we attended the morning worship service which was conducted by the Rev. George Groves, pastor of Cranbrook Park Methodist Church and our guide while in England. "Pop" Neese, our counselor assisted Mr. Groves in the Communion service which followed the morning worship service.

The evening service, which was conducted by the caravan, gave the following caravan members an opportunity to participate: Kenneth Wheeler gave the call to Worship; Fred Hurst, Jr. led hte group in prayer, and Hubert Wooten read the Scripture lesson; Nancy Huntley and Jeffrey Salter gave their witnesses, and the sermon was delivered by Mr. Neese. The caravan members sang three songs during the service.

Following the evening worship service, we returned to the home of Mr. and Mrs. Groves for a party. All those who had served as our hosts in England were present. It was a most enjoyable occasion. Following this get-together, we returned to the homes in which we were staying to prepare to leave on Monday for Berlin.

We left London Airport at 3:50 p.m. on Monday and arrived in Berlin at 7:00 p.m., where we were met by the Rev. Winfried Brose, our guide and interpreter while in Germany. Winfried took us to the home of his parents, Rev. and Mrs. Brose, for supper.. Rev. and Mrs. Brose have come to be known by the caravan members as "Mama" and "Papa" Brose. For several years, they have served as gracious host and hostess of the Caravan in Berlin. After supper, the caravan members were assigned to homes of the Berlin congregation.

We began our Berlin sight-seeing on Tuesday morning, visiting many interesting places, including the Kaiser Wilhelm Memorial Church, and a large department store (for some shopping). In the afternoon, we made a tour of East Berlin, and this proved to be an interesting trip. The bus passed through "Check Point Charlie," which was heavily fortified with slabs of concrete 4 inches thick, 8 feet long, and 3 feet wide, and stacked 8 to 10 ft. high to form the wall separating the East from the West. The top of the wall was covered with barbed wire and glass. The sight of such tension in our time of freedom presents a very sad picture. We fail to realize how horrible it could be to see people locked up, yet trying to carry on a daily routine, with no freedom to come and go as they please, except in the narrow confines of the section of the city in which they live. We noted a great difference in the number of people in the streets, window displays in stores, and traffic in the streets between East and West Berlin. The East seemed dull and drab, and the atmosphere was still and quiet, as if fear was ever-present in the city. The residents of East Berlin have our sympathy.

After the tour we returned to the home of "Mama" and "Papa" Brose where we had our evening meal, we gathered to attend a church service, where three of our members gave their witness: Kenneth Wheeler, Sarah Lu Bradley, and Betsy Neese. The Caravan members sang three songs.

Wednesday was spent in further sight-seeing in Berlin, and on Thursday, we flew to Hanburg and came to Jugetndheim Oewerdick by train. On Friday, we began our first work project, which is to paint the youth home here—a Methodist project. More about this later.

Love to all,
The 1964 Methodist Caravan



Pictured above is the house which the N. C. Conference European Caravan painted as a part of their first work project at the Methodist Youth Camp in Jugendheim Oewerdiek, near Lubeck, Germany. Counselors of this group are Rev. and Mrs. W. J. Neese of Roanoke Rapids, N. C.

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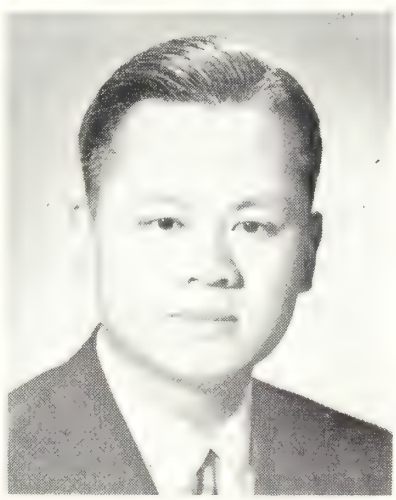
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Thomasville District Evangelistic Rally

There will be an Evangelistic Rally of the entire Thomasville District held at Pleasant Grove Methodist Church, Rt. 3, Thomasville, July 19 at 3:00 p.m.

Those of the District Committee on Evangelism will meet with the district superintendent, Dr. R. Herman Nicholson, and the district secretary of evangelism, Rev. Herbert Perry, at 2:30 p.m., just 30 minutes prior to the Rally.

Commission chairman and commission members of evangelism, along with others interested in this vital area of the church are urged to be present. Mr. Harry G. Bell, a dedicated Christian layman of the High Point District, will be the speaker for the 3:00 p.m. message of evangelism.



Peter Lee, a national student at Boston University, has come to Hawthorne Lane Church, Charlotte, this summer to assist in the summer educational program. Mr. Lee is from Hong Kong, originally, and has served two years in Hawaii. His work is under the aucpices of the General Board of Evangelism. Mr. Lee has served as preacher, Sunday school teacher, and youth worker. He has had experience in business firms and industry, and attended Yale University and the Southern California School of Theology before going to Boston. Dr. Lacour of the Board of Evangelism has recommended him highly. Rev. Robert H. Stamey is pastor of Hawthorne Lane Church.

The Glory of the Church

By Bishop Eugene M. Frank

(The following sermon was preached at the Southeastern Jurisdictional Conference at Lake Junaluska July 9 by Bishop Eugene M. Frank of the Missouri Area. Bishop Frank spoke as the representative of the Council of Bishops of the Methodist Church.)

One of our contemporary preachers of note reports the first sentence of a popular modern novel, "The clock on the County Courthouse was striking the hour of twenve noon on a beautiful Sunday morning and the churches in the town were beginning to give up their dead."

Another preacher quotes a young seminary student who went to a small Arizona settlement to preach for the summer. The village had no Protestant minister at all and the entire population gathered around the young preacher as he climbed off his bus in the center of town. The youth reported that the men were delighted he was there to help the women with their summer projects, the women prayed he might lead some of their husbands to Christ; the older people felt it would be wonderful for the youth, and the young people were sure it would mean much to their parents. To the young man's dismay, no one in the settlement had any notion that the church was relevant to his own life.

The more one loves the church the deeper is the uneasiness, the alarm, over our human failure to let Jesus Christ make the church what he wants it to be. Perhaps Christians are not so much guilty of failure as they are of open rebellion. We know perfectly well what Jesus intended His Church to be, what He intended it should proclaim and where and how the Good News should be proclaimed. But, we are just as determined to make of His Church a society of mutual admiration, a fellowship of persons who like one another, an organization through which we can practice some of our benevolent impulses or salve a smarting conscience by plucking a gnat out of someone else's eye.

The Holy Church Universal

The glory of the Church of Jesus Christ is that it can never be limited by the faithlessness of men, it cannot be thwarted by our rebellion or finally defeated by all of the forces of sin. The church exists today because of a catastrophic event which took place in history, an event which is recorded in the Holy Bible. God began to make it possible for rebellious men to become His sons in all truth and love and to gather those who believe with obedient hearts into one great family of mutual love.

He began to do this when He called Abraham out of Ur of the Chaldees and to gather a people who, through faith in Him, would be obedient. This people He loved, cherished, forgave, punished like a father seeking to teach his son how to live, and cared for like a faithful shepherd.

But, God's people rejected Him, denounced Him and continued a willful and disobedient life. Like a father with a broken heart over an unreconciled relationship with his son, God sent His Son into the broken world to redeem us, to reconcile us to Himself. This He has continued to do through Jesus Christ who by His life, death, and resurrection has enabled us to be delivered from all that kept us apart from God and to enter into a joyful and blessed relationship with Him.

The Church is God's action. The family of all true believers in Jesus Christ is His agent of reconciliation in the world. It is in the Church that all middle walls of separation must be broken down, all discords and broken relationships wrought out and unity achieved. The church stands for that purpose of world-wide redemption for which Christ came, and in all our relations Christians must seek to realize this concept of the church. It is deeply humbling that the Holy Spirit should put before Christians the urgent need for finding each other in love at the very moment when we are asking most urgently what and who the Church is. We dare not forget that the Church is God's plan and His only plan for the reconciling of a separated world to Himself. It is the Household of Faith that witnesses to the Lordship of Jesus Christ.

Methodism, Its Root and Branches

It is not pride that sent us during this quadrennium on an historical pilgrimage to honor the 226th anniversary of Aldersgate. Rather, it was an earnest confession of need. The root of Methodism is an experienced encounter with God. The root of Methodism is God's action in the heart of the believer that changes hating people into loving people, selfish and self-centered people into out-going and self-sacrificing people; prisoners of lust, greed and violence into free men through the grace of God. The greatest voices of our day have repeatedly insisted that man's only hope of survival is in a spiritual recrudescence, a new mind and heart. It is not pride which sends us to recover the heritage of Methodism. It is the Holy Spirit reminding us of the power of God to work such changes in the heart. There are so many many second, third and fourth generation Christians among us. They have heard from fathers, grandfathers, and great-grandfathers of a life-changing power in Jesus Christ. It is not pride but very deep humility that drives us to recover the experiential trust of our founder. We know we cannot proclaim Wesley. We know we cannot proclaim his societies. But, we have a gospel to proclaim which came alive in 1738 in the midst of a cold, brutal, spiritually dead age. Experience must precede explanation. John Wesley's choice reply to critics was a question, "WHAT HAS GOD DONE?" The whole world stands on tip-toe, listening for anyone who can say, "Let me tell you what Christ is doing in my life." There is nothing that will renew the zeal of Methodism but the springing up in our midst of First Generation Christians.

The Methodist Church

1. **A worldwide fellowship.** Less than ten years after John Wesley died, a Methodist circuit rider had crossed the Mississippi River and was preaching in French territory. Methodist people are now to be found in five continents and in 88 nations of the world. We have inherited a world parish from our fathers. The heritage of Methodism is a sanctified opportunism. This has been the genius of our organization from the local congregation to the world parish. Wherever and whenever God has called, some Methodist has been ready to go. Those who could not go have sacrificed to send those who could. For Methodists, it is everlastingly true—"Those who are Christian are missionaries. Those who are not Christian are a mission field."

2. **A united people.** John Wesley made it clear that the unity of Methodist people was in absolute centrality of Jesus Christ. When in all honesty and humility, great and strong-minded men are able to kneel together before the Cross of Christ, there can be unity. Fears and doubts possessed us as we gathered in Pittsburgh. Positions had been taken and defenses dug. Issues with which no other Protestant Church in America is dealing had their proponents and their opponents. Yet, thanks be to God, men and women found their unity in humility before Christ. We believe that the Spirit of Christ will lead us through the months ahead, hard and soul-shaking as they may be. Our part is to be sure in our own conscience, that we are humble before the Cross, that we continue to ask day by day, O GOD, WHAT IS THY WILL FOR US? However violently men disagree, if they persist in all Christian conscience to ask, "What is the mind of Christ," they will find each other in fellowship. This is our unity.

3. **An Evangelistic Zeal.** One of the saints of Kansas Methodism once described us as "passionless advocates of a high level of respectability." This was 20 years ago. Today, the evangelistic zeal of Methodists needs nothing so much as a renewal and re-charging. This is not hurt pride over membership statistics. It is a cry of heartache over the drying up of the springs of compassion for people, of anguish over those separated from God by fear, pride or lust. Evangelistic zeal such as that which was the gift of God on Pentecost is not man-made. It is not synthetic. Christian zeal has been devitalized by the modern contention that all religions are good anyway and as long as men are respectable they need not believe in Jesus Christ. They need only to love beauty and be in favor of goodness. It has been desensitized by the modern contention that religion is after all a personal matter and that to mention religion to anyone else is to meddle with his personal affairs. Statistics are only symptoms. Our main concern is persons. We must discover why the Sunday School is not reaching children, youth and adults. The Sunday School is the greatest evangelistic resource we have. We must explore unconventional methods of evangelism, new ways of strengthening the Christian witness of families, new ways of gathering the people of God and giving Christ a chance to build His Church.

4. **A Dynamic Church.** It is not difficult to find fault with what men have done to the church. Jesus founded it to be an organism. We have been tempted to make it only an organization. Jesus founded it to be the cutting edge of truth. We have wanted it to be, above all things, practical, sensible and realistic. Jesus founded it to be redemptive, but we have rather liked it to be exclusive, judgmental and often vindictive. Jesus founded it to be in constant conflict with the world, but we like it best when men speak good of it and find nothing to object to in it. The church is an organism. We do not build the church, God alone builds it by adding those who are being saved. It remains a living organism through obedience. Methodism is a dynamic force in the world to the extent Methodist people are obedient to the commandment of Christ, the conscience of Christian morality and the new family of God.

The Local Congregation

The news of God's saving act is the greatest news the world will ever hear. The church is made up of those persons who have heard that news, responded to it in gratitude and

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Top left shows new Methodist Youth Fellowship Council officers elected by the delegates to the Senior High Officers' Workshop June 15-20 at Lake Junaluska included (front, from left) Miss Pam Holyfield, secretary; the Rev. Paul Duckwall, advisor for the workshop; Charles W. Shuford, Jr., president; and (rear, from left) Tom Raper, Faith; Pam Allison, Witness; Linda Marlene Hartman, Outreach; Hugh Moran, Citizenship; and Lesley Johnson, Fellowship.

Top Right shows the Scandinavian Caravaners who are touring the Western North Carolina Conference through the first week in August. They are pictured here at the MYF Senior High Christian Citizenship Assembly of the Conference at Lake Junaluska and later went to Camp Tekoa. Plans called for them to make brief appearances in the Asheville and Waynesville Districts, then to go to the Piedmont section for most of July and into Charlotte the first weekend in August. Pictured are (seated, from left) Ingemar Bjorkas, Sweden; Mrs. May Ring, counselor, Sweden; and Per Dag Mathisen, Norway; and (rear, from left), Sven-Goran Alm, Sweden; Madeleine Cederall, Sweden; Lise Schutt, Denmark; Berit Ruud Hansen, Norway; and Staffan Odhagen, Sweden.

Methodist Youth Fellowship Elects New Officers

Charles W. (Chuck) Shuford, Jr., of Statesville is the new president of Methodist Youth Fellowship Council of the Western North Carolina Conference.

A new slate of officers was elected during the annual senior high MYF training weeks at Lake Junaluska—Officers' Workshop, June 15-20, and Christian Citizenship Assembly, June 22-27.

Mr. Shuford, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles W. Shuford, Sr., plans to go into social work following college. He will be a high school senior this fall.

Henry B. Perry, III, son of Dr. and Mrs. H. B. Perry, Jr., of Greensboro, was elected vice president of the Council. He would like to become a medical missionary.

Mr. Shuford will be presiding officer of the 1965 Officers' Workshops, and Mr. Perry will be presiding officer of the 1965 Christian Assembly.

Other officers elected during the two meetings will join the president and vice president August 9-11 at Pfeiffer College to plan the program for the 1964-65 church year. These other officers include:

Secretary, Miss Pam Holyfield, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Holyfield, Greensboro; Associate Secretary, Miss Lynn Culler, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Culler, Jr., Winston-Salem, and these area chairmen:

Faith, Tom Raper, son of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Raper, Winston-Salem; Witness, Miss Pam Allison, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Allison, Rt. 1, Huntersville; Outreach, Miss Linda Marlene Hartman, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Dellinger, Rt. 2, Concord; Citizenship, High A. Moran, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Hugh A. Moran, Sr., High Point; and Fellowship, Lesley Johnson, Asheville.

Associate Faith, Miss Linda Wall, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Wall, Yadkinville; Associate Witness, Miss Betty Benton, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Benton, Winston-Salem; Associate Outreach, Miss Darlla Jean Jehring, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Garland F. Zehring, Rt. 2, Albemarle; Associate Citizenship, Gordon C. Piland, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. M. G. Piland, Winston-Salem; and Associate Fellowship, Miss Linda Caudle, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John H. Caudle, Rt. 2, Mocksville.

All associate officers join the vice president as leaders for the Christian Assembly. Other officers serve the Officers' Workshop. Each group of officers will meet separately late in 1964 at the Methodist Building in Statesville to plan the 1965 meetings at Lake Junaluska.

The Rev. Paul Duckwall of Statesville, director of MYF work for the Western North Carolina Conference, is in charge of this activity. The MYF is part of the program of the Conference Board of Education, headed by Dr. Carl H. King of Statesville, as executive secretary.

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Strong opposition was voiced by the Northwest Texas Annual Conference to efforts to legalize parimutuel betting in the state and liberalize liquor laws.

Set-Up Meeting Held For Waynesville District

The set up meeting for the new year was called by Rev. Mark Tuttle, D.S. for Tuesday, June 30 at the Bryson City Methodist Church. Representatives from all the churches were present and reports were heard by the directors of the various interests of the district. Evangelism, W. B. Culp, Sylva; Social Concerns, Henry Justice, Robbinsville; Missions, Howard Myers for James Bellamy, Long's Chapel; Town and Country, George Dalton, Hayesville; Christian Vocations, Mark Rose, Jr., Franklin; Trafco, Garland Young, Franklin; Hospitals and Homes, David Bullins, Bethel; Publishing Interests, Joel Key, Andrews; Director of Youth, Robert Russell, Dellwood; Junior High Work, Merrill Perkins, Plains; Adult Work, James Hornbuckle, Franklin, First; Children's Work, Mrs. Ed Pless, Canton; and W.S.C.S, Mrs. Frank Cogburn, Canton. Lay Leader Erwin Patton was recognized as were the four associate lay leaders. The fifteen new ministers in the district were recognized as well as the ministers who hold the retired relationship.

MERRILL PERKINS, *Reporter.*

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New Raleigh Area Created—Four New Bishops Elected

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Episcopal Church; Bishop Paul M. Herrick, from Evangelical United Brethren Church (with which church plans for union are now under way); and Dr. Harry V. Richardson from the Central Jurisdiction. Dr. Anthony White and family of South Carolina, "The Methodist family of the year," were presented to the conference on Friday morning. Dr. and Mrs. White have five children—two boys and three girls.

One of the main items of the conference, to which all looked forward, was the election of four new bishops and the assignment of all bishops for the next quadrennium. Elected to the episcopacy were: Dr. W. Kenneth Goodson, pastor of the Centenary Methodist Church in Winston-Salem, on the second ballot with 308 votes out of 460; Dr. Edward J. Pendergrass, pastor of the First Methodist Church, Orlando, Fla., on the seventh ballot with 281 votes out of 453; Dr. Ellis Finger, president of Millsaps College, Jackson, Miss., on the thirteenth ballot with 281 of 450 votes cast, and Dr. Earl G. Hunt, president of Emory and Henry College, Emory, Va., on the twenty-fourth ballot, with 279 of 421 votes.

New Bishops Are Assigned To Areas; Others Returned

The four new bishops elected by the Southeastern Jurisdictional Conference meeting at Lake Junaluska last week were assign to their areas, and the other six were returned to their former positions, or given new areas as follows:

Birmingham Area—Bishop W. Kenneth Goodson

Charlotte Area—Bishop Earl G. Hunt

Nashville Area—Bishop Ellis Finger

Jackson Area—Bishop Edward J. Pendergrass

Raleigh Area—Bishop Paul N. Garber

Richmond Area—Bishop Walter C. Gum

Atlanta Area—Bishop John Owen Smith

Louisville Area—Bishop Roy H. Short

Columbia Area—Bishop Paul Hardin, Jr.

Bishops Owen Smith, Paul Hardin, Jr,. and James W. Henley were returned to their respective areas, while Bishops Garber, Short, and Gum received new appointments, along with the four new bishops.

Bishop Garber becomes head of the newly created Raleigh Area. He has served the North Carolina Conference since 1951, but it was a part of the Richmond Area. It now is a separate Area, therefore a new assignment. Charlotte Area is now headed by Bishop Earl G. Hunt, who follows Bishop Nolan B. Harmon, retired. North Carolina now has two separate Episcopal Areas, serving a total of some 468,000 Methodists, the largest number of any of the Southern States.

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The Rev. William R. Crawford, pastor of Mount Pleasant Methodist Church in Winston-Salem, has become the first Negro to receive the Democratic nomination for a seat in the state legislature since Reconstruction days. The Rev. Mr. Crawford ran third in the primary among a field of six candidates seeking Forsyth County's three seats in the House of Representatives. All other candidates were white.



Bishops Marvin A. Franklin and Nolan B. Harmon repose in easy chairs presented them by the Jurisdictional Council when they retired at Saturday's session.

Received With Open Arms

On Wednesday afternoon the 17th of June, my wife Dottie and my two boys, Mark and John nervously approached the small community of Union Grove, in the northern part of Iredell County. Having towed a U-Hall van some 250 miles, and excited about our new work, we didn't quite know what to expect. Upon entering the community, I stopped at the post office and let the post master, Mr. Robert Rash, know we had arrived.

As I began the unenvied task of unloading the van and placing the boxes in their respective places, I noticed that the Union Grove Methodist Church was conducting Vacation Bible school next door. I looked out of the living room window and saw a flood of bright faces coming toward the parsonage. As I hurried to tuck in a dirty shirt tail and get myself presentable to part of my new congregation I heard a tune coming from the group of children. As my wife and I walked onto the lawn we heard " . . . . . welcome, welcome to our pastor, and his wife and boys. . . . . " This is a thrill to look into these faces and know that the opportunity is so great "but the laborers are few" and that God has placed in my hands these children and adults to shepherd in the coming months and years.

I preached my first sermons Sunday, the 21st of June, and with the Holy Spirit touching the heart strings of His children, we saw the altar full of people diligently praying for peace and continued guidance.

hen just last night, the charge came together for a charge-wide fellowship supper to honor my family and myself and welcome us to the charge. I thank God for the opportunity of serving His peole and having a part in seeing people led into a knowledge of the saving grace of Jesus Christ.

May the people who read this feel proud if you welcomed your pastor as I was received with open arms.

LEWIS C. GIBBS, *Pastor*
Union Grove-Olin Charge, Statesville Dist.

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An institute of church music will be held at Lake Junaluska, August 2-7 for Methodists of southeastern states having music leadership responsibilities in churches, districts, or conferences.

The Glory Of The Church

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joy and now live in its truth, its power and its victory.

This is not an abstract idea. Every person here is a member of such a household of God in some local community. The local congregation where you preach, where you worship and serve, is the center and heart of God's plan for the saving of your community. God has no other plan.

It is in your local congregation that Jesus Christ invites persons to become members of His body. This cannot happen anywhere else in God's world.

It is in your local congregation that Jesus Christ reveals Himself to your community. It is the unity of the local congregation that witnesses to Jesus.

It is in that same local church where Jesus extends handles of service. This doesn't begin anywhere else.

The Second Quarter Century of United Methodism

Our contemporaries speak of the great Wesleyan revival in the past tense. Are we afraid of scriptural holiness and its meaning for us today? Are we fearful of Christian perfection or aghast at the disciplined life? Are we preaching second and third-hand experiences of encounter with God? Where is that fire of Love that has, again and again, swept over persons and left behind the transformed life? Is the zeal of Methodism something that "was"? Can we not determine to be that generation that realizes Christianity as a present reality? O God, release Thy power; awaken Thy servants and call Thy faithful people to witness with the Holy Spirit that Jesus Christ is Lord and begin with us who are called Methodist!

Retreat for N. C. C. Ministers and Wives July 20-22

A retreat for ministers and wives of the North Carolina Conference will be held at Methodist College, Fayetteville, July 20-22. Theme: Enriching Parsonage Family Living.

Registration will begin at 10 o'clock on Monday and the retreat will end with lunch on Wednesday.

Rev. and Mrs. Leon Smith of Nashville will be the leaders. The major topics they will discuss are: "We're Human, Too," "Maintain Our Marriage" and "Fulfulling Our Discipleship."

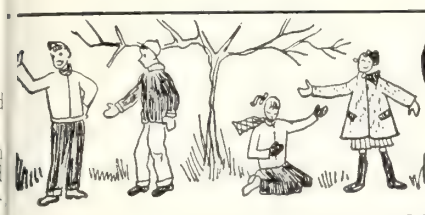
Dormitory Rooms are $1 per person per night, with linens to be furnished by delegate. Meals for couple cost $13.20. Registration fee of $4.80 to be sent to Board of Education, Box 10957, Raleigh, N. C.27605.

Reavises Celebrate Golden Wedding

The 50th wedding anniversary of Rev. and Mrs. B. C. Reavis was celebrated at their home in Durham with a party given May 10 by their children.

Mr. Reavis, a retired Methodist minister, served pastorates in both the North Carolina and Western North Carolina Conferences, and also in Virginia.

The couple's children are J. Clyde Reavis of Winston-Salem, W. Hugh Reavis of Alta Vista, Va., and Mrs. R. L. Kegereis of Raleigh.



CHILDREN'S PAGE

By Mary Gardner

hat Nancy Learned

When Nancy Burcher went to stay h neighbors she thought she would er get over her dreadful homesick ling.

Nancy and her mother lived togeth- in a crowded part of Augusta. They l two tiny rooms in an old house ere there were many other Negro ilies. Nancy went to school. Her ther worked every day. Nancy al- ys set the table for supper. Some- es she washed the sweet potatoes so t they would be ready for her moth- to cook.

When her mother came home she uld often say to Nancy, "You're a od girl, Nancy, to have supper start- for your mother." Then her moth- would pop the sweet potatoes into tiny oven and make griddle cakes supper. The two had good times gether.

When word came that her mother s needed to care for a sick aunt who ed far away, Nancy was full of plans the trip. "But Nancy," her mother d, you can't go with me. Where ere's sickness is no place for children." Nancy cried softly the night her moth- left, the first night she stayed with eir neighbors, the Browns. Mrs. own was kind to Nancy when she was home. But Mrs. Brown worked every y, too. The Brown children went the Bethlehem Center every after- on after school. Bethlehem Centers e social centers for Negroes and are pported by the Methodist Church. Be- ies the Center in Augusta there are urteen others throughout the United ates. Two of the Centers are in North arolina: Charlotte and Winston-Salem. t's a grand place for children," Mrs. own said. "Safer than playing in the reet." So Nancy went to the Center ith the Brown children.

"What would you like to do?" the acher asked Nancy the first afternoon the Center. "You may join one of the rls' clubs and learn to sew, paint and aw, or cook."

"I should like best of all,, please, to arn to cook," Nancy replied. "Do you ink I could really learn to get supper one by the time my mother comes me?"

"I'm sure you can if you work hard," e teacher answered with a smile.

Nancy was old enough to go into the oking class. The girls learned how to set the table, prepare vegetables and many other things, besides learning how to cook. Nancy listened carefully to everything the teacher said and followed every direction. After a while the girls began to take turns on Saturdays getting dinner for the teachers. At last Nancy's turn to help came. She got up early that morning, made her bed, helped to wash the dishes for Mrs. Brown and hurried over to the Center.

Soon all the girls who were to help had come. The kitchen was as busy as a beehive. For dinner there were to be bacon, string beans, potatoes and tea. The girls set the table first. Then each girl was given one thing to cook.

"Nancy," the teacher said, "will you prepare the string beans?" Nancy remembered what to do and set to work right away stringing the beans. She put them on the stove with the right amount of water. Soon the beans were cooking steadily. When the clock struck twelve the bacon and beans, potatoes and tea were ready to be served.

"These beans are delicious," said one teacher as she took a second helping. Nancy thought so, too, when she had a chance to eat her share.

Several weeks passed. Then word came that Mrs. Burcher would be home in time for dinner on Saturday. Nancy quickly decided that she would cook the dinner and have it ready when her mother came. That would be a grand surprise. Nancy talked to her teacher, who helped Nancy buy string beans and bacon, potatoes and tea.

Saturday was a busy time for Nancy. By twelve o'clock the table was set and the dinner ready to serve. At last Nancy heard familiar footsteps in the hall.

"Mother, oh mother," she cried as the door opened and Nancy ran to meet her mother. Mrs. Burcher soon saw that Nancy had planned some kind of surprise. "Go into the other room, mother," Nancy cried, "until I call you."

Steaming potatoes, b a c o n, string beans and tea were on the table when Nancy called her mother. Her mother looked first at the table and then at Nancy. "Why Nancy, child, how could you do all this by yourself?" she asked. "We must eat while the dinner is hot," said Nancy. "I'll tell you about it while we eat."

Nancy told about the cooking club and her teacher at the Bethlehem Center while they ate.

"You've had a good time while I've been away. I must go over to this Center and thank those people," her mother said. "And these are the best string beans I've tasted in a long time," she added.

Riddles In Rhyme

I have no jewels to call my own,
But very strange to say,
I've countless rings of many kinds
And give them all away.

No creature I, but I have a face,
I roam, but seldom leave my place,
I cannot see, but I have an eye,
I am no broom, but sweep the sky.

In every land, no matter where,
Just look around, you'll see us there.
We're found on mountains, seas and plains,,
On city streets and country lanes.

(Answers below))

A Morning Prayer

I thank Thee, God, for the bright new day. I want it to be a good day. Help me to make it so.

If I have hard things to do, give me courage.

If I have opportunities to help other people, may I use them.

If I make mistakes, speak unkind words, or do that which I ought not to do help me to know Thy forgiveness and Thy love.

If I do my work well, and if friends and fun make the day good, help me to be thankful.

In all that happens today and in all that I do, help me to grow in my love of Thee. Amen.

Bible Quiz

1. Does the Bible say: "Three Wise Men came from the East?"
2. Does the Bible say the Wise men presented their gifts to the baby Jesus in the stable?
3. Does the Bible say the love of money is the root of all evil?
4. Does the Bible say that Pharoah told the Hebrews they must make bricks without straw?
5. Does the Bible say: "A little learning is a dangerous thing?"

Answers to Last Week's Questions

1. The parable of the Sower. (Matthew 13:3-8).
2. Jesus Feeding the 5,000. (John 6:1-11).
3. The Apostle Paul and King Agrippa. (Acts 26:24-29).
4. Jonah and the plant. (Jonah 4:5-9).
5. Jesus and Zacchaeus. (Luke 19:1-9)

Answers to Riddles in Rhyme

1—A doll; 2—A searchlight; 3—Rocks.

Woman's Activities

Spiritual Life Retreats

By Mrs. John C Wright

The Wesleyan Service Guild and the Woman's Society of Christian Service of the Western North Carolina Conference will have two Spiritual Life Retreats in the near future. One will be at Lake Junaluska July 18-19 and the other at Pfeiffer College August 1st and 2nd.

Mrs. Arthelia Brooks, Rural Church and Community Worker for Yancey County, will be leader of the first retreat. Mrs. R. F. Foy, Richmond, Va., secretary of Spiritual Life of the W.S.C.S. of the Southeastern Jurisdiction, will be leader of the second.

Mrs. Brooks lives at Burnsville and is one of the most beloved people in the Conference. She is in great demand as speaker at district and conference events. She serves as secretary of missionary personnel in the Asheville District organization.

She will use as her theme, "Power to Become." The program will open at 4 p.m. on Saturday, July 18, and close at noon on Sunday. Headquarters will be at Lambuth Inn. The retreat has been planned under the supervision of Mrs. Florence Sherrill of Franklin, chairman of spiritual life of the Conference W.S.G.

Mrs. Foy has served as a faculty member in Schools of Missions of the SE Jurisdiction. She has been guest speaker at a number of spiritual life retreats in all conferences in the southeast. She will use as her theme, "Newness of Life."

The retreat will begin on Saturday afternoon at 3:30 p.m. and close with communion service on Sunday afternoon. Mrs. Herman Anderson of Charlotte, retiring secretary of Spiritual Life in the W.N.C. Conference, is in charge of planning the retreat.

School of Missions and Christine Service

The program of the annual School of Missions and Christian Service of the Woman's Society of the W.N.C. Conference offers a challenging series of studies this year as it meets at Pfeiffer College at Misenheimer August 3 through 7.

Five studies are being planned this year, four suggested by the Woman's Division as mission study books and the other a special study of program materials for the coming year.

The class on "The Church's Mission Among New Nations," will be taught by Miss Lorena Kelly, missionary to Africa. She will use the text, "The Nation and the Kingdom," by Charles Forman.

Two leaders will teach the class on "Spanish Americans." They are Mrs. Wayne A. Lamb, Paducah, Ky., secretary of Missionary Education in the Memphis (Tenn.) Conference, and Mrs. William O. Bigham, Jundiai, Brazil, missionary in the Division of World Missions of the Methodist Church. Their text will be, "Death of a Myth," by Kyle Haselden.

The study, "United States Responsibility in a World Community of New Nations," will have as its instructor the Rev. Orion N. Hutchinson, Jr., pastor of Love's Methodist Church, Walktertown, N. C. He will use the text, "The United States and the New Nations: Problems and Responsibilities," by Vera M. Dean.

A new plan will be carried out in the Bible study of the Book of Genesis. Everyone at the school will participate, first in small groups and then in a general session when Miss Mary Floyd will lead the study of the text, "Genesis: Beginnings of the Bible Drama," by Charles Kraft.

The study of program materials is a "must" for officers. Instructors for this will be Mrs. Frank Calhoun, Murfreesboro, Tenn., secretary of missionary education in the Southeastern Jurisdiction, and Mrs. H. M. Russell, Greenville, Tenn., secretary of promotion, Southeastern Jurisdiction.

Mrs. Van Dillon, Jr., Elkin Conference secretary missionary education, is in charge of arrangements.

Appreciation

The women of the Woman's Society of the Western North Carolina Conference express their sincere gratitude to Mrs. Emmett K. McLarty, Jr., of Brevard, for her very faithful work as chairman of public relations in the Conference for the past two years. She has earned the blessed title of "Well done," and all good wishes go with her. Graciousness and friendliness are her charms. When other fields of service call we are sure that she will give to each undertaking the same spirit of loyalty and kindness she has shown in her work in the Woman's Society.

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N. C. Conference

Mrs. H. W. Doub

Important Announcement

To all Conference and District officers and Subdistrict Leaders: August 4th has been confirmed as the date of our Officer's training day for District Officers and Subdistrict Leaders. This will be held at Queen Street Methodist Church, Kinston, N. C., at 10:00 A. M.

All Conference Officers will have clinics for their respetive District Officers. Prior to going into clinics, each Conference Officer will briefly present her work in the general assembly. If you are going out of office, please pass this information on to your successor. THIS IS MOST IMPORTANT.

LUNCH will be served by the Queen Street Church at Conference expense. Plea plan to be present and on time. If you ne any further information contact Mrs. J. Benson, 908 Anderson St., Wilson, N.

Raleigh District

A 200 dollar gift from the Woman's So ety of Christian Service of the Edent Street Methodist Church has initiated scholarship fund for the higher education worthy boys and girls of the church's mer bership. This announcement was made the pastor, Dr. T. Marvin Vick, Jr., at recent meeting of the local society's gene WSCS circles.

Expected to become a church-wide, co tinuing project, the donation each year w honor and/or memorialize designated mer bers of the local church. The initial gift fro the WSCS memorializes its members wh were deceased during the conference ye 1963-64.

The meeting's program featured an a dress by Mrs. H. C. Turlington, of Dun immediate past president of the N. C. Co ference W. S. C. S. Mrs. Turlington spok concerning the highlights of that momento meeting. She was introduced by Miss Ma Gardner.

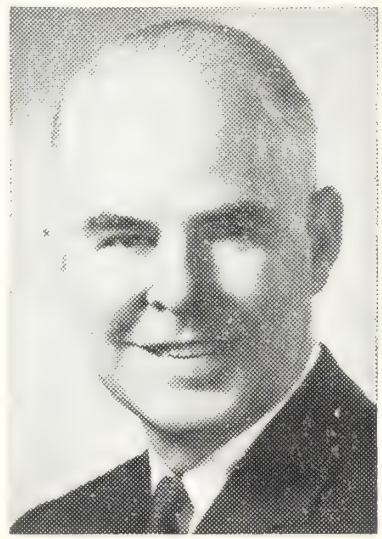
The society's annual memorial service w conducted by Mrs. R. M. Rothgeb, assiste by Mrs. C. A. Dillon, Jr., soloist, and Mr Caswell Riddle, organist.

During the luncheon business session the Fellowship Hall following the progran the Rev. and Mrs. Kimsey King were pr sented a pair of silver candelabra. Associat pastor of the Edenton Street Church for th past three years, the Rev. Mr. King has r ceived his appointment as pastor of th Ahoskie Methodist Church.

Burlington District

Prospect Methodist Church of Yanceyvill was host to the Burlington District Coachin Conference of the Wesleyan Service Guild of the Burlington District on Sunday, Jun 28, 1964, with about 30 Guild leaders i attendance.

The meeting opened at 2:00 P. M. an



Dr. Leslie Sayre

Dr. Sayre will be one of the instructor at the N. C. School of Missions at Method ist College, Fayetteville, August 10-14. He will conduct a course on "The Church's Mis sion Among New Nations."

Guild members were welcomed by Mrs. ayne Wood, president of the Prospect ild, followed by the a welcome from the tor of the church, Mr. G. W. Johnson. . Johnson ended his remarks by a prayer the Conference and its members.

Mrs. H. Pat Nixon, Burlington District retary, introduced Mrs. Max Morris of the nt Street Guild of Burlington, who used emblem Devotion, explaining the signifi- ce of the Wesleyan Service Guild Em- m, using the 15th Chapter of Genesis, and hymn, "O for a Thousand Tongues to g." She noted that in the beginning we ve God's promise, and God keeps his mise to his people who try to live and lk in his way. Mrs. Morris told us the iangle represented the Father, Son and ly Spirit; the Circle, no beginning and no d; The Trinity, God the Father, Creator d Sustainer. The Holy Spirit gives com- t; the Cross, faith, light and life; the Torch sses light from one to another. In the rning torch and flag, the Christian pledges give his loyalty and allegiance to Christ. e emblem should be burning in our hearts, d we should wear our emblem pin with meaning in mind.

The group then moved from the church nctuary to the fellowship hall for a pan- discussion of the lines or work, the duties d responsibilities of the officers and chair- en. The panel was composed of the follow- g; Mrs. H. Pat Nixon (District Secretary) oderator, and leader of the Presidents; rs. C. P. Satterwhite, Conference Chair- an of Supply; Miss Lillie Smith, former hairman of Spiritual Life; Mrs. Monte enson, former Burlington District Secre- ry; Mrs. Margaret Parker, Secretary of romotion, Davis Street Guild; Mrs. Harvey litchell, District Secretary Missionary Edu- ation; Miss Lucille Donnell, Conference ecretary of Spiritual Life; Mrs. Max Mor- s, District Chairman of Spiritual Life.

Thoughout the discussion, each leader ressed the importance of using proper ma- rials: The Bible, the Guild Handbook, the landbooks for the various lines of work, and he Constitution and By-Laws and that more embers and all officers and chairmen use he Methodist Woman and World Outlook, s well as other source materials.

Proper and prompt reporting was empha- ized; and especially by the Secretary of romotion and the Treasurers so that in- ormation in the Annual Report may be cor- ect; it was urged that all Chairmen work losely with the Secretary of Promotion; that he Treasurers show on their remittances the xact use of the funds remitted so that the District Treasurer would know how to al- ocate these funds on her report.

Supply giving was emphasized by Mrs. atterwhite and an explanation of the specific skings, as well as those undesignated.

In closing it was noted that there is a (1) Need for greater depth and understanding of ll lines of work; (2) a Need for coordina- ing the overall program by the various ommittees; and (3) a Need for the use of ll available source materials.

Following the meeting refreshments and ellowship were enjoyed with the Prospect Guild Members serving.

A new chapel at Randolph-Macon Acade- ny in Front Royal, Va., has been dedicated n honor of the academy's president for the ast 31 years, Col. John Campbell Boggs.



Miss Carrie Whitehurst became Director of Christian Education of Davis Street Methodist Church, Burlington, last week. She is a native of Stokes (Pitt County). She is a 1964 graduate of High Point College. Miss Whitehurst will work in the general field of Christian Education, with particular emphasis on youth programs and activities. Rev. Howard M. McLamb is the pastor.

Mrs. Leslie E. Barnhardt New Woman's Society President

Mrs. Leslie E. Barnhardt of Charlotte is the new president of the Woman's Society of Christian Service for the Western North Carolina Methodist Conference.

She was chosen on the second day of the June 16-18 24th annual meeting at Lake Junaulska along with several other officers.

Mrs. Barnhardt succeeds Mrs. Carl H. King of Statesville, who has guided the WSCS for the past four years into a program of service to the conference and national church which has won the acclaim of many Methodist leaders.

Mrs. Barnhardt is one of Charlotte's outstanding women in civic and religious fields, having twice been named "Woman of the Year." In her Methodist church she has been a representative for the conference to the Southeastern Jurisdiction's WSCS.

Other major action taken June 17 was the pledging of $200,000 by the conference's 13 districts for 1964-65 work of the conference, Jurisdiction and national Methodist Church. Here is what each district pledged:

Albemarle District, $10,400; Asheville District, $21,000; Charlotte District, $35,000; Gastonia District, $20,000; Greensboro District, $27,500; High Point District, $22,000; Marion District, $11,500; North Wilkesboro District, $10,000; Salisbury District, $21,500; Statesville District, $19,000; Thomasville District, $13,000; Waynesville District, $10,000; and Winston-Salem District, $33,500.

Other officers elected included:

Treasurer, Mrs. E. D. Chandler of Asheville; Recording Secretary, Mrs. Arthur Williams of Greensboro; and these secretaries of "lines of work":

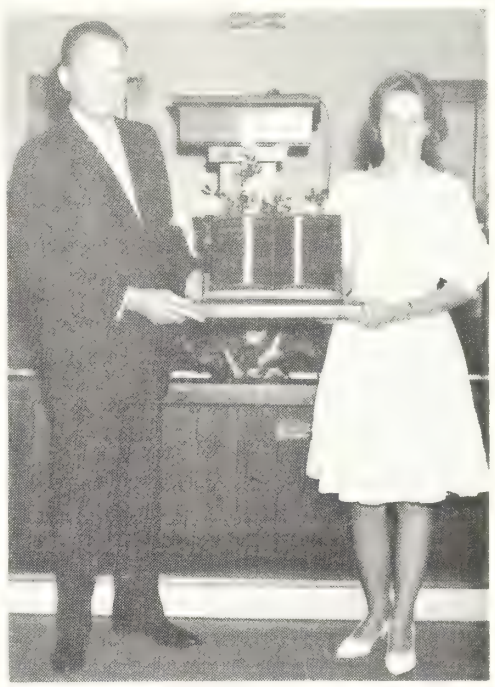
Children's Work, Mrs. Gilreath G. Adams, Jr., Troutman; Spiritual Life, Mrs. C. G. Norton, Hendersonville; Student Work, Miss Mary Floyd, Pfeiffer College; Supply Work, Mrs. Walton Allred, Greensboro; Christian Social Relations, Mrs. J. Z. Watkins, Charlotte; Missionary Personnel, Mrs. Robert M. Smith, Mount Airy.

And these chairman—Town and Country, Mrs. Orell Lineberger, Stoneville; Nominations, Mrs. Hugh W. Wilkin, Charlotte; and Public Relations, Mrs. John C. Wright, Weaverville. Mrs. Norton was also elected a member of the nominations committee.

During the meeting the delegates heard talks by Mrs. E. L. Glossbrenner, president of the WSCS in the Southeastern Jurisdiction; Mrs. Ralph A. Ward, missionary to Taiwan; Bishop Nolan B. Harmon, presiding bishop of the Charlotte Methodist Area; Dr. Herman F. Duncan, superintendent of the North Wilkesboro District; Mrs. Julian Reeves, president of the WSCS in the North Wilkesboro District; and Dr. Clayton Calhoun, president of Paine College, Augusta, Ga.

Frances Ward Named "Outstanding Youth"

"Outstanding Youth" Award. Shown here, the Rev. Paul R. Taylor, minister of the Salem Methodist Church, Mount Airy, is presenting the "Outstanding Youth" Award to Miss Frances Ward. The announcement of the selection for this year was made by the Salem Commission on Education during a Methodist Student Day



service on the second Sunday in June. The service was held by the youth of the church.

The award was first made last year, and will be announced annually. Each year the name of the young person selected is engraved upon the bronze plaque, shown above, and the plaque is kept in the church as a permanent record of the citation.

The selection is made upon the basis of personal conduct, loyalty to the church, and the overall evidence of Christian personality. It was begun as an effort to call attention to the good qualities to be found in youth, in contrast to the more frequently seen reports of the wrong sort.

Miss Ward is a member of the Salem church, and tthe daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J C. Ward of the community.

Sunday School Lesson

FOR JULY 26

By Raymond A. Smith
Head, Department of Religious Education
Greensboro College

Shared Leadership

Background Scripture: *Exodus* 15:22 *through* 18:27

Lesson Scripture: *Exodus* 18:13-24

With this lesson we begin a new unit which will run for the next five Sundays. The subject of this new study is "Israel in the Wilderness." It will be remembered that when Moses fled from Egypt he went to Midian where he was employed by a priest of the Kenite tribe named Jethro. In our lesson for today we see Moses with his people who have now come out of Egypt and resumed their former occupation as nomadic shepherds. However, they are not just wanderers; they are going somewhere. They have not only a destination, but a destiny.

The experience in the wilderness was viewed in different ways by the various traditions that have come down to us in the Bible. In the accounts in Exodus and Numbers we see that there were very many problems to solve. How can a group of slaves be turned into a nation of free men? In Egypt they had what we may call "rough justice." Toiling under taskmasters, they had little opportunity to learn the art of government.

As in every human group, the Hebrews had numerous problems of human relations. When one man felt he had been wronged by another there were several things that might be done. There was the possibility of "fighting it out," or settling it by compromise. Now Moses, the leader, had not only to make the major decisions such as the route of march, the problems of food and water and the problem of defense. He had also the problem of the administration of justice in the various disputes that arose among individuals: It turned out that he was commander-in-chief, guide, provider, law-giver and religious leader.

Jethro, the father-in-law of Moses, observed that this was too much of a load for any one man to carry. He wisely suggested that some of the duties be delegated to others. Specifically, he told Moses that a system of smaller units for the administration of justice might be formed where there would be a sort of "magistrate" over each. These could handle the "small matters," while "the great matters" could be passed on to Moses. One is struck by the similarities of his arrangement to our own judiciary which consists of a chain of courts going from the local scene up to the Supreme Court.

We now turn to some suggestions for our own church life that are evident from a consideration of this Biblical material. These experiences of Moses with the children of Israel are not remote incidents in history; rather they are full of principles which may be adapted to our religious groups today.

First, there is the need for teaching as well as for laws. Moses not only administered justice but talked to the crowds who came to him about obligations of their faith. Verse 20 says: "And you (Moses) shall teach them the statutes and decisions, and make them know in what way they must walk and what they must do." No law can be successfully observed unless people come to believe in it. Along with law-making there has to go religion and education. These are basic to an enlightened and cooperative citizenship.

Second, we notice the principle of shared leadership. The Bible teaches the doctrine of the priesthood of all believers. This means, in terms of our church life, that laymen as well as minister are to have a large share in the ongoing life of the church. Studies have been made which purport to show that ministers are generally much overworked men. If this is true can it not be that laymen have not been given enough to do in our church? Too many laymen have thought of their Christian calling as that of "helping the preacher run the church." They sometimes appear to forget that they are the church. A great emphasis today (as is evidenced by the number of new books on the subject) is that the layman must come to take more seriously the doctrine of the priesthood of all believers, taught in both the Old and the New Testaments. This means that every man has the priestly function of carrying on his heart concern for every member of the family of God, carrying them up before the throne of God in prayer, being willing to listen to them, working for their welfare as "brethren of the household of faith." "Shared Leadership" is what we need more of in the church today.



The family of the late Robert F. Andrews, Sr., well known to western North Carolina Methodists, gathered at Lake Junaluska in mid June for a reunion. Pictured are (front row, from left) Tommy, Susie, and Mark Andrews, children of Bill and Peggy Andrews of Lincolnton; Jacque Andrews, daughter of Bob and Ruth Andrews of Brevard; Jane Christopher, daughter of Mary and Earle Christopher of Landrum, S. C.; and John James, Angela, Harry and Marie Andrews, children of Fletcher and Joan Andrews of Lexington; (back row, from left), Miss Helen Andrews of Dothan, Ala.; Dr. Loren Bowman and Claire Bowman of Elgin, Ill.; Peggy and Bill Andrews of Lincolnton; Joan and Fletcher Andrews of Lexington; Bob and Ruth Andrews of Brevard; Mrs. Robert F. Andrews, Sr., mother of the family, of Landrum, S. C.; Earle and Mary Christopher of Lundrum, S. C. Lt. Col. J. Russell Andrews of Ft. Hamilton, N. Y.; and newlyweds Ed and Nancy Andrews of Lynchburg, Va.

Bishop Andrews Offspring Hold Reunion at Lake

Mid June was reunion time for the Andrews clan and over two dozen members of that family, including children, gathered at the Jones Cafeteria for luncheon get-together.

Father of them all was Robert F. Andrews, Sr., a railroad agent for the Southern Railway, who died in 1951. He and his wife, both Georgians, lived most of their lives in western North Carolina. Mrs. Andrews now resides in Landrum, S. C.

Mr. Andrews was a great-great nephe of Bishop James O. Andrews of the Meth odist Church. Mr. Andrews lived in Davi son, Ridgecrest, Saluda, Tryon, Lake Tox way, Bryson City, Newton and two yea at the Lake.

There are four clergymen in the famil

Dr. Loren Bowman, who is married Claire, is executive secretary of the Churc of Brethren, with headquarters in Elgin, Il

The Rev. W. E. (Bill) Andrews is begi ning his first year as pastor of Rhyne Heigh Methodist Church in Lincolnton after ser ing the Methodist Church for 17 years as missionary to Brazil.

The Rev. (Lt. Col.) J. R. (Russell) An drews is currently head of instruction at th U. S. Army Chaplain's School in Ft. Hami ton, N. Y. He is a member of the Virgini Conference and has been a chaplain for 2 years.

The Rev. Fletcher Andrews is in his thir year at Bethesda Methodist Church nea Lexington. He has served previously at th Advance-Mocks Charge and for nine yea in the North Georgia Conference.

Among the eight children of Robert F Andrews, Sr., there are 14 college degree each child having earned at least one. The have attended eight Methodist schools, in cluding Duke, Brevard, Greensboro an High Point, within the bounds of the West ern North Carolina Conference.

Seven grandchildren are currently in col lege, with four of them in Methodist schools one just having been graduated from South ern Methodist University.

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Mrs. Kathleen L. Eagle, Route 1, Gold Hill, a member of the class of 1924, is chairman of the event. "We hope that all Mitchell School alumni will share in this event," she said.

The group will hold a luncheon at the college at noon which will be preceded by a general reunion program.

The afternoon will be given to class meetings and related activities.

Mrs. Eagle said that many former teachers would attend the reunion, some traveling considerable distances. These include Mrs. Ellen Lefler, Miss Lord, Miss Dickerson, Miss Herr, Miss Basse, Miss Repine, Miss Jackquish, Miss Allbright, Miss Ferrell and others.

Reservations for the reunion luncheon must be made with Mrs. Eagle by July 10.

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Pictured, left to right—James Westmoreland, Gorman Michael, Rev. Rollin P. Gibbs, D. O. Hilton, Rev. Robert L. Witty, Jr., pastor, Rev. R. Herman Nicholson, Fred Pope, Mrs. Albert McDowell.

Littleton College Alumnae Met At Wesleyan College

About 200 Littleton College alumnae and friends gathered at Garber Chapel on the grounds of North Carolina Wesleyan College for the meeting of the Littleton College Memorial Association on Saturday, July 11.

Mrs. Bernice Kelly Harris of Seaboard, distinguished author of the prize-winning book," "Perslane," "Sweet Beulah Land," and other books, feature newspaper articles, and dramas, was the guest speaker at the reunion. The devotional was presented by Rev. Roland C. Stubbins of Efland, retired Methodist minister, who was formerly pastor of the Methodist Protestant Church in Littleton when Littleton Female College was enjoying the height of popularity in the early years of this century as "one of the most successful and best-equipped boarding schools in the South."

Special plans were made to celebrate the 50th reunion of the Class of 1914. Mrs. Curtis Crissman, 412 Oakdale Road, Rocky Mount, is serving as local representative for the class.

Littleton College was a private Methodist college owned and operated by the late Rev. James Manly Rhodes in the town of Littleton between the years 1882-1919. The Littleton College Memorial Association voted in 1961 to "adopt" N. C. Wesleyan College as its "present-day" alma mater. A collection of memorabilia of the former college and a large number of library books have been presented to the new college in addition to over $3000 which has been established as a Littleton College Memorial Loan Fund. Individual memorial funds have been established for Miss Vara L. Herring and Mrs. Emma Thornton Nowell, former treasurer and secretary, respectively of Littleton College.

Mrs. George Stephenson of Fredericksburg, Virginia, is president of the Littleton College Memorial Association. She is the daughter of a former member of the North Carolina Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South.

Erlanger Breaks Ground

Groundbreaking services for the new Erlanger Methodist Church, Lexington, were held Sunday, May 3, at the new location on Winston Road. The service was led by Rev. Robert L. Witty, Jr., minister of the church. Participanting in the service were Rev. R. Herman Nicholson, Thomasville District Superintendent, Rev. Rollin P. Gibbs, Executive Director of the Board of Missions of the Western North Carolina Conference, James Westmorland, Chairman of the Official Board and Building Committee, Gorman Michael, Chairman of Board of Trustees, D. O. Hilton, Lay Leader, Fred Pope, Superintendent and Mrs. Albert McDowell, Woman's Society of Christian Service president. The building which is under construction now will consist of the sanctuary, study, classrooms, kitchen and fellowship hall. Charles H. Wheatley, Charlotte, is the architect. Cliff Browers, High Point, is the contractor. Plans are being made to move into the new building by fall 1964.

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"Proofs of a Christian"

Some one has declared that "four things are necessary to constitute a christian. Faith makes a Christian; life proves a Christian; trials confirm a Christian; and death crowns a Christian."

"Faith makes a Christian." Dr. Wilfred T. Grenfell defined faith as "reason grown courageous." He declared further that "the faith Christ asks for is not to understand him but to follow him. What Christ asks is that we shall try it out. He actually dares us to follow him." Said Jesus," If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross and follow me."

It is in taking Jesus' words literally that we give proof of our faith. Rather than trying to understand fully just what is faith and how and why God works as he does, if we are to be christians, we heed Jesus' words, we forget our own selfish whims, we put down self and take up whatever is necessary in order to follow our Redeemer. Led ever by faith we stand ready and eager to move ahead, not knowing exactly where we are to come out, but confident that with God as our guide we can neither lose our way nor miss the purpose for which we are here.

"Life proves a Christian." The sure proof of the faith of a christian is not to be found simply in the words with which he testifies concerning his trust in Jesus Christ. The proof so strong as not to be defined successfully, is to be found within the daily life of the christian. It has been said that "we teach something by what we say, more by what we do, but most of all, by what we are. "It is what we are not merely one day, but every day that speaks with such authority that no one should be so stupid as to undertake to argue that there is nothing to it. The way we live our lives day after day establishes whether we throw away our lives or invest them in eternal goodness. The beautiful and consecrated manner in which one lives continuously is the most eloquent of all tributes to one's christian character.

"Trials confirm a Christian." It is no strain on anyone to appear to be religious when everything is moving along smoothly. But when trying experiences come upon us that put us through the fires of acid tests, then only religion with supreme quality in it, can bear us up.

One woman who for years had been an ardent professing christian was smitten with physical disease. She became partially helpless. One morning as she was pushed in a wheel chair into a comfortable and attractive sun porch, she complained bitterly to the devoted loved one who was attending her. It was like this that the afflicted woman bemoaned her unhappy lot: "I can't understand just why it is that God has made me like this." Whereupon her understanding loved one replied, "My dear, God has not made you like that. God is making you now."

"Death crowns a Christian." No more outstanding illustration of this can be found among men than that of two saintly characters of long ago, Latimer and Ridley. These stalwart followers of the Lord were sentenced to be burned at the stake because of their undying faith in God and their loyalty to him. As they were being led to their deaths and when it seemed that their hopes had been overthrown and all their righteous efforts had come to naught, they did not pity themselves and admit defeat. Not in the least were they downcast. But looking at his companion in death Latimer said to Ridley, "Be of good comfort, Master Ridley, we shall this day light such a candle, by God's grace, as I trust shall never be put out."

—Eugene C. Few

· CAROLINA BRIEFS ·

¶ The Rev. and Mrs. Milton Mann announce the birth of a son, Milton Thomas, II, on July 9. Rev. Mr. Mann is serving the Macon Charge, at Macon, in Warren County.

¶ The Rev. and Mrs. E. M. Thompson, Jr., of Scotland Neck, announce the birth of a son, Emerson McLean, III, on July 7, 1964. Mrs. Thompson is the former Catherine Traynham.

¶ Rev. H. L. Blackwelder, pastor of the Jonesville Methodist Church, will preach at Center Church, near Monroe on July 26 at 11:00 a.m. Rev. Harlan L. Creech, III is the pastor.

¶ Dr. T. Marvin Vick, minister of Edenton Street Church, Raleigh, is fulfilling an annual responsibility as a member of the United States Army Reserve Chaplaincy. He is spending two weeks at Fort Benning, Ga.

¶ The Advocate Editor preached to a good congregation last Sunday morning at the College Place Methodist Church, Greensboro, in the absence of the pastor, Dr. Elwood Carroll, who was participating in the Family Life Conference at Lake Junaluska.

¶ Dr. and Mrs. H. G. Allen left last Thursday from Kennedy Airport, New York, to visit Methodist Mission stations in Africa. They are under the auspices of the Methodist Board of Missions. They will be away for 57 days.

¶ Dr.Helen Bartlett, who has taught at High Point College for the past 25 years will retire at the end of the second summer session. Dr. Bartlett is greatly loved and respected by the many students who have come under her influence during the past quarter century.

¶ Archdeacon H. L. Higgs, of Bradford, England, will preach at Memorial Methodist Church, Thomasville next Sunday, July 26. This is in cooperation with British-American Exchange sponsored by the National Council of Churches. Rev. M. E. Harbin is pastor of Memorial Church.

¶ The Rev. William Jeffries, a minister of the N. C. Conference, is serving under special appointment as Peace Education Secretary for the American Friends Service Committee in High Point, and is available for preaching engagements on Sundays. His address is: 1432 Whilden Place, Greensboro; phone, 272-7880.

¶ John C. Fleming, son of Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Fleming of Rocky Mount, has been awarded a $1,900 teaching assistantship in the College of Business Administration at the University of Georgia, in Athens, Ga. He is completing his work for a B. A. degree in economics at Wesleyan College, Rocky Mount, this summer.

¶ The Editor gladly acknowledges receipt of a little pamphlet of poems by Mr. William F. (Bill) Ricks of Mount Olive. Mr. Ricks had the misfortune to lose his eyesight, but he is one of those who refuses to complain, but seeks to turn his misfortune into an opportunity to brighten the way for those who can still see by bringing inspiration to strenghten life and nourish faith.

¶ Rev. W. R. Stevens, newly appointed Superintendent of the newly created Greenville District in the North Carolina Conference, is living temporarily at 1006 Cotanche St., Greenville. His post office Box number is 195.

¶ Rev. E. Paul Hamilton, pastor of Green Street Methodist Chuch in Winston-Salem is spending two weeks in reserve chaplaincy service at Fort Bragg. Rev. Reginald J. Cooke, associate pastor of Burkehead church preached at Green Street last Sunday.

¶ Rev. Paul W. Boone, pastor of the Carthage Methodist Church, represented the North Carolina Conference at the Family Life Seminar held at Boston University, June 22-July 10. Guest speakers for the Carthage church during his absence were the Rev. P. O. Lee on June 28 and Dr. C. P. Morris on July 5.

¶ Lowe's Methodist Church near Reidsville held special services last Sunday when Rev. J. Garland Winkler, superintendent of Greensboro District preached at 11:00 a.m. and conducted the quarterly conference following. A picnic dinner was spread at 12:15. Dedicatory services for the parsonage were held at 1:15. and open house from 2:15 to 3:15. Rev. Joseph W. Lasley, a former pastor, preached at the afternoon service at 1:35. At 6:30 the Youth Fellowship with Frances Tysinger and Bily Stanfield, conducted the program "Called to Witness." Rev. J. G. Allred, another former pastor, preached at the 7:30 service.

¶ Saint James Methodist Church of Greenville broke ground for a new sanctuary on June 28. The church, begun in 1952 now has 675 members with a church school enrollment of 657. The new sanctuary, added to the present facilities will have a seating capacity of 550. Participating in the services were Rev. E. L. Earnhardt, who was the first pastor; Rev. R. Grady Dawson, Superintendent of New Bern District in which the church was located until the last annual conference when it became a part of the new Greenville District; Dr. H. K. King who was district superintendent when the church was begun; Rev. Willis R. Stevens, superintendent of the Greenville district, who preached the sermon; Dr. Edgar B. Fisher, pastor of Jarvis Memorial church in Greenville, and the Rev. William K. Quick, present pastor of Staint James.

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Methodist Chaplains

Three Methodists are among the 27 graduated in June from the career chaplain course of the U. S. Army Chaplain School at Fort Hamilton, N. Y., the Commission on Chaplains has been advised. They are Chaplains (Capt.) Richard M. Hochstedler of North Indiana Conference, assigned to Stuttgart, Germany; (Capt.) Fred G. Logan of Wisconsin Conference, to Fort Bragg, N. C.; (Capt.) Douglas H. Garwood of Western New York Conference, to Camp Roberts, Calif. This was the first class to include Indonesian chaplains, two Moslems, and a Catholic.

N, C. Council of Churches Issues Statement

The N. C. Council of Churches has issued the following statement:

The Civil Rights Act of 1964 has been signed by President Lyndon Johnson and is now law. The Executive Board of the North Carolina Council of Churches recognizes that it is now the responsibility of all people in the state and especially of Christians to prove their good citizenship.

The Board of the Council therefore calls upon all Christians to find the ways and means of implementing the provisions of the Civil Rights Act in our state so that injustice in voting, in the use of public accommodations and facilities, in public education, and in employment may be eliminated in North Carolina.

Recognizing that more than law will be needed as the Civil Rights Act is implemented, the Board of the Council also calls upon the members of the Churches in North Carolina to apply the Christian principle of love so that hatred and prejudice may be eliminated from all hearts.

In North Carolina let us continue to practice the command of Jesus when he said, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself."

Hopewell Church Organizes New Boy Scout Troop

The newest troop of Boy Scouts in the High Point District received its charter recently from Dr. Dean Pruett, superintendent of schools.

Troop 23 is sponsored by the Hopewell Methodist Church with 10 charter members. Committee chairman is Ray Underwood and Scoutmaster is John B. Kennedy.

Committee members are Don Bouldin, Howard Floyd, George C. Cashatt, Rev. M. W. Heckard, Jr., minister of Hopewell Methodist Church, and Garland Auman. The institutional representative is Henry C. Royals Jr.

There are now 35 Scout troops in the High Point District which includes Jamestown, Archdale, and Trinity. Adding the charter members of the new troop, there are now 882 boys active in these 35 units.

Vacation Bible Schools Held On Gold Hill Charge

A group of 30 pupils and 11 teachers made up the Vacation Bible school at Bethlehem, Gold Hill Charge the week of June 8 through 12, under the direction of Mrs. Ralph Broeils. Teachers and helpers were Mrs. Bobby Gene Hammill, Mrs. Hovle White, Mrs. Tracy Culp, Mrs. Billy Hammill, Miss Sharon Culp, Miss Patricia Hammill, Miss Carolyn Drye, Mrs. Leonard Culp, Miss Drye Ann Broeils, Mrs. O. S. Culp with the pastor, Rev. M. E. Seahorn. The school was held at Gold Hill Church the week of June 22 through 26 with approximately 28 pupils and teachers and helpers, under the direction of Mrs. John Yelton. Teachers and helpers included Miss Carolyn Russell, Miss Lu Cretia Trent, Miss Peggy Wagoner, Miss Kay Helderman, and Mr. LaMarr Yelton. An excellent training session was held in each school.

Life Begins With Self-Respect

By Rev. Theodore R. Jenkins, Minister of Haymount Methodist Church, Fayetteville

"And he said unto me, Son of man, stand upon thy feet, and I will speak unto three."—Ezekiel 2:1.

In the eighth Psalm, the psalmist has described a very common spiritual experience. As he meditated upon the greatness of God, he was overwhelmed with the profound awareness that God was beyond human description, and in His presence, a deep sense of awe possessed him. Then he turned to think of man, and a sudden, perceptible sense of humility took hold of him—for, he was keenly sensitive to the vast difference existing between the Creator and the creature. As he continued to think, however, even the greatness of God could not blind him to the fact that man is also magnificent because God made him; and as he came to the climax of his song, he exclaimed: "Thou hast made him a little lower than the angels, and hast crowned him with glory and honour."

As the experience of the psalmist teaches us, man comes to a sense of his own greatness only after he has humbled himself before the majesty of his Maker. God, on the other hand,, does not want us to obey Him out of fear or cringe before Him in dread. He wants men to whom He can speak and who will stand erect before Him, girt and ready to do.

Ezekiel, in the second chapter of his book, in the first verse, is reiterating this thought as he writes: "And he said unto me, Son of man, stand upon thy feet, and I will speak unto three."

To make a go of life, then, we must first of all respect ourselves. That individual who cannot maintain a good opinion of himself finds life unbearable. Those things which undermine self-respect corrupt life; those which contribute to self-respect enrich life. It is precisely at this point that good religion demonstrate its value—because it increases a person s appreciation of life, and it enlarges his confidence in his ability to cope with it.

One reason the Christian religion surpasses all the other religions of the world is to be found right here in this area. Our Christian faith assures us that God believes in us. The Book of Genesis tells us that man was created in the image of God. Central in the teaching of Jesus was his assertion of God's love for man, and His belief in man. Declared Jesus: "Even the very hairs upon the top of your head are all numbered. . ."

A human being was designed to be somebody; he was "made for the heights." A little lad with an observing eye was standing with his father amidst the towering trees of the redwood forests of California. In wonderment at the towering trunks of the giant trees, he said to his father, "It's funny, isn't it, Dad? You never see any of these big trees in the valley. I guess they were made for the high altitudes." That's true. And, another thing is true, too; man was, also, made for high altitudes.

When we come to respect ourselves, we know that we have the elements of greatness within us. We then know that we are important—not merely because we are human beings; we are important because **we are who we are.** To me, one of the tragedies of our generation is the attempt upon the part of some to be somebody by **trying to be somebody else.** The so-called civil rights movement is part of the whole picture. The attempt upon the part of the Negro to push himself within the area where the white person lives won't make him a white person. It won't make him any better person, or make him any better loved. The marvel is that he would even want to do so. Did not God make him a Negro? And, is that bad? Some of the greatest contributions the world has known have come from him **from where he is.** The world would be the poorer, indeed, without the inspiring Negro spirituals that have come down to us through the years. And there is no way of measuring the value of the scientific contributions of George Washington Carver—a Negro chemist who took the lowly peanut and the ordinary sweet potato and brought forth hundreds of compounds for the welfare of mankind. He would have been terribly handicapped if he had tried to be any other person than George Washington Carver.

What is true with one race as against another is also true within the same race—one cannot **be somebody by trying to be somebody else.** Once we knew two women—they had been college schoolmates. They married, and came to live in the same community. Both had excellent musical talents. But one, for some reason, developed a continuing jealousy of the other, and punished herself disastrously because of the envy she held in regard to the other. If she had only realized she could not, however much she tried, be the other person, what a wonderful life she could have had! But, instead, she spent her days pouting and living in a jealous rage—making herself and those about her miserable.

Once a person becomes convinced that he is of **individual worth** in the sight of God and life, something wonderful happens to him. Each of us was made of God **to be somebody by being our self.** This, actually, is the meaning of Ezekiel's experience. "And God said unto me," declared Ezekiel, "Son of man, stand on thy feet, and I will speak unto thee."

For many long years the Israelites knew that God loved them as a people. But, somehow, they did not conceive of Him as loving them as **individuals.** Under the leadership of Jeremiah and Ezekiel, however, they began to understand that **as individuals** they were important in the sight of God. When that happened, they began making progress. And, when Jesus arrived on the scene, he gave intense impetus to the thought.

I once heard of the little boy who was asked what he wanted to be when he grew up. His answer was short and to the point. "**Alive,**" he said. **That's it, isn't it?** God gave him his own life, his own talents, his own time. His responsibility was, and always is, to develop into the very best of which he is capable.

Each of us was intended to be **somebody**—and, ought to be. But I cannot be somebody by trying to be somebody else. You can't either. Dr. George Buttrick tells of a census taker who went to visit a home and said to the mother who came to the door: "How many children do you have?" The mother began to list them: "There's Sally and Jim and Bob" —at that point the visitor interrupted impatiently: "The number, not the names," he said. "But," said the mother, "thy do not have numbers; they have names." Numbers may belong on a military metal disc or in an estimate of workers in a factory, or in national statistics, but they have no place in the mind of God. He calls all of His children by name. Once we realize this, something wonderful will happen to us. **It will not be my desire to be somebody else. It will be my desire to be myself—the best 'myself' I can possibly be.**

One of the trends of our day is to try to fit everybody into the same pattern. Such is particularly true in the realm of religion and politics. In no other areas of life are men more prejudiced and less charitable than in religion and politics. One is often in danger of losing friends when he reveals to others how he votes. One is often accused of being unchristian if his theological concepts do not coincide with those of his fellow-churchmen. In politics, the **extremist** is the one who **disagrees with you;** in religion, the **spiritual illiterate is the one who does not see things as you do. Yet one of the greatest privileges God ever gave a man is that of being an individual.** That privilege carries with it the responsibility of diligently seeking after, and honestly arriving at, conclusions—and, faithfully holding to them, until through honest search and sincere examination, we arrive at others. God has endowed us with minds with which to think, hearts with which to feel, and consciences with which to decide. Let's use them!

Another trend of our day is the belief that **things,** within themselves, will make us **somebody.** We have been accused of being a generation of status seekers, and, always, the symbols of status seem to be material things. The latest model automobile, a home in a fashionable neighborhood, membership in the country club, a vacation at the beach or in the mountains, or a trip to Europe: these appear to be the things people want most—not particularly the things themselves, but because of the status they bestow.

Now, there is nothing wrong with things, or, having things. The rightness or wrongness of them is determined by the way we accumulate them and use them, by the value we place upon them, the attitude we have toward them, the place they hold in our lives.

In either event, they cannot within themselves **make a person somebody.** What we are saying is this: A person is not better than somebody else just because he is wealthy—and, by the same token, a poor person is not good just because he is poor. The self-same person, whether rich or poor, whether he has things or does not, becomes somebody **by being himself—by being the best possible self of which he is capable.**

Life, then, begins with **self-respect. Self-respect** is not a gift or an endowment. It must be acquired. No one can confer it upon another. Not even God can do that. It is a personal matter, and only the person himself can determine whether or not he will have it. God has given us the instinctive urge to want to be somebody. Others can help us create an environment which is conducive to such. But, in the final analysis, the person himself chooses and determines the outcome.

As Ella Wheeler Wilcox says, in her "The Wind of Fate"—

"One ship drives east and another drives west
With the selfsame winds that blow.
'Tis the set of the sails
And not the gales
Which tells us the way to go.

"Like the winds of the sea are the ways of fate,
As we voyage along through life;
'Tis the set of the soul
That decides its goal,
And not the calm or the strife."

"And he said unto me, Son of man, stand upon thy feet, and I will speak unto three."

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EDITORIALS

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A Good Jurisdictional Conference

When one attends a General or Jurisdictional Conference of the Methodist Church and listens to much of the proposals and arguments pro and con on many different matters one is able to see the Methodist Church in action. Sometimes we may wonder if all that is said and done is necessary, and we may be uncertain as to where we shall come out, but it is heartening to see that in most cases the end result is good.

These are strenuous times in which we are living, and there is always the possibility of one exercising bad judgment and going off at the long end and creating an embarrassing situation. But one fine thing about Methodist delegates is the fact that they are usually level headed, intelligent, considerate, and reasonable. We know, however, that these are times of tension, and we need cool heads and warm hearts. There would be great danger if we should reverse the order and cultivate hot heads and cold hearts. Bishop Costen J. Harrell, one of the ablest of our Methodist leaders, expressed it in his devotional address at the Jurisdictional Conference on Saturday morning when he said "We must stay together, and keep our heads and hearts clear." There were moments of disagreement when one wondered; but there came moments of great inspiration and uplift when arguments were ended and decisions made and the spirit of unity was evident. There were differences about polity and approach, but there was the spirit of brotherliness and the end result found unanimity of action.

We repeat what we have said often—there are no problems which cannot be solved when we approach them in a Christian spirit. Bishop B. W. Doyle, the fraternal messenger from the C.M.E. Church, in speaking to the conference about the things that divide and the things that unite us, said, "While the Negro contends for what he believes to be his rights, and while the white man seeks to preserve his traditions, I suggest that if we meet at the foot of the cross we will find a unity that binds us together."

The Methodist Church is a democratic institution, and everyone has the right to be heard, and that right is recognized and practiced. It is most encouraging when arguments are made and votes taken, and the results are known, those on the losing side accept graciously the decisions of the group. This was evident even in the voting for Bishops. These selections came after prayerful consideration, and a magnanimous spirit was demonstrated by those who lost in the voting.

The Jurisdictional Conference is over. Reports have been made, plans have been projected, Bishops have been elected, and it seems to be the unanimous expression of those present that "We have had a great conference." Now, let us turn to the task in hand with consecration and seek to give a good account of our stewardship in whatever field we are privileged to serve.

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THEME FOR THE WEEK

"No man, when he hath lighted a candle, putteth it in a secret place, neither under a bushel, but on a candle stick, that they which come in may see the light."—Luke 11:33.

LETTERS

Dear Mr. Starnes:

I have been reading your editorials with great interest and great gratitude. Have just finished the one on "Endangering Our Heritage" of June 18, 1964.

The modern trend has so discouraged me and frustrated me, it is a great help to know there are still some sane voices around.

I trust many are reading these and that it is still not too late!

May the Lord continue to bless you in this most worthwhile work.

Sincerely,
Mrs. B. W. Laney

Monroe, N. C. Route 4

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Dear Editor:

There are two Methodists that North Carolina may truly be proud of. The Rev. Dr. W. Kenneth Goodson recently elected to the office of Bishop and Dan K. Moore recently nominated by the people of North Carolina for Govrnor.

I have known both of these men for 30 years and am proud to be a personal friend of both of them.

Dan K. Moore is a gentleman of the higest type. He and I were classmates at the University of North Carolina. I have known him since 1923.

I am truly proud that Ken Goodson was elected by a land slide into the episcopacy. Ken will make a good Bishop. He is like Bishop Paul Hardin—He will never loose the personal touch. Bishop Walter W. Peele never lost it, nor will Paul Hardin or Ken Goodson loose it.

I hope at the next Jurisdictional Conference we will not have another speech denouncing the type of teaching at our State University. We had one Bishop elected who graduated from the University of North Carolina. Our state schools are about as good as any church schools. Let us all be proud of the leadership that North Carolina is producing from the Methodist Church.

—Robert M. Hardee

High Point

Young North Carolinans Will Serve As Missionaries

Three young North Carolinians are among the group of young men and women who will leave the United States this fall to begin three years of special-term missionary service overseas under the direction of the Methodist Church. They are: Miss Sara Lou Williams, 503 Westside Drive, Lexington, N. C.; Miss Gloria Jean Coltharp, 1812 Merriman Avenue, Charlotte, N. C.; and Robert L. Yoder, 118 Highland Circle, Boone, N. C.

Miss Williams will go to the Philippines to work in the field of Christian education.

Born in Lexington, Miss Williams attended Greensboro College, and graduated in May with a bachelor of arts degree in philosophy and social studies. While in college, she was a member of the International Relations Club, the Religious Educational Club and the Student Christian Fellowship. She is a member of the First Methodist Church in Lexington.

Miss Coltharp will go to the Philippines to work in the field of Christian education.

Born in Charlotte, Miss Coltharp attended Pfeiffer College, Misenheimer, N. C., and graduated in June with a bachelor of arts degree in Christian education and history. While in college, she was a member of the Methodist Student Movement, the Concert Choir, the Christian Education Fellowship and the Missions Club. She is a member of First Methodist Church of Charlotte and has served as educational assistant and youth worker there.

Mr. Yoder will go to India to do educational work.

Born in Winston-Salem, Mr. Yoder attended Pfeiffer College, Misenheimer, and graduated in June with a bachelor of arts degree in religion and philosophy. While in college, he was president of the Westminster Fellowship (for Presbyterian students) and was in the Male chorus, the Christian Life Council and Kappa Chi, the ministerial students' fellowship. He is a member of the First Presbyterian Church of Boone.

The group will go to 14 countries of Africa, Asia, and North and South America to do a variety of missionary tasks, including social work, teaching, nursing, home economics, Christian education and agriculture. The "3's," as the special-term missionaries are called, are from 25 states and the country of Panama. The group of 45 is the largest number of 3's in saveral years and brings to 903 the total number of persons who have served under the special-term missionary program since it was begun in 1948. For six weeks this summer, the 3's are receiving intensive training to prepare them for missionary service. The training is at the Missionary Orientation Center, Stony Point, N. Y., and emphasizes Bible study, theology, linguistics, area studies and world religions. All of the 3's will serve under the World Division of the Methodist Board of Missions.

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Ten Methodist, Presbyterian, and Anglican pastors from five African countries have arrived in New York for an extensive study program jointly arranged by the National and World Councils of Churches.

Some Similarities and Differences Between Methodists and Evangelical United Brethren

(Address delivered to Western North Carolina Conference June 4 by Dr. Charles E. Kachel)

The Similarities

The similarities between the Methodists and the Evangelical United Brethren grow out of the fact that we are spiritual kinfolk and have a common heritage. Dr. Charles C. Parlin has presented this matter so excellently in his pamphlet, "OUR COMMON HERITAGE", that I will draw rather heavily upon his presentation in this portion of my paper. Dr. Parlin has tied together the threads of our destinies, as they developed in our beloved land, and I have discened them in no other of the historical works of the Evangelical United Brethren Church. He has reviewed the heritages of our denominations and the interesting and effective bonds of common belief and history, and our common concerns in the ecumenical movement of our day, which forever bar us from being strangers.

This should be particularly appropriate as we remember that this is the twenty-fifth anniversary of the union of Methodism and the eighteenth annversary of the union that brought into being the Evangelical United Brethren Church. Congratulations on your twenty-fifth anniversary and on the Worldwide impact that your Methodist Church has made during these years through your united testimony as one of the great churches of Chrsitendem.

As we think of our common heritage six great souls stand out, which are herewith named in the order of their birth.

John Wesley (1703-1791)
Martin Boehm (1725-1812)
William Otterbein (1726-1813)
Francis Asbury (1745-1816)
Christian Newcomer (1749-1830)
Jacob Albright (1739-1806)

These men were truly contemporaries and greatly influenced one another. Each was a pietist, believing that the Christian faith demanded a personal commitment to Christ, and each rebelled against the formalism of his respective established church; "Wesley and Asbury against the Church of England. Boehm and Newcomer against the Mennonites, Otterbein against the Old World Reformed Church, and Albright against the Old World Lutheran Church. For a study of these men and their working together there is an abundance of historical material. Wesley, Asbury, and Newcomer left detailed diaries and journals; Boehm was written up in detail by his son, Henry; Albright has been co ered in detail by one of his decendants.

With the excention of Wesley, all of these men were residents and citizens of this country. The "methodist societies" which he formed were within the framework of the Church of England.

"That Wesley, in his rebellion against the formalism of his established church, was influenced by the German pietistic movement is clear. His record lets one believe that perhaps the three most affecting his life were the 'heart warming' experience at Aldersgate as he listened to a reading of Luther's Perface to the Epistle to the Roman's; the sea crossing when he observed a group of German Moravians worship with complete serenity during a storm which brought panic to other passengers; and his conversation with Peter Bohler who had been ordained by Count Zinzendorf. We know that Wesley took up the study of German and became sufficiently proficient to translate some ten German hymns into English. He spent most of the summer of 1738 at the Moravian settlement of Herrnhut, Germany, and recorded that his faith had been greatly stregthened thereby. Wesley had started life as a stiff High Churchman, scrupuously following every detail of the rubrics. He insisted on baptizing infants by trine immersion and refused the sacrament of communion to a devout person because the person had not been baptized by a minister episcopally ordained. It was the German revival which took hold of Wesley and reshaped his career."

William Otterbein

"On this side of the Atlantic, William Otterbein was to be an important factor in the movement of revival among the German speaking. Educated in the best Calvinist schools of Germany and ordained by the Reformed Church, he came in 1752, at age of 27, to work among the Germans in Pennsylvania. In the New World he became restless under the formalities of his Old World Church and a Reformed congregation at Baltimore was also restless. Circumventing church authority, they called Otterbein to their pulpit. Otterbein consulted, among others, Francis Asbury, then 29 years of age, a member of the Church of England and a lay preacher in the Methodist Societies, who also was restless with the rigidity of his Old World Church. In accord with advice received, Otterbein in 1774 took the separatist congregation under the name "The German Evangelical Reformed Church." Ten years later Asbury was to follow Otterbein's example—and his own advice—and make a break with his Church of England."

Martin Boehm

"Martin Boshm was from a staunch Pennsylvanie Mennonite family. Selected by lot to be a pastor of a church, as was the practice of the Mennonites, he sank into utter despair at the calling but out of his agony came an awakening to a new life and faith and a desire to communicate. His evangelistic rallies and revival meetings brought him into contact, and common work, with the Methodist Societies' lay preachers but did not endear him to his own church. In 1780 he was expelled by the Mennonites. Otterbein and Boehm were out of ther respective churches and on their own in the great movement of the spiritual awakening. Asbury was working in the movement but was still within the framework of the Church of England."

Jacob Albright

"Jacob Albright, born in Pennsylvania of German Lutheran stock, was proprietor of a prosperous farm and also a tile factory. The loss, in a dysentery epidemic, of two beloved children, suddenly shattered his smug security an dcast him into an agony of the soul. Attending a Methodist Class meeting at a neighbor's house, he became reconciled to God, felt his burdens rolled away and experienced the joy and assurance of the transforming power of the Christian fellowship. Not long thereafter the Class granted this 32 year old man an Exhorter's License and he began the preaching career which was to prove so effective."

Christian Newcomer

"Christian Newcomer, born on a Pennsylvania farm of Mennonite stock, was by early trade a carpenter. But his soul was searching. In his quest he heard Otterbein preach on the necessity of genuine repentance and pardon of sin. Of Otterbein and his colleagues Newcomer says in his autobiography;—'These men preached the same doctrine which I had experienced—I therefore associated with them and joined their Society.'

Newcomer is important because his powerful personality and genius for organization stabilized and gave a continuity to the movement commenced by Otterbein and Boehm which otherwise might have terminated with their deaths."

Product Of The Revolutionary War

There is a very real sense in which our two churches can be said to be the product of the Revolutionary War. The colonies were populated primarily by English peoples, for the greater part were Britishers who brought with them the established Church of England. It was in the congregation of this church that Wesley had started his Methodist Socities.

Dr. R. W. Albright in his book "A History of the Evangelical Church," and Dr. Parlin both recount the story of the colonies. The treaty of Westphalia (1648) following the Thirty Year's War, proved to be only a truce for warfare continued in this already devastated region of the Rhenish provinces. This Treaty also recognized only three churches—Roman Catholic, Lutheran and Reformed. All others were disignated as sects and put under handicaps. Life under bigoted rulers became intolerable. "In 1683 thirteen families, fifty persons in all, mostly Mennonites and Quakers, left their homes in Krefeld, Germany, to settle near Philadelphia—the advance guard of that was to become a flood of Teutonic migration from Switzerland. Wurttemberg and the lower Rhine, as Protestants sought escape from Roman Catholic oppression; and they came from other sections because of other persecutions. At the outbreak of the Revolutionary War, the German population was approximately 250,000 and the records of the War are filled with both English and German names. It is not strange, then, that these compatriots in founding their new nation should be interested in churches freed from the domination and tyranny of the Old World. At the close of the Revolutionary War, Boehm, Otterbein, Asbury, Nemcomer and Albright were all co-workers in a great revival movement, but there was as yet no organization."

Organization

The Asbury group was the first to organize, utilizing the Methodist Societies which had remained within the framework of the Church of England. "In the colonies the Church of England was practically without clergy. Their priests, in connection with their ordination, had taken an oath of allegiance to the King, and had therefore for the most part remained loyal and fled to the homeland or renounced their oath and clergy orders and borne arms against their sovereign." After the war, the entreaties of Wesley to the Anglican Bishops to send ordained men to the colonies were unheeded and they said that the rabble in the colonies was not worth saving.. "Meanwhile Wesley and Dr. Coke of the Oxford Faculty convinced themselves that Wesley, though only a priest, was a presbyter with power of ordination, rejecting the Anglcan theory that ordination can be only by a bishop who has been consecrated, in the Anglican form, by the laying on of hands of three Anglican bishops. So in a deeply religious ceremony in London, Wesley commissioned Coke to come to America and ordain, and set aside as General Superintendent of the work, Francis Asbury, a young lay preacher whose work Wesley had admired. When Dr. Coke arrived and announced his mission, Asbury refused to accept ordination unless it was the judgment of the other leaders of the Societies that he comply. So they called a conference, in Baltimore, at Christmastime, 1784. By unanimous action Asbury was requested to accept ordination and in a series of services he was ordained a deacon, then an elder and then consecrated for the work

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Some Similarities

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of a General Superintendent. A decision was made to continue with the Episcopal form of Government. The entire precedure was promptly repudiated by the Bishops in London and the Methodist Episcopal Church was born. It dates from the Christmas Conference of 1784, now recognized as the first Methodist General Conference."

Dr. Parlin points out that a very important and significant point was involved in this experience of the ordination of Asbury. When Asbury agreed, he specifically requested that Otterbein participate in the ordination and consecration and Otterbein did respond and participated with the laying on of his hands. Thus one of the founding fathers of the Evangelical United Brethren Church shared in the ordination of Francis Asbury, one of your greatest bishops.

Next in order to acheive organization was the Church of the United Brethren in Christ in 1800, at the conference held in Frederick County, Maryland. An episcopal form of government was adopted and Otterbein and Boehm were elected bishops. Here clearly was Asbury influence as neither Otterbein's Reformed Church nor Boehm's Mennonites gave precedent for such form of organization.

"Longest to continue as a movement and last to organize was the Albright group. Under his Methodist Exhorter's License, Albright carried the Gospel message to his fellow Germans. Relationship to the Methodists was close and the transition to a separate denomination appears to have been gradual. Professor Eller in his history says, "the first intimation of organization became apparent in 1800." A meeting in 1803 certified Albright as "a truly evangelical minister in every sense of the word" but the movement had no name or body until November 1807 when they named themselves "The Newly-formed Methodist Conference" and there are in existence authorizations to preach issued by Albright under the name of this Methodist Conference, but technically they were not a part of Bishop Asbury's organization so in the 1809 annual meeting they changed the name to "The so-called Albright People"—a term which has been applied to them in derision. The name Evangelische Gemeischaft was not adopted until the conference of 1816."

During these formative periods there are references to Asbury's group as "English Methodists" and to the Otterbein-Boehm-Albright groups as "German Methodists." These saints on horseback represented a revival movement in America—not organizations as we know them today. They attended each other's meetings, often travelled and preached together, Asbury's group taking in the English speaking and the others gathering in the German speaking converts. The participation of Otterbein in the ordination of Asbury was mentioned, and it is interesting to note that when Otterbein, an old man with less than two months to live, undertook to ordain Christian Newcomer who would be his successor, he requested that a Methodist participate and William Ryland responded and joined Otterbein in the laying on of hands. Thus we as ministers of these two communions in a mystic sense jointly share the rich traditions and blessings of both these founding fathers of our respective churches. What a heritage we share: Wesley, Boehm, Asbury, Otterbein, Newcomer and Albright.

Form of Government

With this background of our two churches, it is not surprising that we find ourselves today with almost identical forms of government. "The Discipline worked out with the aid of Wesley for the Asbury group was translated into German and this became the basis for the Veriningten Eruder and the Evangelische Gemeinschaft. The ministerial dress taken by Asbury from his British antecedents—the knee breeches and leggings—was adopted by Boehm and by Albright and others."

Why then did we come down from the post-Revolutionary War period as three streams instead of one? There were many conversations regarding union. Bishop Newcomer of the United Brethren urged it. His Journal for April 1, 1803, page 70, records the following:

> "I attended the (Methodist) Conference. It was my intention to make a proposition to the Conference in order to ascertan whether it was possible to adopt a plan of operation by which the English and German brethren could be more united, and have a better understanding with each other. I imparted my design to one of the members of the Conference, but he advised me to defer the proposition until the meetng of the next General Conference. I took his advice and was silent on the subject. In a short time I repented of having complied with the advice given and I felt inwardly accused of not having done my duty."

In W. W. Orwig's history he reports on the following exchange between John Dreisbach, a preacher in the Evangelical Association, and Bishop Asbury: In 1810 John Dreisbach reports that he had made the following offer to Bishop Asbury:

Dreisbach: "If you will give us German Circuits, districts and conferences we are willing to make your church **ours,** be **one** people wth you, and have one and the same government."

To which offer Asbury replied, "This cannot be—it would not be expedient." It was during this same conversation that Bishop Asbury said that the German language could not exist much longer in this country. (Page 57 of Orwig's History.)

Apparently in 1871 the Evangelical Association actually voted, by a margin of one, to join the Methodists.

Mr. Parlin noted in his pamphlet that scholarly researchers on union negotiations of the past are under way both at the Evangelcal Theological Seminary in Naperville, Illinois, and at Garrett Biblical Institute in Evanston, Illinois.

Mr. Parlin also stated that his own research has led him to feel that the failure to achieve union in the early days was the fault of Asbury, who did not have the background of German experience and influence which had been Wesley's. Asbury took the position that there was enough work and organizational problems among the English speaking, that German speaking work could be done separately, and that the German language would rather quickly disappear from the American scene anyhow. But Asbury had failed to visualize the massive migration and the tenacity of the German mother tongue. So our churches remained separate because of the German language.

Further Similarities

In general, the Lutheran groups tended to maintain their ties to the Fatherland. Not so our three churches. Why should they? They were born of the American Revolution and were part of the founding of a proud new nation.

Furthermore, our three groups put an emphasis on piety. They were against the Genutlichkeit of the beerhall and the gambling table.

In our three groups there was little fear of emotionalism in religion and the German constituencies took to the camp meeting with enthusiasm. Families and their relatives and individual congregations pitched their own tents, covered the floors with straw, gathered fuel from the forests, and cooked outside their tents on old-fashioned stoves. Here for a sustained period, in Ohio and Pennsylvania and elsewhere, the work of our three churches ran parallel, with much interchange of preachers and exhorters.

"We also shared in a unique phenomena —American based churches sending missionaries back to Germany. The reasons for this were the same. Germans who had found joy in the spiritual revival wrote such enthusiastic letters back home that their relatives began to ask that preachers be sent over to them." This all three of our churches did.

Impact of World War I and II

The impact of World War I and II was devastating in so far as continued work in the German language here at home. Feeling ran very high and many outrages were perpetrated againt loyal citizens because they spoke German, even at times when their sons were serving in our armed forces. The study of German was discontinued in many school systems. So our work is all in English now, and that which divided us no longer exists. The two German churches as far as origin is concerned, the United Brethren and the Evangelical, united in an organic union in 1946 without the loss of a single congregation in either church.

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Jimmy Williford, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Williford of Pinetops received the God and Country Award at the worship service on June 21st. at the Pinetops Methodist Church. Jimmy is an active member of the Methodist Youth Fellowship and has served as acolyte for the past two years. Part of his service to the church, along with his study, was taking care of the church lawns and grounds. Jimmy, who is 14, *is a member of Troop* 223, *where he is a patrol leader. He attends South Edgecombe Elementary School. This is the third God and Country Award given to scouts in Pinetops, and all have been given to Methodist boys. Rev. R. L. Baldrige was his pastor and worked with him on the project.*

In Memoriam

MRS. J. C. EDWARDS

The Woman's Society of Christian Service of the Macon Methodist Church wishes to offer tribute to one of its esteemed and beloved members, Mrs. J. C. Edwards, who passed away at the Mary View Hospital, Portsmouth, Va., on Friday, May 1, 1964.

Mrs. Edwards was born in Vance County, N. C., December 9, 1874. She was married to Mr. J. C. Edwards, also of Vance, on December 17, 1890. Afterward the couple resided most of their life in Portsmouth, Va. At his retirement they moved to Macon, N. C. where Mr. Edwards died Sept. 8, 1958. Of the large family born to them, seven children survive who carry on the worthy name and example of their fine parents.

Mrs. Edwards was an exceptional person. Her spirit of friendliness toward all, her devotion to the church and all its interests; her support of these by her faithful attendance and generous material means; all these and more endeared her, to a wide circle of friends. We shall greatly miss her, her fine influence, and her kindly presence, a blessing to us all.

Helen Thompson
Secretary of Cimmittee
Woman's Society of Christian Service
Macon Methodist Church

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MRS. R. L. BELL

Mrs. R. L. Bell died at her home at Alston Farms, Henderson, N. C., June 5, 1964. She had been in poor health for some time, experiencing much suffering, which she bore with great patience and fortitude.

Mrs. Bell was born Jan. 5, 1879, in the home of her parents, Dr. Bennett and Caroline Williams Alstan of the community known as The Folk. She was one of the sisters and two brothers, of whom five sisters survive.

The family later moved to an elegant Southern mansion located on the Alston Farms near Henderson, N. C. She taught school until Mr. Bell's death.

In 1916 Mrs. Bell married Mr. R. L. Bell of Churchill. At his death she returned to her former home, Alston Farms.

For many years Mrs. Bell was a member of the Macon Methodist Church. She organized the Woman's Society of Christian Service there and was its first president. She was tireless in her promotion of activities, making additions to the Church plant, remodeling and decorating it. All the institutions of the Church were dear to her heart and she gave fully to them of her time, talent and means.

Richly endowed with the spirit of friendliness, her good will toward people and genuine interest in their welfare endeared her to a host of friends everywhere. She was a prized personal friend of many of us. We shall miss her more than we can say. For her sisters we have sincere sympathy in the passing of whom they miss so much.

Helen Thompson
Secretary of Committee
Woman's Society of Christian Service
Macon Methodist Church

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Loans for Building

A $7,000,000 loan has been granted Boston University for construction of a residence hall complex on its Central Charles River Campus. The loan is from the U. S. Housing and Home Finance Agency and is one of the largest approved for student housing. American University has been granted a new loan of $1,320,000 for a six-story women's residence hall.



The Rev. Siegfried Trommer (left) is greeted at the Charlotte airport upon his arrival from Bariloche, Argentina, by the Rev. and Mrs. W. T. Medlin, in whose church the Rev. Mr. Trommer preached April 12.

Western N. C. Conference Helps Build Bariloche Church

Financially, people of the Western North Carolina Methodist Conference had a hand in one of the major events in the history of Southern Argentina.

This was the cornerstone laying ceremony for the Methodist church in Bariloche. The conference has sent $53,000 to build the church and an adjoining educational building.

Significance of the cornerstone laying ceremony was told by the Rev. Siegfried Trommer, the German-born pastor, who has been touring churches of the Western North Carolina Conference.

Among the 400 people of the city present for the event was the mayor, a Roman Catholic, who said, "God is not a Catholic. He is not a Prostestant, but only our Heavenly Father."

The priest for the Catholic Cathedral in Bariloche, conducting mass at the time of the cornerstone ceremony, called the attention of his congregation to the event. "We have to rejoice at this," he said. And he said he had sent his personal representative to be present at the ceremony.

Argentina is a Catholic nation, the Rev. Mr. Trommer said. The constitution states that only—a Roman Catholic can be president or vice president. And yet the Roman Catholic Church is happy to see the growth of this Methodist congregation.

Bariloche is located in the "Switzerland area of South America" the Rev. Mr. Trommer said, and the city of 20,000 people is a major resort area. Because of this, it is important that Methodism, in December, moved out of the small, wooden building in which it has met since 1949 and into a modern. church.

Many Roman Catholics get to see Prostestantism at work for the first time when they visit Bariloche.

"They are afraid to visit a Prostestant service in their own cities," the Rev. Mr. Trommer said, "but in Bariloche no one knows them and they visit with us.

The Rev. Mr. Trommer, who has had several lifetimes pressed into one, came to Bariloche in 1954. He was born in Germany, studied for the ministry there and was preaching there when he was drafted into the German Army in World War II. He was captured in North Africa and sent as a prisoner of War to the U. S.

He held religious services for his fellow countrymen and the U. S. government appointed him chaplain to German prisoners of war. He was one of Methodism's first Crusade scholars, then after that study, returned to Germany to preach. Here he began working on a passport to return to the U. S. for missionary study. After many setbacks, he and his family came to Scarritt College.

After his missionary training he was ready for an assignment in Africa. But Bishop Sante Uberto Barbiere of the Buenos Aires Area, Latin America Central Conference, told the Board of Missions there was need of a German speaking pastor in Bariloche. So the Rev. Mr. Trommer agreed to go there.

Initially, he served German and English speaking families there, but he began working with the Spanish speaking natives.

"I was used to congregations of 300 to 500 people. Here we had three to five people, and I can remember preaching to an audience of my wife and one other person."

But the work grew and the small wooden building was overflowing, and still is. Now the three language congregations will move into a new church.

The Rev. Mr. Trommer said eventually, as the children grow into adults, there will come a time when Bariloche Methodist Church will be only a Spanish-speaking congregation.

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At Day Break

As the birds sing with joy for the coming of day
So I lift up my heart unto Thee as I pray.

As they sing, and sing, their glad happy praise
I, too, will rejoice in the Son of Thy Grace.

When their songs are of joy which cometh from Thee
Let Thy Peace and Thy Blessing come surely to me.

And may all, who in agony, before Thee do kneel
Have now Thy sure Love with its power to heal.

Great God of the day, and Lord of the night.
Teach us to sing too, and to walk in Thy Light.

GEO. W. BLOUNT

W. N. C. Methodist Youth Fund Report for 1963-1964

* Indicates late payment on last year

ALBEMARLE DISTRICT

	$ Pledged	$ Paid
Albemarle:		
Central	400.00	400.00
First Street	75.40	—
First Street	73.10	78.66
Main Street	36.00	—
Main Street, Jr. High	30.00	3.55
Parkway-Pine Grove:		
Parkway		* 5.00
Pine Grove	15.00	15.00
Tabernacle	15.00	35.00
Albemarle Circuit:		
Porter	15.00	15.00
Stony Hill	—	30.00
Ansonville Charge:		
Concord	—	25.00
Badin	50.00	50.00
Badin, Jr. High	60.00	60.00
Bethany	10.00	10.00
Bethel-Palestine:		
Palestine	10.00	10.00
Bethesda	10.00	20.00
Bethlehem	55.00	48.25
Bethlehem, Jr. Hi	24.00	22.00
Camp Ground Charge:		
Union	15.00	25.00
Wesley Chapel	10.00	10.00
Hebron Charge:		
Bethel	10.00	10.00
Hebron	40.00	40.00
Indian Trail-Stallings:		
Grace, Jr. High	25.00	25.00
Lilesville	20.00	40.00
Locust-Oakboro:		
Oakboro	15.00	15.00
Marshville	40.00	40.00
Mineral Springs & Pleasant Grove	50.00	50.00
Monroe:		
Central	112.50	125.00
Central, Jr. Hi.	112.50	137.50
Memorial-Benton Heights:		
Benton Heights	20.00	10.00
Sutton Park	15.00	15.00
Morven Charge:		
Morven	—	* 16.00
Morven, Jr. High	48.00	28.00
Sandy Plains	10.00	10.00
New Hope-Bethel:		
Bethel	5.50	5.50
New Hope	—	11.00
New London	60.00	60.75
Norwood	—	60.90
Norwood Circuit:		
Mt. Zion	25.00	25.00
Randall	16.00	16.00
Peachland Charge:		
Hopewell	25.00	25.00
Peachland	29.00	29.00
Polkton Charge:		
Poplar Hill	5.00	5.00
Prospect: Prospect	30.00	30.00
Prospect, Jr. Hi.	24.00	14.00
Smyrna	15.00	20.00
Trinity	—	6.00
Richfield: Zion	10.00	—
Salem	35.00	52.00
Stanfield: Love's Chapel and Love's County Union County Subdistrict	10.00	10.00
Wesley Chapel, Jr. High	—	*7.00
Unionville Charge:		
Zion	25.00	25.00
Wade	5.00	5.00
Wadesboro	100.00	100.00
Wingate, Jr. High	20.00	20.00
Total	$1,861.75	$1,983.04
Goal: $2,200.00		

ASHEVILLE DISTRICT

	$ Pledged	$ Paid
Acton	—	*15.00
Acton, Jr. High	—	*15.00
Asheville:		
Abernethy	125.00	26.81
Bethesda	25.00	25.00
Biltmore	50.00	50.00
Central	125.00	125.00
Central, Jr. High	125.00	125.00
French Broad	15.00	*31.00
Grace	85.00	85.00
Haywood Street	50.00	50.00
Oakley	10.00	20.00
Oakley, Jr. High	15.00	15.00
St. Paul's, Jr. High	26.51	26.51
St. Paul's	30.00	30.00
Trinity	100.00	95.00
Avery's Creek-Sardis:		
Avery's Creek	25.00	25.00
Azalea-Tabernacle Charge:		
Azalea	15.00	16.77
Tabernacle	20.00	19.80
Bald Creek Charge:		
Bald Creek	24.00	
Bald Creek & Elk Shoal	—	*18.00
Bell	28.40	—
Bethel	30.00	25.47
Black Mountain		27.50
Black Mountain, Jr. High	—	*10.44
Brevard	100.00	*77.00
St. Timothy	12.00	12.00
Burnsville:		
Higgins Mem.	20.00	20.00
East Flat Rock	25.00	25.00
Edneyville-Fruitland:		
Endneyville	25.00	25.00
Etowah-Cummings Memorial	20.00	20.00
Fanning's Chapel	—	*75.00
Hendersonville:		
Balfour	15.00	15.00
First	80.00	90.00
First, Jr. High	100.00	102.65
Laurel Hill-Davis Chapel:		
Laurel Hill	—	*10.00
Leicester, Jr. High	28.50	28.50
Marshall	10.00	*20.00
Mills River	50.00	45.11
Montmorenci	—	*15.00
Newdale Charge:		
Celo	—	6.49
Oak Hill	60.00	60.00
Piney Mountain-Pisgah		
Piney Mountain	20.00	20.00
Reeves-Brown's View:		
Reeves Chapel	—	5.00
Pleasant Hill	15.00	15.00
Salem-Bernardsville Cge.:		
Salem	—	*25.00
Salua	—	5.00
Skyland	60.00	60.00
Swannanoa	30.00	30.00
Tryon	—	19.00
Weaverville	65.00	130.00
Total	$1,680.41	$1,868.05
Goal: $2,400.00		

CHARLOTTE DISTRICT

	$ Pledged	$ Paid
Big Springs	60.00	60.00
Asbury-Huntersville:		
Asbury	20.00	20.00
Huntersville	25.00	25.00
Blair Road	15.00	15.00
Charlotte:		
Aldersgate	30.00	30.00
Belmont Park	100.00	100.00
Calvary	200.00	204.36
Central Avenue	150.00	200.00
Chadwick	20.00	20.00
Christ	24.00	*30.00
Cokesbury, Jr. Hi.	30.00	16.00
Cole Memorial	110.00	110.00
Commonwealth	50.00	50.00
Dilworth	75.00	100.00
Dilworth, Jr. High	75.00	75.00
Duncan Memorial	35.00	35.00
Epworth Lane	30.00	30.00
First	200.00	275.00
Gillespie	40.00	80.00
Grace, Jr. High	15.00	15.00
Hawthorne Lane	350.00	350.00
Hickory Grove	100.00	204.00
Kilgo,	32.00	32.00
Kilgo, Jr. High	5.00	25.00
Memorial	150.00	150.00
Morris Field-Faith:		
Faith	25.00	25.00
Mouzon	37.00	74.95
Myers Park	500.00	523.79
Oak Grove	40.00	80.00
Plaza	84.00	84.00
Pleasant Grove	50.00	50.00
Pleasant Grove, Jr High	25.00	25.00
Providence	200.00	200.00
Purcell	50.00	50.00
Purcell, Jr. High	50.00	50.00
South-east Subdistrict, Charlotte	3.00	3.00
St. Andrews	55.00	55.00
St. James	80.00	80.00
St. John's	100.00	100.00
Charlotte:		
St. Luke's	50.00	50.00
St. Mark's	30.00	30.00
St. Paul	60.00	60.00
Spencer Memorial	35.00	—
Tuckaseegee Road	15.00	15.00
Wesley Heights	75.00	75.00
Davidson	25.00	25.00
Davidson, Jr. High	—	*10.00
Fair View	20.00	20.00
Harrison-Marvin:		
Harrison	62.21	100.00
Homestead	30.00	30.00
Homestead, Jr. Hi	12.00	12.00
Lowesville: Hill's Chapel	60.00	60.00
Mathews	40.00	40.00
Moores Chapel	10.00	10.00
Mt. Holly:		
Algersgate	12.50	25.00
First	100.00	100.00
Mt. Zion	100.00	100.00
Mt. Zion, Jr. High	25.00	25.00
New Salem-Field	25.00	25.00
Riverbend-Snow Hill	40.00	40.00
Rock Springs Charge	—	*60.00
Lebanon	10.00	10.00
Thrift	15.00	15.00
Trinity	60.00	76.47
Total	$4,246.71	$4,804.85
Goal: $4,500.00		

GASTONIA DISTRICT

	$ Pledged	$ Paid
Asbury	65.00	61.00
Asbury, Jr. High	20.00	—
Belmont: Ebenezer	40.00	40.00
First	110.00	109.00
Park Street	115.00	125.00
St. Mark's	30.00	30.00
South Point	50.00	50.00
Belwood Charge: Kadesh, St. Peters & Knob Crk.	80.00	65.00
Bethea Puett-York Road:		
Bethea	25.00	—
Puett	20.00	20.00
Bessemer City:		
Odell Memorial	80.00	80.00
Bethel	15.00	15.00
Crowell Memorial	60.00	60.00
Bethesda	—	*15.00
Bethesda	10.00	10.00
Bethlehem-Bess Chapel:		
Bethlehem	35.00	35.00
Bess Chapel	50.00	51.00
Boger City	125.00	125.00
Cesar Charge. Cesar	50.00	33.58
Kistler's Union	5.00	8.00
Pleasant Hill	5.00	10.00
Cherryville: First	75.00	75.00
Cleveland Charge	25.00	25.00
Clover Hill	—	7.00
Cramer Memorial	10.00	10.00
Crouse	25.00	25.00
Pleansant Grove	25.00	25.00
Dallas, First	50.00	50.00
El-Bethel	25.00	25.00
Friendship	63.50	63.50
Gastonia:		
Bradley Memorial	50.00	100.00
Bradley, Jr. High	50.00	75.00
Covenant	50.00	50.00
Covenant, Jr. High	10.00	21.00
Faith	50.00	50.00
First, Older Youth	40.00	40.00
First, Senior	260.00	260.00
First, Jr. High	150.00	150.00
Maylo	45.00	45.00
Myrtle	25.00	25.00
Myrtle, Jr. High	25.00	—
Smyre	15.00	15.00
St. John's	50.00	44.00
St. John's Jr. High	12.00	12.00
Trinity	30.00	30.00
Trinity, Jr. High	15.00	15.00
High Shoals-Iron Station:		
Iron Station	15.00	15.00
Kings Mountain:		
Central	75.00	100.00
Central, Jr. High	—	25.00
Grace	40.00	40.00
Laboratory-Landers Chapel	20.00	20.00
Lawndale	100.00	100.00
Lincolnton: First	100.00	*100.00
Rhyne Heights	60.00	60.00
Lincoln Circuit:		
Marvin	25.00	25.00
McKenkree	35.00	35.00
Lowell	10.00	10.00
McAdenville	30.00	30.00
North Brook:		
Reeps Grove	40.00	40.00
Palm Tree	40.00	40.00
Pisgah	37.00	37.00
Polkton-Rehobeth Charge:		
Polkville	18.00	18.00
Rehobeth	18.00	18.00
Sharon	35.00	35.00
Shelby: Aldersgate	30.00	30.79
Aldersgate, Jr. Hi	30.00	30.00
Central	130.00	147.42
Central, Jr. Hi	100.00	*106.01
Hoyle Memorial	60.00	60.00
Lafayette Street	65.00	66.00
Stanley	60.00	60.00
Sulphur Springs, Jr. High	30.00	30.00
Toluca Charge:		
Hebron	15.00	15.00
Laurel Hill	30.00	30.00
Union Charge:		
Palm Tree	1100	11.00
Zion	30.00	30.00
Upper Cleveland County Subdistrict	27.31	37.21
Total	$3,481.81	$3,581.61
Goal: $3,400.00		

GREENSBORO DISTRICT

	$ Pledged	$ Paid
Bethlehem	—	*40.00
Bethlehem, Jr. Hi	—	*30.00
Draper: First	60.00	60.00
Flat Rock	—	*20.00
Gethsemane	—	15.00
Gibsonville	70.00	90.00
Greensboro:		
Besemer	108.00	48.00
Bessemer, Jr. Hi	31.00	31.00
Bethel	25.95	25.95
Bethel, Jr. High	40.00	40.00
Calvary	50.00	50.00
Carraway Memorial	50.00	50.00
Centenary	200.00	305.25
Centenary, Jr. Hi	50.00	50.00
Christ	125.00	129.00
College Place	100.00	132.00
College Place, Jr. High	50.00	50.00
Glenwood	—	46.50
Grace	100.00	111.80
Groometown-St. Andrew's:		
St. Andrews	5.00	25.00
Hinshaw Memorial	—	*45.00
Mt. Pisgah	20.00	20.00
Muir's Chapel	100.00	*155.00
Muir's Chapel, Jr. High	30.00	30.00
Newlyn Street	75.00	96.30
Promimity	—	51.30
St. John's	30.00	30.00
St. Paul's	40.00	40.00
West Market St.	500.00	500.00
Guilford College	—	50.00
Hickory Grove	20.00	23.00
Leaksville	75.00	75.00
Lee's Chapel	30.00	30.00
Lee's Chapel, Jr. Hi	15.00	15.00
Madison	25.00	25.00
Madison, Jr. High	15.00	15.00
Mayodan	25.00	25.00
Meadow View	15.00	15.00
Mount Carmel	20.00	20.00
Mt. Herman	20.00	20.00
Mt. Pleasant	100.00	100.00
Oak Ridge-Morehead:		
Morehead	10.00	—
Oak Ridge	10.00	—
Pelham-Hickory Grove	—	14.25
Pleasant Garden	60.00	60.00
Hickory Grove	30.00	30.00
Rehobeth	75.00	27.52
Reidsville: First	51.60	*66.00
Main Street	—	74.70
Woodmont	40.00	40.00
Reidsville Circuit:		
Lowe's	—	25.00
Sandy Ridge:		
Sandy Ridge	—	*10.00
Spray	50.00	50.00
Stoneville: Stoneville	—	10.00
Hodgin Memorial	25.00	25.00
Summerfield: Center	36.21	36.21
Summerfield	10.00	10.00
Tabernacle	10.00	10.00
Total	$2,662.76	$3,262.32
Goal: $3,500.00		

HIGH POINT DISTRICT

	$ Pledged	$ Paid
Archdale	30.00	—
Brower-New Union:		
Brower Chapel	25.00	25.00
Asheboro: Calvary	—	10.00
Central	100.00	100.00
First	100.00	100.00
Giles Chapel-Charlotte:		
Giles Chapel	10.00	10.00
West Bend	75.00	68.00
Bethany-Gray's Chapel:		
Bethany	—	*27.75
Gray's Chapel	50.00	50.00
Bethel-Julian-Shiloh		
MYF's	15.00	15.00
Bunker Hill, Jr. Hi	—	2.00
Sandy Ridge	10.00	10.00
Coleridge Charge:		
Concord	15.00	15.00
Maple Springs	15.00	15.00
Fairview	20.00	20.00
Franklinville	35.00	35.00
High Point Calvary	35.00	35.00
College Village	95.00	95.00
First	—	148.94
Highland	60.00	60.00
Highland, Jr. High	5.00	5.00
Lebanon	—	36.91
Lebanon, Jr. Hi	15.00	15.00
Main Street	60.00	60.00
Mitchell's Grove	25.00	40.00
Montlieu Avenue	65.00	64.95
Montlieu Avenue, Jr. High	15.00	15.00
Oak View	—	*40.00
Rakin Memorial	47.10	51.10
Ward Street, Jr. High	25.00	35.00
Welch Memorial	400.00	255.00
Jamestown	100.00	100.00
Liberty: First	25.00	25.00
Liberty Circuit:		
Bethany	5.00	5.00
Mt. Vernon Charge:		
Mt. Pleasant	15.00	15.00
Mt. Vernon	25.00	25.00
Ebenezer	25.00	25.00
Mt. Gilead	15.00	15.00
Ramseur: Jordan Memorial	85.00	127.34

Randleman, First	25.00	25.00
First Randleman, Jr. High	25.00	25.00
Contribution From Randleman First, Old Union and Mt. Lebanon Y. A. Week		
Level Cross	—	*20.00
New Salem	69.00	*82.80
Randolph County Senior	160.00	106.00
Subdistrict: Memorial for the Rev. James R. Williams		
South Randolph Charge	30.00	30.00
Spring Hill	75.00	75.00
Trinity	100.00	50.00
Vickery	25.00	25.00
Total	$2,188.10	$2,242.60
Goal: $3,500.00		

MARION DISTRICT

	$ Pledged	$ Paid
Alexander	20.00	20.00
Avondale-Henrietta:	10.00	10.00
Bakersville	10.00	10.00
Bethel	20.00	20.00
Broad River Charge:		
Kistler's Chapel	10.00	10.00
Providence	20.00	20.00
Burke-McDowell College:		
Bethel	10.00	*20.00
Caroleen	50.00	50.00
Caroleen, Jr High	10.00	10.00
Chase-Wesley	25.00	27.00
Cliffside	65.00	63.81
Connelly Springs:		
Connelly Springs	10.00	17.00
Bollinger's Chapel	5.00	5.00
Drexel: Bethlehem	25.00	25.00
Zion	25.00	25.00
Forest City: First	75.00	80.00
Grove		
Friendship-Shady Grove:		
Friendship	30.00	30.00
Shady Grove	25.00	25.00
Glen Alpine	35.00	35.00
Hildebran	15.00	15.00
Marion District Youth Rally	35.00	35.00
Marion: Clinchfield	75.00	70.00
Clinchfield, Jr. Hi	25.00	25.00
Cross Mill	30.00	30.00
Cross Mill, Jr Hi	15.00	15.00
West Marion	40.00	40.00
East Marion	72.80	72.80
First Marion	60.00	60.00
St. Mark's-Concord		
St. Mark's	15.00	15.00
Marion Circuit:	15.00	15.00
Glenwood, Jr. Hi	—	18.00
Morganton Circuit:		
Oak Forest	10.00	20.00
Mt. Pleasant	6.00	6.00
Denton's Chapel	10.00	10.00
Mill Spring:		
New Hope	9.00	9.00
Bethlehem	—	*3.16
Gray's Chapel	—	5.01
Morganton: First	75.00	75.00
First, Jr. High	65.00	60.00
North Morganton	45.00	45.00
Salem	125.00	125.00
St. Luke's	—	*10.00
St. Matthews-Zion Memorial:		
Zion Memorial	15.00	15.00
Mt. Harmony:		
Mt. Harmony	10.00	10.00
Burke Chapel	5.00	10.00
Mt. Hebron:		
Mt. Hebron	10.00	10.00
Centennial	5.00	5.00
Pisgah	5.00	5.00
Nebo-Pleasant Hill:		
Nebo	15.00	15.00
Pleasant Hill	16.00	16.00
Oak Grove-Salem:		
Oak Grove	35.00	35.00
Salem	15.00	15.00
Oak Hill	20.00	25.00
Old Fort	35.00	35.00
Old Fort Circuit:		
Ebenezer	25.00	30.00
Rutherford Colleg	25.00	35.00
Rutherfordton:		
First	100.00	175.00
Spindale	80.00	*97.00
Spruce Pine	20.00	200.00
Penland	4.00	4.00
Valdese, First Jr Hi	45.00	*45o
Valdese: First	55.00	55.00
Valdese: First, Jr. High	45.00	*45.00
Total	$1,802.80	$2,028.72
Goal: $1,964.00		

NORTH WILKESBORO DISTRICT

	$ Pledged	$ Paid
Alleghany-Grayson Cge:		
Cox's Chapel	30.00	30.00
Avery Charge:		
Pine Grove	—	50.00
Boone, Jr. High	13.00	13.00
Boonville-Mitchells Chapel:		
Boonville	75.00	75.00
Mitchell'sChapel	75.00	76.00
Deerfield	5.00	5.00
Elkin	100.00	100.00
Elkin: Circuit		
Maple Springs	35.00	35.00
Helton Charge:		
Lansing-Ashley Cpl.	3.00	3.25
Hiddenite	25.00	25.00
Jefferson Charge:		
Jefferson Charge	50.00	15.00
Bethany	25.00	25.00
Jonesville	5.00	5.00
Linville Falls Charge:		
Altamont, J. High	24.00	27.00
Miler's Creek:		
Arbor Grove	25.00	25.00
Union	—	12.00
Moravian Falls:		
Moravian Falls	—	10.00
Mt. Bethel	60.00	60.00
Mt. Bethel, Jr. Hi	36.00	36.00
Mt. Park-Grassy Creek:		
Grassy Creek	—	5.50
Nathan's Creek Charge:		
Nathan's Creek	—	5.00
North Wilkesboro District Youth Rally	—	5.50
North Wilkesboro	100.00	97.95
Pisgah Charge	15.00	15.00
Stony Point	15.00	15.00
Stony Point	15.00	15.00
Taylorsville	25.00	25.00
Todd Charge:		
Blackburn Chapel	—	13.00
Zion	10.00	10.00
Warrensville Charge:		
Warrensville,Jr. Hi	—	31.00
Smithport	15.00	15.00
West Jefferson	50.00	50.00
West Yakin: Asbury	—	7.00
Longtown	20.00	20.00
Wilkesboro	35.00	35.00
Wilkesboro, Jr. Hi	25.00	30.00
Yadkinville-Center:		
Yadkinville	80.00	80.00
Center	35.00	35.00
Total	$1,026.00	$1,127.20
Goal: $1,500.00		

SALISBURY DISTRICT

	$ Pledged	$ Paid
Bethel (Cabarrus)	60.00	60.00
Cabarrus Subdistrict	15.00	15.00
Centenary	50.00	15.00
Centenary, Jr. Hi	—	5.00
Center Grove	39.00	44.00
Central Subdistrict	—	13.05
China Grove: First	25.00	25.00
Cold Springs	40.00	55.00
Concord. Ann Street	35.00	35.00
Ann Street, Jr. High	15.00	15.00
Center, Jr. High	10.00	10.00
Central	60.00	50.00
Central, Jr. High	40.00	40.00
Forest Hill	100.00	128.00
Harmony	50.00	47.50
Kerr Street	60.00	60.05
Kerr Street, Jr. Hi	40.00	40.00
Westford	25.00	25.00
Friendship	15.00	15.00
Friendship, Jr. Hi	115.00	15.00
Gay's Chapel	50.00	54.70
Gold Hill-Bethlehem:		
Gold Hill Bethlehem	15.00	10.00
Kannapolis:		
Bethpage	40.00	40.00
Bethpage, Jr. Hi	10.00	10.00
Jackson Park	77.50	74.00
Jackson Park, Jr. High	50.00	50.00
Memorial	15.00	25.00
Midway	50.00	50.00
Midway, Jr. High	25.00	25.00
Mt. Mitchell	54.80	64.00
North Kannapolis	15.00	30.00
Royal Oaks	20.00	20.00
Royal Oaks, Jr. High	12.00	12.00
Trinity	235.00	237.18
Trinity, Jr. High	150.00	151.73
Landis, First	40.00	40.00
Long St.-Yadkin:		
Long Street	30.00	30.00
Mattons Grove-Zion:		
Mattons Grove	—	15.00
Zion	10.00	10.00
Midland Charge:		
Pine Bluff & St. Paul	10.00	10.00
Mt. Olivet	105.00	113.89
Mt. Olivet, J. High	25.00	25.00
Mt. Pleasant	20.00	20.00
Oak Grove-Unity:		
Oak Grove	—	25.00
Providence Charge:		
Bethel	15.00	15.00
Mt. Tabor	30.00	30.00
Providence	25.00	25.00
Roberta	40.00	40.00
Rockwell-Liberty:		
Rocky Ridge	60.00	60.00
Rocky Ridge, Jr. Hi	10.00	10.00
Rowan Mills	0.00	28.00
Salisbury: Coburn		
Memorial	40.00	70.00
First	360.00	183.17
Main Street	65.00	65.00
Milford Hills	83.00	86.70
Park Avenue	50.00	80.55
Park Avenue Jr. High	25.00	25.00
Shiloh, (Granite Quarry)	15.00	15.00
Shiloh, (Grainte Quarry), Jr. High	—	16.00
Shiloh (Cabarrus)	10.00	10.00
Central, Spencer	100.00	100.50
Central, Spencer, Jr. High	10.00	10.00
Total	$2,721.30	$2,836.97
Goal: $3,000.00		

STATESVILLE DISTRICT

	$ Pledged	$ Paid
Balls Creek Cge:		
Center	25.00	25.00
Friendship	37.50	37.50
Bethel-Marvin Cge.:		
Bethel	10.00	10.00
Marvin	30.72	29.72
Bethlehem	53.25	11.55
Catawba	15.00	15.00
Catawba	10.00	20.00
Chapel Hill	—	15.00
Claremont:		
Bethlehem	100.00	101.80
Colliers	11.75	25.75
Cedar Valley	15.00	15.00
Concord-Hopewell Cge:		
Hopewell	26.50	26.50
Conover: First	20.00	20.00
Cool Springs	50.00	52.48
Ebenezer	30.00	25.00
Fairgrove	50.00	56.50
Grace Chapel	12.00	—
Granite Falls:		
First	30.00	30.00
Harmony Cge:		
Harmony	20.00	15.00
Clarksbury	50.00	45.00
Harpers Charge:		
Mt. Zion	5.00	12.50
Hickory: Bethel	75.00	98.31
Bethel, Jr. High	55.00	98.31
First	216.00	215.11
First, Jr. High	120.00	97.74
Highland	75.00	80.00
Highland Jr. High	—	2.00
St. Luke's	—	35.10
Westview	75.00	75.00
Hudson: Hudson	51:00	40.50
Mt. Herman	12.00	20.00
Lenoir: First	60.00	60.00
First, Jr. High	—	50.00
Whitnel Charge:		
Whitnel	20.00	20.00
Baton	10.00	5.00
Litlejohn-Gamewell Cge.:		
Gamewell	10.00	10.00
Litlejohn	20.00	20.00
Maiden	104.00	100.00
May's Chapel-St. Paul:		
May's Chapel	45.00	45.00
McKendree Charge:		
Williamson's Chapel		25100.
Williamson's Chapel	25.00	100.00
Rocky Mount	—	25.00
Midway-Trinity:		
Trinity	—	5.00
Monticello	25.00	25.00
Mooresville:		
Broad Street	10.73	10.73
Broad Stree	6.00	y
Central	65.00	35.00
Central, Jr. High	35.00	35.00
Jones Memorial	102.20	23.30
Newton:		
Abernethy Memorial	75.00	75.00
First	150.00	150.00
Olin Charge	10.00	10.00
Plateau-Wesley Chapel:		
Plateau	50.00	50.00
Wesley Chapel	30.00	30.00
Rose Chapel	60.00	60.00
Shiloh-Wesley Chapel:		
Shiloh	—	60.05
Wesley Chapel	—	61.50
Statesville:		
Boulevard, Jr. High	10.00	10.00
Broad Street	200.40	200.40
Race Street	250	342.18
Wesley Memorial	40.00	48.50
Wesley Jr. High	—	2.30
Terrell Cge.:		
Mt. Pleasant	20.00	20.00
Rehobeth	30.00	30.00
Triplett	100.00	48.00
Troutman: First	30.00	40.00
Vanderburg	50.00	50.00
Total	$3,044.55	$3,370.44
Goal: $3,500.00		

THOMASVILLE DISTRICT

	$ Pledged	$ Paid
Advance-Mocks:		
Advance	15.00	15.00
Mock's	75.00	75.00
Bethany-Cotton Grove:		
Bethany	—	35.00
Bethany, Jr. Hi	17.50	17.50
Bethesda	50.00	100.00
Cid Charge:		
Clarksbury	10.00	10.00
Cooleemee	50.00	50.000
Davidson Charge:		
Centenary	25.00	25.00
Mt. Olivet	40.00	40.00
Davie Charge:		
Center	25.00	25.00
Clear Springs	10.00	10.00
Dulins: Dulins	—	20.00
Smith Grove	30.00	30.00
Elbaton	30.00	30.00
Eldorado Charge	22.00	22.00
Farmer: Farmer	10.00	10.00
New Hope	-	10.00
Oak Grove	8.00	8.00
Farmington & Wesley Chapel	20.00	20.00
Good Hope-Arcadia:		
Aracdia		33.81
Good Hope	44.00	44.00
Greer's Chapel, Jr. High		10.00
Hopewell	35.00	35.00
Lexington: First	500.00	500.00
Trinity	20.00	20.00
Wesley Heights-St. Timothy	50.00	52.44
St. Timothy	50.00	20.00
Liberty-Concord:		
Concord	60.00	60.00
Concord, Jr. High	—	20.00
Liberty-Concord:		
Liberty	20.00	20.00
Linwood-Tyro:		
Linwood	25.00	—
Tyro	50.00	50.00
Midway	50.00	50.00
Mocksville: First	60.00	60.35
Mocksville Circuit:		
Bethel	10.00	20.00
Chestnut Grove	—	5.00
Mt. Carmel-Ebenezer:		
Mt. Carmel	25.00	—
North Davison:		d
North Davidson:		
Canaan	100.00	100.00
Mt. Pleasant	25.00	—
Oak Grove	80.00	81.00
Pine Woods-Fairview:		
Fairview	50.00	18.00
Fairview	60.00	60.00
Pine Woods	60.00	60.00
Pleasant Grove	40.00	40.00
Prospect-Pleasant Hill:		
Pleasant Hill	25.00	25.00
Prospect	25.00	25.00
Reeds Charge:		
Friendship	25.00	25.00
Reeds	—	46.00
Yakin College	—	9.00
Shady Grove	35.00	48.00
Shady Grove, Jr. High	30.00	30.00
Sheffield Charge:		
Chestnut Grove		9.00
New Union		4.00
Zion Chapel	—	1.00
Shiloh	30.00	30.00
Tabernacle Charge:	25.00	25.00
Mt. Zion, Piney Grove, Pleasant Grove& Tabernacl Churches		
Thomasville:		
Bethel	75.00	75.00
Fairgrove	-	153.00
First	40.00	40.00
First, Jr. High	50.00	50.00
Johnstown	20.00	40.00
Memorial	175.00	175.00
Memorial, Jr. Hi	150.00	150.00
Trinity	60.00	—
Unity	50.00	50.00
West End	75.00	75.00
Center, Welcome	35.00	53.00
Total	$2,800.00	$3,088.10
Goal: $3,569.00		

WAYNESVILLE DISTRICT

	$ Pledged	$ Paid
Andrews	60.00	60.00
Bethel	45.00	45.00
Bryson City	10.00	10.00
Bryson City	10.00	10.00
Canton: Central	100.00	100.00
Central, Jr. High	25.00	25.00
First	85.00	86.00
First, Jr. High	5.00	5.00
Cherokee	15.00	20.00
Cherokee, Jr. High	5.00	—
Clyde: Central	20.00	20.00
Crabtree Charge:	100.00	125.00
Davis Chapel	5.00	5.00
Cullowhee	20.00	20.00
Dellwood: Dellwood	30.00	20.00
Elizabeth Chapel	12.50	12.50
Maple Grove	14.25	14.25
Faith-Francis Cove:		
Faith, Jr. High	15.00	15.00
Franklin: First	30.00	30.00

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First, Jr. High	25.00	[illegible]
Franklin Circuit:		
[illegible] Cpl	30.00	30.00
Haynesville First	80.00	80.00
[illegible] Circuit		
Beaverdam, Jr Hi	25.00	50.00
Louisa Chapel	10.00	
Highlands-Cashiers:		
Highlands	20.00	
Long's Chapel	75.00	[illegible]
[illegible] Circuit		
[illegible]	[illegible]	—
Union		3.38
Morning Star	32.00	20.00
Morning Star, Jr. High	45.00	32.00
Murphy	100.00	[illegible]
North Macon Circuit:	25.00	20.00
Carson's Chapel and Snow Hill		
[illegible] Valley Circuit		
Cruso	10.00	10.00
[illegible]	30.00	30.00
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Robbinsville, Jr Hi	10.00	10.00
Rockwood, Jr. Hi	25.00	25.00
[illegible] Circuit		
Shady Grove	10.00	
Sylva: First	35.00	50.00
Sylva, Jr. High	35.00	35.00
Sylva Circuit:		
Love's Chapel	10.00	10.00
Wesley Chapel	10.00	10.00
Waynesville: First	75.00	75.00
Waynesville, Jr. High	25.00	25.00
Webster: Webster	10.00	10.00
Speedwell	10.00	—
West Macon Circuit:		
Gillespie Chapel	5.00	—
Mt. Zion	15.00	—
Whittier	10.00	10.00
Total	$1,423.75	$1,418.93
Goal:$1,500.00		

WINSTON-SALEM DISTRICT

	$ Pledged	$ Paid
Brookstown	35.60	45.55
Concord-Sharon:		
Concord	—	24.75
Sharon	86.10	88.30
East Bend Charge:		
East Bend	—	25.00
Baltimore & Stony Knoll	15.00	15.00
Union Hill	10.00	10.00
Forsyth County Junior High MY Fellowship	9.00	9.00
Forsyth-Stokes Charge:		
Antioch & Bethlehem	54.60	68.73
Cherry Street-Pine Grove	70.00	100.00
Kernersville:		
Main Street	60.00	15.00
Level Cross Charge:		
Level Cross	10.00	10.00
Lewisville:		
Lewisville	49.20	33.75
Union	32.95	32.95
Greater Mt. Airy Parish	3.35	3.35
Mt. Airy: Central	140.00	140.00
Franklin Heights	50.00	25.00
Rockford Street	37.00	39.04
Salem	5.00	15.00
Mt. Herman	5.00	6.00
Pilot Mountain	—	100.00
Pine Grove-Clemmons	56.70	61.37
Pinnacle	120.91	120.91
Rural Hall	70.00	88.14
Sedge Garden	50.00	43.32
Shiloh-Olivet:		
Shiloh	35.00	—
Shoals Charge:		
Fairview	14.00	14.00
Whitaker's Chapel	—	16.00
Smithtown:		
Mt. Pleasant	15.00	15.00
New Homes & Prospect	35.00	35.00
Shady Grove	5.00	5.00
Stokesburg-Pine Hall Cge.:		
Stokesburg	80.00	80.00
Epworth, Jr. High	—	14.00
Walkertown: Love's	70.00	70.00
Love's, Jr. High	70.00	65.00
Morris Chapel	21.00	93.61
Morris Chapel, Jr. High	—	14.22
West Forsyth Charge	30.00	30.00
West Forsyth Subdistrict	30.00	30.00
Winston-Salem:		
Ardmore	259.60	281.77
Burkhead	150.00	189.40
Centenary	400.00	400.00
Centenary, Jr. High	100.00	100.00
Central Terrace	10.00	10.00
Central Terrace, Jr. High	10.00	10.00
Children Home	15.00	15.00
Crews	30.00	83.00
reen Street	100.00	100.24
Hanes Bethel Charge:	50.00	50.05
Hiatt Memorial	9.00	9.00
Konnoak Hills, Jr. High	11.25	11.25
Marvin	—	25.00
Mt. Carmel	91.00	34.22
Mt. Pleas ant	—	10.00
Mt. Tabor	50.00	185.25
New Hope	88.30	88.30
Oak Summitt	10.53	10.53
Ogburn Memorial	50.00	50.00
Pisgah	12.00	36.50
Trinity	40.00	11.85
Trinity, Jr High	15.00	15.00
Union Ridge	25.00	35.00
Wesley Memorial	25.00	25.00
Total	$2,927.39	$3,398.85

Goal: $3,800.00

Grand Total raising for the Conference Year 1963-1964 $35,011.68

Mrs. J. E. Yountz, Treasurer
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Invocation and Memorial Service

Greensboro College Alumni Associateon
Annual Meeting—May 30, 1964

Scripture Reading—from the book of the Proverbs.

Proverbs
11:16 A gracious woman gets honor.
12:4 A good wife is the crown or her husband.
13:10 A good wife who can find? She is far more precious than jewels.
11 The heart of her husband trusts in her.
(15 She rises while it is yet night and provides food for her household.
20 She opens her hand to the poor, and reaches out her hand to the needy.
25 Strength and dignity are her clothing.
26 She opens her mouth with wisdom, and the teaching of kindness is on her tongue.
27 She looks well to the ways of her household, and does not eat the bread of idleness.
28 Her children rise up and call her blessed; her husband also, and he praises her.
30 Charm is deceitful, and beauty is vain, but a woman who fears the Lord is to be praised.

Without friends life would be like a
Garden without flowers.
I never see a pansy
With its lovely face,
I never see a garden
With its beauty and its grace,
But what I think of friendship
With its powers to give a lift
And always I'm reminded
That a friend is God's own gift.

The God of the Living

God of the living, in whose eyes
Unveiled thy whole creation lies:
All souls are thine; we must not say
That those are dead who pass away;
From this our world of flesh set free;
We know them living unto thee.
Release from earthly toil and strife
With thee is hidden still their life;
Thine are their thoughts, their words, their powers,
All thine, and yet most truly ours;
For well we know, where'er they be,
Our dead are living unto thee.
Not spilt like water on the ground
Not wrapt in dreamless sleep profound,
Not wandering in unknown despair
Beyond thy voice, thine arm thy care;
Not dead, but living unto thee.
O Breather into man of breath;
O Holder of the keys of death:
O Giver of the Life within:
Save us from death, the death of sin;
That body, soul, and spirit be
Forever living unto thee.

—John Ellerton

This Memorial Service expresses our love and devotion, and we shall never forget their wonderful works.

As a tribute to our departed memebrs, let us now with gratitude and deepest sympathy name them.

(In a green memorial wreath on an easel as each name is called Miss Carroll McDonnell, chief marshal, assisted by Miss Pamela Glensor, assistant chief marshap, places a white carnation.)

IN MEMORIAM

Mrs. F. M. Little (Elizabeth Ingram,1886), March 6, 1963
Mrs. Eva Mills Grady (Eva Mills, ex. '22), March 30, 1963
Mrs. John Bartley (Mary Elizabeth Nicholson, 1936), May 21, 1963
Miss Bessie May Davis, 1909, June 1963
Mrs. P. N. Peacock (Mary E. Trotter, 1890), July 8, 1963
Mrs. Philip R. Fowle (Marietta Credle, ex. '12), August 27, 1963
Mrs. Sallie Thompson Hodges (Sallie Augusta Thompson, Prep. Dept. 1894-95), September 1, 1963
Miss Mary Pierce, ex. '08 September 3, 1963
Mrs. John R. Branson (Gertrude Redding, ex. '11, September 20, 1963
Mrs. Sam Womble (Carrie Blanche Barringer, Prep. Dept. 1894-95), October 1963
Mrs. John B. Harvie (Erma Stevens, 1912), November 13, 1963
Miss Lannie Elizabeth Oliver, 1901, November 20, 1963
Mrs. S. W. Swain (Agie Weaver, ex. '95), November 28, 1963
Miss Lota Lee Troy, 1892, December 23, 1963
Mrs. T. P. Grant (Mary O. Black, 1894), December 23, 1963
Mrs. Zebulon B. Vance, Jr. (Mary Hendren, 1893), January 15, 1964
Mrs. T. S. Ellington (Bertha Dorsett, ex. '05), February 22, 1964
Miss Winfried Sundean, 1922, February 26, 1964
Miss Ruby Barnes Godwin (Prep. Dept. 1915-16), March 13, 1964
Mrs. Bernard Davis (Creelman Rowland, 1928), March 26, 1964
Miss Letha Ray Brock, 1917, April 26, 1964
Mrs. James Lee Pearce (Alma Frances Vester, 1933), May 3, 1964

Prayer: O God, the strength of those who suffer, and the repose of them that triumph; we rejoice in the communion of saints. We remember all those who have faithfully lived, all who have passed on into heaven (especially those most dear to us). May we have the assurance of their continual fellowship in thee, and realize that, though converse be no longer possible according to the flesh, there is no separation in the realm of love. Lift us into that light and love where the Church on earth is one with the Church in heaven. O God of all mercy and comfort, accept the heartfelt praises and thanksgiving of those whose dear ones, after having fought a good fight, returned to them in safety. In the greatness of their joy may they ever be mindful of those whose lives are shadowed with abiding sorrow; for the sake of Christ Our Savior. Amen.

Chairman—Mrs. C. A. Reid
(Susie Hooper, ex. '25
201 Knollwood
Winston-Salem, N. C. 27104

Western Jurisdiction Elects Dr. Stuart as Bishop

The Rev. Dr. R. Marvin Stuart, 54, was elected July 10 as a bishop of The Methodist Church and was assigned to supervise its Denver Area.

Bishop Stuart was chosen by the denomination's Western Jurisdictional Conference, meeting at Portland, Ore. He succeeds Bishop Glenn R. Phillips, who retired after 16 years in the Denver Area.

All other bishops were re-assigned to their areas for another four years—A. Raymond Grant to Portland, Everett W. Palmer to Seattle, Donald H. Tippett to San Francisco and Gerald Kennedy to Los Angeles.

Dr. Stuart was chosen on the sixth ballot, after leading from the first. He received 106 of the 141 votes cast.



CHILDREN'S PAGE

By Mary Gardner

The Busy Bee

Betty and Bob were hunting busily ıder the pine needles and dried moss add mayflowers to the daisies and her blossoms they already had.

Suddenly a scream from Betty brought ɔb and Uncle Tom running to her side. l her mayflowers were scattered on e ground and she was holding her umb in her mouth.

"A bee," she cried. "It came from my ɔwers and stung my thumb when I ied to drive it away. There it goes! 'hy don't you kill it, Uncle Tom?"

"I thought you liked honey on your ead, " Uncle Tom answered as he ɔund some moist earth on the swollen umb. "If you had not tried to strike e bee, she would only have stolen a tle honey from your blossoms to take ɔme. But she had to defend herself, st as you would do if you were out arketing and someone tried to hurt ɔu.'

"Well, I'll never strike another bee; ıt I don't see why it had to come after y mayflowers—unless it is because ıey are so hard to find.'

"Look at her now!" cried Uncle Tom. Let us wait until Lady Bee has finhed burrowing there, and I'll promise ɔu as pretty a cluster of arbutus under ıese leaves as you ever saw."

"How does she know where to find it, l hidden away?"

"'Is there a pleasant scent to the aisy?" Uncle Tom asked.

Bob and Betty laughed.

"Who said anything about daisies?"

"I answered your question by asking ɔu one, to make you think." Betty nelled one of her daisies thoughtfully.

"Why no! Daisies aren't sweet at all.)o you mean that bees can smell?"

"'Surely. That is the way they find oney. And you will notice that the leavenly Father has given the sweetest ɔent to the flowers nearest the ground, here the bees can find it most easily."

"How surprised the bee must have een to find so many fragrant blossoms way up here in my hand! But why is ;od so good to those stinging bees?" ɔetty's thumb still ached a little, you ɔe.

"Don't you know that if the bees all ɔent away, soon there would be very ɔw wild flowers?" asked Uncle Tom.

"What do you mean?" the children's yes were wide with astonishment.

Uncle Tom took a starry blossom and showed Betty and Bob the fine grains of yellow dust that clung to the inside of the flower.

"The wind helps to carry these yellow grains, called pollen, from the tall flowers. The fuzzzy little legs of the bees mix the pollen of the plants growing close to the ground. In that way the perfect seeds are made which will grow into more flowers next year.

Do the bees know they are making seeds for flowers?"

"No, it is one of God's plans, and the wonderful part of it is that when the bee has mayflower pollen on her legs it will not mix with the pollen of the violet, the apple blossom or any other flower. Only the blossoms of the same kind of plant contain pollen that mix and made the perfect seed."—*The Methodist Christian Advocate.*

The Disciples' Call

Read Mark 1:14-20; then close your Bible and fill in the missing words in the following story:

One day Jesus was walking along the shore of a beautiful lake. Today we call it the Sea of G———. A Jesls walked, He was thinking about His work. "How much there is to do," He said to himself. "So many people need to know about God."

Jesus knew He could not do all this work alone. He needed h————.

Just then Jesus saw two hardy f———— standing by their boats. They were A—— and S————both at work. These two men were f———— and they had just made a fine catch of fish.

"These are the friends I need," said Jesus. He called them, "Come f———— me, and I will make you to become f———— of men."

A———— and S———— waded to the shore. They spread their nets to dry in the sun. They gladly left all to f———— Jesus.

WHAT IS A DISCIPLE

Another word for disciple is follower. A disciple's duties are:

1. Believe the T——A——H——N—S of his leader.
2. Practice the leader's——AY of——IV——— ——G.
3. T——A——H others this WA—— of——I——E.

What will the disciples of Jesus always teach Unscramble the words below and write them out in the spaces.

TNEPER———. EVEELEB———. EB———. NROB———. NIAGA———.

How will the disciples of Jesus always live.

"By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples, that ye EVOL——ENO—— RETHONA.

TRUE OR FALSE?

Underline all true statements below:

Jesus chose his twelve disciples because:

He wanted to have a social group of companions.

He wanted them to become his bodyguards.

He wished them to shelter Him from the crowds of common people.

He called them to be His special pupils and helpers.

HIS GIFTS

He gave the sky a million stars
And dressed the trees in cool green coats;
The fields He spread with golden grain;
The birds He gave clear, thrilling notes.
To deserts He gave cactus blooms;
He put fish and salt into the sea,
Hid coal and iron in the hills;
And life He gave to you and me.

—*May Fair.*

Bible Quiz

1. Does the Bible tell us exactly when the world will end?
2. Does the Bible say that Christ will come again?
3. Does the Bible say, because of Adam's fall: "In the sweat of thy brow shalt thou eat bread?
4. Does the Bible say: Wine is a mocker, strong drink is raging?
5. Does the Bible say: "Be sure your sin will find you out?

Answers to Last Week's Questions

1.—No, there is no mention of number (Matthew 2:1).
2.—No. By that time they were probably in a house (Matthew 2:11).
3.—Yes (I Timothy 6:10).
4.—No. He told them they must find their own straw (Exodus 5:7).
5.—No. Pope said that in his essay on criticism.

JUST FOR FUN

Mother, to small son on way to a party: "Now, dear, what are you going to do when you have had enough to eat?"

Son: "Come home."

Teacher: "How would you punctuate this sentence? 'While walking one day I saw a ten dollar bill.'"

Mike: "I'd make a dash after it."

Woman's Activities

Calendar of Coming Events

By Mrs. John C Wright

August 1-2, Spiritual Life Retreat, Pfeiffer College.

August 3-7, School of Missions and Christian Service, Pfeiffer College.

August 8-9, Missions Study Weekend, Wesleyan Service Guild, Pfeiffer College.

School Of Missions

A day at the School of Missions at Pfeiffer College is as busy and interesting as can be. It begins at 6:45 a.m. when one wakes up to get ready for morning coffee and breakfast at 7:15 a.m. and ends after the last evening program is over about 9:30 p.m. and many delegates have visited in various rooms, then, satisfied with much fellowship, returns to their own room for the night's rest.

At 8:30 a.m. small groups have a Bible study session and an hour later they come together for a summary of the main points stressed in discussion groups. The first mission study class begins at 10:25. For almost two hours the instructor and pupils get as much lecture, discussion, note-taking, drama presentation and hard study as can be crammed into the time. These classes will be about new nations, Spanish Americans, the responsibility of the United States, and program materials in a new age.

Lunch time is a welcome occasion, not only for the food, but also for the opportunity of conversation.

At 2:30 p.m. comes the time for clinics. There is a heap of news and instruction in this hour and a half. The remainder of the afternoon is devoted to rest and study.

The dinner hour is even more pleasant than lunch, for after the meal is served comes a time of hymn singing and recreation. The evening programs are devoted to audio-visuals on the theme of the studies and to talks on timely subjects by outstanding speakers.

Special classes for visitors will be held on Tuesday and Wednesday morning at 10:25 a.m. in the chapel. Resumes of the four studies will be presented.

Let us not miss our part in this great school.

Love Offering

The total of the love offering given at the Annual Meeting at Lake Junaluska amounted to $7,290 on July 1st, said Mrs. E. D. Chambler, conference treasurer, "and checks are coming in every day," she added.

This fund will be used for Christian literature and literacy around the world. Mrs. Chandler feels that Methodist women in the Western North Carolina Conference will reach an all time high in the amount given for this worthy cause.

Officers Honored

Mrs. Carl King of Statesville, retiring president of the Woman's Society of Christian Service of the Western North Carolina Conference, was honored at the Annual Meeting at Lake Junaluska when the women gave her a sustaining membership in the Woman's Society, the first such membership presented in the history of the conference.

The presentation was made by Mrs. C. C. Weaver of Winston-Salem, president emeritus of the conference, in apreciation of Mrs. King's faithful work during the past four years. A small golden pin with rubies in it was given as the insignia of the membership.

The conference voted to dedicate the 1964 Annual Report of the meeting to Mrs. King.

Sharing the latter honor with Mrs. King is Mrs. Herman Anderson of Charlotte, who completed nine years as conference secretary of spiritual life. The pictures of the two leaders will be in the front of the annual report. Mrs. Anderson was presented an honorary patron membership.

Other retiring officers receiving honorary patron memberships were Mrs. W. T. Medlin, Jr., Cherryville; Mrs. Garland Stafford, Statesville; Miss Mary Bethea, Pfeiffer College; Mrs. J. W. Fowler, Jr., Lake Junaluska; and Mrs. W. A. Bales, Greensboro (in absentia).

Mrs. A. B. Johnston, North Wilkesboro, and Mrs. Emmett K. McLarty, Jr., Brevard, were given honorary memberships. Mrs. Garland Smith, Statesville, was given a life membership.

Mrs. E. D. Chandler, conference treasurer, made the presentations. Mrs. King presented the pin to Mrs. Smith.

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Methodist Youth Caravan

Dear Friends and Loved Ones;

After leaving the land of Wordsworth, Shelly, and Keats, the 1964 Youth Caravan traveled to the land of Brahams, Beethoven, and Hayden—to our work project at Oewerdiek, Germany. On Saturday, June 20, we completed the task of putting the first coat of paint on the Youth Home. Since we had the afternoon free, the boys went to the beach, and the girls took advantage of the opportunity of getting some sleep. On Sunday, June 21, we traveled by train to Lubeck, where we attended St. Andreas Methodist Church. Rev. Neese preached, with Winfried Brose interpreting. The Caravan sang several songs, and the service seemed to be well-received. It was interesting to us to note that the worship service began at 9:30 a.m., and the Sunday School was held following the worship service. Sunday School in Germany is for children and youth only. The members of the Caravan were invited to eat with different memebrs of the congregation, and all members reported that they had a delicious meal.

At 2:00 p.m., we met to begin sightseeing in Lubeck. Accompanied by Schwester Eater, a deaconess at St. Andreas Church w visited St. Mary's Church. This church a victim of bomb damage during the It was first completed in the year 194 cleaning the walls after the bomb dan paintings were found on the interior w which had been covered by paint and g for many years. In this same church, b the old bell tower, are two bells which during the war. They have remained the broken—as a war memorial. Other impor buildings we saw included: The Holy S Hospital (built in 1280). This is a hom which old people may live for 3 Di Marks a month. It has served continuo since 1280 for this purpose.We also vis St. Jacobi Church and the old city g known as Holetentor and built in 1447. then rode the train home.

On Monday, we began putting the sec coat of paint on the Youth Home at Oe diek. In the afternoon, a group went town to order a birthday cake for Mr. Ne The next morning we completed the jo putting the second coat of paint on Home, and after lunch we had a surp birthday party for Mr. Neese.

On June 24, our last day in Oewerd the boys got their much-needed haircuts the afternoon, we took a boat trip to N tadt on the shores of the Baltic Sea. Neese had to stay behind, nursing a c and a sore throat. On June 25, we had say farewell to Schwester Elsa and Oev diek and traveled by train to Koln logne). This trip required about 9 ho Arriving in Koln, we were met by Pe Vesen, who is the assistant to pastor Mann. Pastor Mann was out of town atte ing the session of the Southwest Ger Conference. After supper at the Church, members of the Caravan met with the l youth group. In this service, we sang answered questions about the political social life of Amreica. We also asked qu tions about Germany and its people. next morning, we set out on a tour of city. First we visited the church wh houses the statue, "The Angel of Deat by Ernest Barlach. There is also a b tismal font dating back to the 12th centu Then we visited a Catholic Chapel, the lumbia Chapel. Here a statue of the Mad na, dating from 1436, escaped war dam when the old chapel was destroyed. then visited the Cathedral of Koln. Beg in 1248, it was not completed until 18 Here we saw treasures, relics, and be tiful stained glass windows. We also saw Dionysus Mosaic, measuring 7x10 mete was discovered in 1941 during excavati for an air raid shelter, and it dates back the 2nd century.

In the evening, we attended an evangel tic tent mission. Rev. Neese was invited say a few words and the Caravan sang. W fried interpreted for us. Going home t night, we had visions of another wonder week in Europe starting by train. So un next, Auf Wiedersehen!

Sincerely,

The 1964 Methodist Youth Caravan

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Delay in Construction

Construction of a new Methodist hea quarters building in Washington, D. C., w not begin until fall, because of a delay completion of plans, officials have announ ed. The Division of Alcohol Problems a General Welfare, which is to erect the stru ture, has until November to apply for building permit and will begin constructi as soon as possible after that, according Roger Burgess, in charge of the divisio The building would be the first in the pr posed Methodist Center in Northwest Was ington.



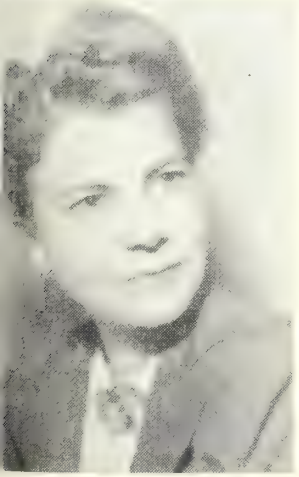
Mrs. T. N. Alexander



Mrs. T. S. Newbold



Dr. S. J. Womack



Mrs. E. E. Sears

North Carolina Conference Woman's Society of Christian Service School of Missions and Christian Service

Mrs. H. W. Doub

AUGUST 10-14 METHODIST COLLEGE, FAYETTEVILLE, N. C.

Theme: *"That all may have The Spirit of His Love."*

Theme Hymn: *"See How Great the Flame . . ."*
No. 500 Methodist Hymnal

COURSES AND INSTRUCTORS:

THE CHURCH'S MISSIONS AMONG NEW NATIONS:

1. Dr. Leslie Sayre, Secretary of the Committee on World Literacy and Christian Literature, Division of Foreign Missions, National Council of Churches.
2. Miss Florence Hooper, lecturer, author, feature writer for WORLD OUTLOOK.
3. Dr. James I. Warren, Associate Pastor, Fairmont Church, Raleigh, N. C.

THE UNITED STATES RESPONSIBILITY IN THE WORLD OF NEW NATIONS:

1. Mrs. T. S. Newbold, Secretary of Christian Social Relations, Woman's Society of Christian Service, North Carolina Conference.
2. Dr. S. J. Womack, Chaplain and Assistant Professor of Bible, Methodist College, Fayetteville, N. C.

SPANISH AMERICANS:

1. Dr. Frederick A. Shippy, Professor of Sociology of Religion, Drew University, Madison, New Jersey.
2. Mrs. T. N. Alexander, former teacher and director of Collegio Americano, Brazil.

PURPOSE AND PROGRAM IN A NEW AGE:

1. Mrs. E. E. Sears, (Leader to be supplies by the Woman's Division). The following **conference** and **district** officers are **expected** to take this course: Presidents, Vice-Presidents, Secretaries of Missionary Education Christian Social Relations, Spiritual Life, Literature and Promotion.

THE BIBLE HOUR: Opens to **all** and can be taught in local societies to count as credit course.

1. Dr. George M. Schreyer, Department of Religion, Pfeiffer College, Misenheimer, N. C.

OPEN CLASS SESSIONS: Wednesday, 1:30-3:00

CLINICS FOR LINES OF WORK: Tuesday, 1:30-3:00, open to both districts and local officers: Presidents, Vice-Presidents, Christian Social Relations, Missionary Education, Spiritual Life, Wesleyan Service Guild, Promotion, Literature, Missionary Personnel.

COST: Registration fee, $3.50; room, board and insurance, $17.50. Day students, full time, $3.50; part time, 75¢ per day.

HOW TO REGISTER:

Fill in registration card, send with registration fee to: Mrs. H. C. Turlington, Box 587, Dunn, N. C.
Room assignment will be made in advance. No changes made in registration line. Requests will be referred to a different location.

ARRIVAL: Monday, August 10. Registration 9:00-12:00, 1:00-2:00. Orientation period 2:30 p.m.; first class 3:30 p.m.

Wesleyan Service Guild Weekend of Study

AUGUST 8-9—METHODIST COLLEGE, FAYETTEVILLE, N. C.

COURSES AND TEACHERS:

1. The Church's Mission Among New Nations—Miss Florence Hooper.
2. The United States' Responsibility in the World of New Nations—Dr. S. J. Womack.
3. Spanish Americans—Dr. Frederick Shippy.
4. Purpose and Program in a New Age—(unasigned).

CLINICS FOR ALL LINES OF WORK.

COST: Registration fee $2.00; room, board (4 meals), and insurance $2.50.

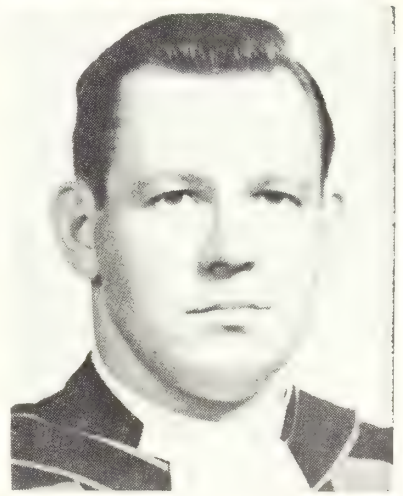
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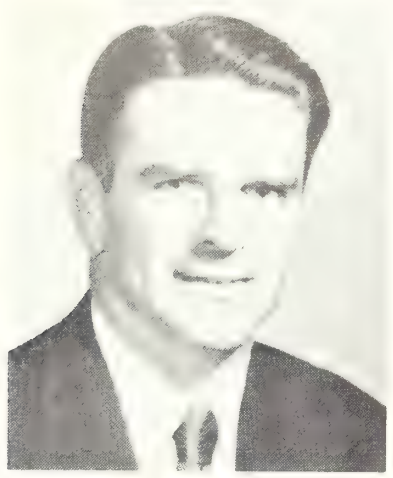
Miss Florence Hooper

Samuel S. Wiley Is Named New Executive Director of Council

The Rev. Samuel S. Wiley, D.D. is the new Executive Director of the North Carolina Council of Churches. He was elected and extended a call by the Executive Board at a special meeting held in Raleigh on May 6, and he assumed office on June 1.

Dr. Wiley has succeeded the Rev. Morton R. Kurtz who served as Executive Director from 1951 until April 30 this year.

The new Director is an ordained minister of the Presbyterian Church in the United



Rev. Samuel S. Wiley

States. He was born in Salisbury, N. C. and attended public schools there. He graduated from Davidson College in 1932 with a Bachelor of Arts degree, summa cum laude. His Bachelor of Divinity degree was granted by Union Theological Seminary in Richmond, Virginia, where he graduated in 1937. He did a year of graduate study at the University of Edinburgh, after ordination in June 1937 by the Presbytery of Birmingham.

Posts of service of the new executive include the following: General Secretary of the YMCA, Davidson College; Pastor, First Presbyterian Church, Thomasville, N. C.; Assistant Pastor, First Presbyterian Church, Greensboro, N. C.; Chaplain, United States Naval Reserve, with overseas duty in the Mediterranean theater; teacher of Bible and English, Davis and Elkins College, Elkins, W. Va.; Pastor, First Presbyterian Church, Anderson, S. C.; Pastor, Lookout Mountain Presbyterian Church, Lookout Mountain, Tenn.; Minister, Howard Memorial Presbyterian Church, Tarboro, N. C.

Dr. Wiley served as Chairman of the Committee on Christian Relations of the Synod of South Carolina of his denomination and was President of the YMCA in Anderson, S. C. He was President of the Pastor's Association at Chattanooga, Tenn., and in the Synod of Appalachia served as Chairman of the Committee on Campus Christian Life and the Committee on Christian Education He was Chairman of his General Assembly's Permanent Committee on Christianity and Health and is currently a member of the Committee on Medicine and Religion of the American Medical Association.

Mrs. Wiley is the former Miss Isabelle Maitland of Richmond and they have one son, Shannon, who is now in the Navy. Their home in Durham is at 20 Winthrop Court.

Dr. Wiley was nominated to the Executive Board by a special committee appointed by the President of the Council with the approval of the Board. The committee consisted of Dr. Harold J. Dudley, General Secretary and Stated Clerk of the North Carolina Synod of the Presbyterian Church, US, Chairman; Dr. Guion Johnson, Chapel Hill; Mr. Blaine Madison, Raleigh; Bishop Richard H. Baker of the Episcopal Diocese of North Carolina; and the Rev. O. L. Sherrill, Executive Secretary of the North Carolina district of the General Baptist Convention.

The North Carolina Council of Churches is fortunate to secure the services of a man of Dr. Wiley's ability and stature as a churchman to fill the office of Executive Director. All of us should be ready to respond to his leadership and to work together. with him to make united Christian witness in our state.

George R. Whittecar, President

Evangelist George Whitefield Two Centuries Ago

George Whitefield was the outstanding evangelist of the English-speaking world two centuries ago. He had been and was playing the roll well, in establishing and revitalizing Christianity in England and colonial America. What leadership was "The Awakener" exercising two centuries ago in 1763?

Whietfield was then in his forty-ninth year; he had been graduated from Oxford University some twenty-seven years earlier, at which institution he had been a member of the Holy Club; he was in the twenty-seventh year of his ministry; he had been married for twenty-two years. Dr. Stuart C. Henry outlined the chronology of Whitefield's life in his *George Whitefield: Wayfaring Witness*, from which this comes.

On March 19, 1763 he was in Edinburgh for the thirteenth visit there. He was actively engaged in preaching, though not well. He had been in Holland only one year earlier for the improvement of his health.

On June 14, 1763, he embarked at Greenock on the *Fanny* for America. He arrived in Virginia by September 1 of that year. He was to remain in America until July, 1765, from which he left to return to England. In one decade, England and the American colonies would be embroiled in conflict for American Independence.

While we may not have immediate knowledge that he came to North Carolina on this visit to the New World, we do know he was in the state some twenty years earlier. What he saw here caused him shortly thereafter to write a pamphlet entitled *A Letter to the Inhabitants of Maryland, Virginia, North and South Carolina*, an essay dealing with the question of slavery in that part of the New World.

The "Flaming Evangelist", dynamic in presentation and zealous in spirit, was in the mainstream of his evangelical endeavors, strengthening work already begun in America, a forerunner of the official Wesley itinerants to the New World in the coming decade.

—Grady L. Carroll

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Highway accidents in the U. S. took a record number of lives in 1963. Some 42,700 persons died on the nation's highways last year, and more than 3,460,000 were injured.

Nanci Weldon Chooses Church Work

Miss Nanci Leila Weldon, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Wilson O. Weldon of Greensboro, will go into missions work in the U.S. for The Methodist Church this fall.

Miss Weldon, 22, well known Methodist youth leader in North Carolina, was graduated this spring from Duke University with



Miss Nanci Leila Weldon

an A.B. degree in religion, She is a native of Salisbury.

During 1963-64 she was president of the Methodist Student Movement at Duke University, and secretary of the N. C. State Methodist Student Movement.

In 1961 she was elected Queen of the Lake Junaluska Methodist Assembly. 1962 she was a counselor at the Florida Methodist Children's Home, and last year participated in Project Nicaragua.

From July 6-Aug. 14 Miss Weldon will study at Scarritt College in Nashville, Tenn. where she will participate in community center work and classroom studies. She has been assigned as a U. S.-2 (two years of work for the Board of Missions in the U. S.) and will serve at Wesley House, Atlanta, Ga., beginning September 1, 1964.

At Duke University Miss Weldon studied sociology, psychology and art while majoring in religion. She desires to work in the community centers which serve low income areas and often are composed of nationals of other nations.

Miss Weldon said her parents are happy she has chosen church work over the Peace Corps, which she was considering. Her father is the senior minister for West Market Street Methodist Church in Greensboro.

Miss Weldon's other activities have included the Girl Scouts, a member of the National Honor Society, the YWCA at Duke the Duke University Religious Council and a delegate to the 1959 National MSM Conference at Pardue, and the 19th Quadrennial Student Ecumenical Conference of 1963 at Athens, Ohio.

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Appointment

Bishop Paul N. Garber has authorized the appointment of Rev. C. Douglas Ingram to the Wesley Memorial Charge in the Greenville District of the North Carolina Conference.

W. R. Stevens, *District Superintendent*

Sunday School Lesson

August 2

By Raymond A. Smith
Head, Department of Religious Education
Greensboro College

God's Covenant With His People

Background Scripture: *Exodus* 19 *through* 24
Lesson Scripture: *Exodus* 19:3-6; 7:8, 12-17

Old Testament scholars often refer to the Hebrews as "the covenant people." One recalls the covenant made with Abraham and Noah. And now we come to the greatest of the covenants; a covenant, not made with an individual, but with a people. Moses was the mediator between God and the people. The covenant was between them and their God.

It is important that we recognize the nature of this covenant. It was definitely not a "parity covenant," that is, a covenant between equals. It is the pledge of a sovereign, freely given. The literature of the Hebrews contains many expressions of wonder and amazement that God should have chosen them, an insignificant people, to be the object of his favor. It was his to give, and theirs to receive.

It. is, of course, evident from a study of the Bible that the covenant was not kept by the children of Israel. They "ran wantonly after other gods" as the prophet puts it. But it is also clear from the record that, while they suffered punishment for their sins of disobedience, the steadfast love of God never wavered.

The details of the covenant are spelled out in the ten commandments, a code which has left an indelible mark upon our civilization. There is not space for a consideration of all these commandments. We may note that they are given in negative form—"Thou shalt not." This is the form used for children and, indeed, the Hebrews were in their childhood as a people. They had a great deal to learn in the course of the centuries that were to follow. We are told by Hebrew scholars that, in their original form these commands were short: "no idols," "no killing," "no adultery," "no stealing," etc. If the reader has available a copy of volume one of the "Interpreter's Bible he will find an excellent discussion of the commandments there.

As if to accentuate the horrible nature of the sins against which the commandments are directed, the atmosphere on the occasion of their deliverance is one of a frightening thunderstorm, with fire and noise symbolic of the Divine disapproval of these sins.

The giving of the covenant to the Hebrews was for centuries misunderstood by them. The fact that God chose them of all the other nations for his gift of the Law led to the feeling on their part that they were superior to others. This situation is comparable in some respects to our situation in America today. It is tempting to assume that our security and prosperity is a sort of guarantee of the Divine favor. But it may be that we, like the ancient Hebrews, have drawn the wrong conclusion. In their case, it was a long time before prophetic leaders arose to remind them that they were chosen, not alone for special favors, but for special service. They were to be a "light to the nations," this is true; but they were also to be the "suffering servants" who was to help bear the load of the world's sin, and to make atonement for it.

While many of the Hebrews were unfaithful to the covenant, there were called the remained faithful. These were called the "righteous remnant." Out of them came the church, which has been defined as "Those who love and obey God." So today, as at Sinai, there comes the appeal to those who will become "covenant people;" an appeal that means living up to the conditions, not only of the Old Covenant, but of the New. It will be recalled that at the Last Supper Jesus said: "Drink all of it, all of you; for this is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins."

Conferences and Bishops Go Into Northeastern Jurisdiction

At 11:42 a.m. on June 25, two annual conferences and a bishop were transferred from the Central (Negro) Judisdiction into the Northeastern Jurisdiction of the Methodist Church, the first such transfers in history.

The move resulted also in the first assignment of a Negro bishop to supervise a predominantly white conference of the church, as well as placing the Negro conferences under the supervision of a white bishop in whose area most of them are situated.

The next step, of integrating some local 500 churches into conferences, entirely by geographical rather than race, will be completed July 1, 1965, it was mutually agreed.

The Northeastern Jurisdictional Conference at Syracuse, N. Y., June 24-26, also redivided its seven episcopal areas into nine, with the new ones in Central Pennsylvania and New Jersey.

In the historic integration move, developed under the voluntary procedures of the church's constitutional Amendment IX, the Washington and Delaware Conferences of the Central Jurisdiction were placed for this year in the Washington Area, under Bishop John Wesley Lord, where more than two-thirds of them are located.

The transferred bishop is Prince A. Taylor, Jr., who has served the past four years in Liberia. He was assigned to the newly formed New Jersey Area, with residence in Princeton. The area includes Newark Conference, formerly in New York Area, and New Jersey Conference, formely in Philadelphia Area. The jurisdiction recommended that they change their names to Northern and Southern New Jersey Conferences for easier identification.

The other new area, Central Pennsylvania, comprises only the Central Pennsylvania Conference, formerly part of the Pittsburgh Area. Its bishop will be Newell S. Booth, who had been assigned to Africa Central Conference (Congo) since 1944, and his residence will be at Harrisburg.



Excessive speed continued to be the number-one killer on the nation's highways in 1963. More than 14.000 traffic deaths were directly attributable to speeding.

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An Unusual Graduate

Along with about one hundred other graduates, Gertrude West Smith received her B.S. degree at Western Carolina College. This all happened a few summers ago at the summer graduation exercises of Cullowhee College, or Western Carolina College, Cullowhee, N. C.

The unusual point about this graduation is that Gertrude, a mother of four children, not only kept a home for her children after her husband's death, but she worked out her college tuition in the college Library for four years before her graduation.

Mrs. Smith was one of those young persons who married before she entirely finished high school, reared a family, and then completed her education.

Three of her children were college graduates before she had finished her high school work, to enroll in college in the fall.

After four years in college she began the career of a school teacher, as her aunts and sisters before her did. Due to her interest, determination and acquaintances, she was offered a school in her home county, but she chose to teach near her three children, who are also teachers.

Lewis Smith, her husband, was a teacher and of a teacher family. She has been teaching in the same school at Bethel for four years. One daughter, Rebecca, has been teaching in Germany, Japan, and Korea for three years.

Mrs. Smith feels sure that she could not have accomplished what she did had it not been for the lovalty, cooperation and help of her four children. She is next to the youngest daughter of the late Jesse L. West and Mrs. West. She is the second daughter who has received college degrees, and she has three brothers who have college degrees.

The West's are loval members of the Methodist church at West's Mills, Franklin, N. C. One son, Clyde N. West, is a trustee of the church, and was general superintendent of the Sunday School for years.

Motorists in 1963 raced down the nation's highways to a new, all-time auto death record which for the first time exceeded 42.000 fatalities. This tragic toll topped the figure of nearly 40,000 persons killed in 1941 - a record high which stood for twenty-five years — and even surpassed the new record of 40,500 deaths established in 1962.

Rev. A. J. Cox On Inter-University Study Tour

The Rev. A. J. Cox, pastor of First Methodist Church, Hendersonville has been granted a month's vacation by his congregation and left July 12 for New York City to join the Inter-University Study tour.

This study tour of the countries of Israel and Jordan will be composed of around 40 university scholars and clergymen. Twelve of the group are Methodist educators and ministers.

The Tour will leave Kennedy International Airport on July 14 for Tel Aviv where the participants will begin an intensive and extensive study of Israel. Special attention will be given to the historical background of Palestine and to its modern development. After 22 days, the group will travel to Jordan via Cyprus. Places of study will include Tel Aviv and environs, the old Arab port of Jaffa, Afro-Asian Institute, the Weizman Institute of Science, and visits with the residents of the Yemenite Valley. Next comes visits to Beersheba and the Negev.

The tour will see Eilat, the new port on the Red Sea, King Solomon's mines at Ezion Geber, a Bedouin village, the Dead Sea, the Roman Antiquities at Ashkelon, the Nabatean City of Avdat, and the Desert Institute, Massada. The group will proceed to Tiberias and Upper Galilee. They will travel to Tiberias on the sea of Galilee. They will see Cana of Galilee and Nazareth, the synagogue at Capernaum, and the Mount of Beatitudes.

At Haifa and in Western Galilee the tour will go northward along the coastal plain through the citrus groves of the Valley of Sharon via Natanya and the recently-excavated port of Caesarea, on Mt. Carmel- overlooking the Mediterranean. Rev. Mr. Cox will visit Haifa Technion, Elijah's Cave, Carmelite Monastery, Bahai Gardens, and a Druze Village. The Crusader's Castle will be visited in nearby Acre and also the beach at Naharia. A tour of excavations at Megidda and at Beth Shearim will be made. In Jordan the group will visit the old city of Jerusalem, the Mount of Olives, Bethany, Bethlehem, Jericho, the Jordan River, the Dead Sea and Qumran. They will cross the Candelbaum Gate into Israel on August 2. In Jerusalem there will be lectures seminars, receptions, meetings with government leaders, and visits with Hebrew University Faculty members.

On August 9, the group wil depart for Athens, Greece, where three days will be spent in studying the remains of a great civilization. On August 12 the tour will arrive in New York.

Filling the pulpit at the First Methodist Church during Mr. Cox's vacation will be Mrs. Catherine Ward, wife of the late Bishop Ralph Ward, and missionary to Taiwan; Dr. Emmett K. McLarty, president of Brevard College; Dr. J. Lem Stokes, president of Pfeiffer College; Dr. Fred Paschal, former minister of the First Methodist Church, and Dr. Embree Blackard, district superintendent of the Asheville District.

Don't Sell Out!

There is never in this life a single day
When you could not sell your dear life away;
There is always a way if you will pursue it;
Evil minds will persuade you with language nice,
And beg you to sell for a fancy price,
But please, my dear friend, don't you ever dare do it.

O, yes, you could sell, but what would you get?
It would bring you nothing but the deepest regret,
And your life would never again be the same;
So whatever the price they may offer to you,
Don't you ever sell out, whatever you do—
Just keep clinging right on to your priceless good name.

—Ernest C. Durham

Miss Wenzel To Teach At Louisburg College

Miss Gertrude Wenzel of Durham ha been appointed to teach German and Frenc at Louisburg College during the 1964-6 academic year.

A native of Ludwigshafen, Germany most of her childhood was spent in Shang hai, China, where her father, Dr. Viur Wenzel was Far Eastern Technical Adviso with Dupont.

After coming to the States, she attended and was graduated from Buxton School Williamston, Mass. She holds the B.A. degree from Elon College with a major in French, and the M. A. from Duke University with a major in German. In addition, she has done additional study at Heidelberg and Munich.

Duke Is Awarded $645,000 Grant

The National Institute of Mental Health has granted Duke Universiy $645,000 for research on the central nervous system, human behavior and mental illness.

Duke will be one of three centers in the nation to establish a university wide post-doctoral training and research program of comparable size in the field.

Other facilities are located at U. C. L. A. and the Albert Einstein Medical Center in New York.

A Methodist Said It

"Unless we Methodists break through to real racial inclusiveness in our local churches, we are party to the most extreme elements which will break into violence if racial revolution reaches fever pitch—and the day could be this summer."

—Dean Walter G. Mueller

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SAINT JOHN CHURCH, DURHAM, DEDICATES MEMORIAL WINDOW

Shown are four persons who participated in the dedication of a new memorial window at St. John Methodist Church at 2708 Erwin Road, Durham, N. C., in the Durham District. Left to right are: The Reverend D. M. Sharpe, who is former pastor of St. Johns, presenting dedication plaque; The Reverend Frank E. Berry, minister of St. John; Dr. O. L. Hathaway, who preached the Dedicatory Sermon, and conducted the dedication Service; and Dr. C. R. Young, Chairman of the Official Board of the church, who received the memorial on behalf of the church. The dedication was made during the 11:00 A.M. worship service in late June.

The window, which is behind the church altar, is dedicated to God in memory of the late Miss Katherine Glenn Johnson. The Memorial fund was established by her parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. M. Johnson, Jr. Members of the Army Research Office-Durham, where Miss Johnson worked before she was killed in an automobile accident in July 1963, friends of the family and members of the church contributed to the fund.

Miss Johnson was the granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. L. M. Johnson, Sr. of Greensboro, who have been active Methodists in the Western North Carolina Conference through the years. St. John Church is one of the newer churches in Durham. It is located near the Methodist Retirement Home, and includes a number of the inhabitants of the Home in its membership.

CAROLINA BRIEFS

¶ The Southeastern Jurisdictional Laymen's Conference will be held at Lake Junaluska July 30 through August 2.

¶ The Reverend and Mrs. James L. Hobbs of 206 S. Meade St., Greenville, N. C., announces the birth of a daughter, Sarah Lynn, on July 16, 1964.

¶ Rev. Charles G. McAdams, public director of Methodist College, Fayetteville, preached at Haymount Methodist Church Sunday, July 19 in the absence of the pastor, Rev. T. R. Jenkins.

¶ Center Church, Concord, will observe Homecoming day Sunday, August 9. Rev. G. F. Houck, of Winston-Salem, and a former pastor of the church, will be the visiting speaker. Rev. N. C. Williams, Sr., retired, will preach at Mount Pleasant Church on that day in the absence of Mr. Houck.

¶ TRAFCO, The Methodist Building, Raleigh now has available all of the tapes of the 1964 Conference sermons and addresses. These tapes are for rent at 50¢ or for sale at $3.00 per roll. Interested persons may address inquires to Mrs. Predy care of the TRAFCO office.

¶ Rev. Robert L. Oakley and family of Bethlehem Church at Claremont recently moved into the new parsonage which has been constructed. The Methodist Men plan to do the necessary yard work within the next few weeks, after which open house will be observed.

¶ The Editor of the Advocate is this week conducting the morning devotions over Television Station WFMY-TV Greensboro at 9:00 a.m. It is a high privilege to speak to the vast audience composing the listening area in this section. The devotional program is under the sponsorship of the Greensboro Ministers Fellowship.

¶ Dr. John R. Grey, pastor of St. Stephens Blythswood Church, Glasgow, Scotland, will preach at First Methodist Church, Hickory, of which Rev. Robert G. Tuttle is pastor, on Sunday, August 2. Dr. Grey is a close friend of William Barclay, prominent religious leader, and he grew up with the late Peter Marshall in Scotand. He will be speaking at Montreat during his visit to North Carolina

¶ Mr. Roy Turnage, Conference Lay Leader, was guest speaker at First Methodist Church, Mount Olive, Sunday, July 26 at the 11:00 a.m. worship service. Dr. A. P. Brantley, former Executive Director of Christian Higher Education of the North Carolina Conference of the Methodist church will preach at First Church on Sunday, August 2 at 11:00 a.m. Rev. Christian White, pastor, is on vacation.

¶ Grace Chapel Church, near Granite Falls in Statesville District, will observe Homecoming day Sunday, August 2, at the 11:00 a.m. service. The visiting preacher will be Rev. J. Max Brandon, Sr. Dinner will be served following the morning worship, and in the afternoon at 1:45 a song service will be conducted. All former pastors and friends are invited to attend. Rev. F. A. Wright is the pastor.

¶ We regret that in reporting the vacation Bible schools on the Gold Hill charge last week the names of Miss Linda Crow and Mr. Stephen Helderman were omitted. We offer our apologies.

¶ Rev. H. L. Harris, retired, will preach at the Wendell Methodist Church, Sunday, August 2, in the absence of the pastor, Rev. W. Allen Wentz, who, with his family, will be vacationing.

¶ Sedge Garden Methodist Church, near Kernersville, will conduct Youth Activities Week August 2-6, meeting each evening from 5:00 to 8:30. The program is designed to reach all young people from 12 to 21. Rev. H. C. Young, Jr., is the pastor.

¶ Dr. Walt Holcomb, "ONE DAY REVIVALIST" will celebrate his 87th birthday, preaching at Morning Watch of the Lay Leaders Conference, at Lake Junaluska, July 31—His Subject will be "Spiritual Renewal." "The Walt Holcomb Hour" was observed July 22, when Dr. Edwin M. Wright, of Washington, spoke on "U. S. Involvement in the Near East."

¶ Rev. W. W. Sherman and family are spending a few days on vacation and attending the Jurisdictional School of Missions at Lake Junaluska. Commander Bradford W. Long, Chaplain at the Marine Corps Air Station, Cherry Point, who is a member of the Philadelphia Conference, will fill the pulpit at First Methodist Church at Havelock during the pastor's absence.

¶ A letter from Dr. H. G. Allen to the Editor indicates they were in Addis Ababa, East Africa at the time of writing. They had visited in the home of Hallie Salasse the Emperor, had met with the American Embassy Staff, had visited the back country to become acquainted with conditions, had visited the Protestant Broadcasting station which the Methodist church helps support, and were leaving for Niaroba, South Africa. He says Ethiopia is most interesting. Dr. and Mrs. Allen are visiting the Methodist Missions. They have been gone about two weeks and will return in about two months. Dr. Allen is an honored and valuable member of the Methodist Board of Publication, which produces the North Carolina Christian Advocate.

¶ The Senior High M. Y. F. of Hay Street Methodist Church, Favetteville held its '64 Planning Retreat at Williamsburg, Virginia, July 23-26. The Planning Retreat is a time of spiritual enrichment and concentrated planning for the year ahead. The group stayed at the Williamsburg Lodge and had a private "American Heritage Tour" of historic Williamsburg. They viewed the drama "The Founding," the movie "The Patriot," and worshiped with the Williamsburg Methodist Church on Sunday. Youth and adults attending were: Max McCorkle, Lynn Boone, Mary Nell Saunders, Martha Wooten, Wayne Gardner, Ann Luper, Bill Rickard, Carole Hollingsworth, Jim Sandlin, Al Wheatly, Kathy McCoy, Ricky Marks, David Bullard, Sarah Beard, Benton Blalock, Mrs. J. S. Chandler, Mrs. Emelie McNeill, Miss Jean Long, and Kirk McNeill.

¶ Enrollment for the 1964 Summer Sessions at Louisburg College has reached 372, according to a report released by Dean John B. York. The first session which ended July 14 had an enrollment of 190. Enrollment for the second session which began July 16 is 182. During the first session 14 faculty members offered a total of 23 classes featuring 16 courses. In the session now in progress 14 faculty members are offering 20 classes with a total of 16 different courses.

Curriculum Workshops At Pfeiffer College August 11-13

A Curriculum workshop will be held at Pfeiffer College August 11-13 on the new curriculum materials for children, a part of the new Church School materials to go into



DR. LOWELL B. HAZZARD

use in September. It is open to all teachers and others concerned with the educational program of the church school. It is sponsored by the Board of Education of the Western North Carolina Conference, Dr. Carl H. King, Executive Secretary. Leaders include Dr. Lowell Hazzard, Mrs. Eugene C. Few, Mrs. Merideth J. Germer, Mrs. W. H. Hoeflich, Mrs. Fred V. McDonnell, Miss Susan Carmichael, Mrs. Leonard T. Wolcott, Miss Dula Baird, Mrs. S. D. Newell.

It is very important that registrations for the workshop be sent at once to the registrar, Mrs. Jean Dameron, P. O. Box 749, Statesville, N. C.

Dr. Huneycutt to Preach In Pine Grove Revival

Pine Grove Methodist Church of Route 4, Box 44, Albemarle, N. C., has set August 9, as the date for their Homecoming. All former members and friends are cordially invited to return for this event. A picnic is scheduled at 1:00 o'clock in the fellowship hall.

The week following, August 10-14, revival services will be held each evening at 7:30. Dr. W. Jackson Huneycutt, Superintendent of the Albemarle District, will be the guest speaker. The Pine Grove choir will offer special music, and a nursery has been provided for all of the small children. Rev. Charles F. Martin, the pastor, invites all who are in the area at that time to plan to her Dr. Huneycutt.

Two Young People Win Louisburg Scholarships

Recipients for the Lina and Robert Welch Scholarships at Louisburg College for the 1964-1965 academic year are Linda Leigh Whitt of Roxboro and Franklin Delano Mobley of Oak City.

These two scholarships, valued at $500 each, were set up this spring by James O. Welch of Cambridge, Massachusetts, in memory of his father, Robert Welch, and in honor of his mother, Mrs. Lina Welch of Louisburg. They are awarded annually to a young man with ability in mathematics and a young lady with proficiency in English. Other conditions are character, seriousness of purpose, leadership ability and financial need.

Miss Whitt, who was graduated from the Roxboro High School last June, was active in high school and church affairs. She is presently enrolled in both summer sesssions at Louisburg College.

Mr. Mobley was graduated from Oak City High School last spring. He was also active in school affairs, including athletics, and church work. Both students will be enrolled in the general liberal arts program.

Staff Changes In General Board Of Evangelism

In recent staff changes at the General Board of Evangelism of The Methodist Church, the Rev. Dr. George H. Jones became director of the Department of Area and Conference Evangelism and the Rev. John McKee, acting director of the Department of Methodist Evangelistic Materials.

Dr. Jones, who has been director of the Department of Methodist Evangelistic Materials, filled a vacancy created several months ago when the Rev. Dr. G. Weldon Gatlin was chosen to direct a new Department of Family Evangelism.

Mr. McKee had been serving as a staff member of the Department of Methodist Evangelistic Materials.

Dr. Jones, a member of the Mississippi Conference of the church, came to the Board of Evangelism in 1943. Mr. McKee, member of the Central Texas Conference, joined the staff last year. Dr. Gatlin, member of the Rock River Conference, came to the board in 1961.

Church Grows In Two Lands

Reports from the Methodist church in two Latin American countries, Peru and Costa Rica, indicate that Methodism is growing in each place in membership, the number of churches and the number of ministers.

The Peru Provisional Annual Conference learned that Methodist membership in the country increased by 8 per cent during 1963 to a new high of 2,300 members (full and preparatory).

During the business sessions of the Costa Rica Provisional Annual conference some advance was noted in the church. One new congregation was organized and lots for chapels and other buildings were obtained in three places.

The General Conference, meeting in Pittsburgh May 8, granted permission to both churches to become full annual conferences during the 1964-68 quadrennium.

In Memoriam

MRS. R. C. WATERS

The members of the Woman's Society of Christian Service, Highland Methodist Church, Hickory, N. C., wish to pay tribute to Mrs. R. C. Waters, who God called from our midst on July 2, 1964.

She was deeply interested in the work of her church and Woman's Society of Christian Service. We are grateful to have had the privilege of knowing one who, by her daily living showed her deep devotion to her family, church and community. Her christian life, the charm and grace of her personality, her concern for others, was an inspiration to all who knew her.

We therefore respectfully request that a copy of this "Memoorial" be sent to the family of the deceased, a copy be sent to the North Carolina Christian Advocate for publication and that a copy be entered in our permanent records.

Respectfully submitted,
Mrs. Ralph E. Beard, President
Woman's Society of Christian Service

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MRS EUPHEMIA BUTLER PACKER

We, the members of the Woman's Society of Christian Service of Keener Methodist Church wish to express our sincere appreciation for the beautiful Christian character of our beloved member, Mrs. Euphemia Butler Packer who was called to her heavenly home Saturday, July 4 at the Sampson County hospital in Clinton. Her influence will live on in the hearts of each one of us, and our society bears witness that she has walked with God. He faithfulness made her a dutiful member of her church.

She was the daughter of late John Wesley and Betsy Parsons Butler. She was 86 years of age. She was active and attended most church activities until her last weeks of illness.

Be it therefore resolved, First, that we cherish her memory, to keep in our minds her loyalty and service. Second, we extend heartfelt sympathy to her family. Third, that a copy of this expression be sent to each of her four daughters, a copy to be sent to the North Carolina Christian Advocate, and a copy be recorded in the minutes of our society.

Mrs. James E. Floyd,
President of Keener WSCS

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MRS. C. B. DAVIS

On Monday, July 6, members of our community and of neighboring communities, and friends and relatives from afar met to pay a final tribute to one of our best loved citizens, Mrs. C. B. Davis. As the oldest resident and thereby the "historian of our pensive plain,' she was completely identified with Rockford. In the words of her pastor, "when we think of Rockford we think of Mrs. Davis."

Throughout her long life of service, she loved people, and people returned this love. Friends were constantly in her home—friends from an earlier day; friends from her home demonstration club, to which she had belonged since its organizaton; friends from her church—the Rockford Methodist Church, of which she had been a member since her youth. Year after year they came to Rockford—to visit Mrs. Davis. Many came and stayed for long or short periods of time. Many came and left to return again and again. All came to share their sorrows, their achievements, their joys with a friend.

What more fitting tribute for such a person than the quotation used by her pastor in the memorial service for her:

"I see from my house by the side of the road,
By the side of the highway of life,
The men who press with the ardor of hope,
The men who are faint with the strife,
But I turn not away from their smiles nor their tears—
Both parts of an infinite plan;
Let me live in my house by the side of the road
And be a friend to man."

—Sam Walter Foss

. . . Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord . . . yea . . . that they may rest from their labors; and their works do follow them. —Revelation 14:13

Five Graduate Fellowships Awarded

Five Dempster Graduate Fellowships for postgraduate study in religion have been awarded by the Department of Education of the Methodist Church for the 1964-65 school year.

The recipients, all ministers, are the Revs. Charles T. Davis, III, Jackson, Ala.; Lawrence D. McIntosh, Madison, N. J.; David A. Robertson, Memphis, Tenn.; Jerry Stewardson, Shelbyville, Ill.; and A. Oliver Vannorsdall, Watertown, Mass.

Purpose of the fellowships is to increase the effectiveness of teaching in Methodist schools of theology and the teaching of religion in colleges and universities. They are named for John Dempster, 19th Century Methodist preacher who helped found three Methodist seminaries.

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Gas, one of the oldest energy sources, has undergone such growth in recent years that it now provides 29 per cent of the nation's energy requirements.

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If some people would get hatred out of the heart instead of going to the doctor for medicine they would find a remarkable cure.

—W.E.I.

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EDITORIALS

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Bishops Garber and Hunt Our Episcopal Leaders

Bishop Paul N. Garber has been appointed to the new Raleigh Episcopal Area. This was one of the most popular assignments made by the recent Jurisdictional Conference held at Lake Junaluska. Bishop Garber has served the Richmond Area to which the North Carolina Conference was attached for 13 years. He has proven his ability as a progressive leader, and has won the hearts of the ministers and laymen alike. It was the request of the Conference that he be assigned as their Bishop.

Bishop Garber served as Dean of the Duke Divinity School before his election to the episcopacy in 1944. He is well known by minsters and laymen throughout the Methodist church. He is regarded as one of the foremost leaders of the church, and his record in the episcopacy justifies that conclusion. He is a great church historian, and he also has the warm heart approach that reaches people where they are. Perhaps no man who ever served the conference is more universally liked than is he.

Bishop Garber will be moving to Raleigh to take up his episcopal residence and the supervision of the work of Methodism in the eastern part of the state. His office is already located in the Methodist Building on Glenwood Avenue in the capitol city.

During the past twelve or thirteen years under the direction of Bishop Garber Methodism has made great progress in the 56 counties which comprise the North Carolina Conference. Some seventy new congregations have been organized, many charges have been divided to enable a minister to do more intensive work; many new churches and parsonages have been erected; the pastoral appoinments have increased from 279 to 515; two new colleges have been organized and built, and Louisburg college has grown from around 175 students to around 700, with a number of new buildings added; church membership has grown from 160,000 to more than 200,000; giving for all purposes has reached some $11,000,000 annually; districts have been increased from 7 to 11, and the evidence of growth is reflected in every phase of the conference program.

It is confidently expected that with the conference being an area continued progress will be noted in the years ahead, and no man is better prepared to lead in such an undertakng than is Bishop Garber.

Bishop Earl G. Hunt will be received with open arms by the ministers and laymen of the Western North Carolina Conference, which now constitutes the Charlotte Area, as their new episcopal leader for the next quadrennium. Bishop Hunt was elected by the recent Jurisdictional Conference at Lake Junaluska, and has already begun to familiarize himself with his new work. He has distinguished himself as a pastor and college president, and will bring to the episcopal office dignity, ability, and consecration. He follows in the footsteps of some of the outstanding leaders in Methodism, typified by Bishop Nolan B. Harmon, who served the conference for the past eight years and under whose leadership great progress has been registered. Bishop Hunt will be received with the same warm affection which characterized the relations between Bishop Harmon and the members of the conference, both lay and clerical, and we feel sure he will measure up to the high standards set by his predecessors. With two Areas, and with two fine episcopal leaders, North Carolina Methodism should continue the march of progress which has led it to the unique position of being the only state in the Southeastern Jurisdiction to have two Areas, and to claim the largest number of Methodists of any state in the Jurisdiction. The future holds much promise for the advance of Methodism in these two Areas.

THEME FOR THE WEEK

"So likewise ye, when ye see these things come to pass, know that the kingdom of God is nigh at hand. Verily I say unto you, This generation shall not pass away till all be fulfilled. Heaven and earth shall pass away; but my words shall not pass away."

—*Luke* 21:31, 32, 33.

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LETTERS

Dear. Mr. Starnes;

In the June 25, 1964 issue of the North Carolina Christian Advocate, I have read and re-read the message by Barrett D. Wilson. "The Bible and the Fall of Two Christian Nations."

At the close of Mr. Wilson's message we read Two Christian Nations have fallen in our life time. Will America be the Third? The winds are blowing. Yes they are blowing very strong. The tornado or twister is swooping the words of Jesus right out of our Bible.

In his message he states that The Ellory family which attended the Unitarian Sunday School, the older boy, stated that he did not believe in the Trinity or The Virgin Birth.

Do you know that we have Baptists, Methodists, Presbyterians, Christians, Catholics, and almost any church that can be named, that do not believe in the Trinity or The Virgin Birth of Jesus, or even believe in the Lord's Prayer which Jesus taught His Disciples to pray? This does not sound true, but it is true or they are either asleep. I hope they are only asleep and that we can awaken them, before it is too late.

In a good many churches the Revised Standard Version of The Bible is being used nowadays, and so many of the words of Jesus which are in the King James Version are taken out of the Revised standard Version.

Even the Lord's Prayer that Jesus taught His Disciples to pray in Matt. 6:9-13 verse 13—"For Thine is the Kingdom, and the power, and the Glory, forever," is taken out. Matt. 28:18—And Jesus came and spake with them saying, all power is given unto me in heaven and in earth.

If we do not believe in the power of Jesus Christ, where do we stand?

Also in the Revised standard Version of the Bible in Luke 24:3—Found not the body of Jesus Christ, and Luke 24:6—He is not here but is risen, (is all taken out)

If we do not believe that Jesus is risen, where are we?

In Matt. 6:33—But seek ye first the Kingdom of God, and His Righteousness and all these things shall be added unto you. "Of God" is taken out. Pray tell me whose Kingdom do the revisers want us to seek?

I know of Christians that do not get the food they need to keep their bodies strong, because the food is being stolen and kept from them. In Joel, Chapter 2, verse 12 and 13 The Lord tells us to rend our hearts to Him not our garments. (Not the beautiful buildings which we are so proud of and are doing the very things which He warns us not to do. Rev. 22:19—and if any man shall take away from the words of the Book of this prophecy, God shall take away his part out of the Book of Life, and out of the Holy City, and from the things which are written in this book.

Do the Christians in America want their names taken out of the Book of Life? No I feel that they do not.

In Ezekiel 3:20—God tells us if we do not warn the unrighteous their blood will be on our hands.

In Rom. 8:28—God tells us that all things work together for good to them that love God, To them who are called according to His purpose. The Revised Standard Version has taken out these words. "To them who are the called according to his purpose.

God is calling us today. Why do the Revisers want to take that out of the Bible.

In Matt. 18:19—Jesus tells us that if two of you shall agree on earth as touching anything that they shall ask, it shall be done for them of my Father, which is in Heaven.

We need to awaken. Everyone please read the Book of Joel. It is only 3 chapters long. And read the 3rd chapter of Jonah, verse 5. I believe the people of America believe the words of God and will repent.

It is so easy in these troubled and busy days to not be aware of how we are being led from the true words of God. Matt. 24:24 —tell us that if it were possible, they shall deceive the very elect.

Mrs. R. K. Cormac Charlotte, N. C.

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"Nature gave men two ends—one to sit on and one to think with," observed George R. Kirkpatrick. "Ever since then men's success or failure has been dependent on the one he uses most."

Southeastern Jurisdiction Conference Acted on Many Important Matters

By John Borchert

The Southeastern Jurisdictional Conference of The Methodist Church called the National Council of Churches to task for "irresponsible administrative procedures" in a major action of the July 8-12 quadrennial meeting at Lake Junaluska.

Delegates from 17 annual conferences in nine southeastern states and Cuba passed the resolution by a unanimous vote, with no debate, after its presentation by the General Standing Committee on the American Bible Society and Interdenominational Activities.

The resolution was prefaced by the committee's supporting reference to the National Council of Churches in the Episcopal Message, a joint statement of the Southeastern Jurisdictional College of Bishops, which had given the National Council a light slap on the wrists.

The resolution praised the National Council for its many constructive cooperative endeavors, then said:

"However, we strongly disapprove of irresponsible administrative procedures which allow segments or sub-committees of the National Council to act without authorization and supervision from the parent body for such actions, without first consulting and conferring with local leadership of the member Protestant churches in the area to be affected."

The resolution recommended that "the leadership" of the National Council "correct the ill-considered actions and pronouncements which have continued to flow from a lack of care in these particulars."

In other actions the College of Bishops of the Jurisdiction was asked to make a study of the present imbalance of Methodist episcopal areas within the Southeastern territory.

This imbalance, according to the Committee on the Episcopacy which presented the resolution, is caused by factors such as size, membership, rate of population growth, changing economic conditions, patterns of travel and rapid urbanization.

The study was called for to help the Committee on the Episcopacy, which assigns bishops to episcopal areas, and which 'must make far-reaching decisions about episcopal areas without benefit of any up-to-date scientific study of all factors involved."

The Jurisduction urged its annual conferences to approve the request from the Cuba annual Conference to become an autonomous church. Cuba is an annual Conference of the Southeastern Jurisdiction, and has been a part of the Florida Area. General Conference granted its request for autonomy pending approval of the other 16 annual Conferences of the Southeastern Jurisdiction.

During 1964-68 the Jurisdictional Conference asked a committee of the Jurisdictional Council to study the feasibility of establishing a Southeastern Methodist Agency for the Retarded, and report to the 1968 Jurisdictional Conference. The agency, if established, would work in cooperation with the General Board of Hospitals and Homes.

Delegates approved an enabling act which allows the Memphis and Tennessee annual Conferences to merge during the 1964-68 quadrennium if both conferences so desire. Memphis Conference was added to the Nashville Area for this quadrennium.

In 1964 the Jurisdiction showed 2,819,373 members—27,45 per cent of the membership of The Methodist Church; during 1963-64, a total of $167,237,766 was given for all causes—26.82 per cent of all givings of The Methodist Church.

The "One Per Cent Plan" was held up as one of the great achievements during 1960-64 in the Jurisdiction. Each local congregation in the Jurisdiction is asked to give one per cent of its total budget yearly, excluding building and other capital improvements, to the plan.. Monies go for ministerial education and training—half of it divided between Duke University Divinity School and the Candler School of Theology, Emory University; and the rest divided among the Boards of Ministerial Training and Qualifications of the Jurisdiction's annual Conferences.

During 1960-64, churches gave $1,076,715 for this plan.

In the next quadrennium the Jurisdiction is expected to have a major emphasis on evangelism. Goals include a half million conversions to Christ and a net gain of 260,000 members.

The Lake Junaluska Assembly, owned and operated by the Jurisdiction, announces plans for construction of a new lodge, replacement of the Terrace Hotel and continued renovation of the Lambuth Inn, as well as the need for a covered gymnasium. The Assembly has just completed construction of a new wing for Lambuth Inn and is completing a new entranceway to the grounds.

Dr. Charles D. White of Asheboro, N. C., was re-elected secretary for the Jurisdictional Conference. He is a member of the Western North Carolina Conference.

Recommended that its annual conferences invite Central (Negro) Jurisdiction annual conferences within its bounds to come into the Southeastern Jurisdiction.

The transfer of the annual conferences was recommended "upon the condition that the merging of annual conferences within the Jurisdiction will be a jurisdictional matter to be worked out when such merger is mutually agreeable to the conferences concerned, the boundaries of the transferring conferences to remain in tact until they may be changed by voluntary action of the Southeastern Jurisdictional Conference as provided in the Constitution of The Methodist Church."

The conference established an advisory committee to "begin meeting as soon as practicable with its countrepart from the Central Jurisdiction to devise ways and means to resolve in a mutual satisfactory manner any problems which may exist."

It recommended that a similar advisory council be set up in each annual conference of the jurisdiction.

If "in the light of further developments" the bishops of the jurisdiction think a called session of the Southeastern Jurisdictional Conference would be advisable, they are requested by the conference to issue such a call.

The report containing the recommendations and decisions was adopted overwhelmingly. It was presented by the conference's special committee on interjurisdictional matters, with R. H. Berg, Melbourne, Fla., as chairman.

The report said its recommendations were in line with the 1964 Methodist General Conference's "Plan of Action" for the elimination of the Central Jurisdiction.

Nevertheless, the conference approved a motion of John Satterfield, Yazoo City, Miss., appealing to the Methodist Judicial Council to determine the constitutionality of the action of the Jurisdictional Conference, particularly the part saying "the boundaries of the transferring conference to remain intact until they may be changed by voluntary action of the Southeastern Jurisdictional Conference as provided in the Constitution of The Methodist Church."

Mr. Satterfield said he believes the action is constitutional, but if it is not, he thinks the annual conferences involved should be aware of it.

"If the second step (merging of the annual conferences) is in control of General Conference," he said, "then they (the annual conferences) ought to know it."

There are eight Central Jurisdiction annual conferences within the bounds of the Southeastern Jurisdiction. They have a membership of about 175,000. The Southeastern Jurisdiction has approximately 2,800,000 members in nine southeastern states and Cuba.

Under Amendment 9 to the Constitution of The Methodist Church, annual conferences may be transferred from one jurisdiction to another by a two-thirds majority vote of the annual conference members present and voting in the annual conference and jurisdictions involved.

Joint Youth Activities Services

There will be a Joint Youth Activities Week at Moriah Methodist Church in the Greensboro District Sunday, August 9th through Thursday, August 13th. Participating churches are Moriah Methodist Church, the Rev. James Clemmer, Pastor, Tabernacle Methodist Church, the Rev. W. H. Dyar, Pastor, Pleasant Garden Methodist Church, the Rev. Paul Bruton, Pastor, and Bethlehem Methodist Church, the Rev. Bob Dennis, Pastor.

The meetings will last from 7:00 P.M. to 8:45 P.M. each evening. A Communion Service will close the week of services. Theme of the week is "OUR CHRISTIAN FAITH AND YOUTH." The Rev. W. H. Dyar will be instructor for the Intermediates, and the Rev. James Clemmer will instruct the Senior Highs. The Rev. Paul Bruton is the Dean, and Mrs. Avers of Pleasant Garden will be in charge of music. Recreation will be under the supervision of the Rev. and Mrs. Pat McPherson, Youth Directors of Pleasant Garden Methodist Church. The Rev. Bob Dennis is in charge of publicity.

All youth from these Church communities from the seventh grade through high school are invited to participate in these Youth Activities Week services.

God's Gypsies

By Mrs. Nolan B. Harmon

Talk to Western North Carolina Ministers' Wives Annual Luncheon, Lake Junaluska, N. C., June 1964.

The white moth to the closing vine,
The bee to the opened clover,
And the gypsy blood to the gypsy blood
Ever the wide world over.

So wrote Rudyard Kipling of a people so mysterious, so intriguing, so elusive that though they have wandered over the world for centuries, we yet do not know them nor understand them.

Their origin is not definitely known, but judging by certain words that are persistently characteristic of gypsy speech, it has been deduced that they had their beginnings in India. You will find them everywhere—driving autos in America; on foot in England; on donkeys in Arabia; everywhere in Spain; in large and small caravans over all the roads and in the market-places of Roumania and Hungary; hiding in the mountains of the Tyrol and Switzerland; camping beside the fjords in Sweden and Norway; bartering with the Laplanders in the Reindeer country; fishermen on the coasts of France and Spain; occupying whole sections of Russia, Egypt, Palestine and Italy.

Certainly they are Eastern in appearance—dark swarthy skin, black hair and flashing dark eyes, with an indescribable expression of untamed freedom in their faces. The gypsy men are fine workers in metal; indeed, they are said to have introduced the use of copper. The women help to support their families by telling fortunes wherever they go.

,Grouped separately, power within power, a wheel within a wheel, they are led by their own rulers and judged by laws entirely different from the laws of the countries they find themselves in. Everything they do is in groups. Because of their nomadic life and habits, they have ever been objects of suspicion and in many places have been badly treated. In spite of this, they have given to the world a measure of happiness infinitely greater than the annoyance and trouble they have sometimes caused because of their irregular ways of living.

There is more joy and happiness, more poetry and deep emotion in a gypsy camp of three ragged tents than in the largest city of our civilized world. The ancestors of the gypsies learned long ago that they who have nothing own everything; that the very possession of things is sometimes a limitation. So, the gypsy has locked himself out of the gates of modern civilization and roams at will over the highways and the byways of the earth.

Untrammeled freedom is the ruling passion of the gypsy; take it from him and he dies. It is perhaps out of this romantic, adventurous spirit of the gypsy, with his love of life, that has come the gift of music which his race has given to the world. Some say it was the gypsy who gave us the violin. Who knows?

Are you familiar with the lovely song that Alma Gluck made famous?

By road and river, countryside and town,
I roam forever, with my fiddle brown.
Creeping under barns so gladly
When outside the winter howls,
Playing sadly, playing madly,
Waking up the bats and owls.
Ah, it was gay, night and day,
Fair and cloudy weather,
Fiddle and I, wandering by,
Over the world together.
Down by the willow, summer nights I lie,
Flowers for my pillow and for roof the sky.
Playing all my heart remembers,
Old, old songs from far away;
Golden Junes and bleak Decembers,
Rise around me as I play.

The Spanish songs, the Spanish dances are gypsy songs and dances; the same is true of the Hungarian. Liszt, Brahms, Shubert and other composers popularized gypsy music under their own signatures. Liszt's Hungarian Rhapsody is but a transcription of gypsy melodies.

Konrad Bercovici, who has written a very delightful **Story of the Gypsies,** (and by the way, I have drawn heavily on his book for my material) tells an interesting anecdote in this connection:

"Some years ago, a gypsy band was playing at the Ambassador Hotel in New York. They performed beautifully and my guests on that occasion were enthusiastic. Horace Liveright, the publisher, leaned over and said:

"What they play is very beautiful and very touching. But to enable me to judge of their quality as players, I should like to hear them play something I know. Would they play Liszt's Rhapsody?"

"I called the leader and repeated to him my friend's wish. His eyes gleamed with pleasure. He spoke to the band, five of whom were his own brothers. When the first chord was struck, the walls of the hall seemed to disappear. The ceiling was transformed into blue sky sprinkled with silver. The music took us down into the depths of the gypsy race. Our own veneer of civilization cracked. We were lifted out of the depths by a powerful swing and brought to such heights our dizzy heads pierced the skies to float above ethereal dream gardens. Never before and seldom since have I been so moved or shaken by anything I have heard or seen.'

"When the music stopped, the last chord dumping us back onto this world again, Mr. Liveright, always the critic, remarked:

"It was beautiful, marvellous! But it was not as Liszt wrote it.'

"I repeated these words to the leader. He raised himself to his full height and said with grat passion:

'Is it my fault that Liszt was not able to put down the music on paper as he had heard it played by my fathers?' "

I could go on and on with this gypsy lore which, after all, is fascinating to us preacher folks, nomads that we are. But I am expected to point out some similarities between them and us. Now the resemblances break down in spots. As you well know, gypsies are not altogether commendable characters. But this is a gay occasion and so we speak only of the happy things we have in common.

We, too, are wanderers, a peculiar people, sharing in close fellowship the rules of conduct and the guiding principles of our lives that we deem so important.

Do you remember the words of the old gospel song? "I'm a pilgrim, and I'm a stranger; I can tarry, I can tarry but a night"?

Like the gypsies, we know that too many earthy possesions can jail us, possess us, and so turn our backs on a more settled life and the mad chase for wealth and goods, in favor of the high calling of the road. No people has sacrificed so much for its conception of life as the gypsy race. Never has a people suffered so much because it refused to submerge its will to that of others, and so it must be with us, when the need calls for it.

Do you know what the gypsy pattern is? They have a system of placing two twigs or leaves together in a certain way on the road at intervals of a hundred feet or so to sere as road posts; the pattern, they call it. Our pattern is of holy significance, set long ago by One Who traveled the whole way before us and marked out our pattern. Do you know that the gypies believe that Jesus was a gypsy? He, too, was poor, they say; he, too, had no home.

There is a charm story of a band of gypsies traveling thru a pine forest in France. Suddenly they became aware that they were surrounded by a company of soldiers who were closing in upon them. Bratu Voicu, a young gypsy in love with the chief's daughter, came to talk to the old man:

"The soldiers won't be here before midnight," he said.

"No, I don't think they will."

"Tis the day Tinka promised to marry me."

The old chief gasped. Hounded like wolves, driven, speared, shot at, this young man thought of marriage. Yet, who knew what might happen to any of them within a few hours? And life was life.

"You speak like a true gypsy. Call Tinka. Call all of them."

As if danger were not at arm's length, the gypsies assembled before their chief. The fires were lit, then women began to prepare the wedding meat. Rugs were piled high for the couple to sit on during the ceremony. Other couples decided to marry also. Why wait?

They began to sing, sitting around the fire. Then Radu took up the song. His voice was beautiful. The youngsters began to dance the tanana. They sang along as the fiddler played.

From time to time the echo of a shot was heard thru the low-lying forest. The shots came nearer. So they danced faster, sang louder, embraced one another with greater passion. Their joy was greater than the danger. The shots were coming nearer. They knew they were surrounded. They had no ammunition and they could not flea.

They could now hear the voices of their enemies from the right, from the left, from everywhere.

Dance, dance, dance. Sing, sing, sing!

The gypsies forgot the soldiers, forgot death; they only knew that they were alive.

Now the shots were falling in the fire, among the dancers.

Then the soldiers began to appear from behind the trees. What did the gypsies mean by dancing at such moments? They did not shoot back, nor try to flee.

Astounded, the tired soldiers came nearer. The gypsies were in their power. It did not matter. They refused to make the slightest notice. One of the girls took a soldier into the dance and whirled him around. Another did the same. Soon all the soldiers were dancing in the hora. The gypsies called them brothers.

At dawn when the soldiers and the gypsies were too tired to dance longer and the bridal couples had disappeared, the soldiers noticed that their guns were gone and their scabbards were empty of swords. What matter? They were soldiers sent to fight an enemy. They could not fight a group of joyous people, dancing and singing.

This is just a story, but it can be a parable for us. When we yield ourseles with complete abandon and dedication to the Christian pattern, others, different from ourselves, are made to see our way of life as so alluring, so all-sufficient, that one by one they are drawn within our circle. Observing us, they find themselves disarmed in more ways than one, and with a newfound gladness they join us as comrades of the road. Should it not be thus with us all?

And now, because I am a gypsy, I should like to tell your fortune. As every proper fortune-teller should, I can clearly see a man in your palm. The lines do not show whether he is tall or short, dark or fair, this man in your life, but 'tis plain to see

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Louisburg College Names Relations Director

David E. Daniel has been named Director of College Relations at Louisburg College.

Mr. Daniel, a native of Gaffney, South Carolina, taught sociology and religion at Louisburg College during the 1963-64 academic year. He holds the A.B. degree from Furman University and the B.D. degree from Crozer Theological Seminary. Prior to his coming to Louisburg College, he was a pastor in Zebulon. During his student days at Crozer, he was assistant pastor of the West Chester, Pa., Methodist Church and while a student at Furman was an announcer on radio station WMRB in Greenville, S. C.

He is a member of the North Carolina Annual Conference of the Methodist church.

In this position Mr. Daniel will promote the general interests of the college, work with the alumni, be in charge of fund raising activities and other phases of the development program.

He is married to the former Ivor Blanton and they have a son, Joseph Ernest, 5 years of age.

Sub-District MYF Organizations Meetings Planned

All members of the Senior High MYF is the local churches in the Mount Olive Sub-District will meet at First Church, Mount Olive on Sunday. August 2 at 3:00 p.m. to elect officers and to organize for the 1964-65 year. It is hoped that all churches will be represented for this important meeting.

The members of the Senior High MYF in the local churches in the new Fremont Sub-District are urged to attend an organizational meeting at Fremont Methodist Church on Sunday, August 2 at 6:00 p.m. Officers will be elected for the 1964-65 year. It is important that all churches be represented at this meeting. Fremont MYF will be host.

MRS. S. B. BOYD,
District Director of Youth Work.

GOD'S GYPSIES

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that he carres a book. From this Book he teaches the rules of the road to those who travel with him. He is a wanderer, pausing but for a time at every place, but always moving on toward a fairer land than he has yet seen, and urging his fellow travelers to follow him in this quest.

I can see in your palm also that you have talents far beyond the average of womenfolk; that you are versed in the understanding of the ways of people, with the ability to lead them.

Yours is to be a life of romance and adventure, for, like the gypsies, your spirit is free and your heart is pure and unafraid.

And so I salute you, the choicest intinerants of them all, and wish for you, each one, a long life and a merry one in your wandering, as you spread abroad in this belo ed Carolina country the particular kind of happiness that this weary old world so sorely needs.

Methodist Youth Caravan

Linz, Austria, July 4, 1964

Dear Friends and Loved Ones:

The Methodist European Caravan moved into its fourth week on June 27, beginning at 7:00 a.m. On this crisp morning we left Koln (Cologne) and moved up the Rhine by boat to Frankfort. The voyage was very picturesque: beautiful vineyards draped the steep valleys of the Rhine River. Perched intermittently between these villages and the vineyards along the way are the remnants of old Roman castles. Seeing these castles stimulates one to recall from his studies of ancient history the domination by Rome of all the known world.

The boat trip was not "all play and no work." Sarah Lu, our choir director, had us practice our songs for church the next morning in Frankfort. At that service, we sang, "It's me; it me; Standing in the Need of Prayer," and "Song of Peace." Mr. Neese, affectionately called "Pop," reminded us in his sermon that "we are not that which we think we are, but we are what we think."

Sunday afternoon, Winfred Brose, our guide and interpreter in Germany, took us on a tour of Frankfurt. We visited the Goethe House (the famous German poet), and there we saw many of its original furnishings. We were shown his study where he wrote "Faust" and other notable works. We also visited several of Frankfurt's churches, some of which date back to the 12th century. Finally, we visited the Methodist Seminary. This educational institution serves aspiring ministers from Germany, Austria, and Switzerland. Winfried was very much at home here as he has spent the past four years at the Seminary, from which he is a recent graduate.

On June 29, we left Frankfurt for Heidelberg, nestled in a valley by the Neckar River. While in Heidelberg, we visited Heidelberg University, which is the oldest University in Germany, dating back to 1386. The high spot in this tour was the visit to the Student Prison, which was used from 172 to 194. Students were imprpisoned here for the usual college pranks. The students kept themselves occupied by drawing on the walls. After 200 years of artistic expression, these rooms are quite colorful. Another very interesting place we visited was Heidelberg Castle, which was built in the 12th Century. All these old places make us realize how youthful America is. In every German city, we've visited, we've toured its Cathedrals and Churches. In Heidelberg, as in other cities, the Cathedral is the dominating structure, and it dates back many centuries.

On June 30, we traveled to Munchen (Munich), where we visited the Cathedral, the New Town Hall, and the Hofbrauhaus where Hitler spoke frequently in the early years of his political career. The next day we went to Dachau, the oldest and one of the most notorious German concentration camps. While there we saw the Crematorium. That afternoon, we returned to Munich and went to Alte Pinakothek, the most famous art museum in all Germany. There are many master pieces to be found there including those of Rubens, Van Dyke, and Rembrandt. That evening, we went to a quiet place for dinner, since this was Winfried's last evening with us. After dinner, we presented gifts to him in token of our appreciation for his helpfulness.

On July 2, we left Munich for Salzburg, Austria, where we were met by Heinz Holmer, a student at the University of Vienna, who will serve as our guide in Austria.

While in Salzberg, we visited Honensalzburg Fortress; Mozart's birthplace, and saw the piano on which he composed many of his works; the archbishop's summer home and hunting lodge, "Hellbrunn," which held many surprises for the visitor. It is said that the archbishop loved to "amuse and wet his guests."

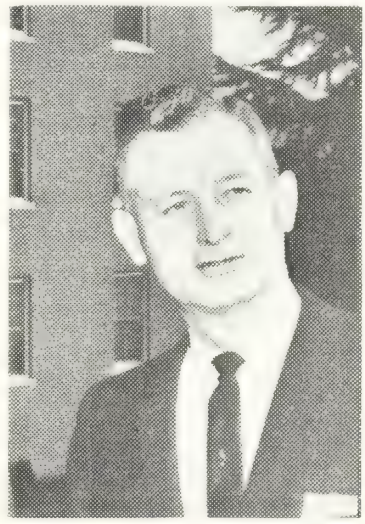
We are told that there are 36 Catholic Churches and one Protestant Church in Salzburg. The Protestant Church is a Lutheran one as the Methodists are not yet recognized by the State.

Sincerely,
The 1964 Methodist Youth Caravan

Dr. Jolly Assumes Presidency Of Greensboro College

Dr. J. Ralph Jolly, newly elected President of Greensboro College, moved to Greensboro July 29 and will assume his duties August 1st. Dr. and Mrs. Jolly have four children.

They came from Birmingham, Alabama, where he has been dean of students and professor of religion in Birmingham Southern College. He was graduated from Duke University Divinity School in 1945 and received his doctor of philosophy degree from Vanderbilt University after doing graduate work there in Biblical studies. He has served as pastor of churches in Alabama, including First Methodist Church, Athens, where he also served as college minister and professor. of religion at Athens College.



DR. J. RALPH JOLLY

Dr. Jolly succeeds Dr. Harold H. Hutson who served as president of Greensboro College for 12 years, resigning to become provost of American University in Washington, D. C.

W. P. Pope Takes College Post

William P. Pope has assumed his duties as assistant to the president in charge of development at Methodist College. Announcement of the appointment was made by Dr. L. Stacy Weaver, president of the college.

As assistant to the president, Mr. Pope, will co-ordinate all of the fund raising efforts of the college. This will include the work of the Fayetteville College Foundation, which has maintained a separate administrative office since the founding of the college.

The Fayetteville College Foundation is the organization through which the residents of Fayetteville and Cumberland County give support to Methodist College. The function of this office will continue under Mr. Pope's direction.

Some Similarities and Differences Between Methodists and Evangelical United Brethren

(Continued from Last Week)

SOME DIFFERENCES

In the light of what has already been written concerning the similarities between the Methodist Church and the Evangelical United Brethren Church, it is readily noted that our two churches have a long and impressive history of fellowship and coperation and that our two churches are essentially one in origin, in belief, in spirit and in purpose, it can thus perhaps be easily guessed that there are not too many differences between us about which one can write. There is no difference of doctrine, no difference in our emphasis or stands on social issues, no substantial difference in form of government.

However there are some differences in our procedures that have developed in the century and three-quarters that we have gone our separate ways as denominations The Methodist Church would appear to have followed strongly a pattern of government such as found in the Federal Government of the United States, adhering strongly to a division as between administrative, legislative and judicial branches. The Evangelical United Brethren Church also follows this pattern of government but deviated at places from this strict separation of branches. I am not sure of the reason, but I would like to venture what I believe to be at least an approach that will be helpful to our understanding.

It is historically well-established that a large group of German people emigrated from southern Germany to this country between the years 1683 and 1755. This group of early German immigrants were then well-established here long before the Revolutionary War, some of them for almost a century, and they were fiercely resistant to any authoritarian rule, as was evidenced by their great participation in the Revolutionary War.

These Pennsylvania Germans, the decendants of these early German immigrants, were also inclined to be strongly democratic in their church organization. These Germans, many of them at least, were farmers and artisans, and their migrations in this country followed the trail of good soil. Almost invariably they followed where limestone was to be found, for they made their own lime kilns and produced their own lime from the limestone to make their land more productive. A division that occurred in the Evangelical Association, a predecessor of the Evangelical Church, had several causes but one of them was undoubtedly the fact the Pennsylvania Germans who had been long-established here and took their freedom very seriously revolted against some latecomers from Germany who had been elected Bishops and were felt to be too autocratic and authoritarian in their Episcopal leadership. Congregations also followed one group or the other often being divided between the older German settlers and the newer immigrants, with their conflicting views as to authority.

Episcopacy

The Evangelical Unitd Brethren Church elects its Bishops for a four-year term, all Bishops and all General Officers being up for reconsideration and re-election at each General Conference. It is the feeling of the Evangelical United Brethren Church that this procedure keeps the Bishops of our church more amenable and responsive to the church. In the history of the church, however, only one bishop ever failed of re-election who was under the retirement age and eligible for re-election. In the Methodist Church your practice has been to elect a bishop and have him serve for life, although there is, I believe, no rubric in the Methodist Dicipline that states this as being the case.

This practice of electing a bishop for life stirred up a lot of discussion in our church, and there were many who objected strongly in the fear that this could lead to autocratic leadership. However a close examination and study of this area has led us to ask whether the Bishops of the Evangelical United Brethren Church may not have more actual power than the Bishops of the Methodist Church. Let us consider the following:

1. Both churches have a committee on Episcopacy. In the Methodist Church this committee is comprised by each annual conference delegation selecting a minister and a layman who shall serve on this committee. But in the E. U. B. Church the Bishops appoint the membership of this committee. There is quite a difference nvolved here that could strongly affect the effectiveness of such a committee. The E. U. B. Committee on Episcopacy, can determine the boundaries of the Episcopal areas, recommend the number of Bishops to be elected, and recommend the stationing of the Bishops to their areas. The Methodist Committee on Episcopacy has far greater powers and broader authority than does the E. U. B. Committee, in terms of reviewing a written report of each Bishop for the quadrennium, a report on their adminstrative work in their annual conference and the decisions that they have made during the four year period. This Methodist Committee is responsible for reviewing the work and character of the Bishop and to recommend whether or not he shall be reassigned, his assignment changed or that he shall be discontinued as an assigned Bishop, even though he has not reached retirement age. Here is a method of control that goes far beyond any provisions that we have in the E. U. B. Church. The authority and power of this Committee could be a far more effective control of autocracy of inefficiency than our term election of Bishops. So we have come to feel that the checks and balances in the Methodist system are stronger than our present Evangelical United Brethren system. Our Bishops make no individual reports of their stewardship; they have no committee to review their work or decisions and the Board of Bishops of our church interprets the church law. Under the present Methodist system, the Bishops must be approved by Conference vote for continuation in office, which in practice amounts to the same thing as our episcopal elections every four years.
2. A Methodist Bishop has no conference membership. E. U. B. Bishops retain all rights and privileges of conference membership.
3. Methodist Bishops are not and cannot be members of the General Conference. E. U. B. Bishops have full membership and all voting rights in the General Conference.
4. Methodist Bishops cannot speak on the floor of General Conference except as some official member of the body requests this privilege for an individual Bishop and the body grants this privilege. E. U. B. Bishops have full speaking rights at all times.
5. Official decisions of Methodist Bishops must be submitted for review to a Judicial Council. Evangelical United Brethren Bishops review their own decisions and interpret church law. Such interpretations, of church law are binding from the time of the interpretation, and only the General Conference can review and change them.
6. The Methodist Bishops report their individual work to the Committee on Episcopacy for review, while E. U. B. Bishops present one general report in a message to General Conference.
7. Methodist Bishops are limited to a 12-year term of service in the same area. There is no such limitations of service for E. U.B. Bishops.
8. All E. U. B. Bishops serve as full voting members on all denominational Boards of the church and on the Boards of Trustees of the Seminares. This is not the case for the Methodist Bishops.

Thus the fears of the E. U. B. Church have been largely allayed in the area of the possible tyranny or autocracy of the Methodist Episcopal system.

In the E. U. B. Church the annual conference determines the number of disrtict superintendents it wishes to elect, and the election is by ballot with a majority of the ballot cast being necessary for election.

I have used the term "district superintendent" because it is the term used in the Methodist Church. The E. U. B. Church uses the term "conference sperintendent",, which perhaps is significant of a difference of concept in relations to this administrative position. In the Methodist Church the district superintendent s considered an extension of the administrative arm of the bishop, and his amenability is directly to the Bishop. In the E. U. B. Church the Superintendent is also amenable to the Bishop, who shares with his Superintendent the administrative work of the Conference. But the Superintendent is also amenable to the ministers and laymen of the Conference who have elected him and before whom he will again stand for election after a four year term. The Conference feels that the Superintendent is their representative and leader. They have selected him of their own choice. The Bishops and Superintendents is a superintendent of the whole conference and not only of his district, although he has primary responsibility in own district and his word as to what should be done in his own district is given most careful consideration. However all superintendents and Bishops share in the decisions made.

Here many members of the E. U. B. Church expressed concern, and strong views were expressed favoring the retention of the practice of electing superintendents as against the Methodist procedure of appointments by the Bishop. Once agan, however, close examination of all facets of this question has led to sober second thoughts.

It has become very apparent that what works in a small conference might be very difficult, or even impossible, in a very large conference. We have had to tell ourselves that we smply do not know how such a matter could be handled n a conference wth many hundreds of appontments, and the possibility of having to wait until the openin of an annual conference session and then elect three to six superintendents, and then preceed to make appointments, facing the modern demands of consultation both on the part of churches and ministers in reference to proposed changes.

There is still the feeling of reluctance on the part of annual conferences to give up the voice that they have had in the selection of their leaders, but a growing understanding how difficult if not impossible,

his procedure might be in a vastly larger hurch and very large conferences. How an proper assignment for several hundred astors be satisfactorily worked out if it is ecessary to wait for annual conference o elect several superintendents. This is he question to which we have not been ble thus far to find a satisfactory answer, n terms of our elective system for superinendents.

Jurisdictional Conferences

The Methodist Church has jurisdictional onferences while the E. U. B. Church has nly the annual and General conference. But this has created no problem in our hinking as we have realized that it is an ttempt to guarantee regional and minority ights and probably makes for a more genunely representative government. The jurislictional conferences are closer to the peole. This would seem to be a better plan han to give such powers to one huge Genral Conference. With our small church we had no need for jurisdictional conferences altho we do provide for areal the meetngs of our ministers.

Election of Delegates To General Conference

In the E. U. B. Church the laymen and clergy jointly vote for all lay delegates and all clergy delegates to General Conference, while in the Methodist Church the Clergy alone vote for clergy delegates and lay members alone vite for lay delegates to General Conference and the Jurisdictional conferences. After some study it would seem again that perhaps our difference in procedure here is at least partially related to size, for in the E. U. B. Church it is largely true that laymen know the preachers and laymen and vice versa. This difference has not caused too much concern up to this moment. it has been stated that the laymen generally tend to be more conservative than the clergy and in some instances might prevent the election of a liberal clergyman whom the clergy might send. Both churches have the rule of 50-50 representation, clergy and lay.

Administrative Councils

The E. U. B. Church has Administrative Councils, which the Methodist Church does not have. This provides an authoritative, coordinating and administrative group on the annual conference, and general church levels. As I understand it such authority in the Methodist Church is now largely in the hands of the Council of Bishops, the College of Bishops and the Bishops Cabinets.

Size

If one is to write of differences between us I suppose the most obvious one ought not be overlooked, which is the one of size. The Evangelistic half your ten and one-half million membership contrasts dramatically with our 750,000 membership. The difference in size is at least partically accounted for in the light of the fact that in many portions of our church they held on to the German language as long as possible and in some sections German is still spoken of lovingly as the "mother-tongue." This very severely limited growth. The problem of how one might plan to unite the bodies of such great difference in size was indeed a formidable one. My paper, however, was not to treat of the union of our two churches, but of similarities and differences. So I will say only this: the Methodist Commission on Church Union won the deep respect and appreciation of the E. U. B. Church by the very evident and manifest efforts put forth to make this a union and not an absorption. The consideration shown was very great and has made a profound impression on the E. U. B. Church as we have shared in the church the courtesies and consideration



that has been shown to the representatives of the E. U. B. Church.

Conclusion

For our day the grouping of family churches is a movement which is discernible and realistic. If our two churches come together, the resulting church will embody the history and traditions of the following churches or groups. Methodist in name or tradition:

Methodist Episcopal Church
Methodist Episcopal Church South
Methodist Protestant Church
Methodist Church (merged into Prostestant Methodist Church in 1877)
United Brethren in Christ
Evangelical Association
United Evangelical Church
The Evangelical Church
German Methodists
Swedish Methodists
The Methodist Church
The Evangelical United Brethren Church

May I herewith express my personal thanks and thanks on behalf of my church for the honor you have conferred upon me and my church in this gracious invitation to address you on this opening night of the Western North Carolina Annaul Conference, at this beautiful conference site at Lake Junaluska. My God richly bless all of you.

Dr. Charles E. Kachel, Supt.
Eastern Conference, E. U. B. Church

Wesley Nursing Center Staff To Attend National Meeting

Mrs. R. Parks Sadler, R. N., Director of Nursing, and Mrs. Doris Hord, R. N., Evening Supervisor of Wesley Nursing Center will attend the Eastern American Nursing Home Convention in Washington, D. C., Tuesday, July 21st through Thursday, July 23rd. They will participate in Workshops dealing with such timely subjects as Patient Services-Admitting Procedures," "Personal Management-Employee Orientation and In-Service Training," and "Patient Services-Volunteer Activities," along with having the opportunity of seeing the latest in nursing home equipment and demonstration of procedures.

Mrs. Sadler has headed up the Medical and Health Services of the Methodist Home operation since 1955. She has witnessed the growth of its long-term care facilities from a 55-bed Infirmary to the new 250-bed Wesley Nursing Center. Mrs. Hord joined the staff just prior to opening of Wesley Nursing Center last fall.

Bethpage Methodist Parsonage 'Open House' Held

Bethpage Methodist Church parsonage, recently completed at a cost of $33,000 including property, is unique in at least one respect. It has an inter-communications system.

With a master control unit in the den, occupants are able to converse with each other in any of the building's nine rooms, including an altar, a large patio and a full basement.

The Rev. and Mrs. Henry F. Flowers, who are beginning their third year at Bethpage church, were on hand to witness the removal of the old parsonage, a small, 25-year-old, white frame building, last December. And they were ready to move into the new building when it was completed on June 1.

Located across the street from the church building, the home is situated on Fellowship Avenue just off West "C" street.

The building of the new parsonage came about as a part of the church's building program. Funds were raised through the regular building fund and various organizations composed of members of the congregation, which totals appromixately 345 persons.

Open House at the parsonage observed from 3 to 5 p.m. on July 12 with the Woman's Society of Christian Service serving as hostesses for the occasion.

Dr. Harold Bosley To Lecture On Gospel of Luke TV Series

A network TV series on the Gospel of Luke will feature a nationally known Methodist in September. Dr. Harold A. Bosley, pastor of Christ Methodist Church in New York City, will be the featured lecturer on the NBC-TV network program FRONTIERS OF FAITH. Dr. Bosley is also professor at Biblical Seminary in New York.

"The Good News According to Luke" will begin on Sunday, September 6 and will continue on succeeding Sundays throughout the month at 1:30—2:00 P.M. New York Time. The series is presented by the Broadcasting and Film Commission of the National Council of Churches of Christ in the U. S. A.

At the end of taping the Bosley series, a technician was overheard to say, "I could listen to him talk for hours." If this series is as well-received as those in the past, Methodists and others will have the same response.

Dr. Charles P. Bowles New Pastor Centenary Church

Dr. Charles Phillips Bowles, superintendent of the Charlotte Methodist District, has been appointed the new pastor for Centenary Methodist Church in Winston-Salem.

Going to Charlotte as interim superintendent of the Charlotte District will be Rev. Alton Glenn Lackey of Statesville, who will continue his duties as director of Church Extension for the Western North Carolina Conference while residing in the Charlotte District parsonage.

Bishop Earl G. Hunt, Jr., made the announcement of the appointments as his first official act since being assigned as presiding bishop of the Charlotte Methodist Area following his election to the episcopacy during the July 8-12 meeting of the Southeastern Methodist Jurisdictional Conference at Lake Junaluska.

The Conference Cabinet, consisting of the 13 district superintendents, gave unanimous approval to the changes during a two-hour meeting in Charlotte July 21. A new district superintendent will be appointed to the Charlotte District at the 1965 meeting of the Conference.

The Centenary pulpit, one of the largest in the Conference, was left vacant by the election of its pastor, Dr. W. Kenneth Goodson, as a bishop of the Methodist Church during the Southeastern Jurisdictional Conference. Bishop Goodson has been assigned to the Birmingham, Alabama, Area.

Dr. Bowles said he will assume his new duties about September 1. The Rev. Mr. Lackey will go to the Charlotte District about the same time.

Dr. Bowles, 57, a native of Guilford College, is the son of a Methodist clergyman and holds his A.B. and M.A. degrees from Duke University and his B.D. degree from the Duke Divinity School. He was honored in 1955 by High Point College with a D.D. degree.

His pastorates have included Holt's Chapel and Bessemer in Greensboro, First Church of Belmont, First Church of Wadesboro, Broad Street Church of Statesville, Dilworth Church, Charlotte, West Market Street Church, Greensboro, and the Charlotte District.

He has been a member of the Southeastern Jurisdictional Council of the Methodist Church since 1940, has attended conferences of the Jurisdiction as a delegate since 1944, and was a delegate to the 1956 and 1964 General Conferences of the Methodist Church.

The Rev. Mr. Lackey will be returning to the District in which he initiated a church extension program which culminated in his being called to Conference headquarters to serve as director of Church Extension for the Conference's more than a quarter of a million Methodists.

The 59-year-old native of Hiddenite holds a B.S degree from Appalachian State Teachers' College at Boone and has done further work with Emory University of Atlanta, Ga.

He was a teacher in the public schools for five years, and has been a pastor in the Western North Carolina Conference since 1931, serving in Warrensville, Shepherds, Catawba, Matthews and Charlotte.

In 1961 he organized the Conference Builders' Club which now receives $150,000 annually from 12 of the 13 Conference districts for purchase of church property, construction of new churches and parsonages, and remodeling and relocating present property.

He is immediate past president of the Conference Board of Pensions, has served on many Conference boards and commissions, and was a delegate to General Conference in 1960 and the Southeastern Jurisdictional Conference of 1964. He is a past master of the Masonic Lodge.



MARCUS M. Y. F. ELECTS NEW OFFICERS

Top—L. to R. Steve Bennett, Ray Reynolds, Ray Bennett, Phillip Williams, Sig Black, Don Williams, bottom—Charlie Bingham, Lois Bingham (Pres.), Nancy Bennett, Mary Alice Dick, Joyce Bingham, Sara Dick. Marcus M. Y. F. was host to The Moore-Montgomery Sub-District last month. An interesting program with film strips on "The Worlds Great Religions" was given. Markus is on the Sandhill Circuit in the New Sanford District.

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Administrator Attending National Workshop

Willard S. Farrow, Administrator of the Methodist Home and Wesley Nursing Center, is attending an invitational Workshop on Relationships among Health Care Facilities this week in Chicago. Those invited to participate in this Workshop co-sponsored by American Association of Homes for the Aging, American Hospital Association, Blue Cross Association and U. S. Health Service, were invited because of their special experience and interest in furthering continuity of health care, particularly with respect to long-term patients.

The expressed objective is to promote comprehensive patient care through development of effective working relationships among health care facilities. These include hospitals, retirement homes, convalescent homes and nursing homes.

Interdenominational Clinics Opened Last Monday At Duke U

The annual Duke University Divinit School clinics in preaching, pastoral car and work of the rural church opened at Duk Monday morning with approximately 4 ministers in attendance.

Open to all denominations, the clinics ar designed to supplement seminary training To be held simultaneously, they will hav their own schedules and leaders. Each wi continue through July 31.

Some sessions however, will bring togeth er members of all three clinics for discus sions of mutual interest or for lectures b guest speakers.

Special lecturer to the combined group during the second week of the clinics will b Dr. Lawrence LaCour of the Departmen of Preaching Evangelism, General Board o Evangelism of the Methodist Church.

The Clinic in Preaching—seventh to b held at Duke—will find 10 students hailing from North Carolina, Texas, Mississippi an Florida concerning themselves with principle of sermon construction and delivery.

Each minister will be given time during the two weeks to prepare and preach ser mons for critique before his fellows in th clinic.

Directing the preaching clinic will be Dr Thor Hall of the Divinity School faculty in preaching and theology—a former assis tant in preaching to Duke's well-known preaching professor, Dr. James T. Cleland

Dr. Hall's assistant will be Dr. Rober C. Gardner, a former Duke preaching as sistant before he joined the Shorter College faculty in Rome, Ga. as professor of religion

Fourteen ministers will attend the Pastoral Care Clinic which has as its theme th "psychological and theological dimensions of selfhood."

Ministers from Ohio, Pennsylvania, Virginia and North Carolina, will participate in sessions designed to explore the various aspects of the clinic theme—the meaning of selfhood; self in crisis; ministry of the church to those in crisis of illness; God's action in the midst of suffering; and the personal and sacramental means of grace.

Director of the Pastoral Care Clinic is Dr. Richard A. Goodling. He will have as his assistants P. Wesley Aitkens and Robert B. Claytor, Duke Medical Center chaplains and colleagues in the Duke Divinity School faculty; and Robert E. Smith, M.D. , assistant professor of pastoral care and phychiatric counsel, and assistant professor of psychiatry, Duke University School of Medicine.

The Rural Church Clinic, under the direction of Dr. M. Wilson Nesbitt, who is also the director for the overall summer clinic program in the Divinity School, is expecting about 20 ministers for its intensive training and planning sessions covering the church's responsibilities in the town and country community, with particular emphasis on the development of ingenous leadership in rural churches.

Dr. Harold Huff of Nashville, Tenn., a former pastor, district superintendent, and professor who now heads the Department of Town and Country Work, National Division of the Board of Missions, The Methodist Church, will assist Dr. Nesbitt.





CHILDREN'S PAGE

By Mary Gardner

ter and Beth Plant A Garden

The garden idea was a good one, Pe- and Beth agreed. Peter had been lered by the doctor to live in the en air and they might as well be do- something. Their father had fenced a large plot of ground for them in ir country home in the farm lands of ginia. Jo was to plow it for them, t the children were to do the work. was not a play garden.

"You and Beth are old enough to plant d cultivate and harvest." said their her. "You have your book of instruc- ns and the good old ground will do part, never fear."

Jo plowed the ground. At one corner as an old grape arbor which he care- lly plowed around. "We shall have apes," said Peter.

The children read their garden book. ey fertilized the soil, using the par- ular fertilizer that each plant and ed required. Then they planted early getables and corn and squash and bbage, turnips and potatoes for their ll harvest. They trimmed the old ape vines and staked them up with w stakes. They weeded every day. e weather was just right, sunshine, ind, and rain.

The garden grew. The peas, lettuce, ans, and onions were enjoyed by the mily in the early summer. Later on me potatoes, turnips, pumpkins, and quash, and late corn and tomatoes.

One morning their father called to em. Get ready, Peter and Beth. I ant you to go to the city with me."

To go anywhere with father was fun ough, but to go to the big city was e most fun of all. They were ready the shake of a sheep's tail, as Jo said.

In the train they talked about their rden.

"We thought we might sell some of r potatoes and pumpkins," said Peter.

"You could," said his father.

When they got to the city their father lled a taxi and they drove to a large uilding. In contrast to all the build- gs around it, this one was painted and lean. Above the door were the words:

Friendly Home For Children.

The children and their father got out f the taxi and went up the wide steps the house.

"I am the attorney for this Home," id their father. "I thought you might e interested in seeing it."

A plesant-faced woman met them at the door.

"I'm glad to see you, Mr. Goodwin," she said, and included Peter and Beth in her friendly smile.

Their father introduced them.

I wanted Peter and Beth to know about this place," he said. "Will you tell them, Mrs. Preston?"

"You could tell them more than I could, Mr. Goodwin," said Mrs. Preston. "You see, Peter and Beth, your father is the best friend this Home has. He gives his time as freely as though we paid him for it."

"That isn't part of the story, Mrs. Preston, laughed their father. "Tell them how the work started."

So Mrs. Preston told them about the man who gave the money to buy the big, old house for the Home for Children.

"He gave it one Thanksgiving time," she said. "He said that God had been so good to him through all the years that he wanted to do something to show he was grateful. At first it was to be for the children of the wharf men, when they were left homeless, but now it takes in any homeless child, as long as there is room."

She took them over the house. The rooms were spotlessly clean, and the little white beds all carefully made and the floors shining with polish. At the back of the house there was a big yard. The smaller children were having a happy time playing there. Peter and Beth went out to watch them and were soon playing with them.

"The older girls and boys have duties in the house," explained Mrs. Preston, when they all came into the house again. "We try to make it like a home, with each one doing his part."

"How about food, Mrs. Preston," asked Mr. Goodwin.

"Well, we have not had so many gifts as we usually do before Thanksgiving. I was looking at the potato bin this morning. It is quite low. However, I know it will be filled in good time. Somebody is sure to remember God's goodness and be thankful enough to share with us."

Peter and Beth looked at each other. They nodded.

"Mrs. Preston," said Peter, "Beth and I have quite a good many potatoes and turnips and pumpkins that we grew in our garden. We would be glad if you would let us give you some."

"Why, Peter," said Mrs. Preston, "are you sure that you want to give away your garden?"

"Yes," said Peter, "You see, I am thankful that I got over the pneumonia. Making the garden helped me to get strong. Beth and I want to give the vegetables, don't we, Beth?"

"Yes" said Beth, "It is the very best thing we could do."—*Lucy King Moss.*

God's Gift

God is in His Holy Temple.
We go to worship Him.
He is with you all the time,
And keeps you safe.
He gives strength to men,
So they can grow crops;
He gives us good deeds,
And gives us life.
He gives us nature and good weather,
He gives us the Bible and His Word.
He loves us all,
And He gives us the world.

—*John Ellis*
Methodist Home For Children.

A Morning Prayer

I thank Thee, Lord, for sleep and rest,
For all the things that I love best;
Now guide me through another day,
And bless my work and bless my play.
Lord, make me strong for noble ends,
Protect and bless my loving friends;
Of all mankind good Christians make;
All this I ask for Jesus' sake. Amen.

The Churchman.

Bible Quiz

1.—Who came to Jesus by night?

2—When did the Hebrew Sabbath begin?

3—Where do these well-known words come from: "Day unto day uttereth speech, and night unto night sheweth knowledge."?

4—In one of the parables, who was rewarded because of his importunity?

5—Jesus says He may come when we are not expecting Him—like a thief in the _____.

Answers to Last Week's Questions

1—No (Luke 12:40).
2—Yes (Matthew 16:27).
3—No, it says, "In the sweat of thy face" (Genesis 3:19).
4—Yes (Proverbs 20:1).
5—Yes (Numbers 32:23).

As the train went through the tunnel, little Johnny looked puzzled and then relieved as it emerged again into the sunlight.

"Mother," he said, "did you see that? Instant tomorrow."

Woman's Activities

The Purpose and Organization

MRS. H. W. DOUB

I The New Purpose of the Woman's Society and Wesleyan Service Guild

For the first time the Woman's Society and Guild have the *same stated purpose.* (See inside cover, April, 1964, THE METHODIST WOMAN.)

This joint purpose will make it more important than ever to plan together more frequently and to set common goals for the work we do together on all levels.

The new purpose may well provide an important basis for discussion of its practical challenge to new tasks, new responsibilities and new ways of working.

II Handbooks

The new handbooks will help in these suggested discussions. The handbooks are to be:

Handbook for the Woman's Society of Christian Service
Handbook for the Wesleyan Service Guild
Handbook on Program (for society and guild)
Handbook on Finance (for society and guild)

These are to be available September 1, 1964. (A loose-leaf binder is available for keeping the handbooks, bylaws, and other special resource material together for more convenient use.)

III Reporting

A new plan for reporting has been authorized. (See June, 1964, issue of THE METHODIST WOMAN, page 32). Reports are to be called *Evaluation Reports* and the blanks are to be mailed to the local secretary of program materials (formerly secretary of literature) as a supplement to her copy of THE METHODIST WOMAN twice a year. Reporting dates are: local, Nov. 5 and May 5; district, Nov. 15 and May 15; Conference, Nov. 20 and May 20; and jurisdiction, Nov. 25 and May 25. (The treasurers remitting funds.)

IV Purpose and Program Emphasis

The purpose and program of the society and guild will be the focus of the special study class being offered in conference schools in the summer of 1964. This emphasis is to be carried further into workshops in every district (and/or subdistrict) in the late summer and early fall of 1964. These workshops replace the former Educational Seminars.

V Some Organizational Changes

A. It is hoped that the new purposes can be implemented in many ways. Certainly it calls for a strengthened emphasis on *membership cultivation.* To help make this possible the title of the office of secretary of promotion has been changed to *Secretary of Membership Cultivation.*

During the last quadrennium the Woman's Division had taken action making the secretary of promotion in the local church the chairman of the committee on membership. However, because she had several other duties, she was not free to concentrate on this major function. Therefore, changes have been made allocating certain responsibilities for handling materials, etc., to other secretaries. These are:

(1) As indicated above the *secretary of promotion materials* will receive the Evaluation Reports and distribute these to the officers and secretaries.

(2) The recording secretary will assist the president in making sure these Evaluation Reports are mailed to the district officers and secretaries.

(3) The recording secretary will also be responsible for sending a list of elected officers and secretaries to the district recording secretary. (This same pattern will be followed on other levels.)

(4) The recording secretary (on all levels will co-sign, with the president, orders on the treasury for disbursement of cultivation funds These action make it possible for the secretary of membership cultivation to give her attention to this important phase of the work of the society and guild—reaching women for "witness and service in the life of the church, including membership in society and guild."

(5) Another bylaw change makes the secretary of spiritual life cultivation (who represents the society and guild on the local church commission on membership and evangelism) a member of the committee on membership. It is trongly urged that the committee on membership be a joint committee with the guild.

(6) The secretary of membership cultivation on district, conference, and jurisdiction levels has been made a member of the committee on spiritual life cultivation on these respective levels.

(7) The responsibility for coperation with the Annual Conference Board of Missions in itineration of missionary speakers, formerly carried by the conference secretary of promotion has been moved to the office of the conference secretary of missionary education and service.

C. Attention is called to offical action changing the name of the *secretary of spiritual life* to that of *secretary of spiritual life cultivation.*

VI Some Specific General Conference Action Affecting Woman's Societies and Wesleyan Service Guilds

A. The General Conference adopted as the theme of the program emphasis for the quadrennium of 1964-68:

"One Witness in One World," and reminded the churches that—

"We are called under God"

—To achieve greater oneness in local co gregations
—To achieve greater oneness in every cor munity
—To achieve greater oneness across raci lines
—To achieve greater oneness in our oper tion as a world Methodist Church
—To achieve greater oneness with the chur universal

Missionaries and deaconesses will be mi sionaries and deaconesses of the Board Missions of The Methodist Church and a signments will be made through the Nation and World Divisions, in consultation wi administrative leaders of the areas whe they are to serve.

The projects in which women have ha special concern will be continued under th above outlined policies. They will be projec of the Board of Missions administere through either World or National Division

C. There is to be greater correlation an cooperation in the local society and the con mission on missions of the local church i the program of missionary education in th local church still rests with the commissio on missions. The society will continue t emphasize missionary education and othe phases of its program.

E. The Woman's Socities will continu to have secretaries of campus ministry (fo merly student work). The responsibility fo the planning for this work rests with th Office of Campus Ministry of the Join Commission on Education and Cultivatio of the Board of Mission. There will be co operation and coordination with the Depar ment of College and University Religiou Life of the Division of Higher Education i the Board of Education.

W. N. C. Conference

BY MRS. JOHN C WRIGHT

CALENDAR OF IMPORTANT EVENT

Aug. 1-2, Spiritual Life Retreat, Pfeiffe College.
Aug. 3-7, School of Missions and Chris tian Service, Pfeiffer College.
Aug. 4, Executive Committee, W. S. C. S Western No. Car. Conference, Pfeiffer Col lege.
Aug. 7, Wesleyan Service Guild Com. Pfeif fer College.
Aug. 8-9, W. S. G. Mission Study Week end, Pfeiffer College.

SCHOOL OF MISSIONS

Mrs. Ralph Ward of Taipei, Taiwan an Miss Lorena Kelly of Leopoldville, Afric will be speakers at the evening programs o the Woman's Society School of Missions Both have messages that will bring addi tional thinking on the school's theme, "Tha All May Have the Spirit of His Love."

The new course, "Purpose and Program in a New Age," is a "must" for officers o the Woman's Society, especially vice-presi dents, mission study secretaries, Christian Social Relations and others. It will be very helpful to EVERY woman who takes it.

WESLEYAN SERVICE GUILD WEEK END

The Guilders have arranged their week end so that everyone at their mission study weekend may take the Bible study course in Genesis.

Three new studies will be presented. Mrs W. T. Medlin of Charryville who recently

npleted four years as Conference secre- of Children's Work, will be the instructor , "The Church's Mission Among New tions."

Many Wesleyan Service Guild members expected at the W. S. C. S. class on gram material.

Mrs. Robert Ayers, Pleasant Garden, is retary of the W. S. G. of the Conference d Mrs. B. H. Groce, High Point, is Guild retary of missionary education.

RT EXHIBIT HELD AT ROOKS-HOWELL HOME

The members of the Brooks-Howell Home Retired Deaconesses and missionaries Asheville had an art exhibit the week of ne 15th.

Oil Paintings made by several residents the home created much interest, especial- one painting by Miss Reva McNabb, di- ctor of the home. There were pastels, flow- and fruit paintings, landscaping and stu- es of still life.

Other items shown included articles wov- on the loom given to the home a few nths ago. A new class in ceramics had me colorful displays. When would-be rchasers arrived, the Brooks-Howell la- es were too attached with their art objects part with any of them.

There was also several things the women d embroidered and aprons and pot hold- s.

They pointed with pride to the grounds tside, to some new dogwood trees, a gift om Taiwan China Woman's Society of hristian Service. The women of the East anted the lovely trees to bring beauty and y to the missionaries who had served them . . . a kind of "Hands across the sea" love ft.

TATESVILLE DISTRICT EXECUTIVE OMMITTEE MEETING

The retiring district officers of the States- lle District were honored at the meeting the executive committee held at the home Mrs. E. M. Dudley in Lenoir. Mrs. Car- ll Wooten, district secretary of spiritual fe, paid tribute to "those who had been an spiration to work with," continuing by ying, "their influence will continue to be lt."

Mrs. Joseph A. Young announced the new istrict committees. The chairmen of these ude Mrs. H. B. Lewis, finance; Mrs. R. . Courtney, Lenoir; Mrs. Earl Black, mis- ionary personnel; Mrs. R. K. Courtney, olicy; Mrs. Carroll Wooten, Statesville, ommittee on nominations.

Mrs. W. A. Murray, Hickory, stated that he Statesville District now has 79 societies vith total membership of 3,797. The dis- rict's record for 100 per cent reporting ex- ends over a period of 13 consecutive years. Mrs. Murray outlined plans for the district o work for a 25 per cent gain in member- hip during the 25th Anniversary observance.

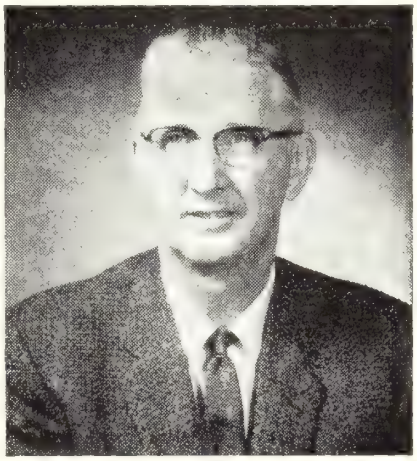
The next executive meeting will be held n Hickory at the home of Mrs. Earl Black he last of September.


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To Teach At Scarritt College

Dr. Charles Edward Fuller has been appointed Professor of Anthropology and Sociology at Scarritt College in Nashville, Tenn., effective September 1, it has been announced by Dr. D. D. Holt, president of the college.

Dr. Fuller has been on the faculty of the School Of Religion at the University of Missouri since 1953. He received his Ph.D. in Anthropology at Northwestern University



DR. CHARLES EDWARD FULLER

under Dr. Melville Herskovits in 1955. A native of Pennsylvania, Dr. Fuller is a graduate of Juniata College in Huntingdon, Pennsylvania. He was awarded a B.D. degree by Garrett Theological Seminary and an M.A. degree in the History and Literature of Religions at Northwestern.

He served as a missionary of the Methodist Church, conducted anthropological research in Southeast Africa from 1938 through 1961. His study included ethnohistorical research among the Shona tribes of Southern Rhodesia and investigation of cave painting cultures and mountain dwelling peoples skilled in terrace building, irrigation, and complicated rock structures.

During a year's leave of absence from the University of Missouri in 1961, Dr. Fuller assisted in the development of theological education in Southeast Africa being undertaken by various Protestant churches through the Christian Council of Mozambique.

He has published anthropological articles and has contributed frequently to religious periodicals.

At Scarritt, Dr. Fuller will be associated with Dr. Ina C. Brown in the Anthropology Department and will teach some courses in sociology.

Neighborly Neighbors

Lots of neighborly neighbors live along on My street;
No friendlier people than these could you meet:
A wave of the hand and a good-naturedly smile—
That's the way they all greet one who's lived here a while.
And when troubles come along your sorrows are deep.
These friends come with cheer, or to weep as you weep;
Anyhow they come in from all around—everywhere to show concern and to prove that they care.

—Ernest C. Durham

Women To Meet At Pfeiffer

Women of the Western North Carolina Methodist Conference will meet at Pfeiffer College during August 1-9 for a series of annual meetings.

The 18th annual School of Missions and Christian Service will be held August 3-7. Preceding that, on August 1-2, will be the annual Spiritual Life Retreat. Members of the Conference Woman's Society of Christian Service will participate in these programs.

Members of the Conference Wesleyan Service Guild will meet August 8-9 for the annual Guild School.

Mrs. R. F. Foy of Richmond, Va., secretary of Spiritual Life for the WSCS in the Southeastern Methodist Jurisdiction, will lead the August 1-2 Retreat. Mrs. Van W. Dillon, Jr., of Elkin, is chairman of the August 3-7 School of Missions, and Mrs. S. Ray Lowder of Lincolnton is dean.

The School of Missions will include these courses and instructors:

"The Church's Mission Among New Nations," Miss Lorena Kelly of Mount Mourne, missionary to the Congo; "Spanish Americans," Mrs. Wayne A. Lamb of Paducah, Ky., secretary of Missionary Service, Memphis Conference, and Mrs. William O. Bigham of Jundiai, Brazil, now on furlough from Brazil; "U. S. Responsibility in a World Community of New Nations," Rev. Orion N. Hutchinson, Jr., of Walkertown, pastor of Love's Methodist Church.

"Purpose and Program in a New Age," Mrs. Frank A. Calhoun of Murfreesboro, Tenn., secretary, missionary eduucation, WSCS, Southeastern Jurisdiction, and Mrs. H. M. Russell of Greenville, Tenn., secretary of promotion, WSCS, for the Southeastern Jurisdiction; and "Genesis—Bible Study for All," Miss Mary F. Floyd of Misenheimer, professor of religion, Pfeiffer College.

There will be Visitors' Classes in the Pfeiffer Chapel August 4-5 at 10:25 a.m., and also clinics to train district and local church WSCS officers.

The School of Missions will open at 9 a.m. August 3. The Retreat is scheduled to begin at 1 p.m. August 1.

The Guild program will open at 9:30 a.m., August 8, and will feature study in four areas of church concern.

Training School At Mars Hill

The Board of Education for the Western North Carolina Methodist Conference will hold training school at Mars Hill Methodist Church Aug. 2-4, it has been announced by Dr. Carl H. King, executive secretary for the Board., with headquarters in Statesville.

The school will feature three courses, and classes will be held from 7:30-9:30 p.m. each day. The Rev. H. Durwood Hofler will be director of the school.

This will be the first of a series of about three dozen such schools to be held throughout the Conference during the 1964-65 church year. Here are the courses and instructors for hte Mars Hill Training School:

"Working with Elementary Boys and Girls," Mrs. G. M. Lookabill of Asheville; "The Methodist Youth Fellowship," the Rev. Robert Bunch of Denton; and "The Life and Missions of the church," the Rev. Roy Houts, Jr. of Asheville.

Interesting Methodist Matters

The Rev. Dr. Walter Buckner Nance, 96, a Methodist missionary to China for 53 years and one of the founders of Soochow University, died July 16 at the Oak Ridge, Tennessee, Hospital.

A tribute to the Rev. Dr. Joe Z. Tower, just retired executive secretary of the Texas Annual Conference, has been presented to the U. S. Senate by Sen. Barry Goldwater. Dr. Tower, of Houston, is the father of Sen. John Tower. The tribute in the Congressional Record included the resolution of appreciation adopted by the Texas Conference Council.

Two of the 30 persons named by President Johnson to recieve the 1964 Metal of Freedom, are Methodist—Rep. Carl Vinson, Milledgeville, Ga., retiring after 50 years as a congressman, and Miss Leontyne Price, one of the first Negro opera stars, who started singing in a Methodist choir in Laurel, Miss. The honor, the highest the President can give, is for significant contributions to the quality of American life.

Dr. Lemuel Penn, the educator who was fatally shot (July 11) from a passing car while traveling in Georgia, was an active Methodist layman and chairman of the board of trustees of Jones Memorial Methodist Church in Washington, D. C. Dr. Penn and two other Negroes were returning from Army reserve officers' training when he was shot. His work was praised highly by Methodist leaders.

Two new staff members, one of them temporary have joined the staff of the Department of Evangilists of the General Board of Evangelism of The Methodist Church. They are the Rev. James Lyles, who comes from Bethel Methodist church, Morristown, Tenn., and the Rev. Henry So, a recent graduate of Wesley Theological Seminary, Washington, D. C., who will serve until January 1, 1965, when he will return to Indonesia.

One of the 27 "escorts" taking Civil Air Patrol cadets through this summer en route to three-week exchange with other lands was the Rev. Robert Newberg, pastor of the Lamoni, Iowa, circuit, and chaplain for the Iowa CAP Wing. He was taking 15 boys to Canada. The youth are selected from local units to tour other nations, to live with their families and to talk with government and other officials. Newberg is a student at St. Paul School of Theology, Methodist, in Kansas City. Mo.

The re-election of two bishops and an intensive study of church structure, principally autonomy, occupied most of the time at the quadrennial meeting of the Latin America Central Conference of The Methodist Church July 4-12 in Montevideo, Uruguay. The Latin America Conference, which comprises 29,695 members in seven South and Central American countries, is the first of eight Methodist Central Conferences to hold its quadrennial session this year. The seven others meet from August through January for their quadrennial sessions. Visiting bishops at the Central Conference were Bishop Lloyd C. Wicke, of the New York Area; Bishop Prince A. Taylor of the New Jersey Area; Bishop Aubrey Walton of the Louisiana Area, Bishop Alejandro Ruiz of the autonomous Methodist Church of Mexico, and retired Bishop Enrique C. Balloch, former Latin American Central Conference bishop.

The Rev. Carlton R. Young has resigned his position with the Methodist Publishing House to join the faculty of the Southern Methodist University, and Robert O. Hoffelt, Jacksonville, Fla., will succeed him Aug. 1. Mr. Hoffelt's title will be manager, Church Music Section, Abingdon Press Department. He presently is organist-minister of music at Riverside Park Methodist Church in Jacksonville and is on the faculty of Jacksonville University.

The largest Youth Assembly ever held by the North Carolina Conference of the Central Jurisdiction of the Methodist Church closed its one-week session at Bennett College in Greensboro on Friday, July 24 with a registration of 141. Greensboro led the lists with 29, followed by Winston-Salem with 17. The youngsters came from communities all over the state and from Roanoke and Norfolk, Va. The Rev. J. W. Ferree, of Winston-Salem, directed the assembly and was assisted by a staff of 19.

Several hundred Methodists involved in missions programs in local congregations and annual Conferences were at Lake Junaluska July 23-29 for the annual Missionary Conference for the Southeastern Methodist Jurisdiction. There were also about 200 young people who had their own program during the session. A third phase of the seven day event was the Workshop for Chairman of Commissions on Missions in the Local Churches. This was coordinated by Dr. Horace McSwain of Statesville, mission executive secretary for the Western North Carolina Conference.

"The Christian College in a Day of Moral Crisis" was the theme of the eighteenth Institute of Higher Education in Nashville, Tenn., July 26-29. Sponsors of the institute are the Division of Higher Education of the Methodist Board of Education, Scarritt College for Christian Workers, The Divinity School of Vanderbilt University, George Peabody College for Teachers, Methodist Woman's Division of Christian Service, University Senate of the Methodist Church, and other cooperating institutions and agencies. Sessions were held at West End Methodist Church, Benton Chapel of Vanderbilt University, and the Methodist Board of Education building.

The largest group of Methodist special-term missionaries to go over seas since 1960 will leave this fall for assignments in Africa, Asia, and North and South America. The 45 young men and women will serve three years each in the 14 countries to which they are going. The young missionaries are called "3's", because their term of service is three years. Included in the group are three young people from North Carolina: Miss Gloria Jean Coltharpe, of Charlotte, and Miss Sara Lou Williams of Lexington, who go to the Philippines; and Mr. Robert Yoder, of Boone, who goes to India. We carried an article and pictures in a recent issue of the Advocate.

Jurisdiction Woman's Society Pledges $2,445,267 To Mission

The Southeastern Jurisdiction Wom Society of Christian Service and Wesle Service Guild of the Methodist Chu pledged $2,445,267 to missions at their cent annual pledge service at Lake Ju luska. This was an increase of $140,117 last year's pledge.

The 16 conference pledges were:

Alabama-West Florida	$117,04
Florida	$253,00
Holston	$172,00
Kentucky	$ 92,40
Louisville	$ 88,31
Memphis	$108,00
Mississippi	$ 88,25
North Alabama	$124,00
North Carolina	$152,26
North Georgia	$207,00
North Mississippi	$ 66,50
South Carolina	$178,00
South Georgia	$171,50
Tennessee	$117,00
Virginia	$310,00
Western North Carolina ..	$200,00
Total	$2,445,267

The pledge service was at the ann School of Missions and Christian Servi held June 25 to July 1. Total enrollment the school was 263.

A special feature of the School was a v iting "International Team from the Univers World." Team members were Hellm Gnadt, a Methodist minister from Chile n working on a master of sacred theology d gree at Union Theological Seminary in N York City; Miss Hazel Johns of Burma, w came to Union Theological Seminary 1962 and is now working with the Unit Church Women's United Nations Traini Program; Mrs. Clara Chibanguza, fr Southern Rhodesia in Africa, a nurse w is in the United States with her husband, scholarship student at Morningside Colle and the moderator, the Rev. Paul E. Schra ing, Wesley Foundation director at the U versity of Pittsburgh.

Alumni of Mitchell School Hel Reunion at Pfeiffer

Alumni of Mitchell Home and Scho forerunner of Pfeiffer College, have nam Layton Burris, New London, Chairman f their group for a five year term.

Over 175 Mitchell Alumni held their a nual five year reunion at the college Ju 19. They named Mrs. Mildred Wil Mooresville, Secretary, and Mrs. Paul Eagl Misenheimer, Treasurer.

Retiring Chairman is Mrs. John K. Eagl Gold Hill.

Sixteen teachers of the old school we present for the reunion.

Mitchell operated as a grade school an high school until September, 1935 when th name was changed to Pfeiffer. In the 1920' two years of college work were added an the grade school dropped. It was the fir accredited high school in Stanly County.

Greetings from Pfeiffer College we brought by college President Dr. J. Le Stokes, II Academic Dean Cameron Wes and Director of Alumni Affairs Bill Reason ver.

Sunday School Lesson

FOR AUGUST 9

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Greensboro College

GOD'S PEOPLE LEARN TO WORSHIP

Background Scripture: Exodus 25 through 9
Lesson Scripture: Exodus 25:112,8; 35: 0-22; 40:12-15, 34-38.

The person who reads the background ripture in its entirety will find himself in strange atmosphere. Here is recorded in reat detail the construction of the taber- acle in the wilderness, Israel's first sanctu- y. This section belong to what scholars ow as "the Priestly Document", shown by e meticulous care with which everything garding the proper worship of God is pre- ared and arranged.

In the introduction to the Oxford Anno- ted Bible we read: "In these accounts are reserved not only the tones which rever- erated in the Mosaic period, but the over- nes of meaning perceived by subsequent enerations. In tribute to the creative in- uence of Moses, the whole tradition in its anifold richness was ascribed to the leader whom, Israel believed, God had spoken to no other man."

The preceding paragraph will explain hat, to many readers, will be a difficulty; amely, how such an abundance of gold, ewels and other rare objects could have een found among a group of slaves who ad only recently escaped from bondage in gypt.

Though about thirty centuries separate s from the time of the events mentioned in is lesson, there are certain things of per- anent worth which may be drawn from a tudy of them.

First, there is the willingness of the peo- le to respond liberally to the appeal for donations with which to build the sanctuary. n fact, according to Exodus 36:3-7, the eople actually had to be restrained from ringing any more offerings to Moses! Has he reader heard recently of any congre- ation where the people had to be asked o *stop* giving to the building fund?

Second, we have here an account of the nstitution of the priesthood in Israel. In ecent lessons there has been comment on he doctrine of "the priesthood of all be- ievers." Why then, if all are priests, hould one group of men be set aside for he purpose of conducting worship? The nswer to this question may be that each erson is to exercise his priestly office in the way most suited to his talents and capacities. All cannot be in charge of worship, there- fore, some had te be selected.

Third, these passages of Scripture raise a whole host of questions regarding formal and informal worship. Which is better? This will be answered in different ways by different members of the church. Do we belong to that group of worshipping Chris- tians who like everything done "decently and in order"? Or do we prefer a service which has no set pattern, where "anything may happen", where good fellowship and informality abound and where "a good time is had by all"? Good Christian men and women have grown up in both types of churches.

Fourth, what is the object of Christian worship? Is it an experience that has as its main object to make us "feel good"? If so, what does the Scripture mean when it often pictures the worship of God in awe- filled figures of speech? Take, for example, Hebrews 12:28-29: "hus let us offer to God acceptable worship, with reverence and awe; for our God is a consuming fire." The experience of Isaiah in the temple is a good illustration of what can happen when we have a real experienc of worship. If the reader will turn to Isaiah 6:1-9 he will see what is meant. Here is a powerful and impressive worship experience in which Isaiah is, in turn, awed, repentant, cleansed from sin and, finally, dedicated to service. Genuine worship experiences should end in dedication, or re-dedication to the work of God.

But however overwhelming individual worship experiences may be there is a need for the continual presentation of ourselves in th house of God from week to week. For many reasons we cannot expect something of an unusual kind to happen each time we attend a service of worship. But by being there in our place we witness to the con- tinuing community of God's people. That is no small matter.

Looking For The Seminar

The preachers' seminar
Had been advertised
For two weeks, or more,
But I traveled far,
In diligent search, before
I could find it;
The largest church in town
Was to be the place,
On the specified date,
But nothing seemed to indicate
That it was going on—
Silence everywhere—
And no printed card to remind
Us where we could find
The seminar location;
And the strangest thing of all
Was the absence
Of the little group of men
Most always seen outside,
Discussing little nothings.

So I drove back home for lunch,
But half-way through the afternoon
I drove back to the big church,
And, hearing a call,
I went up to an upper room.

I think I found the reason
Why there was no group meeting
Near the curbstone outside:
Those seminar speakers—
Highly educated theologians—
Were speaking with great power,
Using such words as
"Epistomology,"
And "Religiousity,"
And no minister had ever heard
Anything as big as that
At any outside group meeting.

And all of us were challenged,
Regardless of the big words,
To be real preachers—
In life and message.
We would never be the same again,
And would never be satisfied
With remaining outside,
Engaged in loud chatter
Over things that don't matter.

—ERNEST C. DURHAM
Raleigh

Elected To National And Regional Boards

Several laymen and clergymen of the Western North Carolina Methodist Conference have been elected to national and regional boards and agencies of the Methodist Church.

The election took place during the July 8-12 quadrennial meeting of the Southeastern Methodist Jurisdiction at Lake Junaluska.

During that session Bishop Earl G. Hunt, Jr., was consecrated as a bishop of The Methodist Church and assigned as presiding bishop of the Charlottee Methodist Area for the 1964-68 quadrennium. Bishop Hunt succeeds Bishop Nolan B. Harmon, who has taken up residence in Atlanta, Ga. Bishop Harmon is the new editor of the "Dictionary of Methodism" and this fall will join the faculty of the Candler School of Theology, Emory University in Atlanta.

Persons elected to the boards and agencies from the Conference include:

Emory University (truetee)—A. Hollis Edens. Winston-Salem.

Southeastern Jurisdictional Television, Radio and Film Commission—Dr. Embree H. Blackard, Asheville.

Hinton Rural Life Center (Board of Directors)—Dr. Mark Q. Tuttle, Wavnesville; the Rev. George Dalton, Havesville; Dr. Horace McSwain and the Rev. Garland Stafford, Statesville; Mrs. Leslie Barnhardt, Charlotte; Dr. M. Wilson Nesbitt, Duke University Divinity School; Dr. Earl D. C. Brewer, Candler School of Theology, Atlanta, Ga., the Rev. John Christy, Jr., Jefferson; and the Rev. Jack Waldren, Horse Shoe. (The Center is located at Havesville).

Southeastern Jurisdictional Council—Dr. Charles D. White, Asheboro; Dr. Charles P. Bowles, Charlotte; Robert M. Smith, Mount Airy; Gordon L. Goodson, Lincolnton; Paul F. Evans, Lexington; and Dr. Robert G. Tuttle, Hickory.

General Board of Evangelism—Dr. Wilson O. Weldon, of Greensboro.

General Board of Christian Social Concerns—Mrs. Leslie E. Barnhardt, Charlotte; and Dr. C. C. Herbert, Jr., Gastonia.

General Board of Lay Activities—Robert M. Smith, Mount Airy.

General Board of Education—Dr. Carl H. King, Statesville.

General Board of Mission—Mrs. Carl H. King and Gordon Wilson, both of Statesville.

Lake Junaluska Assembly (trutees)—Edwin L. Jones, Jr., Charlotte, R. P. Caldwell.

Lake Junaluska Assembly (trustees emeritus—Dr. E. H. Nease, Sr., Winston-Salem.

The Largest Churches

West Market Street Church, Greensboro is the Largest Methodist Church in North Carolina, according to the 1963 report of memberships.

The list in size:

1. West Market Street, Greensboro—3649
2. First, Charlotte—3210
3. Edenton Street, Raleigh—3117
4. Centenary, Winston-Salem—3089
5. Myers Park, Charlotte—2743
6. Central, Asheville—2264
7. Wesley Memorial, High Point—2255
8. Duke Memorial, Durham—1954
9. Hawthorne, Lane, Charlotte—1890
10. First, Gastonia—1887

American Bible Society Announces New Appointments

The American Bible Society Board of Managers announces the appointment of Mr. Frank C. Kemer as an Associate Secretary in the Ways and Means Department.

Mr. Kemer, who is a member of both the New York State Bar and the Maryland State Bar, will be assisting in the promotion of Annuity and Life Income Agreements. He has been also admitted as Attorney and Counsellor to the Supreme Court of the United States.

Mrs. Elizabeth Duncan Newcomer of Kansas City, Missouri, has been appointed Field Secretary for Women's Activities of the American Bible Society.

The appointment is part of the Society's forward advance program as it looks toward its 150th Anniversary in 1966.

Mrs. Newcomer, wife of the Rev. Andrew E. Newcomer, Director of Evangelism for the West Central Area of the United Presbyterian Church, resides in Kansas City, Missouri. The Newcomers have two children—Duncan, a senior in Davidson College, and Beclee, a teacher in Ann Arbor, Michigan.

The appointment of Mr. Russell Preston, formerly General Sales Manager of Eureka Speciality Printing Co., Scranton, Pennsylvania, as an Executive Secretary in the Society's Publication and Supply Department, is also announced.

Mr. Preston's election follows the consolidation into one department of all the purchasing for the printing and binding of Bibles, and the printing of Scripture Portions, Selections and non-Scripture items.

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Book Reviews

"Stars and Treetops" is a delightfully readable little book written by Mrs. Verna Davis Winecoff of Greensboro. These short chapters each deals with a separate matter, yet all converge on the same local object—keeping one's aims and ideal trained toward the highest and best. Interesting and thrilling experiences are recited to prove the point in mind. There is both humor and genuine sincerity knit together, and when one reads a short chapter there is no doubt as to the message to be conveyed. Mrs. Winecoff who attended Greensboro and Salem Colleges is an accomplished musician as well as an interesting writer. Some of her articles have appeared in the N. C. Christian Advocate. From describing with engaging humor the daily cares of a housewife and mother, to expressing the depths of her religious faith, she writes with a charm and warmth that attracts one's complete interest and understanding. She writes about everyday ups and downs and the truly basic values common to us. The book is published by the Vantage Press, 120 W. 31st St., New York. Price $2.50—S. J. S.

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"LOOK TO THIS DAY"—Thoughts and Prayers for the Sick and the Handicapped By Richar H. Whittemore.

This book has a message designed especially for those in the prime of life who are handicapped or enduring prolonged illness. It presents a challenge to meet life with courage and faith in God; to reject defeatism, and seek outlets for constructive living.

The author is an alcoholic rehabilitation counselor for the state of Maine, working daily with alcoholics and their families. Although confined to a wheelchair since 1950, he drives his car and flies a plane.

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Youth Attend Convocation At Purdue University

Fifteen young people and four counselors represented the Charlotte District of the Western North Carolina Conference at the eighth National Convocation of Methodist Youth July 27-31 at Purdue University.

Dr. Charles Bowles, superintendent of the district, gave this list of those who made the trip;

Youth Delegates—Jane Clark, Diane Eagle, Jane Cashion, Karen E. Hyland, Pam Allison, Dale Brownscombe, Reggie O. Graves, Pat Whitsenant, Carol Ann Wally, Minnie Lloyd, Gloria Diane Adderton, Theresa Cathey, Tamara S. Hall, Michael C. Payne and Linda Gattis.

Counselors—The Rev. Donald G. Bridger, District director of youth; Mrs. Fred R. Hayes, Mrs T. W. Bynum, Donald Starnes.

Delegates from the Statesville and Winston-Salem Districts joined the Charlotte group as the trip progressed.

There are over 5,000 delegates from across the U. S. at the Convocation, with 149 coming from the Western North Carolina Conference, and a goodly number from the North Carolina Conference.

My Pastor

PAYS TRIBUTE TO HER PASTOR

The following was written as an assig ment paper in the eighth grade Engli class by Miss Margaret Glenda Harris. Sl selected her pastor as the subject of h paper and received an "A" grade.

When asked where I live, my most co mon reply is, "On Fairway Drive . . . Th white house next to Mr. Kiker's, and it rare that people have trouble finding m home.

Who is this man that just by knowing hi ties strangers together by common kno ledge? Besides being Reverend Wade Kike pastor of Groce Methodist Church, he is on of those few people that can be called a re friend. Although having been in Asheville f just three short years he seems to kno every dog, cat, boy, girl, man, and woma in the vicinity of his church. Called "M Cracker" by the younger children of th neighborhood, his company is as eagerl sought after as an oasis by desert traveler

Mr. Kiker is one of the few ministers tha seem to radiate goodness. His daily livin is as effective as his sermons on which h spends twelve to fifteen hours.

Born in Anson County, he studied i Weaver College and Duke University t prepare for the ministry. Serving last i Charlotte, N. C., he will probably stay wit us another year, making a total of four.

When asked what he felt was the mos important part of his work, beside the actua delivery of the sermon, he acknowledge that it was personal contact such as visi tation in the homes and hospitals that mad the sermon effective. He gets his riches reward in life by seeing young people, nov grown up, doing well in life and serving i some church.

Twinkle lit in his brown eyes when h recalled how embarressing it is to forge a very important meeting or else to remem ber it when it's too late.

Life is not all work and no play for Rev Mr. Kiker, even though at least seventy five hours a week are spent in church work Besides hunting and fishing he enjoys cul tivating a garden at the back of his hom containing everything from the most beau tifully budded flowers to golden ears of corn He misses his children Mary Glenn, Frank and Joe who have all left to face the worl on their own. So, Mr. Kiker keeps busy by doing such things as collecting snakes and lizards for one of his young friends who is a reptile enthusiast.

He lives by and inspires others to live by Abe Lincoln immortal words, "Cherish no ill will toward anybody." Even after knowing Mr. Kiker for such a short time, I feel that my life is much richer just for being privileged to see a real Christian in action. I wish that everybody in the whole world could know this man who is called blessed by hundreds.

—Margaret Glenda Harris



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We Need Divine Guidance

We are so created and constituted that we cannot wisely, safely and successfully guide ourselves through life. Regardless of all the knowledge we may obtain from books, schools, colleges and universities; and regardless of all the common sense, reason and judgment we may use; and regardless of all the good advice that may be given us; and of all the honest, earnest, sincere efforts that we may put forth to direct and guide ourselves to life's best end—even to heaven—we must have help from God. The enemy of our lives and souls is too powerful for us to manage and overcome without help, grace, protection and guidance from Almighty God along life's rugged pathway.

The great old prophet Jeremiah said: "O Lord, I know that the way of man is not in himself; it is not in man that walketh to direct his steps." (Jeremiah 10:33). This powerful and undeniable truth was uttered six hundred years before Christ came to earth, but it is just as truthful today as it was then. No man can guide himself correctly, unerringly, through this life and sinful world to the "city which hath foundations, whose builder and maker is God." (Heb. 11:10).

We need and must have God at all times, in all places and under all conditions and circumstances in life to guide, direct, shield and protect us if we are to be overcomers of sin and the devil, and live with clean hands and pure hearts. Naturally when we are under the fire of the devil, and are sorely tested and tried by him, and must face his onslaughts and temptations, it takes the sustaining grace of God to keep us from yielding to the enemy, and His wonderful and unerring guidance to take us to victory for time and eternity. We need Him every day and hour, even every minute and moment.

The poetess, Mrs. Annie S. Hawks, expressed a great and essential truth when she wrote that great hymn, "I Need Thee Every Hour." In verse two of this hymn she said:

"I need Thee every hour,
Stay Thou nearby;
Temptations lose their power
When Thou art nigh."

This great, beautiful, truthful, wonderful hymn should be sung over and over, time and again, in all our churches of the land today, and sung from our very hearts and souls. Indeed we need our Saviour every hour. We need and must have His protection and guidance always if we are to be true soldiers of the cross, faithful followers in His vineyard.

Every soul should seek Divine guidance. How vitally necessary and essential it is for our well-being here and hereafter! O that I might impress this solemn truth upon the heart and soul of every reader whose eyes are following these lines across the columns of this publication! Reader, let it sink deep into your heart and don't forget that you need Divine guidance and protection always. And the wonderful thing about it is, **you can have it.** All you need to do is to yield yourself unreservedly into the care and keeping of God, live in His will, and day by day obey Him and "Pray without ceasing." (I Thes. 5:17). How blessed to live like that, which is only reasonable and right! It is within our reach and daily attainment.

—Rev. Walter E. Isenhour, Taylorsville, N. C.

CAROLINA BRIEFS

¶ Rev. D. L. Fouts of Beaufort and Rev. Wayne Fouts, his nephew, are exchanging pulpits and parsonages for two weeks.

¶ The Reverend Orion N. Hutchinson of Love's Methodist Church, Walkerton, is the author of a meditation appearing in the "Upper Room" for Saturday August 15.

¶ Dr. Emmett K. McLarty, President of Brevard College, preached last Sunday at Central Methodist Church, Monroe. Rev. Harley M. Williams is the pastor.

¶ Michael L. Pittard, son of Rev. and Mrs. Leo Pittard of Newton, and Miss Ruth Wanzer of Newton were married July 1. They plan to live in Greenville, N. C., and will attend East Carolina College.

¶ Rev. John W. Hoyle, retired, preached last Sunday at St. John Methodist church, Gastonia, of which Rev. B. S. Lyndon is pastor. Mr. Hoyle is a former pastor of the church.

¶ Rev. James R. Calloway, Director of Admissions and Counselor at High Point College, preached last Sunday morning at First Methodist Church, Elkin, in the absence of the pastor, Rev. Courtney B. Ross, who was vacationing at Lake Junaluska.

¶ Rev. N. C. Williams, Sr., will preach next Sunday morning at Mount Pleasant church, Winston-Salem. The pastor, Rev. G. F. Houch will at that time be preaching the Homecoming sermon at Center Methodist Church, Concord.

¶ Miss Susan Maxwell, daughter of Rev. and Mrs. Asmond Maxwell of Charlotte, and Mr. Joel Stephenson were married last Saturday, August 1, at 4:00 p.m. in the Commonwealth Methodist Church, of which her father is pastor.

¶ It was a high privilege of the Advocate Editor to preach last Sunday morning at both the 8:45 and 11:00 a.m. services at Davis Street Church, Burlington, where he formerly served for four years as pastor. Rev. H. M. McLamb, the present pastor, was on vacation.

¶ The North Carolina Methodist Conference Annual Laymen's Retreat and revival will be held at Louisburg College August 22-23. The theme is: "Evangelism—Our Witness." Further information will be given later. All men are urged to plan now to be present.

¶ The Annual Youth revival will be held at the Kerr Street Methodist Church, Concord, August 9-12. Rev. Billy E. Baker will be the preacher for the services. He is pastor of the Harrisburg Methodist Church. Kerr Street is his home church. Rev. W. A. Rock is pastor of Kerr Street.

¶ Douglas Quick, father of the Rev. William K. Quick, pastor of St. James Methodist Church in Greenville, died suddenly at his home near Hamlet on July 21. Funeral services were conducted at the Tabernacle Methodist Church in Ohio of which he was a member by his pastor, the Rev. E. R. Shuler, assisted by the Rev. C. D. Brown of Burlington, a former pastor, and Dr. Joyce V. Early of Rockingham.

¶ Dr. W. Arthur Kale, Professor at Duke University Divinity School, Durham, will preach at both morning services at Wesley Memorial church, High Point, next Sunday, August 9. Mr. Kale is a former pastor of Wesley Memorial church. Dr. James G. Huggin is the present pastor.

¶ "Pleasant Grove Methodist Church of Raleigh will have its annual Homecoming on August 16. Former pastors and members are invited to attend this special occasion. The Reverend N. W. Grant, newly appointed superintendent of the Raleigh District, will preach at the eleven o'clock worship service. At the conclusion of the worship service, a picnic lunch will be spread on the church lawn. Rev. Ben H. Wilson,III is the pastor."

¶ Rev. and Mrs. J. Doane Stott are finishing up their year's work in Japan and will return to the states about the middle of September. Mr. and Mrs. Stott have been teaching in Palmore Institute at Kobe, Japan, the past year. They will leave Kobe about August 10, go to Korea, Taiwan, Hong Kong, and back to Kobe for a few days then come back to the states by way of Panama Canal. They will be located in Greensboro. Mr. Stott is a retired member of the North Carolina Conference.

¶ The Rev. A. James Clemmer, his wife Myrtle and daughter Cathy were entertained by the members of the Moriah Methodist Church on Sunday evening, July 19th, at an informal reception in the social hall of the church to welcome them to Greensboro. During the reception Mr. and Mrs. Clemmer were presented a lovely silver service honoring them on their twenty-fifth wedding anniversary which they celebrated a few days earlier. Mrs. H. L. Holton made the presentation on the part of the church.

John M. Tuttle Succumbs at 97

John M. Tuttle, 97, of Lenoir, father of two prominent Methodist ministers, died last week at Lexington following an extended illness. He was a retired Caldwell County surveyor.

Born in Caldwell County, he was a member of Littlejohn's Methodist Church where funeral was conducted Monday, July 27, by the Rev. M. C. Ellerbe, pastor, and the Rev. John Carper of Lenoir. Burial was in the church cemetery.

Survivors are five sons, Ira G. and C. M. Tuttle of Raleigh, J. Frank Tuttle of Columbia, S. C., the Rev. Mark Q. and Dr. Lee F. Tuttle of Lake Junaluska; a sister, Miss Lela Tuttle, retired Methodist missionary, of Asheville; nine grandchildren; 13 greatgrandchildren.

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The Advisory Council of Judges of the National Council on Crimes and Delinquency urges that narcotic addicts be treated as sick persons instead of as criminals. The Council said that the weight of medical experience in Great Britian in treatment of drug addiction "supports the view that the British program has been successful in avoiding a rise in addiction . . . ."

Macon County Methodist Group Ministry Council

The Macon County Methodist Group Council held its regular meeting Monday, July 27, 1964, at the First Church, Franklin with Mr. L. C. Howard presiding.

The devotional was given by Rev. Garland Young.

The missions map project is now completed and available for all the churches to use.

Plans for a religious census will get started in the near future. The committee will meet in August. The census is to be completed by November 1.

The youth activities week is set for August 3-7. All are ready to begin with committees organized.

Junior High week will be held August 17-21 at Union Methodist church for grades 7, 8, 9. The Theme, "Jesus," with two classes, "Come, Follow Me," and "Being Christian in Our Personal Life."

Miss Virginia Miller, rural worker, with five others will go to Pfeiffer College August 11-14 for training of the new curriculum literature. They will then teach the training school schedule for August 21-25 at First Church, Franklin.

A spiritual life retreat for laymen will be held October 30-31 at Hinton Rural Life Center, Havesville, N. C.

Our next meeting is scheduled for October 26, 1964.

MRS. R. L. HOGLEN, *Reporter.*

MCOR Aids Typhoon Victims

Responding to an appeal from Methodist leaders in the Philippines, the Methodist Committee for Overseas Relief (MCOR) has sent $10 000 to aid typhoon victims there.

The Rev. Dr. Gaither P. Warfield, New York, general secretary of MCOR, on July 7 cabled Bishop Dionisio D. Alejandro and the Rev. Charles A. Mosebrook in Manila, assuring them that a $10,000 grant had been authorized for use in relief operations.

The tropical storm, said to be the worst typhoon ever to strike the Philippines, did considerable damage to church property and left an estimated 400,000 persons homeless.

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Southeastern Jurisdiction Missions Conference

Three Methodists of Western North Carolina Conference headquarters in Statesville played key roles in the July 23-29 Southeastern Jurisdiction Missions Conference at Lake Junaluska.

Dr. Horace McSwain, executive secretary of the Conference Board of Missions served as coordinator of the Workshop for Chairmen of local church Commissions on Missions. He also led workshops July 27-29 for study of Conference board chairmen, missionaries secretaries and board members from the Jurisdiction.

The Rev. Rollin Gibbs, director of fund-raising crusades for the Western North Carolina Conference, led a workshop concerned with fund-raising. For the past five years the Rev. Mr. Gibbs has averaged raising a million dollars in local church and districts for various causes.

Mrs. Howard (Louise) Doyle, secretary for the Conference board of missions, served as Missions Conerence registrar and also edited the Conference's "Daily Bulletin" containing news and schedules of the Conference.

Also attending from Statesville was the Rev. A. Glenn Lackey, Conference director of church extension and newly-appointed interim superintendent of the Charlotte Methodist District.

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Serving Him

I cannot keep from wondering just what
This world would be,
If all who say they're Christians surrendered
Themselves to Thee.
Many thoughts of pleasure and much
Selfish greed,
Would be turned toward God and helping
Those in need.
Many an idle thought would be changed
To a kind deed.
And in the wasted hours, we'd take time
The Book to read.
When we spoke of others, it would be
Good instead of bad,
There'd be cheer for the cheerful—sympathy
For the sad.
Never being fussy if we were not chosen
At the head.
Just being thankful and doing our small
Bit instead.
There'd be no more pouting, we'd be
Working in one accord,
Friendly with our neighbors as we serve
The Lord.
With each morning we'd look to a
Lovely day,
When we follow Jesus life is just
That way.
Let's take inventory and give this old
Heart a cleaning,
Dedicated to The Master—life takes on
New meaning.
Can we humbly bow our heads for a
Prayer just now?
God will surely hear us and lovingly
Teach us how.
That we can be about His business and
Be His children too.
For if we really love Him, these things
We'll pledge to do.

—Mrs. Gaither Beroth

Book Reviews

"LIFE'S EVENTFUL VOYAGE" by Rev. W. Arthur Gray, published by Christopher Publishing House, 1140 Columbus Avenue, Boston, Mass. Price (Cloth) $3.75.

This collection of seventeen related essays was written out of a rich experience of thirty-three years ministry to thousands of people throughout the state of Missouri, and in the Tacoma District of the state of Washington. A Methodist minister, Rev. Mr. Gray relies heavily on his personal experiences and observations for the material in this book. These messages of Christian love and understanding will encourage the reader to weather the ever recurring buffets and fury of life's stormy seas, and to survive its many shipwrecks. The basic ideals of self-discipline, self-control, and self-sacrifice are emphasizd as essential in Christian living. Man is a four-fold beng—physical, mental, social, and spiritual—and the development of each is necessary for the proper growth of one's character.

The writer realizes full well that life is solely what we, ourselves, make it and consists in the most part of what we put into it. He describes life as a great voyage spanning one's lifetime, from birth to death. It is a voyage that everyone must make. However, although the desired destination is usually the same for everyone, regardless of race, religion, or station in life, the paths leading there are never the same for any two prsons. Because each must choose his respective route, he urges us to choose wisely the path best suited to our individual needs and temperament. If we make a hasty decision, or deter from our original intention, the road may well be strewn with the debris of selfishness and lust; whether it be due to love of self, wealth, power, success, or any of the other great temptatious evils that man so readily embraces. In the long run, those who choose worthy vocations and li e meaningful and purposeful lives are those who will be most happy and content with life.

This book offers practical advice on living, not in the manner of a "do this or else" treatise, but as a valuable and instructive guide for all age groups.—S.J.S.

Bishop Tippett Named To Post

Bishop Donald H. Tippett of San Francisco has been elected president of The Methodist Church's Commission on Promotion and Cultivation for the 1964-68 quadrennium.

Bishop Tippett's selection came at the commission's quadrennial organization meeting in Evanston, Ill., July 20-22. He succeeds Bishop William C. Martin of Dallas, Texas, who retired in late June.

The Rev. Dr. Elliott L. Fisher of Evanston, Ill., was re-elected general secretary of the commission for the quadrennium.

Other officers elected at the meeting included Bishop Hazen G. Werner of New York, vice president; the Rev. Theodore C. Mavers of Warren, Ohio, recording secretary; and the Rev. Don A. Cooke of Winnetka, Ill., treasurer.

Staff members re-elected, in additional to Dr. Fisher, included:

The Rev. Dr. Howard Greenwalt, Wilmette, Ill., associate secretary and business manager; the Rev. Dr. R. Merrill Powers, Evanston, Ill., associate secretary for field cultivation; Edwin H. Maynard of Northbrook, Ill., editorial director and editor of *The Methodist Story;* Darrell R. Shamblin of Wilmette, Ill., associate editor *The Methodist Story;* and the Rev. K. Wood of Glenview, Ill., assicoate editor for promotional materials.

In other business, the commission discussed plans for interpreting to the church the $18 million annual World Service asking for the next four years and the special benevolences such as One Great Hour of Sharing, the Fellowship of Suffering and Service, the Television-Radio Ministry Fund, and Advance Special projects.

The commission paid special recognition at a banquet session to the Rev. Dr. Oscar L. Simpson who retired June 1 after more than 30 years as a promotional editor in The Methodist Church, the last 12 of it with the Commission on Promotion and Cultivation.

Hospital-Home Leaders Named

Section chairmen for the National Association of Methodist Hospitals and Homes have been announced by the Rev. George H. Palmer, West Allis, Wisc., president of the association.

The chairman will be in charge of developing programs within their particular fields for the presentation at the association's convention January 19-21, 1965 in Chicago. Named are:

Hospitals—Paul A. Bjork, Oak Ridge Hospital, Oak Ridge, Tenn.

Homes for Older Persons—The Rev. Howard C. Washburn, administrator of the C. C. Young Memorial Home, Dallas, Texas.

Agencies Serving Children and Youth—The Rev. John R. Cheney, superintendent of the Methodist Children's Home, Worthington, Ohio.

Chaplains—Chaplain Keith W. Keidel, House Chaplain of the Methodist Hispital of Brooklyn, N. Y.

Field Representatives—The Rev. A. Leslie Potter, director of public relations of the Methodist Home for Children, Williamsville, N. Y.

Conference Chairmen—The Rev. Earl W. Isabell, chairman of the Southern California-Arizona Conference Board of Hospitals and Homes, Compton, Calif.

Woman's Auxiliaries—Mrs. Anna May Davis, director of volunteer services at Oklahoma Methodist Manor, Tulsa, Okla.

Two Young N. C. Conference Ministers Achieve Distinction

The Junior Chamber of Commerce publication, "Outstanding Young Men of America" (1965 edition) will list six Preiffer college alumni. Young men are listed who are between the ages of 21 and 36 and who "have distinguished themselves in one or more fields of endeavor to the point of being outstanding.' The Pfeiffer alumni listed are:

Rev. William Kirk McNeil, class of '59, minister of education, Hay Street Methodist church, Favetteville, N. C.

Rev. William K. Quick, class of '52, pastor of St. James Methodist Church, Greenville, N. C.

Others include: Joe B. Moose, class of '59, Charlotte; Rev. J. B. Stutts, class of '60, Rt. 2 Thomasville, N.C.; Professor Bob Crubbs, class of '59 Pfeiffer College; and Ted R. Burleson, class of '59, Charlotte, N. C.

EDITORIALS

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Judging Our Youth Properly

According to the daily press officers had right much trouble handling unruly groups of young people during the fourth of July observance. Police dogs, black-jacks, paddy cars, etc., had to be brought into use in order to preserve peace and to assure safety for certain groups.

Just why some young people will conduct themselves in such a manner is hard to explain. It could be they have missed the proper parental influence and training, and have not yet learned that they are members of a society where every individual has crtain rights which must be respected. It could be they are just plain mean, and do not have the high ideals that should characterize today's youth, and therefore a lack of character is in evidence. Whatever the cause, it is regretable that such instances occur. It should cause parents, the church, and those who are interested in good citizenship to redouble their efforts to help these youngsters get a proper understanding and to inspire them to seek to develop into good citizens. People should not be satisfied merely to critize, but should offer something constructive in the way of challenging the better instincts of our youth.

We are happy to say, however, that those who so conduct themselves are not representative of today's young people in general. It is good to know that those who align themselves with the church and its program for most part are upstanding young men and women who can be counted on to live useful and constructive lives. They have high ideals and are developing noble characters, and any community would be the better to have them numbered among ite people. The fact that some are bad does not mean that all are bad. It is regretable, however that some people apply the same standards to all, and the good have to suffer with the bad.

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LETTERS

The Editor
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Dear Sir:

Your June 25th issue under "On a Wide Circuit" carried an endorsement of the U. S. Government program for "Breaking The Cycle of Poverty," because the writer said, "There is cause for all of us to rejoice that the government is becoming aware of the 30,000,000 Americans who live at or below the "Poverty Level."

The writer goes on to say these various programs of the government should do much to help end what (poverty?) "in the midst of abundance." The suggestion is made that church organizations bend themselves toward a ministry-of-the-spirit that will help break the deadly cycles of generations of poverty.

The Methodist Church as an organization is losing its effectiveness by latching to questionable ideas and policies of politicians. This government approach is self-defeating and is political propoganda of the worst sort. The church schools are in bondage in many cases through loans and grants . Some have publicly announced they are changing policies in order to get grants. Every dollar taken by the church from the government indicates the leadership is willing to use the coercive power (the right to tax) of the government to get money from those who do not want to support the work in the way all church work should be supported—voluntarily.

Please do what you can to discourage the physical approach as a solution to spiritual problems. Keep the govehnment out of the church work. Poetry is relative and to imply that curing it (if curable) is necessary or ever desirable for salvation then a great many preachers need more help than the church is giving them.

Put first things first and that which is necessary will come forth as God has promised us. Let us look to God and not the government.

S. A. Chalk, Jr.

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Dear Editor:

I must protest against the grave misunderstanding evidenced by the author of the article, "Life Begins with Self-Respect," which appeared in the July 23 issue of the North Carolina Christian Advocate.

One must agree that an essential ingredient of life is self-respect, a self-respect engendered by the knowledge that man has been created and redeemed by God. We are who we are because God has made us so. It may also be true that there are individuals who attempt "to be somebody by trying to be somebody else." However, I fail to see how the current Negro protest movement could be described as an attempt on the part of Negroes to become somebody else. The point is precisely the opposite. The Negro wants to be recognized as who he is, namely a human being who stands in society and before God. Again there might be individual Negroes who wish to be white. Though I know of no such individuals, this desire could be understood in light of the continued oppression year after year.

The most salient aspect of the whole human rights movement is the fact that for the first time in American history the Negro can honestly be proud of being Negro.. He has for the first time gained self-respect. Are we now to say that this accomplishment is the result of his attempt to become white? I think not. To say that the Negro is seeking to be someone else is to miss the meaning of everything which has happened in the area of civil rights in the last decade.

Then there is one other matter. Let's move beyond the implication that the Negro is all right "where he is." To be sure we can be thankful for the George Washngton Carver's and the individual Negro accomplishments. But how much greater would be the accomplishments if the Negro had not been "kept in his place," if he had been given opportunity for education, for employment, for citizenship rights instead of being segregated, intimidated, yes, even lynched. I ask are these latter things characteristic of what the author means by the Negro remaining "where he is?"

It might possibly be a personal attribute if someone tried to be somebody by being somebody else. We whites might understand the civil rights movement if we tried the impossible task of placing ourselves in the situation of the Negro.

Vance Jones

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THEME FOR THE WEEK

"Verily I say unto you, Whosoever shall not receive the kingdom of God as a little child, shall in no wise enter therein."—Luke 18:17.

Miss Louise Avett in Hong Kong

Miss Louise Avett, Methodist missionary in Hong Kong, writes interesting news of her work in the Far East, describing people with whom she works, the things they do and some of the dreams they have for the future.

"These are great days to be a part of the Hong Kong church," she writes. "I would like to share some of my observations as Woman's Division treasurer, correspondent and part-time port hostess. Wish you could stop by our office for a chat. You would probably come in puffing after climbing 73 steps, for we have no elevator."

She tells of the task of distributing MCOR supplies, saying, "Recently Jesse (Clements) and his staff had to decide how to distribute 50 big packages of used clothing, 6 bales of used clothing, 5 big barrels of multiple vitamin, 250 Mattel dolls and 5 huge bolts of cloth. These were gifts of a good will organization called Handclasp. One of our U.S. Warships kindly brought out these things. The used clothing went to five roof-tops and four villages. Dolls are shared with our Roof-top Children's clubs, kindergartens and first grades. Our nurses are in charge of most of the vitamins, but some will be distributed by our case workers. The new cloth will be used by three roof-top sewing projects."

She continues, "One of our newest and happiest projects is in a squatter village near Wesley Village. Mrs. **Emily Li** has been helping the people of this village each Saturday A.M. with a used clothing shop. We feel it is better for their morale that they pay what they can for clothes. . . . be it a few cents or dimes. Some of us kept hoping someone in the village would start making over used clothes with Chinese patterns and sizes. Within the past month exactly this has taken place. At first one woman with an old sewing machine made over some clothes which she sold very cheaply. They were so popular that now three women are in the business. It provides a living for three women and clothes at a price that the earth coolie women and other day laborers can afford to buy."

An Asian flavor creeps into the letter when she tells of neighboring nations. She writes, "Having accounts for Sumatra, Burma, and Taiwan furnishes variety to our job. Due to the birth of Malasia, communications, transportation and shopping in some places have been affected. You are aware that Indonesia has not joined Malasia. We have helped **Gusta Robinett** of Samatra, Indonesia get a Blue Bird kindergarten bus that formerly would have gone via Singapore. More recently we have purchased for her area folding organs, duplicators and many Bibles, hymn books and other R.E. materials. Taiwan needed a Ford headlight rim which we purchased and sent a few weeks ago. It is a pleasure to help others in this way."

Miss Avett tells in her letter of her office

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Methodist News In Brief

A plaque expressing United States Air Force gratitude to Bishop Donald H. Tippett completed in 1964 a term as chairman of the Methodist Commission on Chaplains.

Construction is expected to begin in September on a $500,000 Methodist Center in Atlanta to house the offices of Bishop John O. Smith and various Atlanta Area and North Georgia Annual Conferences offices. A feature will be connecting chapel using stained glass windows from the old Wesley Memorial Methodist Church in Atlanta.

Three Methodist-related institutions were among eight colleges historically operated for Negroes which recently received $13 million in Ford Foundation grants. The schools are Clark College, Atlanta; Bennett College, Greensboro, N. C.; and Dillard University, New Orleans.

The Rev. Joseph D. Kipfer of Fal River, Mass., has joined the staff of the Division of National Missions of the Methodist Board of Missions as a specific in research.

Boston University has received a $7 million loan from the U. S. Housing and Home Finance Agency for construction of a residence hall on its Central Charles River Campus. The loan is one of the largest ever approved for student housing.

The Rev. Dr. Edward W. Bauman, Methodist minister whose television instruction in Bible has gained national use and attention, received one of the top 1964 awards from Religious Heritage of America at its 14th annual Washington Pilgrimate.

Students from Williamette University in Salem, Ore., and Bennett College in Greensboro, N. C., have completed a year's exchange which saw Miss Ienore Monk of Salem as the only white girl on the Greensboro campus and Miss Beatrice Perry by students and communites in Salem and Greensboro with no incidents.

Iowa Weslevan College at Mt. Pleasant, Iowa, has removed all of its income-producing property from the tax-exempt classification, a move expected to cost the college at least $10.000 a year in local property taxes. Commercial properties in Mt. Pleasant, Burlington, and Centersville, Iowa, are involved.

Mr. and Mrs. Laughlin Are Honored By Their Church

Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Laughlin, members of the East Marion Methodist Church, were honored Sunday, July 26, for their service to the church.

In appreciation for their long service, the pastor, Rev. Boyce Huffstetler, presented them with special gifts during the morning worship service.

Mrs. Laughlin received a special membership certificate and pin from the Woman's Society of Christian Service.

Mr. Laughlin was presented a copy of the King James Version of the Bible, a gift from the Men's Bible Class.

Mr. Laughlin, among his other services to the church, has served as teacher for the Men's Bible Class; as Chairman of the Official Board; and as President of the Methodist Men's Club.

Mrs. Laughlin, a member of the church choir for many years, along with her other services, has held throughout the years, many offices in the WSCS of the East Marion church.



From left, The Reverend and Mrs. J. H. Waldrop, Jr. of Clayton and The Reverend and Mrs. Jordan of Murfreesboro, register for the Conference on The Minister and His Wife conducted recently at Methodist College by the Board of Education of the North Carolina Conference of The Methodist Church. The Reverend John Sutton, seated, of Raleigh, Director of Adult Work for the N. C. Conference, conducts the registration.

"One Witness In One World" Quadrennial Program Launched

Implementation of The Methodist Church's 1964-68 special emphasis on the theme "One Witness in One World" formally began in Evanston, Ill., July 20-22 with election of Bishop W. Vernon Middleton of Pittsburgh, Pa., as chairman of the quadrennial program committee.

Selection of Bishop Middleton came at the annual meeting of the church's Commission on Promotion and Cultivation.. The 1964 General Conference assigned to the commission executive responsibility for the program.

In addition to Bishop Middleton, a committee of 25 persons was selected made up of members of the Commission on Promotion and Cultivation, bishops, representatives of various areas of church life, and four overseas churchmen.

Bishop Middleton said that the committee named here would try to "see that the church understands and achieves its goals (in the emphasis) which is primarily renewal of the church."

In other actions, the committee gave final approval to the study book on the program's theme, said that it was hoped that a director for the emphasis could be named within 30 days, worked on plans for presentation of the emphasis at the District Superintendents' Convocation in November, and offered three guidelines for church members to follow in giving "their best witness to one world."

The suggestions were adopted at the annual meeting of the church's Commission on Promotion and Cultivation, the agency given responsibility for implementation of the quadrennial program.

After noting that all geographical sections of the denomination have taken in recent weeks action toward elimination of segregation within the church, the statement said:

"We believe that members of The Methodist Church give their best witness to one world:

"First, by being obedient to the Commandments of the Lord Jesus Christ in demonstrating a life r love for all peoples of the world regardless of race, color, economic conditions or political beliefs;

"Second, by obeying the laws of one's own country, especially the laws which recognize the God-given dignity of every person.

"Third, by our daily witness of redemptive love in all relationships we are bearing witness to the Christian faith which The Methodist Church professes.

"By doing these things we give our witness to the Kingdom of Christ in God's one world."

Bennett College Gets $150,000 Grant

Dr. Willa B. Player, president of Bennett College, was notified this week that the Carnegie Corporation of New York, has appropriated the sum of $150,000 for support of the Saturday School for talented high school juniors and seniors.

The grant will extend over three years, pavable $70.000 for 1963-64; $50,000 for 1964-65 and $30,000 for 1965-66.

Organized in 1961, the school seeks to enrich the preparation of high school graduates entering freshmen classes annually. Students of high ability are enabled to enter honors programs, independent study or to receive advance standing.

Students come from Greensboro and nearby communities in the state and Virginia each Saturday for courses in English composition, reading, social studies and mathematics. Dr. Richard L. Fields has been named acting director of the school during the absence of Dr. Charles Garth who is on leave this year as an exchange professor in India.

Methodism in Mexico

Mexico is in the present age among the countries of Spanish background one of the leading countries in Latin America. Its territory covers about 758,000 square miles, with a population of 36,000,000 which is largely the result of the mixture of two main races: The Spaniard and the Indian, although there are still important nuclei of Indian tribes. The religous faith inherited from the Spaniards is Roman Catholic. Protestantism is a minority group, having approximately 1,000,000 believers, according to recent estimates.

Our country has a democratic form of government. The War of Independence (1810), the Liberal Movement of Reform (1857) and the Mexican Revolution (1910) have given the country a well established government, which now provides positive achievements in social, industrial, agricultural, educational, political and economic development.

Due to the domination of the Roman Catholic Church over the state in the past, the Mexican Constitution signed in 1917 was definitely anticlerical. The church was barred from any share in education, the religious orders were abolished, church properties of all kind were nationalized, the number of priests and ministers was controlled by the state, and no foreign-born priests or ministers were allowed to officiate. These limitations are still in force.

Looking back on the history of our church, Methodism was established in Mexico through the separate missionary efforts of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, and the Methodist Episcopal Church between 1871 and 1873. In general we may say that Protestantism began its work in Mexico by taking advantage of the enviroment of freedom created under President Benito Juarez in 1857, although scattered efforts began earlier.

The unification of the two branches of Methodism came earlier in Mexico than the unification in the United States. The Mexican Methodists themselves wanted to get together and to have their own church under their own leadership. Therefore, in 1930, representatives of the two churches consummated the union, and a new national church was born, called Iglesia Metodista de Mexico. This event brought not only union of two branches of Methodism, but also its formation as an independent church, capable of self-government, but unable to attain full self-support on its own very limited financial resources. Therefore, when the economic aid from the United States decreased radically during the depression, it was necessary for the two mother churches to continue on a lesser scale their assistance to the newborn church.

When the autonomous Methodist Church of Mexico was established, there was set up a Council of Cooperation, composed of equal numbers of missionaries and Mexicans, representing the Boards of Missions and the Mexican Church respectively. Through this group all recomendations and arrangements of finances and missionary personnel are achieved. In addition, a bishop from the United States is appointed to serve as a visiting bishop to Mexico. We count it a privilege to have Bishop W. Angie Smith in this capacity. To him and to the present personnel of the Board of Missions, especially to Dr. Eugene L. Stockwell and Miss Marian Derby, we extend our deep recognition and gratitude.

With the Holy Scripture as an eternal and spiritual law and the *Discipline* of the Methodist Church of Mexico as our temporal guide, our church is going forward in the name of Christ. We now have work in 17 of 28 states in the republic. All legislative powers are vested in the General Conference composed of 40 delegates, 20 ministerial and 20 lay, and presided over by the bishop, who is elected to serve during a four-year term with the possibility of unlimited reelection. There are two annual conferences and six district conferences. There are national organization for Woman's Societies, Methodist Men and Youth Fellowships. There are two general boards with full-time executive secretaries: the Board of Christian Education and the Board of Evangelism. There are two other boards with part-time secretaries: Social Action and Missions. In our ministry, we have the following workers:

Minister in full connection:	91
Deaconesses:	30
Local Preachers:	23
Approved supplies:	51
Missionaries:	32
Total	227

These Methodist workers serve as leaders in 350 preaching places, 12 schools, 10 social centers and student homes, and one hospital.

Our work program for the present quadrennium has as its motto "Accion y Superacion," with nine main goals:

1.—Enrichment of spiritual power among ministers, workers and church members.

2.—Extension of the church and increase of membership.

3.—More adequate Christian stewardship.

4.—More consecrated, better-trained, more aggressive and more humble ministers.

5.—Improvement of organization and administration.

6.—Adequate production of Methodist literature.

7.—Special attention to rural work.

8.—New churches, schools and social work buildings.

9.—Increasing participation in all world Christian enterprises.

We have also set particular annual emphases for the program of the church. 1963 was the "Year the Warmed Heart," related to the world emphasis of Methodism on the Aldersgate Experience. 1964 is the "Year of the Holy Scripture," related to the world campaign launched by the United Bible Societies called "The Word of God for a New Age." The particular purpose of last year's effort was to deepen the Christian experience of the Methodist people, and this year's effort has at its heart an evangelistic purpose, through reading, studying and distributing the Word of God.

Literature has an important place in our work. The church publishes such monthly periodicals as "El Evangelista Mexicano," the official paper, "Vanguardia Juvenil" the youth paper and Comino," a paper for children and workers with children. "Poder y Vida" is the publication of the Board of Evangelism, and "Accion Social" is a bulletin issued by the respective boards. Along with these, a number of other occasional materials are produced, such as a yearbook with selected materials for the church calendar.

The training of our ministry is accomplished mainly in two official institutions, the Methodist Deaconess Training School and the Union Seminary, the latter cooperating with three different Protestant denominations: Disciples of Christ, Congregationalists and Methodists. Besides, some of our ministers have had some post-graduate training in the United States, and all preachers in full conection go through the four-year plan of studies of the annual conference.

The economic life of the church has its bases in national resources and assistance from the church in the United States through the channels of the Board of Missions.

It is our definite purpose to reach, in the near future, total self-support in the pastoral area to use foreign aid in the establishment of new churches and general educational, and social work. One of the channels to reach this idea is the Sociedad Misionera Mexicana, organized in our church in 1921, which every year raises a considerable sum of money. Strong, self-supporting local churches in Mexico are making large contributions toward this end.

We look toward the future with confidence. The challenge of our present world and the needs of our Mexican people are calling us to a more dedicated service and witness for the Gospel of christ. There is a call to go foward, fulfilling the mission that God has granted to his people.
(July 23, 1964)

Christian Education Workers Meet At Junaluska Aug. 17-21

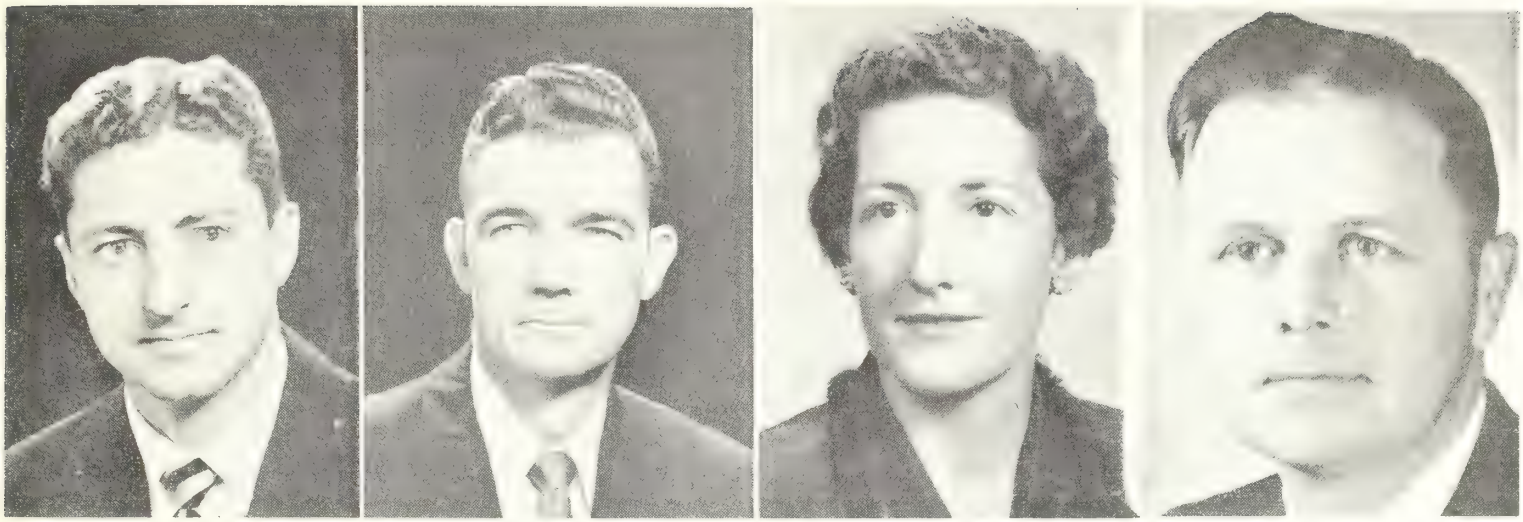
Professional Christian education workers in Methodist churches across the Southeast will be at Lake Junaluska August 17-21 for their annual training session. The theme will be "We Share a Total Ministry."

Most of their time will be spent in workgroups on such subjects as leadership development, new children's curriculum, adult education, controversial situations, membership and attendance.

The theme will be presented by the Rev. Wayne Lindecker, Nashville, Tenn., staff mmber of the Methodist Board of Education. Special emphases to be presented are "Creative Adult Education: Needed Breakthrough in a Total Ministry" by the Rev. Randle Dew, Nashville, Board of Education staff, and the Rev. Dr. D. Trigg James, Atlanta, executive secretary of Southeastern Jurisdictional Council.

Conference summerizer will be McMurray Richey, professor at Duke University Divinity School.

The staff of Grace Methodist Church, Atlanta, will serve as resource personnel for the conference. Members are the Rev. Dr. T. Cecil Myers, pastor; the Rev. David Wilson, associate minister; the Rev. John A. Lasater, minister of education; Donald F. Sanford, minister of music; Miss Mary Rogan, assistant to minister; Thomas Arnhart, business manager; Mrs. Betty Campbell, membership secretary; Mrs. Mildren Beaschler, chairman of commission on education.



DR. CLYDE ROBERTSON | DR. GRIFFIN CAMPBELL | FAYE STOVALL | PROF. GLENN BUSH

Four Faculty Promotions Announced At Pfeiffer

Pfeiffer College this week announced four major promotions for faculty members and plans for the opening of its 1964-1965 academic year.

Dr. Griffin Campbell, Professor of English, was named head of the Department of English; Dr. Clyde Robertson, Associate Professor Glenn Bush, head, the Department of Sociology was named Director of Religious Life and Faye Stovall of the Business Administration faculty to be Director of Placement.

The college will open its 1964-1965 year on Sunday, August 31 with an orientation program for new students. This program is directed by Dean of Students, Sterling Whitley. Upperclassmen will return on Wednesday, September 2 with classes to begin on Thursday, September 3.

A faculty workshop will be held Friday and Saturday, August 28, 29 under the leadership of Dr. Cameron West, Academic Dean.

The Orientation Program will open with a "Parents Day" feature on Aug. 31. College officials devote considerable time to informing parents of various college programs. President J. Lem Stokes will preach at the morning Chapel Service that day.

Dean West, commenting on the four promotions, noted that the two new department heads would releave Dr. Hoyt Bowen, Chairman of the Division of Language and Literature and former English Department head, and Dr. Joe Manley, Chairman of the Division of Natural Science and former Biology Department head of certain administrative duties.

Dr. Campbell, new head of the English Department, joined the Pfeiffer faculty in 1956. Holder of the Ph.D. degree from the University of South Carolina and a member of Phi Beta Kappa, he is highly regarded as a teacher and scholar. Dr. Campbell holds a dual interest in American Literature and language usage.

Dr. Robertson, a new Biology Department head, is holder of the Ph.D. degree from Duke University and is a Phi Beta Kappa member. An authority on insect respiration systems, he joined the Pfeiffer faculty in 1956. In recent years he has advised the college's pre-medical nursing students and has taught in summer sessions of the Duke University Graduate School.

Professor Bush, an ordained Methodist Minister, came to Pfeiffer in 1960 as head of the Department of Sociology. In May 1964 he was elected President of the National Association of American Town and Country Professors, a professional organization for professors of Sociology.

An able preacher and counselor, he holds advanced degrees from Iliff School of Theology and Iowa State University. Prof. Bush replaces Dr. Henry Gerner who has accepted a position at Bowling Green State University in Ohio.

The new Director of Placement, Mrs. Faye Stovall, has been a member of the Pfeiffer faculty since 1954. She has become known to hundreds of students through her classes in Business Education and Business Administration. She has held area leadership posts in the North Carolina Education Association.

In her new position, she will work with seniors and alumni in job placement. Mrs. Stovall will also teach courses in the Business Administration Department.

Euporean Tour Set For September 28th—October 24th

The fourth Annual European Tour of Methodist Historical Places will leave September 28, from Washington, D. C. and include a tour of the Holy Land, according to Dr. Carl E. Keightley, editor of the Texas Methodist. It will return October 24.

The tour was conceived by the Texas editor a few years ago to give Methodists an opportunity to enrich their appreciation of Methodism by visiting places connected with the birth of the Methodist movement. Although most of the members of the tour have been from Texas, each year a number of the group have come from beyond Texas.

The tour, this year, will be led by Rev. Robert Young, young dynamic pastor of First Methodist Church, Waxahachie, Texas.

In addition to places of Methodist interest in London and Epworth, England, the group will visit the World Council of Churches headquarters in Geneva, Switzerland.

Sight-seeing of historical and cultural places of interest are included along with the points of religious interest. Maior stops on the tour include; London, Ledds, Stratford-on-Avon, Paris, Versailles, Geneva, Rome, Madrid. Cairo, Jerusalem, Nazareth, Damascus, etc. The tour will return to the United States through the New York gateway.

Deadline for reservations are August 25. Information may be secured by writing Dr. Carl E. Keightley, 1910 Main, Dallas, Texas 75201.

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"You can't create social justice in a spiritual vacuum."—Beshop Matthew W. Clair.

Florida Appointment Changes

The Rev. Dr. Millard C. Cleveland has been named pastor of First Methodist Church in Orlando, Florida to succeed Bishop Edward J. Pendergrass, who was elected to the episcopacy at the recent Southeastern Jurisdictional Conference and assigned to the Jackson, Miss., Area.

Dr. Cleveland has been pastor of First Church, St. Petersburg, since 1959. He is a member of the General Board of Missions. The Orlando church, with more than 4,000 members, is Methodism's largest in Florida.

Bishop James W. Henley of the Florida Area also announced the shifting of 12 other ministers stemming from the Orlando vacancy.

Included are the Rev. Dr. J. Milburn McLeod, in his sixth year as superintendeant of the Jacksonville district, who succeeds Dr. Cleveland in St. Petersburg, and the Rev. Jesse E. Waller of First Church, Clearwater, who became district superintendent in Jacksonville.



Workshop On New Curriculum Materials For Children To Be Conducted at Pfeiffer College



Miss Susan Carmichael



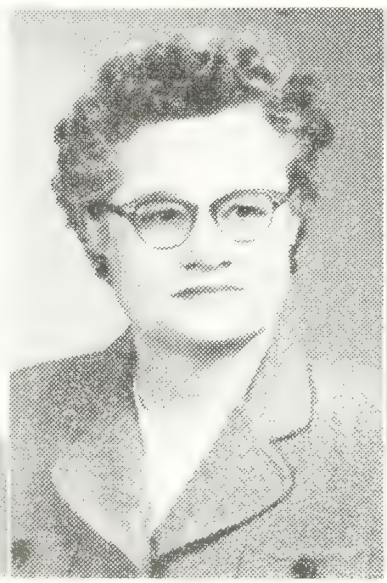
Mrs. Eugene C. Few



Mrs. W. H. Hoeflich



Mrs. F. V. McDonnel



Mrs. S. D. Newell



Miss Lula Doyle Baird



Mrs. M. J. Germer

New Materials to Replace Present Children's Program

Church officials and teachers concerned with the new curriculum of The Methodist Church for the 1-11 age group will go to Pfeiffer College Aug. 11-13 for an important workshop.

With Dr. Lowell B. Hazzard of Washington, D. C., as keynote speaker, Christian Studies for Methodist Children will be introduced and interpreted as the Sept 1. release of the new material nears.

Dr. Carl H. King, executive secretary for the Board of Education, Western North Carolina Conference, has drawn the program and will be in charge of the workshop.

The Conference Board of Education has been going about the task of educating church and school leaders at the conference, district and local church levels about the new curriculum during the past 18 months.

The workshop will feature for the head of the children's division and counselors, the nursery and kindergarten groups, and those persons concerned with either the Wesley or Asbury series.

Dr. Hazzard, who has inspired ministers and laymen alike in the Conference in his talks on the new curriculum, will deliver four talks on "Theology in Christian Education." They will come at 7 p.m. Aug. 11, 8:45 a.m. and 7 p.m. Aug. 12 and 8:45 a.m. August 13.

Here are the other leaders for the workshop:

Group on "Work of the Counseling Teacher and the Superintendent in the Children's Division," Mrs. Eugene C. Few of Winston-Salem, an experienced leader of children and children's workers.

Nursery Group, Mrs. Meredith J. Germer of Harrisburg, Pa., a specialist in work with nursery children.

Kintergarten Group, Mrs. W. H. Hoeflich of Charlotte, N. C., director of the Through-The-Week Kindergarten at Myers Park Methodist Church.

Wesley Series:

Elementary 1-11 Group, Mrs. Fred V. McDonnell of Carlisle, Pa., the author of this group, and an author of missionary education books.

Elementary III-IV, Miss Susan Carmichael, of Pfeiffer College, assistant professor of Christian education at the college and a deaconess.

Mrs. Leonard T. Wolcott of Nashville, Tenn., the write for this Group and the author of several books for children.

Asbury Series:

Elementary I-III Group, Miss Lula Baird of Morrilton, Ark., the writer for this Group who has written other units as well as poems and stories.

Elementary IV-VI Group, Mrs. S. D. Newell of Dalzell, S. C., an accredited and experienced teacher in Christian Workers' and Laboratory schools.

It is important that all persons wishing to attend the Workshop plan to do so for full time, since it is a continuous experience. It is also important that all persons planning to attend send in their registration now to the registrar, Mrs. Johnson Dameron, P. O. Box 749, Statesville, North Carolina, 28677. For persons who plan to room and board at the

ge, the total cost is $10.00; for persons wish to commute, eating only four meals e College, the cost is $6.00.

rsons who attend should bring with their New Curriculum Materials and ld provide their own linen.

ch person can register for only one shop Group, but all persons will have opportunity to attend the General Ses- when Dr. Hazzard will speak. If minis- or others wish to attend the General ons at which Dr. Hazzard will speak, may do so without registering for the Workshop, but registration is necessary for those attending the Workshop Groups.

The Workshop will open with an Oreintation Session at 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, August 11, and will close with lunch at 12:30 p.m. Thursday, August 13.. All persons should register before the opening "Orientation Session" if possible.

Brochures and registration blanks have been mailed to all ministers, directors, and superintendents of the children's division. Additional ones may be secured by writing the Registrar.

Excerpts From The Episcopal Address At Junaluska Conference

THE PLACE AND PURPOSE OF PREACHING

here must be a renewed and deeper em- is upon preaching. In our preaching we proclaim the eternal truths of our gelical faith. Repentance, faith, forgive- compassion, the witness of the Spirit, ptural holiness and life everlasting are e of the timeless themes of the Gospel Christ. Current events have their place, the eternal verities of faith are irreplace- .Preaching must be relevant. It must ront the hearers with the necessity of sion. Our preaching must insistently seek a verdict. No preaching, however elo- nt, is great unless it confronts people re they are and constrains them to want imb the altar stairs to where God would e them be. Every preacher must feel, e is me if I do not preach the whole pel of Christ."

Christian laymen will have scant respect the preacher declaring only what he ks is popularly acceptable. They will in- that he have perfect freedom to declare t he believes to be the whole counsel God. They will want him to be a prophet he Most High and never a puppet mani- ated by seen and unseen strings. To be e, the man in the pew is also free to ac- t or reject, but the pulpit is emasculated he preacher is under the conrtol of any except the Lord God Almighty. When preacher is free, the pulpit will be the ne of God's power and it will not be l, "The hungry sheep look up and are fed." The preacher must be a voice and an echo reflecting the lowest common nominator of the congregation.

Great preaching comes through education, ning, study, knowledge of the Scriptures, yer, meditation, heart-searching, concern, passion, and a willingness to lose one's that God's message may be proclaimed. e preacher, in all humility, is God's man; l, although the congregation is not com- led to agree with what he proclaims, woe any person who seeks to intimidate him still his voice, thus making him a peddler meaningless platitudes rather than one o confidently declares, in love, "Thus h the Lord."

The great preacher is one who cares, ose heart breaks over the sins of his peo- and who by the mercies of God does his y best to bring then to penitence and ded- ion. He mediates the love and mercy of l to all who walk in sin and helps the fts of God's sunlight to shine upon the hs of those who walk in darkness. He ks to comfort the disturbed and disturb comfortable. He steadies the wavering lifts those who are sinking to the solid k again. He gives encouragement to those who are losing heart. He looks upon his people not as sinners to be goaded, but as Christians to be guided. He walks into the house of mourning and leaves a word of hope and victory. He constantly seeks to mobilize all members into an unified force which fears nothing but sin and seeks nothing but the establishment of the Kingdom of God.

To refuse to support the preacher financially because of disagreement with what he earnestly and honestly declares will never characterize committed Christian laymen.

To withold support to the causes of the church because of an area of disagreement is to be deplored and condemned. From the days of John Wesley it has been expressed policy of the people called Methodists to think and let think. At no period of our history have we needed this pattern of behavior as in this hour. In some areas we do have sharp disagreement but we must maintain our unity amid the inevitable diversity. We must not panic or war among ourselves but present a united front against the monstrous foes which would utterly destroy us. In this way the integrity of our witness is maintained.

Preachers are more likely to be great preachers when they have responsive congregations who look upon their pastor as God's messenger and cooperate to attain the ideal of a free pulpit, with a free preacher, preaching a free Gospel to free men, to the end that the Church may witness faithfully in an imperfect society.

The most pressing area in human relations is that of the Negro in our land. The Methodist Church has a long and honorable record of concern for, fellowship with, and service to the Negro. Long before the present tensions developed the welfare of the Negro was strongly supported and advanced by such Southern bishops as Capers, Candler, Haygood, and Galloway. The rank and file of our people have been sensitive to the highest good of our Negro brethren and demonstrated it in countless ways. The tangible evidence of the concern is seen in the building of schools and colleges, promotion of church extension, and in inter-racial coperation for more than a hundred years.

To get at a solution of this problem, we must first honestly face it. Then let us ask, "What is human?" and "What is Christian?" The Negro youth wants and needs what every youth of other races wants and needs. Our Lord is no respecter of persons, and He loves impartially individual members of every race. So must we if we would follow His steps. To look with condescension upon a person of another race is to degrade him, but it actually degrades the one guilty of this. In our democracy each person has as many guaranteed rights as any other person. With the rights go responsibilities. Many privileges must be earned and each one should have an even start in earning every legimate privilege. In a democracy every qualified person must be accorded the right to vote, to have job opportunities, equal educational advantages, equal justice in the court, adequate housing, and the respect of all other members of his society.

The Methodist Church numbers among her members people of every race and many nations. Forced segregation cannot be defended in the spirit of Christ nor will forced integration usher in an era of brotherhood and goodwill. We do not have any right under God, to place a racial bar before the Altar of the Lord. It is understandable that many white peopel prefer to worship with other white people, and that many Negroes prefer to worship with other Negroes; but we must take seriously the words of our ritual in the consecration of a church: "Let this be a house of prayer for all people." We cannot imagine Christ standing at the door of a church and refusing admittance to any who come to worship.

While we recognize the difficulties confronted by many of our local churches and communities, we call upon our people to consider this matter of race thoughtfully, wisely, and prayerfully, and permit the Spirit of the Lord to have the opportunity to lead them to the place where our human relations will be just, righteous, and Christian.

Dr. Carruth Named To Asbury Seminary

Dr. Thomas A. Carruth, noted prayer and spiritual life leader, has joined the faculty of Asbury Theological Seminary as associate professor of Prayer and Spiritual Life, according to an announcement by Dr. Frank Bateman Stranger, president. Dr. Carruth's active teaching duties on the campus will begin with the Winter Quarter, 1965.

Dr. Carruth has worked with prayer leaders around the world, preaching numerous revivals in many sections of America, and worked in spiritual life retreats for ministers, lay people and youth.

Dr. Carruth became a member of the Mississippi Conference of The Methodist Church in 1941. He was assigned to three prominent churches while serving Pastoral appointments there. He was conference Secretary of Evangelism for ten years during which time the conference reached a high level of evangelistic achievevent.

He later served as Field Secretary, General Board of Evangelism of The Methodist Church and as Director of the Institute of Communicative Arts in Atlanta, Ga.

Dr. Carruth received the B.S. degree from University of Southern Mississippi, Hattiesburg, Miss., in 1939 and the B.D. degree (cum laude) from Drew University, Madison, N. J. in 1942.

He is the author of "Total Prayer for Total Living" "Prayer and Conversion," and "One Hundred Days of Love." He has served as visiting professor at Candler School of Theology, Interdenominational Theological Seminary, and Columbia Seminary. He has traveled in the Orient, Eupore and Russia.

Sunday School Lesson

For August 16

By Raymond A. Smith
Head, Department of Religious Education
Greensboro College

Faith On Trail

Background Scripture:Numbers 11 *through* 14

Lesson Scripture: Numbers 13:30-33, 14:2-3, 26-33, 36-38

We are told that the title of the book of Numbers appears in the Hebrew Language as "In the Wilderness." If the reader will take time to read the four chapters mentioned above under "Background Scripture" he will get a good picture of conditions during that difficult and trying time. Moving from state slavery to one of freedom is no easy transition. It is fraught with many perils, especially if those concerned lack faith in their leaders and in their divine destiny. This was precisely what the Hebrews lacked during their sojourn in the wilderness. The situation was so bad in fact, that it delayed their entrance into Canaan by a generation or more. The brave men had to wait for the cowards to die before they could move forward.

But there was a handful of the people who believe in their future. They were interested enough to go as a band of spies to see what the enemy country was like. The story of this mission is told in Numbers 13:-1-14:5. The party of spies consisted of one member from each of the tribes. They found the land fertile, but the inhabitants of it were "giants." They reported that, in the sight of these huge men they appeared as grasshoppers. According to the American Translation: "All the men we saw were of great stature. We saw the titans; to ourselves we looked like grasshoppers, and we must have looked the same to them" (Numbers 13:33). There was, however, a significant minority report. This was made by Caleb and Joshua who said: "We ought to go up and seize it for we are quite able to do so."

In the above account we may see how lack of faith magnifies difficulties, and the possession of faith minimizes them. Caleb and Joshua had faith; the majority of the spies did not. Notice that some of those in the exploring party were over-conscious of their own weakness and assumed they looked weak to their enemies: "To ourselves we looked like grasshoppers, and we must have looked the same to them."

The cry of the people to Moses was: "Would it not be better for us to go back to Egypt?" This is the cry of unfaith, of fear and hesitation. To return to Egypt would have been to return to slavery. This may seem strange to us, and yet millions have been willing to exchange a full stomach under a dictator for the trials and problems of free men.

This is a day when many of our fellow-citizens appear eager to return to what they term "the good old days." But the realities of the world in which we find ourselves make the title of Thomas Wolfe's novel seem appropriate: "You Can't Go Home Again." Some of this homesickness takes the form of the yearning for the "good old days" of isolation when, with an ocean on the east and west and friendly neighbors to the north and south, we could live out our lives in complete disregard of other countries. All who know the changes which the air age, the space age and modern weapons have made in the world-picture must see that we can't ever go back to those days again. Others feel that modern inventions have only brought us unemployment and automation. But we cannot return to hand labor. Imagine all the crushed stone needed in our nation today being beaten up by men with sledge hammers! The fact is that we can't go back; the direction must be forward.

The theme of this lesson might well be: "Lord, increase our faith." We need faith, not hatred and fear, which are paralyzing and destructive. A poem which was found upon the dead body of an Australian soldier in the first World War is strangely appropriate for our times. It runs:

"Ye that have faith to look with fearless eyes
Upon the tragedy of a world at strife,
And know that out of death and night shall rise
The dawn of endless life,
Rejoice, whatever anguish rend your heart,
That God has given you the priceless dower
To live in these great times and have your part
In freedom's crowning hour.
That ye may tell your sons who see the light,
High in the heavens, their heritage to take:
'I saw the powers of darkness take their flight—
I saw the morning break!'"

John Wesley And The Master Workman

From the pen of Jay T. Stocking (1870-1936) has come this stanza of a well-known hymn:

"O Master Workman of the race, Thou Man of Galilee.
Who with the eyes of early youth Eternal things did see
We thank Thee for boyhood faith That shone Thy whole life through;
"Did ye know it is my work My Father's work to do?"

Methodist Hymnal No. 118)

John Wesley never knew this stanza, this hymnal, nor its composer, for they came after him. Yet he knew well the spirit of it, the Master address in the first line. We pause momentarily at this Labor Day, 1964, to consider John Wesley and his works and the significance of our labors.

British author T. Ferrier Hulme of a generation ago included in his book *John Wesley and His Horse* (pp. 22, 23) this *Journal* entry of the famed evangelist and founder of Methodism: "Before I reach Kensington I found my mare had lost a shoe. This gave me an opportunity of talking closely, for near half an hour, both to the smith and his servant. I mentioned these little circumstances to show how easy it is to redeem every fragment of time (if I may so speak) when we feel any love to those souls for which Christ died."

There came to pulsate in this great human spirit a strong drive, an everpresent urgency to be in the fields white unto harvest. He would lovingly and gladly link his hands with the Master Workman to become an effective co-worker with Him. So small a portion of his earthly years did Wesley claim for himself, his interest, his pleasure, his hobbies; so much did he give to the Master. Who shall indeed ascertain the numbers of souls of his fellow Englishmen, Welshmen and Scotchmen Wesley and his collea assisted to enter the Kingdom, through w fully spoken, through idle moments pre into service, through every opportunity ed to confront men with the divine mess

The Master Workman has given us goodly world in which to dwell and n tasks to perform. Wesley has set the exar for Methodists, for Christians, multiplying above illustration in other times and pl We cannot return to his times. We may quire and keep a sure sense of mission purpose for more abundant daily living. may with renewed efforts redeem the ti the full hours and the numerous fragme They may count in the betterment of human situation in the ongoing and upbu ing of the Kingdom.

To "kill time" is a low purpose for n to "mark time" is a baneful experience 'redeem the times" is to place assuredly highest premium on it. To worthily use times, we may alleviate suffering, help cover a sense of destiny, add strength weak places, strengthen the bonds of br erhood, help bring enlightenment wh darkness dwells, assist in facing temptati and be an inspiration where inspiratio lacking.

A stanza of another hymn will serve the conclusion to this composition. Wo it not be a tribute to us, were we able say, with hymn-writer William F. Ll these lines?

"My times are in Thy hand; My God, I w them there;
My life, my friends, my soul,I leave Entu to Thy care."

(Methodist Hymnal No. 322

—Grady L. Carroll

Candler Camp Meeting to Hear Dr. Allen and Dr. Lacour

Two preachers widely known for th evangelistic ministry will be featured at annual Candler Camp Meeting and Con ence on Evangelism at Lake Junaluska gust 16-21.

The Rev. Dr. Charles L. Allen, pastor First Methodist Church, Houston, Tex and the Rev. Dr. Lawrence L. Lacour, rector of the department of evangelistic m sions, Methodist Board of Evangelism, Na ville, will alternate as morning and even speakers in Stuart Auditorium. Both known also for extensive writing in the fi of religion.

Again combined with the camp meet will be the conference on evangelism, the training of annual conference, distri and local church leaders. Both are und sponsorship of the Southeastern Jurisdictio Committee on Evangelism, headed by Rev. Dr. J. W. Leggett, Jr., Jackson, Mi

A new workshop is set for this year evangelistic singing and leading evangeli singing, directed by Prof. Glenn Draper Miami University. Mrs. Lacour will as in the meeting's musical program, as a ha ist.

Workshop leaders will include the R Dr. G. Weldon Gatlin, director of area a conference evangelism, and the Rev. Char D. Whittle, director of personal and visi tion evangelism, both of the Metho Board of Evangelism, and the Rev. R dle Dew of the Methodist Board of Ed cation staff. All are from Nashville, Te



By Mary Gardner

Jack Learns About Being Kind

(Based upon true experiences in a Migrant Camp)

As the sun peeped through the cracks of e old camp house, Jack squinted and rub-ed his eyes. He heard a rooster crow and new it was time to get up even tho' it was ıly 4:30 in the morning. Jack was used to aking this earl-. He squirmed on his mat ı the floor and turned over carefully so as ot to waken his father who was laying on he side of him, or his mother who was lay-g on the other side. One sister was at his et and his other sisters and brothers were attered on the floor nearby.

Soon father moved and rose quickly. He ıd mother and all the children over eight ad to be in the fields at 5:30 ready to go to ork. Jack jumped up, brushed off his over-ls, and pulled on his shoes. The Harvesters ould soon be rounding the bend to take im and the other small children to the Day are Center.

Jack was a big boy. He was five years old. Ie had a big job to do. He had to look fter the smaller children. Jack didn't mind. here were other children his age at the)ay Care Center and he always had a good me. He liked the older girls and boys who ame from nearby Morehead City to teach iem in Bible School.

This was the beginning of a new week nd there would be new teachers. Jack lov-d Joe who had been his friend last week nd wondered what his new teacher would e like. It might be a girl this time. Maybe he'd have blonde hair and pink cheeks. He ioped she would be as much fun as Joe.

As Jack entered the Day Care Center, he aw the tables neatly set for breakfast. He lways liked the food here. He didn't get nuch at home. There was not money enough o buy a lot and mother was too tired to pre-)are it after she had worked all day dig-ging potatoes. Jack hurried to his place at he table. There stood his new teacher. She smiled at him and he knew he was going to ike her.

Jack could hardly wait for breakfast to)e over because there was always a singing)eriod and Jack liked to lead the songs. "It's ne Oh Lord, standing in the need of prayer," iis voice rang out. He liked that song best)f all.

The story time was important to Jack. The one he liked best was about the boy vho had a coat of many colors. He won-lered what it looked like. "Show me the co-ors," he said to his teacher. "Show me red,)lue, yellow." It was hard for him to believe nything could be so lovely.

The teacher talked about Jesus and how nuch he loved children. She said, "Jesus came to show us what God is like. He wants everyone to be helpful and kind." Jack new his teacher must be trying to do as Jesus said. He wanted to be like Jesus too. "Be kind," he said when the little children quarreled and teased. "Be kind," he said when people spoke harshly. "Be kind," he said when someone hurt another.

Jack hoped he would never forget these wards, "Be kind," and he cherished his days at the Day Care Center.

—Kathy Vick

What Sandra Discovered

The sun was already streaming through the high windows of the motel room when Sandra and Ted awoke. They could hear outside the muffled voices of other travelers and the scraping sound of luggage being packed, and the thud of car trunks being shut.

"Oh,!" Sandra exclaimed, Mother and Dad must have overslept."

Every other morning of their trip the Browns had awakened before daylight, and started their long day's drive many hours before the July sun blazed down on the highway. It was the first long trip the family had taken; they were going all the way to California.

When Sandra ran to awaken her parents, she was surprised to find them already up, and reading. Billy, youngest in the family, was curled up sleepily beside them, on the sofa.

"Since today is Sunday," said Mother, "we will go to church and then relax awhile before continuing on our way."

"But we don't know any of the people at the church here,"exclaimed Billy.

And Ted called from his room, "We don't even know where a church is."

Dad smiled. "The manager of the motel has given us directions, he said, "so we won't have any trouble finding a church." Then turning to Billy, Dad continued, "Of course, we may not know any of the people, but this will give us a good chance to meet them. We will probably find that the church here is a good bit like the church where we worship every Sunday. And we might even find that in many ways the people here are just like our friends at home."

Then Mother asked, "Can anyone think of a way in which going to church here will be similar to attending the church at home?"

"Is it that we will be going to worship God, just as we do at home?" Ted inquired.

"Yes," said Mother, " We have the same reason for attending church no matter where we may be on the day God has set aside for us to worship Him."

Sandra mused, "We don't forget our friends while we are away; we send them letters and post cards to let them know about our trip. We shouldn't forget God either; we should go to church and worship Him even when we are on vacation—"

—The Young Soldier

Why Church Bells Ring

Jesus loved long, long ago
In a land that is far away,
He was the friend to everyone
He met along the way.
By His ready friendliness;
He helped unhappy people
To find new happiness.
He often spoke of God's great love
That it is for everyone;
That His loving care is meant for all
Like the rain and warm bright sun.
His followers told others
Of His life and words he'd spoken.
Since that time there has always been
A chain of countless people
Who have lived this loving way,
A chain with links throughout the world
A chain still strong today.
And so when church bells joyfully sing
"Come to church today!"
They're calling us that we may learn
To live this loving way.

—Author Unknown

Bible Quiz

What miracles do you associate with the following words:

1.—Salt?
2.—Frogs?
3.—Hords of snakes which bit the people?
4.—A boy who sneezed seven times?
5.—A chariot of fire?

Answers to Last Week's Questions

1.—Nicodemus (John 19:39)
2.—Sundown Saturday (Leviticus 23:32).
3.—Psalms 19:2.
4.—The man who came begging bread at midnight (Luke 11:5-8).
5.—Night (Matthew 24:42).
1.—Nicodemus (John 19:39).

Boy Scouts Hold Sixth National Jamboree

A large number of North Carolina Boy Scouts and their officials attended the sixth National Jamboree of Boy Scouts held at historic Valley Forge, Pennsylvania, July 16-23. Rev. Sam McMillan of Fayetteville was one of those accompanying the group and taking part in the proceedings.

On July 10 the group left from the Scout Office in Raleigh and traveled to Washington, D. C., touring Washington to Arlington Cemetery, Smithsonian Institute, Washington Monument, Lincoln Memorial, and Capitol Building. It then traveled to Gettysburg Battlefield and toured the battlefield and museum, traveling on to New York York City. Spent two days at the New York World's Fair. Took a bus tour of uptown and downtown New York City and a boat trip around Staten Island and the Statue of Liberty. Visited the National Office of the B.S.A. and saw the Johnston Scout Museum. On to Philadelphia for a walking tour of the "Cradle of Liberty." Arrived at Valley Forge for supper. Spent July 16-23 at Valley Forge for the greatest thrill of all, the 6th National Boy Scout Jamboree.

On July 24—up early and left for home. Arrived in Raleigh approximately 7:00 p.m. Tired? Yes. Hungry? Yes. But inspired by the greatest thrill of a lifetime.

Woman's Activities

Wesleyan Service Guild Mission Study Weekend

MRS. JOHN C. WRIGHT

The Wesleyan Service Guild of the Western North Carolina Conference has chosen the week-end of August 8 and 9 as the time for their annual mission study week-end at Pfeiffer College.

Mrs. Robert Ayers, Guild secretary, says in a recent issue of *Guild-O-Grams*, "What's going to be NEW at Mission Study Week-end at Pfeiffer?

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4. This isn't *new* for Guild Weekend, but it *Is* a *New* plan.

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MRS. LESLIE BARNHARDT

MEET YOUR NEW PRESIDENT

Mrs. Leslie Barnhardt of Charlotte, the new president of the Woman's Society of Christian Service of the Western North Carolina Conference, comes to her office with a warm heart, a deep spirit of dedication to her work and a wide experience of working with people in kind, cooperative enterprises that build good human relations.

The city of Charlotte has paid tribute to her again and again for her outstanding work in all phases of Church activities. In 1960 she received the *Church Woman Award* from The Charlotte Observer. In 1964 Charlotte's station WBTV chose her for its "Woman of the Year" for the year of 1963. In Februray, 1964, the National Conference of Christians and Jews presented a "Certificate of Recognition for Work in Human Relations.."

She is a valuable member of First Methodist Church, Charlotte, where she has been a loyal member of the Woman's Societ of Christian Service for many years, serving as president, vice-president, circle chairman and many other officers, not knowing through these years that God was preparing her to be the leader of 48,000 Methodist women in the Western North Carolina Conference.

Her loyalty to her church led her to accept responsibilities in the district work and on to the Conference organization, not only in the actual Church organization but in many Church-related groups, United Church Women, Council on Human Relations, Council on International Affairs, North Carolina Council of Women's Organizations and many, many other similar groups.

She was secretary of Christian Social Relations in the WSCS of the Conference from 1955-60, was secretary of the Conference Board of Christian Social Concerns. Dozens of other offices came under her efficient management, and she gave to each the same earnest devotion and care.

In the Southeastern Jurisdiction she was secretary of Missionary Service in Foreign Fields, chairman of the committee on Constitution and By Laws, secretary of the School of Missions. She was a delegate at the recent meeting of the Southeastern Jurisdictional Conference at Lake Junaluska. The Presiding Bishop placed her on two Jurisdictional committees.

The Federation of Women's Clubs has claimed her as president of its Fifth District and as president of Charlotte's Woman's Club. Mecklenburg County has sought her assistance in many of its projects in human relations. Charlotte has had the advantage of her active support to all of it civic projects since 1931, the year she an her husband moved to this busy city.

Mrs. Barnhardt is a native of Mount G lead, N. C. She attended Greensboro Co lege in Greensboro, where she studied mu sic, art, business, along with the regula academic work. She did office work fo her father and brother, then chose a lif partner, Leslie E. Barnhardt, and ha been doing his office work ever since, a well as managing their home.

Her name is Lurlane. Her husband i pharmacist salesman for Eaton Laboratories They live at 5830 Creola Road, Charlott . . . .and she's pretty!

MRS. JOHN HOYLE HONORED

Mrs. John Hoyle, Jr., of Gastonia wa honored at the annual meeting of the Wo man's Society of Christian Service of th W. N. C. Conference at Lake Junaluska i June. She was given an honorary patron membership in the Woman's Society.

Mrs. Hoyle has completed a term of fou years as historian of the Conference. Prio to that time she had served four years o the Board of Missions of the Methodis Church, as recording secretary of the South eastern Jurisdiction Woman's Society fo eight years, and as secretary of the Wo man's Society of the W. N. C. Conferenc for nine years.

N. C. Conference

MRS. H. W. DOUB

On July 23, 1964 a luncheon meeting of the Fayetteville and Sanford District Officers was held at Holiday Inn, Southern Pines. The purpose of this meeting was to secure officers for the two districts as many vacancies have occurred due to the formation of the Sanford District.

Mrs. J. S. Hiatt, Jr., president of the Sanford District presided over the meeting and welcomed everyone. Mrs. J. E. Sponenberg, Conference Secretary of Spiritual Life Cultivation, gave the opening meditation.

Mrs. Sam A. Dunn, Conference President was present and spoke informally on many phases of the work of the Woman's Society. Mrs. J. W. Benson, Conference



First row left to right
Miss Ethelynde Ballance, Raeford; Mrs. T. B. Upchurch, Raeford; Mrs. V. E. Queen, Sanford; Mrs. J. S. Hiatt, Jr., Southern Pines; Mrs. Sam A. Dunn, Enfield; Mrs. J. A. Ritchey, Rockingham; Mrs. J. W. Benson, Wilson.
2nd row—Mrs. Lloyd Edge, Troy; Mrs. A. G. Martin, Sanford; Mrs. F. B. Brandenburg, Candor; Mrs. H. R. Odom, Gibson; Rev. V. E. Queen, Sanford District Supt.; Mrs. W. N. Clark, Fayetteville; Mrs. H. B. Miller, Troy; Mrs. L. F. Meador, Lemon Springs; Mrs. Pat Nixon, Sanford; Mrs. George Bortz, Sanford; Mrs. W. B. Easterling, Rockingham Mrs. J. A. Waugh, Rockingham.

ecretary of Membership Cultivation, made everal important announcements and told f some changes to be made in the new uadrennium.

The two districts then met in separate roups to discuss plans for securing officers o fill vacancies in their respective dis-icts.

During the luncheon hour, Mrs. Hiatt resented the Reverend Virgil E. Queen, ew Sanford District Superintendent and Irs. Queen, and welcomed them back to his area. The Queens served a number of ears at Haymont Church in Fayetteville. ev. Queen spoke to the group and told f many plans made for this work, and ex-ressed great joy in being assigned to lead his new district.

Greenville District is one of two new istricts set up last June by our Annual Mi-isters Conference. We are delighted to velcome the following Greenville District Officers into our work—

The president, Mrs. Donald H. Edman, of Grifton needs no introduction for she has erved faithfully and well in many capa-ities in her district, She is well qualified o bring great leadership to this office.

The Vice-president, Mrs. John C. Hood f Kinston and the Treasurer, Mrs. J. C. tanton also of Kinston come to their of-ices highly recommended.

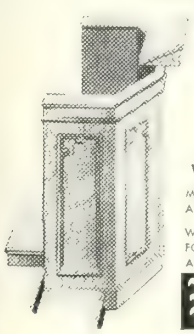
No more fitting selection could have een made for Campus Ministry than Mrs. V. H. Taft of Greenville, for she has work-d so long and so faithfully for the Stu-lent Center at East Carolina College. In Children's work, Mrs. S. B. Law of Kinston vill serve so well.

All who attended the Annual Meeting in Greenville last year will testify to the ef-iciency of Mrs. E. H. Williford of Green-ille. We know she is most capable of handling Membership Cultivation.

In Missionary Education and Service, Mrs. George E. Moore of Farmville will arry this banner high and Mrs. J. B. Speight of Winterville, a most efficient former dis-rict treasurer will lead Missionary Person-nel. Mrs. Stanley Potter will continue to in-spire the district in Spiritual Life Cultiva-ion as she has been doing in the past. Mrs. Myra Patrick will serve in the office of Program Materials. She is from Englehard.

For Youth Work, Mrs. D. Lester of Wash-ngton will serve and Mrs. H. H. Cash of Kinston will take care of Public Relations.

All who know the gentle sweet spirit of Mrs. Lemuel Dawson of Snow Hill, will agree that she will be able to secure oth-ers in her district to serve as officers and as Chairman of Committee on Nominations will help solve the probelm of securing the un-filled offices which exist at the present time.



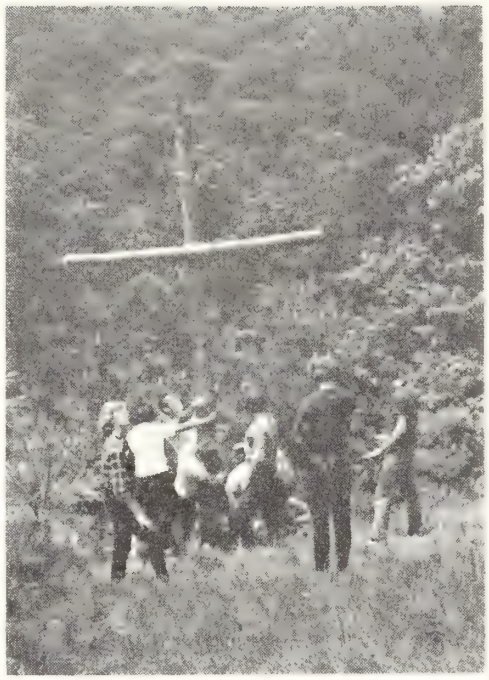
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Elk Shoals Camp Has Successful Training Season

Elk Shoals Methodist Camp will close its most successful training season Saturday, Aug. 1.

Owned and operated by two districts of the Western North Carolina Conference—North Wilkesboro and Winston-Salem, the camp since July 5 has been home for over 90 junior high boys and girls who have come here during four, six-day sessions.

Beside young people from 25 churches of the two districts ,the group has also included youngsters from the Blue Ridge Methodist Service Program, which brings aid to needy families in several counties of the North Wilkesboro District.

This "Christian Adventure Camp," using the theme, "Christian Stewardship," has featured the "small group"—ten boys and girls evenly divided, and their counselors, centering their activities on a "home-in-the-woods," and sleeping at night in Adirandack shelters in the wooded area of the Ashe County campsite near West Jefferson.

Elk Shoals Methodist Camp opened for the 1964 season June 20 when 24 senior highs, counselors and camp staff members engaged in a Work Camp for a week, painting cabins, blazing trails, and doing general development work around the camp. The Rev. James T. Ingram of Lewisville was in charge.

The camp is being developed in five major stages under the general supervision of Dr. Herman Duncan, superintendent of the North Wilkesboro District, and Dr. Frank Jordan, superintendent of the Winston-Salem District, along with the Bi-District Camping Committee.

The two districts will engage in a capital funds drive later this year to raise $35,000 for the new construction. The Rev. Lee R. Spencer of North Wilkesboro and the Rev. Henry Ridenhour of Pilot Mountain will head the fund-raising in their districts.

Other officers of the Bi-District Camping Committee are G. W. Edwards, West Jefferson, vice chairman; B. B. Graybeal, West Jefferson, treasurer; and the Rev. John Christy, Jefferson, secretary.

The Development Sub-committee is led by Earl Graybeal of West Jefferson, chairman, and Dick Stockton of Winston-Salem, vice chairman.

Business Administrators Will Confer At Lake August 7-21

Business administrators of the Methodist churches in the Southeastern states will share their problems and experience at Lake Junaluska August 7-21.

The 11th annual conference on church business administration will be sponsored by the denomination's Board of Lay Activities in cooperation with the Southeastern Jurisdictional Council.

Keynote speaker will be the Rev. Dr. James W. Sells, Atlanta, council executive secretary. The Rev. E. Dudley Calhoun, Jr., rector of St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Winston-Salem, will speak Thursday afternoon on "Welfare Problems of the Local Church."

Most of the conference will be occupied with group seminars and with panel presentations. Subjects and leaders include:

"How to Get Along With People," Dr. Sells.

"Better Communication for the Church Staff," Dr. Thomas B. Newton, Nashville, Tenn., circulation manager of Methodist periodicals.

"The Work of the Methodist Church." Dr. Gilbert G. Stout, Evanston, Ill., director of stewardship, Board of Lay Activities.

"Youth Stewardship," Gordon D. Danielson, Evanston, associate director of stewardship and finance, Board of Lay Activities.

"Quadrennial Program of The Methodist Church," Dr. Sells, Dr. Stout and Mr. Danielson.

"Business Materials and New Literature," the Rev. Clyde W. Humphrey, Washington, D. C., director of Center for Church Business Management, American University; Melvin C. Dobson, business administrator, Mt. Olivet Methodist Church, Arlington, Va.; Mrs. J. W. McCoy, administrative secretary, First Methodist Church, Madisonville, Ky., and Dr. Stout.

President of the business administrators group is John D. Andrews, business manager, Dexter Avenue Methodist Church, Montgomery, Alabama.

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The Bishops of The Southeastern Jurisdiction

JOSEPH MITCHELL, Union College
Barbourville, Kentucky .....

The Methodists of the Southeastern Jurisdiction have elected fifteen bishops since unification in 1939; in order of their election they are: 1944 Costen J. Harrell, Paul Neff Garber; 1948 Marvin A. Franklin, Roy H. Short; 1952 John Branscomb; 1956 Nolan B. Harmon, Backman G. Hodge; 1960 James W. Henley, Walter C. Gum, Paul Hardin, Jr., J. O. Smith; 1964 W. Kenneth Goodson, E. J. Pendergrass, Ellis Finger, and Earl Hunt.

The elections of 1964 were both the shortest and longest one held by the Jurisdiction; it took only two ballots to elect Dr. Goodson but twenty four to choose President Hunt. Prior to 1964, the earliest concensus had been reached in 1956 when it required four ballots to elect Nolan B. Harmon; the longest balloting had been in 1948 when Dr. Short had been chosen on the seventeenth ballot.

1964 also marks the first time since 1944 that the Methodists of the Southeast have turned to educators for their episcopal leaders. In 1944, Paul Neff Garber, Dean of the Duke Divinity School, was elected; he is now joined in the College of Bishops by Ellis Finger, President of Millsaps College, and Earl Hunt, President of Emory and Henry College. Unlike Bishop Garber, however, both Dr. Finger and Dr. Hunt have previous experience in the parish ministry.

Of the fifteen men elected to the episcopacy, two had had both parish and editorial experience: Roy Short and Nolan Harmon; five, in addition to Bishop Short, had served as pastor and district superintendent: Bachman Hodge, Walter Gum, J. O. Smith, Kenneth Goodson, and E. J. Pendergrass; five had spent all their ministry in the local parish: Costen Harrell, Marvin Franklin, John Branscomb, James Henley, and Paul Hardin, Jr.

The year 1964 will also be remembered as the year when young men came to the front, with Hunt, Finger and Goodson joining Garber, Short, and Branscomb to make the six youngest men elected to the episcopacy by the Southeastern Jurisdiction. Bishop Garber, the youngest man elected in the southeast, was not quite forty-five when he was elected in 1944, and Bishop Hunt, the youngest elected in 1964, will not be forty-six until September of this year. At the other end of the age line is Bishop Pendergrass who is only a few months younger than the oldest man elected, Nolan B. Harmon who was just two days shy of his sixty-fourth birthday when chosen in 1956. The average age of the fifteen men at the time of their election was just under fifty-five, with five of them being in their forties (Garber, Short, Hunt, Branscomb, and Finger), six in their fifties (Goodson, Franklin, Hardin, Smith, Henley, and Harrell), and four in their sixties (Gum, Hodge, Pendergrass, and Harmon).

Bishops Goodson, Finger, and Hunt, like seven of their predecessors (Harrell, Short, Branscomb, Hodge, Henley, Hardin, and Smith), have theological degrees as well as undergraduate diplomas. Both Bishop Garber and Harmon have advanced degrees with Harmon having an M. A. from Princeton and Garber a Ph.D. from the University of Pennsylvania. Bishops Franklin and Pendergrass both finished undergraduate school, with Pendergrass taking additional work in a theological seminary. Bishop Gum is the only non-college graduate among the College of Bishops, having studied for three years at Randolph-Macon College and one year at the Candler School of Theology. Most of the Bishops studied at church-related schools, including Trinity, Bridgewater, Millsaps, Birmingham-Southern, Wofford, Vanderbilt, Catawba, Duke, and Lewisville Presbyterian Seminary. A few of them went to other private schools (Yale and Princeton), and five of them have degrees from state or municipally supported institutions (University of Georgia, University of Pennsylvania, University of Louisville, University of North Carolina, and East Tennessee State College). At least ten of the fifteen have studied at Emory University.

All fifteen bishops were born and reared in the South; Hardin, Smith, and Pendergrass in South Carolina: Garber and Gum in Virginia; Harrell and Goodson in North Carolina; Branscomb and Hodge in Alabama; Harmon and Finger in Mississippi; Henley and Hunt in Tennessee; Franklin in Georgia, and Short in Kentucky. Fourteen of the fifteen have spent almost all their ministry in the South; Bishop Harmon, the single exception, lived for sixteen years n New Yory City when he was Book Editor of The Methodist Church.

Nine of them belonged to only one Annual Conference throughout their ministry (Garber, Short, Branscomb, Gum, Smith, Goodson, Pendergrass, Finger, and Hunt); two of them to two conferences (Harmon and Hardin); one to three (Franklin); and two to four (Harrell and Hodge). At the time of their election, Harrell and Henley belonged to the Tennessee Conference (both in fact were pastor of the same church, West End Methodist, Nashville; Garber and Goodson to the Western North Carolina Conference; Branscomb and Pendergrass to the Florida Conference (Pendergrass succeeded Branscomb as pastor of First Methodist Church, Orlando, when Branscomb was elected in 1952); Harmon and Gum to the Virginia Conference; Franklin and Hardin to the North Alabama Conference; Hodge and Hunt to the Holston; Short to the Louisville; Smith to the South Carolina; and Finger to the North Mississippi.

Only one of the fifteen men was elected to the episcopacy by the first Jurisdictional Conference of which he was a member—Hardin in 1960, but he had been an alternate delegate to the 1956 Conference, receiving one vote for the episcopacy. Bishop Harmon was a member of his ninth General or Jurisdictional Conference when he was elected a bishop in 1956, having served in every conference since the 1930 General Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South. On the average, the men were elected at the fourth jurisdictional conference of which they were members. Seven of them led their delegations to the Conference at which they were elected (Garber, Short, Branscomb, Henley, Gum, Finger, and Hunt); three were second (Franklin, Harmon, and Pendergrass); one was third (Harrell); one was fourth ((Goodson); and three were fifth (Hodge, Hardin, and Smith).

Three of the six elections, 1944, 1952, and 1956, merit special attention. In 1944, the first two bishops to be chosen by the Southeastern Jurisdictional Conference, Costen J. Harrell, was elected on the sixth ballot, receiving 296 votes, with only 188 needed for election. The next four ballots saw a deadlock between W. Aiken Smart, Professor at Emory University and a member of the Virginia delegation, and Robert Z. Tyler, District Superintendent of the Miami District; no more than ten votes separate them on any of these four ballots, but they needed about forty-five more votes for election. On the eleventh ballot, taken just before lunch on Saturday, June 24, and reported at 2:30, Paul Neff Garber, who had received token support on the first six ballots, suddenly jumped from one vote on the ninth and tenth ballots to twel seven votes; his new support evider came from those who had been voting Professor Smart. On three succeeding l lots, Dean Garber moved to 98, 176, and 2 to become the first and only "dark-hor elected by the Southeastern Jurisdicti The way for Garber's surprising elect had been prepared by extensive speak and writing on Methodism in the years pr to this victory.

The 1952 Conference was marked by longest "front-runner" in the history of Jurisdiction. Beginning with the first bal taken on a hot June Thursday morning Roanoke, Virginia, John Branscomb of Florida Conference continued to lead each successive ballot until finally on day evening he received 267 votes on fifteenth ballot considerably more than 198 needed for election. In the interveni thirty-six hours he had been challenged Nolan Harmon, Bachman Hodge, Her Chitwood, and Walter Gum; Harmon at o time had pulled to within 18 votes of h but still needed almost eighty votes election.

In 1956, the delegates, having seen effo by the General Conference to limit episco residence defeated, decided to institute th own limitations and proceeded to elect Harmon and Dr. Hodge who not only h received strong support for the episcopa in previous years but who had the add qualifications of being eligble, because age, for only eight years in the active ep copacy.

In summary, all fifteen men elected to t episcopacy in the Southeastern Jurisdicti since unification in 1939 were born in t South and received most of their educati in Southern church-related schools. but one of them had had considerable pa toral experience, with two-thirds of the also serving in administrative, education or editoral positions. Almost all of the had been elected by their own conferenc to three or four jurisdictional conferenc prior to their election by a larger body Methodists to the episcopacy. Their age at the time of their election, ranged fro just under forty-five to sixty-four, with t average being fifty-five. Many of them h received considerable support for the ep copacy in one or two jurisdictional confe ences prior to their election. These detai make it abundantly clear that a man elected to the episcopacy by the Southeas ern Jurisdiction of The Methodist Chur only after a long "sifting process."

Important Notice

Pastors of the Western North Caroli Annual Conference are requested to g their Journal orders in immediately. The orders were due August 1 and it is nece sary that they be sent to the Conferen Secretary before our Journal can come fro the press.

The Annual Conference authorized t pictures of the ministers to appear in t 1965 Journal and not the 1964 Journa Many of our pastors have felt they wou be in the new Journal; however, accordi to Conference action they will not appe until 1965.

—Charles D. White, Secretary



The annual spiritual life study book to b used by Woman's Societies of Christia Service and Wesleyan Service Guilds thousands of Methodist churches throug out America during the coming year is o the press. The Rev. Dr. Charles F. Kra of Evanston, Ill., is the author of *Genesi Beginnings of the Biblical Drama.*

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Methodist Youth Caravan

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Dear Friends and Loved Ones:

As this is being written our Caravan journey is a little past the half-way mark. It has been very enjoyable and very interesting.

On Saturday, July 4, while in Salzburg, we went to nearby Hallein to visit the salt mine. We were told by the guide that the mine is approximately 4,000 years old. Tools have been found which were used by ancient men to work this mine. Fossils and clear imprints of snails were also found embedded in the rocks. One of the many interesting things about the salt mine was a small underground lake which we had to cross by boat. The lake itself was only 6 feet deep, and the water was very salty—as salty as the Dead Sea. One other interesting detail about the mine is that the greater part of it is in Germany, although the entrance is in Austria, and it is worked by the Austrians. Our tour lasted about 1 and one-half hours and covered several miles. We ate lunch at the salt mine and then returned to the city of Salzburg. That night we attended the program of the Salzburg Folk Dance and Song Society, which was founded in 1891.

On Sunday, July 5, we worshipped at the Methodist Church in Salzburg, of which Reverend Robert Hanson (an American) is pastor. Eve Jones and Fred Hurst, Jr. gave their witnesses, and "Pop' gave the sermon. In the afternoon, we went to a Franciscan Monastery on a hill overlooking Salzburg for a brief visit before leaving for the city of Linz. We left Salzberg at 4:45 p.m. and arrived in Linz at 6:40 p.m. We were met by Pastor Walter Schwarzinger and members of his church. We were taken to the Methodist Home for Girls, where we made our home during our stay in Linz. The director of this home is Mr. Rudolph Siegrist, a Methodist Layman from Switzerland. On Monday morning, we began our work project. The boys dug the foundations for a retaining wall, and the girls washed windows. That evening we walked around Linz together with a group of young people from one of the Methodist Churches. On Tuesday, the boys dug a drainage ditch plus the foundations for an outdoor gymnastic set, while the girls continued the task of cleaning windows. That evening, we had a party at the Home. We also met Pastor Hans Nausner, who is so well known by former caravan groups.

Wednesday was a big day for us. In the morning, we went sight-seeing with Miss Susan Bucher as our guide. Miss Bucher is an American worker at the Home for Girls. We visited the beautiful Postlingberg Catholic Church which is high on a hill overlooking the Danube. We also saw a memorial to soldiers who fell in World Wars I and II. We went back to the Home to eat, and in the afternoon we made an extensive tour of a large steel mill (20,000 employees). This tour was arranged by Pastor Hans Nausner. That evening, we went to Pastor Swarzinger's church, where Nancy Huntley and Hubert Wooten gave their witnesses.



Mrs. C. H. Boyd, left, of New Bern, and Mrs.H. C. Turlington of Dunn pause on the Methodist College campus while making preparations for the annual Wesleyan Service Guild Week End and the School of Missions of the Woman's Society of Christian Service of the North Carolina Conference of The Methodist Church to be held on the campus August 8-14. Mrs. Boyd is Conference Secretary of the W. S. G. and Dean of the School of Missions. Mrs. Turlington is Conference Secretary of Missionary Education of W. S. C. S. More than 350 women are expected to attend these activities.

Following the service there was a fellowship hour, during which delicious Austrian sweets were served.

On Thursday, we left Linz at 8 a.m. and arrived in Vienna by train at 10:30. We went to a Methodist Home for Strangers which was to be our home while in Vienna. At 3:30, we went to a coffee hour held by Papa and Mama Nausner. We then went to a park and played games sang songs and had fellowship until supper was ready. Then we went back to Papa and Mama Nausner's for supper—real hamburgers and real iced tea.

Friday was a rainy day but we went sight-seeing nevertheless. We saw the University of Vienna (the second oldest University in the world) the Town Hall, the House of Pariament, the National Theatre, the Palace of the Emperors (through which we toured), the Opera House, and St. Stephen's Cathedral. We also went to the Spanish Riding School but could not gain entrance. That night, we had supper at the Methodist Church served by Reverend Richard Brenneman (an American). Afterwards we had fellowship, played games, and sang with the young people of the church. Following that, we participated in a communion service. Thus ended the 6th week of the 1964 Methodist European Caravan.

Sincerely,

The 1964 Caravan.

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In a release on child care, the American Medical Association observes that discipline is training for living. It must start early, be constant and consistent, and guide the child in what to do as well as what not to do. Children need discipline that sets limits for them. They must learn to accept authority, but it should be firm, reasonable, kind authority that deserves respect.

Miss Louise Avett in Hong K

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display of Methodist periodicals, brochure pictures, of a visit of Dr. Georgia Ha who flew to Hong Kong with the Four- Tour for a short visit.

After enumerating some of the special jects and committee work that claim mu her time, she writes wistfully, "Often I I had degrees in Law, Engineering, Guid Business Administration, Theology, etc. coupled with much more knowledge and in Jesus Christ would make me a better sionary. I am humbly thankful for the ege of participating in our Hong Kong c program. Your continued support is ne Thank you so very much."

Miss Avett is from Norwood, N. C. was commissioned in 1932 and is one o foreign missionaries from the Western Carolina Conference. Her address is 22 nessy Road, Hong Kong.



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Has The Militant Church Failed God?

(By Rev. W. A. Swift, *Monteagle, Tennessee*)

Man, made in the image of God, having the greatest intelligence of all creatures, has discovered the atom, shattered it, and found a power to destroy the world, but he has not discovered the power to save the world. God climaxed the purpose of Christ's coming on the day Pentecost. God sent power on the day of Penteocst to save the world!

The disciples waited ten days for this power. They were unlearned men, according to standards of learning today, but under this mighty power they went out to astound the world. The early Christians did not own a church building for three hundred years, and they were hounded, persecuted and many killed, but they broke up the Roman Empire, and established the Christian Church in the known civilized world of that day.

The early Methodists of England never owned church buildings for forty years, but under the same power of those who went out from Pentecost, they reformed the religion of England and saved England from a revolution. The early American Methodists had but few church buildings for long years, but under the same power of Pentecost, led by Asbury and others, they were the greatest factors in laying the religious and moral foundations for the greatest nation since God made the world.

All of these achievements were under Pentecost power. In the years following, the militant church lost this power, and so far has failed to rediscover it. Ritualism taking the place of this power has largely defeated God's purpose in sending the Christ back to the world in the form of God's power. The early disciple Paul said (I Cor. 1:24): "We preach Christ the power of God." Christ said to the disciples, (Mark 9:1) that some "stand here, which shall not taste death, till they have seen the kingdom of God come with power."

He also said, "Behold the kingdom of God is within you." Christ is this kingdom, and his power is the real gospel. In this power is God and Christ. Paul said, (Rom. 1:16) "I am not ashamed of the gosepl of Christ, for it is the power of God unto salvation." John said, (John 1:12) "But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God."

The gist of the gospel of Christ is this: If one is born of God, received Christ, possessed of this power, full of Christ and God, he does not want to sin, he keeps all the commandments, he loves his neighbor as himself, he would not take a penny out of a bank if the doors and tills were wide open, he would not molest a woman even if she made approaches, he would be a witness for Christ at home, to his neighbors and to the stranger. The trouble with the world today, is, the militant church has not appropriated this power. The answer to Lenin, Stalin and Krushchev, is the fact that the Russian church was a form of religion without power.

The trouble with America today, the militant church has substituted ritualistic forms and ceremonies for this power. We have been busy about material things when we should have been on our knees praying for power. The reason there are so many sinners in the world, not going to church, is the militant church does not have this power to draw them to the churches. It is much more intriguing to the natural man to worship at the fountain of pleasure than at the fountain of power. But Christ is the author of tarrying at the fountain of power, and not undertaking the salvation of lost sinners until we are equipped with this power. John Wesley said: "I am not afraid that the people called Methodist should ever cease to exist either in Europe or America. But I am afraid, lest they should only exist as a dead sect, having the form of religion without the power."

Any unbiased, well-read person, if he tells the truth, must confess that the church denominations of America and Europe today, have more formal religion than the power of religion. Herein is our danger. The church has always been the only real guardian of morals and hope in this life and the life to come. When the church fails God in the purpose of Christ in the power of God to save the lost, substitutes formalism for the power of God, we may as well write ichabod on the doors of our churches.

I met the women of the Free Methodist Church, who told D. L. Moody they were praying for him. Moody asked why they were praying for him? They said, "That you may receive the power." Moody confessed that he was an "empty vessel." He asked them to pray for him. Later, in New York, the "power" fell on him. The rest of his life he was the power of God.

When I was pastor in Little Rock, Ark., the city churches had Dr. J. Wilbur Chapman to hold a union revival meeting. He was a preacher of power. But there was a secret back of this power. When he was pastor of Wanamaker Presbyterian Church he was so discouraged over being a failure, he wrote out his resignation to the official board. But by the time the ink was dry, he had read in the morning paper a sermon by Dr. F. B. Meyer, a preacher of gospel power. He tore up the resignation and poured out his soul in prayer for God to "send the rivers of Thy power flowing through me." Thousands of preachers in America today should pray and ask for this power. Then would the unsaved people crowd into the churches and sinners would be converted and church members would give up worldiness and be a power for God.

America and the world are in a fog, upset, confused and wondering what is going to happen. Young people of the world are in the dark, not knowing what all the trouble in the world means. The militant church has been so busy about earthly things, building fine church edifices, preachers clamoring for greatness and high positions, like the two sons of the mother, that caused Christ to take a towel and go to washing the disciples' feet. In fact, the militant church has been so busy with things, like Martha, that it has practically lost what Mary found at the feet of Christ.

"One thing needful" and that "one thing" is lingering at the fountain of power, as the disciples did on the day of Pentecost, which power means Christ and God in the fullness of the soul. Will the militant church continue to drink from the material, ritualistic fountain and lose her purpose, or will she return to the fountain, the source of power, to save the world?

CAROLINA BRIEFS

¶ J. Bascom Hurley, retired, preached in Revival Services at Pleasant Grove Methodist Church, Seaboard Charge, July 26-31. Rev. Hoyt Cheek, pastor.

¶ Rev. R. C. Goforth retired, preached last Sunday morning at Highland Church, Hickory in the absence of the pastor, Rev. Barrett Wilson, who was on vacation.

¶ Rev. William Bigham, missionary to Brazil, spoke to the WSCS and Wesleyan Service Guild at Sedge Garden Church Winston-Salem District July 30. Mr. Bigham is on furlough.

¶ Rev. Fred Macon, Wesleyan Foundation Director at UNC at Greensboro, preached last Sunday at Newlyn Street Church, Greensboro. Rev. George B. Culbreth is pastor at Newlyn Street.

¶ Rev. and Mrs. Joel T. Key of Andrews announce the birth of a son, Philip Edward, August 4, 1964. This is their third boy. Mr. Key is pastor of First Methodist Church at Andrews, in the Wayneville District.

¶ Bethel Church in the Thomasville District will observe Homecoming day next Sunday. Rev. W. C. Clark, a former pastor, will bring the message. Rev. Grady Dulin is the pastor. All are invited.

¶ Joyner Memorial Methodist Church, Greensboro will observe Annual Homecoming Day on Sunday, August 16, 1964 at 11 a.m. Joyner Memorial Church was founded in 1914, so 1964 is the Fitieth Anniversary. After the morning service of worship dinner will be served on the church grounds. Rev. Luther C. Harris is the pastor.

¶ Rev. Sneed Ogburn of Charlotte, retired is offering his service to churches within a 40-mile radius of Charlotte to speak on "Twenty-nine years a Missionary in Japan." He will go to churches of any denomination, and expects no remuneration, except perhaps travel expense. He may be contacted by addressing him at 1227 E. Worthington Street, Charlotte, N. C.

¶ Wesley Memorial Methodist Church on Bolton Street in Winston-Salem, N. C. will be dedicated Sunday morning, August 23 at the 8:45 worship service. Bishop Kenneth Goodson, who was most influential in the organization and establishment of the church while he was Superintendent of the District, will hold the dedication service. All former pastors, members and friends are cordially invited to be present for the service. Rev. R. J. Starling is the pastor.

¶ On August 16th the Snow Hill Methodist Church of Candler will observe its annual home coming service. The Rev. R. M. Hauss of Shelby who was pastor here from 1933-35 will be the guest speaker. A picnic dinner will be held after the service. This is one of the most progressive congregations in this area. During the past five years they have increased their giviens for all purposes from $6,021 to $16,835. Plans now are to erect a new sanctuary as soon as preliminary plans can be worked out and a builder can be secured. Rev. W. S. Smith is the pastor.

¶ Dr. W. J. Huneycutt, Superintendent of Albemarle District, dedicated a new addition to the educational building of Stony Hill Methodist Church during homecoming services on August 2.

¶ Mill Grove Methodist Church in Union County observed Homecoming day last Sunday. Dinner followed the morning service. Revival services began Sunday evening with Rev. C. J. Winslow, pastor Unionville charge, as speaker.

¶ Green Street Church, Winston-Salem, of which Rev. E. Paul Hamilton is pastor, is this week conducting Youth Seminar Week Sunday through Thursday evening. The concluding service on Thursday evening will be the Holy Communion Service.

¶ It is proposed to establish a new Methodist Church in the College Park Area of the city of Laurinburg. Rev. Dermont J. Reid, pastor of First Church presented the matter to his offical board and received their approval. Now the District superintendent, Board of Missions, and Bishop Garber are planning for this new congregation. It is expected that an announcement will be made soon.

¶ Dr. Walt Holcomb preached during morning watch at the recent Laymen's Conference at Lake Junaluska, and is now resting a few days before going to Athens District in the North Georgia Conference to conduct Poplar Springs Camp Meeting. He will hold one-day renewal and revival August 16, 11:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. Dr. Holcomb was converted at Center Camp 75 years ago.

¶ Homecoming services were held at New Hope Methodist Church in Union County last Sunday with Rev. Walter R. Jenkins, retired, a former pastor, bringing the message. Picnic lunch was served following the service of worship. Revival services began Sunday evening at 7:30 and will continue through Friday evening, with Rev. Alton Fitzgerald, pastor of Forest Hills church, Concord, as the preacher. Rev. Hugh D. Sims is the pastor.

¶ Homecoming services will be held at Snow Creek Methodist church Sunday, August 16. Snow Creek is one of the churches on the Friendship Charge, in the Statesville District. It is one of the old churches of Iredell County, organized in 1802. The pastor, Rev. John S. Oakley, will preach the Homecoming sermon at 11:00 a.m. Dinner will be served on the grounds at 12:30, and at 1::30 there will be a sacred music program. Friends of the church are invited to meet together at this time.

¶ Dr. Charles P. Bowles of Charlotte preached last Sunday morning in Homecoming service at Muir's Chapel Church Greensboro of which Rev. John R. Sills is pastor. Dr. Bowles' father served this church when Dr. Bowles was a youngster, and he refers to it as his home church. Dr. Bowles, who is the Superintendent of the Charlotte District will become pastor of Centenary Methodist Church, Winston-Salem September, following Dr. Kenneth Goodson, who was elected Bishop at the recent Jurisdictional Conference.

¶ Rev. W. F. Wright of Gibsonville, N. C. assisted the regular pastor, Rev. Bill McMahan, in holding revival at Connally Methodist Church July 26-31. Excellent sermons were heard and considerable interest was shown. Members of neighboring churches worshipped with us.

¶ Rev. and Mrs. O. L. Brown of Charlotte will celebrate their Golden Wedding Anniversary next Sunday, August 16, at their home 1416 Cyrus Drive, Charlotte. The hours are from 3:00 to 6:00 p.m. Mr. Brown is a retired member of the Western North Carolina Conference.

¶ Zion Methodist Church of Mill Creek Community near West Jefferson held revival services August 2-7. The attendance was very good and there were a number of conversions and rededications. Rev. H. L. Blackwelder of First Methodist Church, Jonesville was guest minister. Rev. Kenneth Eller is pastor of the church.

¶ Rev. Benedict Atkins Galloway, pastor of Rayne Memorial Methodist Church in New Orleans, La., will preach in the Trinity Methodist Church, Raleigh, Sunday, August 23 at 11:00 o'clock in the absence of Rev. W. A. Tew who is on vacation. Mr. Galloway is a graduate (with honor) of Louisiana State University and Duke University. He is a highly successful, and prominent member, of the Louisiana Annual Conference of The Methodist Church. He has served on many of the Conference and Jurisdictional boards and Commissions. Prior to his present pastorate he served as District Superintendent of the New Orleans District. Mr. Galloway is married to the former Margaret Eloise Holt, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. M. E. Holt of 304 King Charles Road, Raleigh.

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Cigarette Action Supported

Methodist support for federal legislation to curb abuses in cigarette advertising and sales was expressed in Congressional hearin Washington, D. C.

The Rev. Dr. Dale White, director of the department of social health, Methodist Division of Alcohol Problems and General Welfare, presented the testimony to the House Commerce Committee at hearings on the proposed legislation.

He cited both the Episcopal Address and the resolution on smoking from the 1964 General Conference. The latter urged Methodist support of legislation and of agency rules prohibiting health claims in advertising and requiring warning statements in advertising and on packages.

White pointed out that "Jesus Christ came preaching, teaching and healing" and, "believing that human life is sacred, we cannot believe that disease and suffering can ever be matters of ethical and religious indifference."

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Bishop Edward W. Kelly, 83, died July 28 in Detroit, Mich., where he had made his home since his retirement in 1952. Bishop Kelly was elected to the episcopacy from the pastorate of Union Memorial Church in St. Louis in 1944 and served for eight years as head of the St. Louis Area of the Central Jurisdiciton.

Church Reaffirms Its Stand On Total Abstinence

Reiteration of the Methodist stand for abstinence from alcoholic beverages, voiced by the 1964 General Conference, provides the theme for this year's Commitment-Day —"Methodists Believe in Abstinence."

The observance will be Sunday, November 8, changed for the first time in a number of years from the first Sunday in December, to avoid conflict with Advent.

The church-wide General Conference last spring reworded its statement on alcohol but reasserted "its fundamental concern with the problems of alcohol and the conviction that its members should abstain from all use of alcoholic beverages."

Commitment Day gives the occasion for individual members and families to commit themselves to total abstinence, as well as expressing their concern in such ways as supporting alcohol education and rehabilitation agencies for alcoholics, studying alcohol problems, discouraging drinking by drivers and working for enforcement of alcohol control legislation.

The new statement, according to Roger Burgess, who heads The Methodist Church's Division of Alcohol Problems and General Welfare, is different from earlier ones in shifting from negative condemnation to positive affirmation and in changing its rationale from primarily historic grounds to emphasis on abstitence as "a challenge to a more disciplined life in Christ, a witness based on Christian love and concern . . . a matter of conscience and Christian responsibility."

The 1964 program is sponsored cooperatively by the division of the Board of Christian Social Concerns and the Department of Christian Social Relations, Woman's Division of Christian Service.

Protestant Radio Hour Will Begin Next Sunday

The Protestant Hour will be broadcast over some 450 radio stations over the nation, with 59 of them in North Carolina, beginning next Sunday, August 16 and continuing through November 1. Dr. J. Wallace Hamilton, pastor of Pasedena Methodist Church in St. Peterburg, Florida, will be the preacher. The Pfeiffer College Choir will provide inspirational music for a number of the services. The choir will be under the direction of Professor Richard H. Brewer, and will sing familiar anthems and hymns of the church. Organist will be Professor Stanley Scheer, head of Pfeiffer Organ Department and organist for the Henry Pfeiffer Chapel.

The Pfeiffer choir will be heard on August 23, September 6, 20, October 4, 11, and November 1. The Emory University Candler Choraliers will provide the music on alternate programs.

Dr. Hamilton is regarded as one of the leading preachers of the Methodist church. A popular religious writer, his latest book is entitled "The Thunder of Barefeet."

The 12-week series, produced by the Protestant Radio and TV Center, Atlanta, in cooperation with the Joint Radio Committee of the Southeastern and South Central Jurisdiction of the Methodist Church, will be heard on 59 North Carolina stations, 29 in South Carolina, and 34 in Virginia.



James A. Marshall, Christian Marshall, William T. Russ, Jr., and Frederick Mintz, Jr., received the God and Country Award in Scouting Sunday morning, August 2, at the Camp Methodist Church, in Shallotte, N. C. They are pictured in this order. This award was given as the result of many months of Church work along with a great deal of study. The God and Country Awards were presented and pinned on by their mothers. Minature pins were given to the parents by the boys. Frederick Mintz, Jr., led the boys in the Scout Oath. The Scout Troop, the Cub Pack, and the Explorer Unit were present in uniform for this service. The Rev. Murry L. DeHart, Jr., is pastor of Camp Methodist Church.

Two Important Meetings In North Carolina Conference

The annual Laymen's Retreat for the North Carolina annual Conference will be held at Louisburg College Saturday and Sunday, August 22 and 23. Mr. Roy L. Turnage, conference Lay Leader has arranged an excellent program. The Laymen of the conference look forward to this gathering at Louisburg each year with a great deal of expectancy. It furnishes inspirational information that means much in carrying on the work of the local church. This year's program is expected to measure up to the fine standard set in other years. We regret that we do not have the entire program, so we could give it to our readers but we are sure everyone will be well repaid in terms of spiritual strength who attends this retreat.

Also the Annual Pastor's Conference will be held at North Carolina Wesleyan College Rocky Mount August 25-to August 27. This is another very important meeting which means a lot to the program of evangelism in the conference. Several hundred ministers are usually in attendance. The program will lift up the evangelistic work of the church in a fine way. Rev. C. Freeman Heath, Conference Director of Evangelism, and Rev. Paul Browning, president of the conference Board of Evangelism, are anxious that an unusually large attendance be present this year.

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The Rev. Thomas E. Price has been appointed director of the department of Alcohol problems, Division of Alcohol Problems and General Welfare, Methodist Board of Christian Social Concerns. The Rev. Rodney Shaw has been named director of economic affairs within the Board of Christian Social Concerns. He has been director of disarmament and special projects with the board's Division of Peace and World Order.

District Conference Sessions Held In New Districts

The two new districts in the North Carolina Conference held special district conferences this past week-end in order to attend to certain matters which only the district conference can transact. Rev. Vergil E. Queen called his conference to meet last Sunday afternoon in Page Memorial Church in Aberdeen at 3:00 p.m. Trustees for the Sanford District elected were: D. F. Crenshaw Hamlet; Garland S. Garris, Troy; Milford F Grantham, Rockingham; Earl A. Hubbard, Southern Pines; Dan C. Lawrence and A. E. White, Sanford, and Edwin P. Gibson, Laurel Hill.

Rev. Willis R. Stevens superintendent of the Greenville District called a meeting of the district for last Monday evening at Jarvis Memorial Methodist Church in Greenville for the same purpose of attending to these necessary matters.

These two new disrtiots are getting off to good starts in becoming well organized and assuming the full responsibility of the conference program.

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EDITORIALS

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Our Children's Homes

The appeal of the orphanage or underprivileged child has always received a strong and hearty response from North Carolina Methodists. Two excellent homes for children are operated by the two conferences, one at Raleigh and one at Winston-Salem. These homes care for and educate and train several hundred children, who take their place in the soical and business life of the state, and many of them become outstanding leaders. We have just noticed the figures for the Winston-Salem Home, showing some $319,559.25 contributed by the churches during the past conference year for this cause. We do not have the figures for the North Carolina Conference, but it is a matter of record that the Children's Home holds an important place in the affections and support of the people of that conference also.

Jesus said, "Inasmuch as ye did it unto one of the least of these, ye did it unto me." Christians can feel that they are not only ministering to the needs of children who look to them for a chance in life, but are also carrying out one of the primary wishes of our Lord in his concern for these little ones. Only eternity can reveal the influence of our dollars in the support of our children's institutions, which are headed by consecrated men and staffed by dedicated workers. May the good work continue.

School Days Are Approaching

The summer vacation days have a way of passing rapidly, it seems, and almost before we realize it fall is here and the schools are opening. Young people will soon be treking back to the classroom for another nine months of intellectual discipline in preparation for their life's work.

These are important days, and all should be grateful that this opporttunity is given in a free land where every individual may enjoy equal opportunities to reach the highest potential of which he or she is capable. Therefore, these days of schooling should be eagerly and intelligently used, for it stands to reason that success or failure will be determined in proportion to the manner in which they are used.

The grammar schools and high schools will be crowded as usual. With the increase in population more and more youth will be knocking at the doors of learning. Parents will be anxious to give their children the best opportunity afforded by the state to prepare for the kind of citizenship all true parents covet for their children. These should be meaningful days.

We are thinking, not only of the local schools, but also of our institutions of higher learning, both state, and those operated by the church. Every denomination is engaged in the business of education which is emphasizing spiritual as well as intellectual training. Our church colleges and universities should have our full support in order to turn out men and women with high ideals as well as with technical knowledge.

Methodism in North Carolina is blessed with nine church-related colleges and universities. Listing them alphabetically they are: Bennett College, Greensboro; Brevard College, Brevard; Duke University, Durham; Greensboro College, Greensboro; High Point College, High Point; Louisburg College, Louisburg; Methodist College, Fayetteville; Pfeiffer College, Misenheimer; North Carolina Wesleyan College, Rocky Mount. These are manned by top-notch administrative officials, and boast of faculties second to none. They enroll something like 11,000 to 12,000 students. They are recognized in educational circles over the nation as among the best.

Since the days of Governor Charles B. Aycock North Carolina has given strong support to education on every level. Governor Sanford has emphasized quality education during the past four years, and the people are thinking in terms of this. Our church schools as well as the tax-supported institutions have raised large sums of money to make this possible. Now with the opening of school it is time for the youth of the state to take advantage of these coveted privileges. We wish for them every success.

THEME FOR THE WEEK

"Study to show thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth
—Timothy 2:15

Heads Association

Ralph Arthur, president of Ferrum (Va.) College was elected president of the Methodist Junior College Association at a meeting July 28. He succeeds the Rev. Cecil E. Peeples, president of Lon Morris College, Jacksonville, Texas.

The Rev. Robert H. Parker, persident of Wesley College, Dover, Deleware, was named vice president of the association, and John P. Tyson, president of Snead College, Boaz, Alabama, secretary-treasurer.

Bennett College Announces Administrative Appointments

Appointment of Dr. Chauncey C. Winston as dean of instruction at Bennett College was announced this week by president Willa B. Player.

Dr. Winston, a graduate of Fiske University, received his master of science degree in education from Indiana University, Bloomington, Ind., and the Ed.D. degree from the same institution.

A teacher at Atkins High School, Winston-Salem for 18 years, Dr. Winston joined the Bennet faculty in 1946. he has taught a number of education courses, among them educational psychology, tests and measurements and principles of secondary education. Since 1950, he has served as chairman of the division of social science and director of teacher education.

Chairman of a number of the more important working committees of the college and a number of others, Dr. Winston has often represented Bennett at the meetings of such professional organizations as the the American Association of Colleges for Teachers Education, the Asociation of Schools and Colleges and the college Entrance Examination Board (CEEB).

Dr. Winston has served as chairman of the Division of Higher Education of the North Carolina Teachers Association and is a member of the National Education Association. He is also a member of Beta Kappa Chi, national scientific society, and Phi Delta Kappa, national education fraternity.

A native of Tappahannock, Va., he married the former Miss Fannie Brown, of Mocksville, N. C., and they have one daughter, Sharon.

Serving Our Father

If I come upon a man who is in need and I teach my Sunday School Class each Sunday telling them I'm a Christian, and do not do my best to satisfy this man's needs, I am a pretender. I am a professor and not a possessor.

Why don't we live this sort of Christianity—helping our brother who is in need every day? The world is so hungry for kind deeds.

Maybe 'tis "old timey." We've gotten away from the old things people say, but did we ever do them? If we are really Christians, it will show in all of our daily activities.

Let's don't go 'round in circles, never getting any place, yet going all the time. Maybe we could be still sometimes and let God speak to us. Wonderful are the words of the Lord!

We can begin by being careful what we hear. We can be careful what we do. We can be careful where we go (this is usually an outward expression of the actual inner being.)

Being God's children, we can rely on the Holy Spirit to guide us. He guides in the paths of righteousness. No other way of life is pleasing to God and satisfying to the conscience. This is what makes our daily inventory pleasing.

There are so many opportunities available to us each day, let us never pass them by. These advantages will bring glory to His Holy Name.

Our prayer: "May the Great Heavenly Father see fit to use us more and more every day in His mighty field of service."

—Mrs. Gaither Beroth

Methodism Sets New World Service Goals for 1964-1968 Quadrennium

Methodists are being asked to support an annual $18 million budget for World Service during the 1964-68 quadrennium. A 20% increase over the past quadrennium, the total still represents only a modest advance compared to the documented needs presented to the Council on World Service and Finance.

The Rev. Dr. Elliott L. Fisher, general secretary for the Commission on Promotion and cultivation, said at the 1964 annual meeting "if we can create an awareness of the needs and opportunities ever before our church, if we can make them live, if we can in some measure personalize the many avenues of service performed by the church, I am confident our people will respond. They will see World Service, not as a tax or as so many dollars to be raised, but rather in terms of people to be served, needs to be met, and the Kingdom to be extended.

To assist in helping church members become aware of World Service needs the Commission on Promotion and Cultivation has prepared materials to define the various causes involved and to answer questions concerning this budget.

How World Service Dollars Go to Work and *General Benevolences of The Methodist Church* are poster-charts describing two aspects of the budget. The first gives a percentage break-down of the $18 million, showing the share for each participating agency and cause. The second compares the amount received by each agency in 1962-63, and the budget goals for 1964-68.

.."Here Are The Answers" presents the entire benevolence program of The Methodist Church, explaining each emphasis in detail. This answer booklet is best used by local church leaders in interpreting the total program of benevolence giving. *The Lifeblood of The Church* is a pamphlet for general distribution explaining the total World Service program—how the $18 million goal was set, how the money is divided, and how these dollars are converted into service. These items, along with two posters, are available free from The Commission on Promotion and Cultivation, 1200 Davis St., Evanston, Ill., 60201.

The scope of World Service is hardly revealed in the yearly per capita figure of $1.79. The Council on World Service and Finance, in its report to General Conference pointed out: "Our minimum asking is still less than one-half cent per day per member. In the light of increasing costs as well as increasing responsibilities and calls on our agencies, this increase is realistic and essential if our Boards and Agencies are to strengthen and expand their work."

The report continued "The Council states most emphatically that it does not consider the sum of $18 million an adequate sum for the work of the World Service agencies. It therefore calls upon all annual conferences and all local churches to consider their apportionments as a base below which they will not fall, rather than a sum, the payment of which signifies the payments of our total obligations to the World Service agencies."

Through the World Service budget the work of The Methodist Church is carried forward in this country and around the world. All parts of the support for these agencies comes from World Service: the Boards of Missions, Education, Evangelism, Christian Social Concerns, Hospitals and Homes, Lay Activities, and Pensions, and the Television, Radio and Film Commission. American University and Scarritt College receive some assistance, as does the American Bible Society, the Methodist Corporation in Washington, D. C., and a new Pension Eqaulization Fund designed to assist pastors in the Central Jurisdiction and Rio Grande Conference in their retirement program. Deaconess pensions also receive help from the World Service dollar. The quadrennial program, The Commission on Promotion and Cultivation, and the Council on World Service and Finance are also included in the World Service total budget.



Man's Toughest Test

D. W. Charlton

Someone told of a landlord who ordered pecan trees and had them set out. Years afterwards when the owner of the farm checked on the trees, he found persimmons on them. So the trees were classified not by the labels but by the fruit. As the Bible says: "By their fruit you shall know them."

So Jesus was expecting his disciples to bear fruit of the Christian spirit. There is room for improvement in the quality of Christian living.

In the first place, a tree must have roots, without which there can be no fruits. Many people seem to feel they can be Christians without keeping in touch with Christ, the vital source of life and power. Serious scripture reading is much neglected in our time. Jesus asked the disciples time and again: "Have you read the scriptures?" The psalmist meditated on the Word day and night.

Good rootage should begin in the home. Too much time is devoted to all kinds of television programs. Often daily devotions and selective, thoughtful reading are crowded out. There is little food for the mind and soul. A spattering of general knowledge comes, but wisdom lingers.

We are told of one group who were on a dark mission. One youth had the insight and courage to turn back. When asked why he did so, he replied by saying there was something in his early training in the home that kept him steady and strong.

Moreover, the Bible speaks of a tree planted by the rivers of water. It was kept fresh and fruitful. A widely known surgeon, Dr. A. Kelley, of Baltimore, had a custom of wearing a fresh rose in the lapel of his coat. His friends wondered how his flowers seem to blossom even as a decoration. He explained that the stem rested in a small tube of water concealed in his coat.

Does our religion tend to fade? Does the Bible seem to be dry and meaningless? Are we losing interest in the church? We may need to receive our faith by the satisfying water of life.

A new experience may enable us to discover a vital relationship with God. An artist once captured the glory of the sunset. A woman remarked: "I have lived here all these years, but I never really saw the sunset until you came along."

We may have a new beginning with God as we confront Him in a worship experience. A salvation Army officer knelt at the spot where General Wm. Booth was converted and cried: "Do it again, Lord, do it again." With such an inflow of the spirit, there may be a break-through in religion, a release of spiritual power.

A crisis experience may shatter complacency, and awaken a sense of need and bring one to new sources of strength. An electrician had a brush with death. Standing on the brink of eternity, he had some serious thoughts about life and its deeper meaning. He also declared: "I am going back to church."

Another thing, when the tree is good, it will bear the best quality fruit. A woman once attended a Bible class meeting and told of how her life had been changed. "Do you remember what an untidy housekeepr I use to be before I studied the Bible?" she asked her husband. "Look at the house now," she went on. "I was known, too, to be the longest-tongue woman in the village and spent most of my time spreading gossip and scandal. Now I go to help my neighbors. . ."

So the fruit of the spirit of God makes life finer, better, cleaner, happier. It makes us more considerate of each other, and brings out the quality of good will and love.

Finally, Jesus reminded us that the tree should be pruned, and useless, dead limbs cut away. Bad tempers, ugly dispositions, lust of the flesh, should be cut away. Only then we yield the fruit of the spirit.

In Japan there is comparative little land that can be cultivated, but all available land is made fertile and productive. There can be no waste or acreage that is only half-way producing.

E. Stanley Jones told of an apple that is twice the size of ordinary fruit. "I saw a man stagger through a station with one turnip across his back, a heavy load," Mr. Jones stated. He also informed us of strawberries, three inches in length.

How do the Japanese achieve such results? The answer is fertilizing and pruning. Every useless branch of fruit trees is clipped, and the trees are made to yield at their maximum.

This is a parable of the Christian life. We are to be growing and fruit-bearing Christians. An older man stood up in a meeting and said to the group: "You know how hard I was to get along with in times past. But the Lord has led me on, step by step. I feel I am more understanding. I have more concern and love for people, and more of the spirit of the Lord."

By God's grace may we be growing Christians, showing forth the fruit of the spirit.



To Join Wesleyan Staff

Mrs. Frances Colker Danoff will become Assistant Librarian at North Carolina Wesleyan College beginning September 1, 1964 according to announcement by college officials.

A native of Silver Springs, Maryland, she was graduated from the University of Pennsylvania with Academic Distinction, and is completing the requirements for the Master of Library Science degree at the University of North Carolina this summer.

She was elected to Phi Beta Kappa at Pennsylvania, served with college choral groups, and acted as a Hospital Volunteer. She has had some experience as Library assistant and she will aid in the program to expand the library holdings of the new college more rapidly.

She was recently married to Michael Danoff who will come in September to join the English staff at the college.

Homecoming Service and Dinner At Skyland Methodist Church

You are invited to a special Homecoming Day Service and Dinner, August 16 at Skyland Methodist Church, Skyland, North Carolina.

It was seventy-seven years ago, on August 17, 1887 that Skyland Methodist Church was organized as a part of The Methodist Episcopal Church, South. The first church building was designed and completed in 1888. This structure was destroyed by fire, October 8, 1937. Shortly after this date, plans were made for the building of the present sanctuary Building now in use.

April 17, 1960, ground was broken for a new Educational Building which was completed and used fully for the first Sunday, July 9, and on May 5, 1963 was named The Marion Case Havener Educational Building in honor of Mrs. Marion Case Hevener. This building was paid for by October 20, 1963. Immediately, plans were begun for a New Sanctuary Building program.

Ground was broken for this structure on April 12, 1964, the same date that the Hevener.Educational Building was dedicated. Construction is actually scheduled to begin on the New Sanctuary Building on Monday, August 10, 1964. We who are here now are anxious to move ahead in this next significant step in theongoing ministry of Skyland Methodist Church.

We realize, however, that we could not be carrying on the ministry of this church today were it not for the sacrifices, energy, ideas, and effort put forth by many of you in years past. We are having this Homecoming Day Service and Dinner in the hope that as many as possible of our former pastors, members, and friends may come and share in this special day with us. The Woman's Society of Christian Service will be in charge of the arrangements before, during, and after the dinner—to arrange the food that each family will bring. The Methodist Men will handle the physical arrangements involved. We will all share in the worship service at 11:00 in the Sanctuary and dinner will be served as soon after the service as it can be arranged.

We invite all who can be a part of this day as we all come back together to renew acquaintances and to recall the significance of the past and move ahead with plans and progress for the future.

Robert T. Young, Minister
Skyland Methodist Church

Bishop Earl G. Hunt Preached In Charlotte Last Sunday

Bishop Earl G. Hunt, Jr. who presides over the Charlotte Methodist Area, preached in First Methodist Church of Charlotte last Sunday, August 9 at 7:30 p.m.

This was the bishop's first visit to a church of the Western North Carolina Conference since his election as a bishop of The Methodist Church in early July and his assignment to the Charlotte Area.

It is in First Church of Charlotte that the bishop has his episcopal offices. His residence is also in Charlotte and he will move his family there by the middle of August.

Following the Sunday evening worship service at First Methodist Church a reception was held for the Bishop and Mrs. Hunt, and their son, Steve.

PASTORS, PLEASE

We are asking for 1000 Subscriptions for the NORTH CAROLINA CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE from each of the Twenty-Four Districts. You will want to help your District meet its goal. The letter sent you recently explains it.

Please turn this over to the MFY or the WSCS and let them work it.

The Subscription blank is all they need. But it must be emphasized.

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Rev. Ivan A. Stephens Heads Bridgewater Ashram

The following people were elected officers of the Bridgewater United Christian Ashram, Bridgewater College, Bridgewater, Virginia, at a recent meeting:

Rev. Ivan A. Stephens, Pastor of Archdale Methodist Church, High Point, N. C., Director, Mr. Carl B. Harris, member of the Hawthorne Lane Methodist Church, Charlotte, Associate Director.

Mrs. Sallie Peake, Richmond, Virginia, Secretary, Miss Elizabeth Gaston, Richmond, Virginia, Treasurer, Rev. F. Donald Beaty, pastor of Plaza Methodist Church, Charlotte, Youth Director.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl B. Harris, members of Hawthorne Lane, Charlotte, Host and Hostess.

The 1965 Ashram will be held July 5-10.

Interesting Methodist Matters

Methodist-related schoools which have been granted housing loans by the U. S. Housing and Home Finance Agency include Columbia College in South Carolina, $875,000, and Ferrum Junior College in Virginia, $700,000. Columbia is to build a woman's residence hall for 256 students, and Ferrum a women's residence hall for 208 students.

The Rev. Thomas E. Price has been appointed director of the department of alcohol problems, Division of Alcohol Problems and General Welfare, Methodist Board of Christian Social Concerns. The position is to place increased emphasis on the denomination's concern for alcohol problems. One of Price's primary tasks will be implementing the statement for abstinence adopted by the 1964 Methodist Conference.

Dr. Edwin E. Voigt, formerly president of Simpson College, Indianola, Iowa and Bishop of the Methodist Church, has been named president of historic McKendree College at Lebanon, Illinois. Dr. Voigt will become 36th president of the oldest Methodist college in America. Effective September 1.

McKendree College is a co-educational Methodist-related liberal arts college founded in 1828. It is the oldest Methodist College in America under the continuous supervision of the Methodist College and the oldest college in the State of Illinois.

Alamance County Preparing For Evangelistic Campaign

Around one hundred churches in Alamance County are planning for the Alamance Evangelistic Crusade September 10-29. It will be conducted by a team of the Billy Graham Association, with Dr. Leighton Ford as the preacher.

Rev. Howard M. McLamb, pastor of Davis Street Methodist Church, Burlington, has been named general chairman of the crusade.

There are now ten large and important committees working to prepare for a Crusade that is successful in attendance, edifying of church members, reaching lost and unaffiliated people for Christ and the church and conserving the results after the Crusade. These committees and their chairmen are among the outstanding Christian Ministers and laymen of the various denominations.

After the Crusade, it is hoped to have many new persons trained in prayer and counselling. A year-round program of visitation evangelism, will be inaugurated using the trained counselors to visit and win people to Christ and the Church.

Bennett College Names Bollinger Director of Development

The Rev. Charles Bollinger, of Liverpool, N. Y., has been named director of development at Bennett College, Greensboro and will assume the post on September 1.

Recently retired from the active ministry after serving since 1957 as administrative assistant for Christian Higher Education of the Syracuse Area of the Methodist Church, the minister is a graduate of Williamsport Dickinson Seminary (now Lycoming College), Syracuse University and has studied further at Garrett Biblical Seminary, Evanston, Ill.

In his Christian Higher Education post, he led Methodists of Central, Northern and Western New York in raising $300,000 to endow the Bishop W. Earl Ledden professorship of religious education at Syracuse University. He is a trustee of Syracuse and Bennett.

Dr. Bollinger is a member of Phi Delta Epsilon, honorary journalism society, Theta Phi Beta, honorary philosophical society and of Theta Alpha fraternity. His wife, the former Miss Dorothy Siefried, is a former Rochester, N. Y., school principal. They have two sons, one a minister and one o dentist.

Mission Conference Studies "Frontiers That Call Us"

The plight of one million jobless individuals in Appalachia can only be solved by a new appraisal of what is meant by the term, "to work," said Dr. W. D. Weatherford of Black Mountain, N. C.

He was one of several speakers who brought a look at problems in the U. S. on the theme, "Frontiers That Call Us," for delegates to the July 23-29 Southeastern Methodist Jurisdiction Missions Conference at Lake Junaluska.

Dr. Weathertord, father of the now famous Applachian Study Program, which was a principal basis for President Johnson's drive on poverty, said that up to now, the term "to work" has meant producing material things.

He said in the future "to work" must be changed to mean people helping people. He noted that artists are not considered unemployed simply because they cannot sell a work of art, or are not performing. In the same sense the unemployed person of Appalachia must be given the desire to work with and help other people.

His great fear of the present program to combat poverty is that the creativeness and character of the people will be destroyed, said Dr. Weatherford. "We've got to put these people to work helping other people in any way they can," and we must get rid of a sense of uselessness which is being bred into them by the public dole.

The earthquake which ripped Alaska on Good Friday revealed more vividly than ever that the 49th state's greatest frontier and greatest resource is its people, Dr. Gordon Gould of Alaska told conference delegates.

Dr. Gould, director of Advance specials for Alaska Methodist University, said the meeting of government, religious and civic leaders in Washington, D. C., in the aftermath of the earthquake "marked the first time in the history of Alaska major attention was not on things which were destroyed, but on the people."

Inner city work in Atlanta, Ga., and Knoxville, Tenn., were featured by a host of speakers for the delegates. They included Dr. Charles E. Wilson, minister to the Inner City of Atlanta, and the Rev. David Sneller, his assistant; and Miss Linda Rowe, Inner City worker in Knoxville for the Methodist Church.

The program was under the direction of Dr. Claude M. Haynes, church extension secretary for the North Georgia Conference, and Dr. H. L. Johns, director of the section of church extension, Division of National Missions.

Juvenile Delinquency

Bishop John Owen Smith, who presides over the Atlanta Area, told a Sunday night audience at Junaluska juvenile delinquency in the next five years will create greater problems than the present race tensions.

The Methodist bishop said Christians could aid both situations by showing personal concern toward individuals in trouble.

Bishop Smith told the delegates to the Southeastern Jurisdiction Missions Conference that Christians should become as excited about the converting of a head-hunter to a peace-loving Christian as they do over the exploration of space.



Left to right John Brewer, Lance Hartsell, John Thompson, Roger Thompson, and Rev. Charles F. Martin

The God and Country Award was presented to four scouts during the worship service at Pine Grove Methodist Church in Albemarle, N. C. The presentation was made by the pastor, Rev. Charles F. Martin. This event took place on Sunday, August 2, 1964. A year of work and service were involved in achieving this honor. The work das divided into three stages, and two service projects were completed at the end of each stage.

Receiving this award were: John Thompson and Roger Thompson sons of Mr. and Mrs. T. R. Thompson; Lance Hartsell son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Hartsell; and John Brewer son of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Brewer. All four of the boys are members of Pine Grove and active in the youth activities of the Church. They are members of troop 51 in the Endy Community.

The minister and congregation are very proud of the fine efforts demonstrated by these four young scouts. We commend them on their service to God and to their Country by being both good citizens and good Christians.

Editor Preached At Mebane Church Last Sunday

The editor preached to a fine congregation last Sunday morning at the Mebane Methodist Church, of which Rev. A. P. Hill, Jr. is the pastor. The Mebane Church has a fine church plant and a delightfully attractive and well-appointed parsonage. This is the first of the churches to meet its suggested goal of fifteen new subscribtions to the North Carolina Christian Advocate. We expect others to do like wise in bringing the list for each district up to a minimum of 1000. Following the service the preachers and families were invited to be the guests of the Rockfish-Mebane Knitting Company, which was serving its entire group of employees to a chicken barbecue dinner in the park near their plant. Some 150 to 200 were present to enjoy the food and festivities. The company was granted a certificate of recognition for having operated more than ten years without a major accident to any of its workmen. It has a record for safety, of which it is justly proud.

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Mrs. Amos Alonzo Stagg, 88, wife of the legendary Methodist football coach, died July 22 in Stockton, Calif. Her husband will be 102 on August 16.

MYF Council Meets At Pfeiffer

The annual meeting of the Methodist Youth Fellowship Council of the Western North Carolina Conference was held in Pfeiffer College August 9-11.

Keynote speaker for the meeting was Dr. Lowell B. Hazzard of Wesley Seminary in Washington, D. C., who delivered talks Sunday night and Monday and Tuesday mornings, "Theology in the Christian Education of Youth."

The Council includes junior and senior high Methodist youth leaders, as well as their adult counselors. The program for the 1964-65 Conference year was approved, as well as highlights of the two workshops at Lake Junaluska for 1965.

The Rev. Paul Duckwall of Statesville, Conference director of this work for the Board of Education, was in charge. He was assisted by Mrs. J. E. Yountz of Statesville, his secretary, and treasurer for the Council.

The meeting was handled by the newly-elected Council officers:

Charles Shuford of Statesville, president; Henry Perry of Greensboro, vice president; Pan Holyfield of Greensboro, secretary; and Lynn Culler of Winston-Salem, associate secretary; along with ten area and associate area chairmen and five senior high area program advisors.

The Child Grows – In Spirit

Rev. Ralph Miller, Chaplain Western N. C. Center

The child at first has difficulty distingushing himself from his enviroment. Growth means an increased awareness of himself and dinstinction from the world in which he lives. This increased ability to comprehend himself and his world affects him spiritually as well as mentally. Everyone who grows much in spirit must find at least a partial answer to "Who am I?" Our self image influences our attitudes and actions. It is hard for anyone, let alone the mentally handicapped, to develop an adequate self concept. Many mentally handicapped find it hard to accept the fact that they are creatures of God—children of God—an object of God's personal love as taught by Jesus Christ.

The mind affects the spirit. Growth in mind makes possible growth in spirit. The mind is a controlled factor in the spirit. Proverbs 4:23 "Keep thy heart with all diligence; for out of it are the issues of life. Proverbs 23:7 . . . as he thinketh in his heart, so is he . . ." Matthew 5:8" Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God." Mark 7:21 " . . .desire when it was conceived gives birth to sin." There are just a few of the many references to the mind's control of the spirit in the Bible.

The growing mind develops an image or picture of God. There must be some concept or understanding of God if there is to be growth in spirit. If there is no intellectual concept of God then there cannot be a commitment. One cannot commit himself to an intellectual blank. One's will and character come from te mind. The bigger or more meaningful concept of God demands greater commitment and devotion .If the mind does not develop one's actions come from instinct and impulse.

Many intelligent people have a very small or limited God which means a limited commitment. This usually comes from their early childhood experiences and teachings with a failure to grow in spirit. This smallness of God with failure to grow accounts for many people's rejection of God and religion. Their concept of God becomes inadequate for the needs of life in our modern world. There must be growth in understanding of God if there is to be growth in spirit.

Growth is a universal law body, mind and spirit. We find growth in understanding of God in the Bible. In the Old Testament, God is often pictured as an oriental King who is cruel, revengful, jealous, wrathful, angry and bloodthirsty. Yet Jesus taught his nature is love—that he is like a loving father. We find reference to Jesus' growth in spirit. Luke 2:25"Jesus increased in wisdom and in stature, and in favor with God and man." Jesus taught the necessity of growth in spirit. Matthews 5:48 "You, therefore, must be perfect as your heavenly Father is perfect." This is a goal we are to strive for. John 3:3 " . . . I say to you, unless one is born anew, he cannot see the kingdom of God." We start the Christian life as spiritual infants. If we neglect spiritual growth, spiritual death of spiritual dwarfs results. Paul stressed spiritual growth too. I Corinthian 13: 11 "When I was a child I spoke like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child; When I became a man, I gave up childish ways." These are just three of the many references to necessity of spiritual growth by Jesus and Paul.

Physical growth can be checked by weights or measurements. Mental growth can be checked by tests for increased information. Yet it is very difficult to measure spiritual growth. Christians differ in their understanding of Christianity. Yet all agree that Jesus is the standard by which we are all measured. God created us to live a Christ like life. Jesus is interpreted differently and stress placed on different aspects of his life. Regardless of the emphasis when we examine our life by Jesus Christ we all fall short. No serious student of the life of Christ claims to measure up. We all have our strong points and we all have our weak points or failures. We like to think we measure up when we do not. It is hard to distinguish between humility and pride, conviction arrogance, sincerity and intolerance, etc.

Spiritual growth often seems intangible and unmeasurable thus unimportant. Yet it is the spiritual that lifts man above the animal. Yet people with superior minds live on the subhuman level. Dachau, Buchanwald Flossenburg and Doranordhausen were built and operated by a highly educated and intelligent nation with the most skilled scientific minds .Spirit is the leaven that transform life. Spirit lifts man above the animal level. Spirit is the mortar that holds and binds life together giving meaning, purpose, direrion and joy to living. Spirit is the salt that adds flavor and zest to life and preserves life as a positive, helpful and happy life—Jesus called it the abundant life.

A child at first responds to instincts and acts on impulse. The severely handicapped child may never be able to advance beyond acting on instinct and on impulse. The retarded are like other people except that they function at a lower level of intelligence. They may or may not develop spiritually. We find spiritual immaturity among people of average and above average intelligence,—They are retarded spiritually.

Growth in spirit starts with feelings—a feeling of love and acceptance. This is conveyed to them by touch, tone of voice, facial expressions, etc. They become aware that we care. Attitudes of love and acceptance are transmitted from person to person. This causes a warm and friendly response to people. Except for the most severly handicapped, the child can develop a good feeling toward their fellowman and God.

Feelings grow into attitudes—emotions and intellect are involved. The child feels loved and accepted and thinks he is loved and accepted. He responds to love by loving. I John 4:19 "We love, because he first loved us." Children sense how people feel toward them depending upon the degree of mental handicap. Attitudes are conveyed through a person to another.

With growth, attitudes are enlarged to ideas and concepts. Logic and order begin to appear in his thinking! His understanding begins to have content. Beliefs are accepted and held. His self concepts begins to take shape. He develops beliefs about God and his fellowman. Christian growth is not merely an intellectual acceptance of the nature of God as love, but to act and live on that belief.

Growth in spirit is to grow in social and Christian skills. Attitudes and beliefs affect behavior. Ethical standards are adapted. Morality does not make one a Christian and ethics cannot be separated. Faith produces results. Faith is an acceptance that permeates and influences all our life; words, thoughts and deeds. Matthew 7:17 "You will know them by fruits." This is stated more emphatically in James 2:17 " . . . Faith by itself, if it has no works, is dead." Faith is belief put into practice.

Growth in spirit is based on the very heart and basis of Christianity. 1 John 4:8 "God is love." The very nature of God is love. To become godly is for love to characterize our nature. When the scribes asked Jesus what was the greater commandment they were asking, "What does God want from us more than anything else?" Jesus' reply as recorded in Mark 13:29 was, . . . you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind, and with all your strength." The second is this, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." The love of God with our total being and the love of our neighbor as ourselves is the very basis and heart of the Christian religion. Growth in spirit is an increased awareness of God's love and response to that love. A person only has to accept and responding according to their abilities.

The mentally handicapped finds it hard to grasp ideas and concepts but can identify with a person. As they meet Christian love incarnated in others they become aware of God's love and are able to give at least limited response. The handicapped who are able to distinguish the chaplain from other people will identify him with God. They will think of the chaplain as God. We see this when they get angry with the minister or if they do not like him, stay away from church. This would not happen if they went to church to worship God rather than the minister. The mentally handicapped are more susceptable to thisfallacy. The chaplain needs to convey an attitude of acceptance and love. As the child grows in spirit he will think less and less of the chaplain as God and more an more as an ambassador of God. This will be a slow process because all people find it a hard and slow process.

The child's understanding of God is limited by his experiences and abilities. The child who has received love and affection can accept God whose very nature is love. The child who has not recieved love finds it difficult to believe in a God whose nature is love. Many ministers and laymen tell more about their early childhood than about the God revealed by Jesus Christ. Feelings, attitudes, beliefs, and conduct are best conveved through persons. We see an example of this the incarnation of Jesus of Nazareth. John 1:14 " . . . the Word became flesh and dwelt among us . . . ."

Growth in spirit is growth in love of God and our fellowman. I John 4:18 "There is no fear in love but perfect love casts out fear." This is a test of growth in spirit. An attitude of fear of God shows spiritual immaturity. A response that comes from fear shows need of growth. The mentally handicapped are not the only ones who need to grow in spirit.

Growth in spirit of the mentally handicapped is not always discernable at first glance. We live in a society where a person's value is usually determined by what economic contribution he can make. This makes it extremely diffucult for the handicapped to develop an adequate and positive picture of himself. When he feels rejected by family and/or society he usually feels rejected by God. Many churches stress certain beliefs as necessary for Christians. Those who lack ability to hold these correct or orthodox beliefs feel a sense of rejection. Limited inhibitions and lack of sophistication may reveal weakness and failures other people cover up. They lack control of emotions and often give the wrong impression. They are very suggestible, so easily mislead. They are controlled more by emotion than intellect so may be misunderstood. They often lack an adequate self concept and lack self confidence and self respect.

Growth in spirit has no limits. Feelings into attitudes—attitudes into beliefs. Beliefs are translated into social and ethical skills or behavior. We cannot expect the mentally handicapped to hold as mature ideas as other people. Yet growth may include difficult theological concepts and applications to life. We must help them develop to their full capacity. " . . you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul and with all your mind, and with all your strength . . you shall love your neighbor as yourself."

Missionaries Need To Readjust Overseas Methods

Missionaries must readjust their methods of serving overseas nations if they are to be accepted by the nationals.

This was the word which came out of several talks concerning Methodist work in overseas areas under the theme, "Frontiers That Confront Us," a major presentation of the annual SoutheasternJurisdiction Methodist Missions Conference at Lake Junaluska.

Three Methodist missionaries and missions officals and a bishop were speakers in this area, along with a young author from Angola.

It was perhaps the author, Job de Carvalho of Luanda, Angola, who brought the most controversial warning. He said that despite the fact boards of missions of major Christian denominations have now "awakened to the needs of a new day" and had revised their program to allow native Christian initiative in running churches, this policy is being defeated by "sectarian missionaries."

His original statement, interpreted by those who heard it to mean holiness groups, said:

But we cannot remind ourselves too often that missions in Africa are still predominantly in the hands of those who follow 19th century sectarianism. And that's the tragedy of mission work in Africa: the turning over of all property and administration into the hands of a national unit independent of the international denomination was infrequent, and the ratio of the new type of missionary —trained in comparative anthropology and supplementing his evangelism with technical skills, willing to take a back seat under a national to the old prototype was decreasing rather than improving, as the sectarian steadily increased their numbers in Africa.

Thus the tragedy: in that, just as the older mission boards which introduced Christianity into Africa awakened to the needs of the new day, they were suddenly overrun by sectarians who still operate under a worn-out, weather-beaten, century-old concept of missions. Usually sectarians are the 'soul saving' variety rather than the culture-appreciating; they believe only in enough education to read the Bible (they distrust higher education in their own life back home); they are politically irresponsible and racially segregated back home; they are so sectarian as to believe that they alone have the whole truth and are consequently unable to cooperate with other Christian bodies. To those the African refers when he speaks of "the white bulls fighting on the fair soil of Africa."

But in a later interview, Mr. Carvalho said he was referring to missions personnel of major Christian denominations—Methodist, Presbyterian, Baptist and others.

The older missionaries in Africa have refused to adjust to the new changes in policy of their boards, he said, and the new missionaries being sent out have come under sectarian influence in their own country and thus ignore the new policies of their boards once they arrive in Africa.

The Rev. William O. Bigham, on furlough after his first five-year term in Brazil, said national Methodist leaders there have told missionaries they must identify themselves with the people if they are to continue to be of service in that nation. He said this means "sharing their miseries, hopes, aspirations, ambitions, dangers, frustrations, anxieties, confusions and if the day should come—sharing their deaths."

The missionary told of continued and increased cooperation between Roman Catholics and Protestants. In answer to a question as to why the Roman Catholics are working more closely with Protestants, the Rev. Mr. Bigham sand, "I can't explain it. This is of God. Let's be thankful for it."

Dr. Hugh Lomor, executive secretary of Southeast Asia for the General Board of Missions and a former missionary to Burma, said the major task of Christianity in Southeast Asia is one of reconciliation between groups possessing deep differences in cultural and racial backgrounds. He said more missionaries need to be sent from other nations to the U. S. "because they are not involved in our culture, and can see the real implication of what the Christian faith means to us."

The Rev. William Moon of Hyderabad. India, reminded the delegates only those missionaries who have Christianity can transmit it to other persons.

Bishop W. Ralph Ward, who presides over the Syracuse Area, said the way Christians must reach people today is not to do something for them, but to do something with them. He also called for the Methodist Church to produce the best trained missionaries in Christianity. "This is the age of excellence and of highest achievement," he said, "and the church can offer no less than its best."

Liberal Views Cause Expulsion

Liberal views against racial discrimination in Southern Rhodesia are believed to have been responsible for Methodist Bishop Ralph E. Dodge being ordered to leave the country as an "undesirable alien."

Bishop Dodge and another missionary, the Rev. Robert E. Hughes, of Birmingham, Ala., were served deportation orders on July 16, a day after Bishop Dodge, during a radio interview, said that the church in Africa was "guilty of practicing racialism, segregation and apartheid."

A spokesman for the Methodist Board of Missions in New York said the deportation order was dated July 9 and gave Bishop Dodge and Mr. Hughes 14 days to leave the country. Mr.Hughes is appealing his case, according to the Board.

The Southern Rhodesia government has given no official reasons for the deportation orders, but African radio broadcasts in reporting the ouster said that the two missionaries were being told to leave the country because of outspoken speeches and statements against racialism as practiced in the country."

Southern Rhodesia is embroiled in a critical racial conflict in which more than 3,750,000 Africans are demanding and end to all-white government control by some 250,000 Europeans. Europeans have adamantly opposed this and, spearheaded by the segregationist Rhodesian Front Party led by Ian Smith, are pressing hard for independence from Great Britian.

The Rhodesia Methodist Coonference is the seventh largest church denomination in the country, having over 16.000 full members. It has been working in Southern Rhodesia since 1898. Bishop Dodge has been bishop since 1956, elected to his position by the African church members themselves. Mr Hughes went to Southern Rhodesia in 1962.

Faculty Promotions At Pfeiffer

Twelve Pfeiffer College members have been promoted in faculty rank. Academic Dean Cameron West in making the announcement noted that three faculty members, Dr. Warren E. Gates, Dr. Nancy McLaurin and Prof. James L. Williams were advanced to the rank of full professor.

The promotions announced were:

Dr. Warren E. Gates, to Professor of Languages. He is head of the Department of Languages.

Dr. Nancy McLaurin, to Professor of English.

Prof. James L. Williams, to Professor of Economics. He is Chairman of the Division of Business Administration and Economics.

Dr. Aubrey Brickley to Associate Professor of Psychology. He is head of the Department of Psychology.

Prof. George E. Melton to Associate Professor of History.

Jerry Daniels to Associate Professor of Health and Physical Education.

Steve C. Dail to Assistant Professor of Biology.

Mrs. Phyllis Gore to Assistant Professor of Education.

James Marcum to Assistant Professor of History.

Kenneth F. Sapp to Assistant Professor of German.

Stanley R. Scheer to Assistant Professor of Music. He is organist for the Henry Pfeiffer Chapel.

William H. Stock to Assistant Professor of Speech.

Special Missionaries Going Out

The largest group of Methodist special-term missionaries to go overseas since 1960 will leave this fall for assignments in Africa, Asia, and North and South America.

The 45 young men and women will serve three years each in the 14 countries to which they are going. The young missionaries are called "3's," because their term of service is three years.

The group of 45 is the largest number of "3's," to go out under the Methodist Board of Missions since 1960, when 46 were sent out. his year's group brings to 903 the total number of persons who have served in the overseas special-term missionary program since it was begun in 1948.

One of the major factors in the largest number of 3's this year—and a new emphasis in the entire special-term missionary program—is the special task force of 16 single men going to the congo. This task force is comprised of carefully selected men who will go into tense and difficult situations in the Congo, where regular missionary families usually would be assigned.

They are to be a flexible, mobile missionary force ready to change assignments and types of work as the situation in the Congo changes and will receive a year of special training in Brussels, Belgium, before going to the Congo. The principal initial assignment for most will be teaching.

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Religion At Littleton College

Esther Broadwell Cox, Class of 1915
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The Reverend James M. Rhodes, President of Littleton College, was one of those rare Christians who are best understood years after their time. His aims and motives education were ahead of his time. We who knew him for four year can now see that he emphasized a life of Christian service as the goal of every woman wherever such service might be.

Littleton College has been called "the Mother of Missionaries." So many who have served in foreign fields or home missions received their first inspiration there.

And who shall say that the large number of Littleton graduates who became teachers in public schools and colleges have not exerted the same Christian influence in the lives of countless people throughout North Carolina and many other states?

Jose Foy (class of 1916) and her husband, Eugent Chesson, were missionaries in Brazil; Alice Green, China; Nina Troy, China; Annie Bradshaw, China; Ellen Gainey and Sallie Lowder, Deaconesses; Lillian Hollingsworth, worker for more than twenty-five years in a Methodist Orphanage in Macon, Georgia. There were large numbers of others who served here and abroad in religious work. These bear testimony to the Christian influences that have gone on through the years—the out-bounds of which only God can measure.

President Rhodes showed himself ahead of his time by inviting students from Cuba to enroll in a Christian college. We remember vividly his description of the Cuban plantation he visited there at the beginning of the century. He said: "The Cubans are literally beating the Spanish swords into plowshares and their spears into pruning hooks." He recognized their need for Christian education. If all the small and large colleges of America had had his visions, who knows but that Cuba's sad history today might have been entirely different.

We remember also the Christian teachers in the college whose lives influenced us as much as their formal teaching.

Conforming to Mr. Rhodes' ideals, Bible was a required subject for the four years. Every student was also required to go to Sunday School in the college and to church in town unless excused by the nurse in the infirmary. Compulsory attendance at church service might be questioned today, but, at least, it formed a good habit which makes me feel guilty every time I am unable to attend. Besides it gave me a proud feeling to march in a body to church on Sunday mornings. It must have had an excellent influence on the towns-people, also.

Most of us were Methodists, but I can recall a Baptist teacher who once conducted a group of us to a revival service in her church. Several of us attended the Episcopal Church when Clara Jackson was confirmed. You could not say then that Mr. Rhodes was prejudiced against other denominations.

There were also morning chapel services and evening vespers. The latter were held under the auspices of the Y. W. C. A., an active organization at that time, and were conducted by the students and faculty.

Once a year we had a week of intensive Bible study led by some visiting ministers. Among these I recall: Rev. R. H. Broom, Rev. R. H. Willis, Rev. R. C. Beamon, Rev. J. Taylor, and Dr. John R. Mott. Outstanding to me was the excellent study of "The Holy Spirit" by Dr. Taylor and the address by Dr. Mott.

Dr. Mott was fresh from Japan. He said. "Japan is ready for Christ. Unless we Christianize Japan in this generation we may have to fight her later. Her people are ready for change."

Perhaps I have heard other prophets in my seventy years but throughout my life when any one has stated: "There are no prophets in our day," I have always quoted Dr. Mott's prophecy. It came so literally. true. May we not repeat that failure in Africa and Asia today as they undergo the throes of change. Nor, might I add, in our own U. S. A.

Once we read in our English Class at Littleton College poems by "The Southern Poets." A poem by Theodore O'Hara has remained in my memory all these years.

It was a beautiful fall day in 1913. The October sun was shining and the room was very quiet as we gave the lines which we had memorized for the day. I had chosen eight lines from "The Bivouac of the Dead."

The muffled drums' sad roll has beat
The soldier's last tattoo.
No more on life's parade shall meet
That brave and fallen few.
In fame's eternal camping ground
Their silent tents are spread,
And glory guards with solemn round
The bivouac of the dead.

There was a haunting, sad beauty about these lines that lingered with me all my life. I never knew their full meaning, however, I watched President John F. Kennedy's funeral fifty years later to the month. I wept as I heard those muffled drums. It was not all for our beloved President. A part of it was for a final complete understanding of these lines of poetry.

If we can long so for earthly understanding, how much more a God-centered life longs for an understanding of eternity, forever with perfection.

Last year, in our Woman's Society of Christian Service, I was asked to teach the course on "Christian Perfection." I should like to close my remarks with the words I used that night.

Sometimes we get faint glimpses oof Perfecton. A beautful rose shows us perfect beauty; a small baby, innocence; a high mountain, grandeur. Sometimes a church service gives us a moment of perfect peace. But when we grow more and more into God's likeness all of these momentary perfections shall be rolled into one whole and complete perfection, The Holy God.

We should never be discouraged in our quest, for earthly things are often shrouded in mystery and we seek a lifetime for the fulfillment that comes with understanding.

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Two large gifts to Methodist missionary work from individuals have been received by the Methodist Board of Missions. An anonymous donor gave $60 000 to Methodist deaconess work and the Rev. Dr. Walt Holcomb. Atlanta, Ga., a retired minister, gave $10,600 for evangelistic work in Latin America.

In Memoriam

MRS. FANNIE DADE CARR

The Mount Herman Woman's Society of Christian Service mourns the passing of Mrs. Fannie Carr, a devoted and consecrated member, on November 29, 1963. She always gave the best of all she had. Today we wish to pay tribute to her memory. Therefore, be it resolved:

First, that we accept her passing from this life to the life eternal according to the will of God. Second, that we extend to her family our heart-felt sympathy. Third, that a copy of these resolutions be sent to the family and one recorded in the minutes of the Woman's Society of Christian Service.

Mrs. D. B. Murphrey
Mrs. Ray Vandiford
Mrs. Moses Jones

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MRS. LULA THOMAS EASON

The Mount Herman Woman's Society of Christian Service mourns the passing on February 1, 1964, of a devoted and faithful member, Mrs. Lula Eason, who shared wholeheartedly her prayers, gifts and service. Today we mourn the passing of a loved one. Therefore be it resolved:

First, That we accept her passing from this life to the life eternal according to the will of God. Second, that we extend to her family our heart-felt sympathy. Third, that a copy of these resolutions be sent to the family, and one be recorded in the minutes of the Woman's Society of Christian Service.

Mrs. D. B. Murphrey
Mrs. Ray Vandiford
Mrs. Moses Jones

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WILLIAM CARL CANNON

On June 6, 1964, God called from our midst one of our dear loved ones, William Carl Cannon. He was born August 25, 1913, having spent the entire 51 years of his life here in North Carolina, the place of his birth, with the exception of three years spent in the service of his country during World War II.

He joined Stanley Methodist Church on August 25, 1925, at the age of twelve. He lived the vows he took before the church altar in his baptism and confirmation with consistent and regular attendance upon the worship and other programs and services of the church.

Carl Cannon lived before his business associates, friends, and family a life of simplicity, frankness, honesty, and friendliness with sincere love and concern for the rights and needs of all those with whom he associated.

Carl Cannon lived the life of stewardship as he gave of his time and talent in loving labor for the church of Jesus Christ. At his death he was chairman of the Official Board of his church, member of the Church Building Committee, and treasurer of the Building Fund.

Be it therefore resolved that the Official Board of Stanley Methodist Church, meeting in regular session on July 26, 1964, express our humble gratitude to God for the life of Carl Cannon among us, and do hereby commend the example of his devoted, humble life to all our community.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be given to Mrs. Carl Cannon, a copy recorded in the official records of Stanley Methodist Church, and a copy mailed to the local newspaper and to the *North Carolina Christian Advocate* of the Methodist Church for publication.

Russell Handsel, *Chairman*
Commission on Membership and Evangelism



By Mary Gardner

eg's New Adventure

As the campers in Mr. Stone's nature oup followed their counselor down narrow path which led to the lake, y talked and laughed noisely. But eg did not share their excitement.

For a moment Greg wished that he uld be just an ordinary camper. For others who were coming to junior np for the first time, the hike down ture Trail would be a new adventure. t for me, thought Greg, whose father s the camp caretaker, it will be al-ost like taking a walk in my own yard. the few years since Greg's family had ed at Camp Pleasure, the boy had plored every inch of the woods around e camp. Why, I could find my way wn Nature Trail even if I were wear-g a blindfold, Greg thought.

"Quiet," signaled Mr. Stone as he stop-d quickly. Pointing out two birds nich scurried across the path ahead, e counselor asked, "Can anyone tell e what kind of birds they are?" The mpers looked puzzled. "You have just en a pair of quails," explained their ader. "Another name for them is "bob-hite," he added.

As the group continued their walk, r. Stone pointed out other birds along e way, and the campers tried to identi- different bird calls that they heard. very now and then the boys and girls pped to look at trees and plants which eir counselor pointed out, an to gath- leaves and brightly-colored berries. eg actually saw many things that he d never noticed before.

When they reached the lake, they stop-d to rest.

"What is that?" asked one of the boys, he pointed to a strange green plant at looked like an upside-down cone ith an umbrella over the top. The boys d girls gathered around to look at the ant more closely.

"That is called a trumpet plant," Mr. one explained. "It is a very unsual ant, because the bodies of insects hich it traps provides part of its food."

The campers looked down into the llow tube of the plant, and saw sever- small insects which had crawled to e bottom of the cone and could not imb back up the steep sides.

"We have seen many fascinating things this trip," said Mr. Stone, when the oup had returned to the camp. "God s created an interesting world for us live in," he continued. "There are al-ays exciting discoveries to be made, if we will only keep our eyes and ears open."

"Yes," replies Greg, "I thought I knew all about these woods, because I live here, but I've found out that I didn't know so much after all. This has been a real adventure."—The Young Soldier.

Boats and Waves

My dad bought me a dandy boat,
It's pretty as a peach,
And I just love to play with it
When we are on the beach.
It has a line for me to hold,
So it won't sail too far;
You see the water is too rough
Out where the whitecaps are.
One day a big wave snatched
my boat,
And took it out to sea,
But then it rolled back in again
And brought it back to me.
The waves slip up and grap my toys,
While I dig in the sand,
And though it plays mean tricks
on me,
I think the water's grand.

—Viola Braswell

A Thank You Prayer For Jesus

O God, we thank You that Jesus came to show us how to live in ways that are pleasing to You. Because he was courageous, we can have courage. Because he stood for the right, we too try to stand for the right even when we stand alone. Because he was loving even toward those who were unkind and cruel, we too try to be loving and friendly even toward those who are unfriendly, unkind, and unpopular. Help us to remember Jesus, O God, in all that we do.

Amen.

Riddles In Rhyme

I've many names and may faces,
Both here at home and far off places
I'm passed from hand to hand
each day,
Or locked up safe and stored away.

To keep things safe by sea and land
Is my true aim and goal,
I always do the task at hand
With my head in a hole.

I travel to market, I travel to town,
I stay in one place when I am
put down.
I'm willing and able to help one
and all
Each package is safe for I won't let
them fall.

(Answers Below)

Bible Quiz

What miracle do you associate with the following words?

1.—Bathing in the Jordan?
2.—Lions?
3.—A great fish?
4.—Removal of shoes?
5.—Trumpets and marching men?

Answers to Last Week's Questions

1.—The fate of Lot's wife (Genesis 19:26)
2.—The plague in Egypt (Exodus 8:5)
3.—The brazen serpent (numbers 21: 8-9)
4.—The Shunammite's son raised (2 Kings 4:35)
5.—Elijah taken to heaven (2 Kings 2:11)

Just For Fun

Two small boys were playing with a wagon one day. They were both trying to ride at the same time, but with little enjoyment. Finally one of the boys turned to the other side and said: "You know, one of us could have a lot of fun if you would get off."

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Just home from his first train ride, a small boy was telling a friend about his new life's ambition. He wanted to be a railway conductor. "But wouldn't you rather be an engineer and drive the train?" "No serree!" he said in a pensive tone. "The conductor gets to carry home all the comic books kids leave on his train."

Answers to Riddles in Rhyme
1.-Money; 2-A Key; 3-A basket

Reverie

A mocking bird in a near by tree,
Is so provoked today at me;
Because I'm on the porch in my chair,
Say's he, "Why are you sitting there?
When the sink is stacked with dishes deep,
And there are floors for you to sweep;
The clothes are not yet on the line,
Remember the beans hanging on the vine.
Hurry," he chatters, "and water the fern;
I doubt if you have made your bed,
And yet you sit on the porch instead.
Make haste you while the cool breezes blow?
The mending is waiting, There's the garden
to hoe.
Making any pickle? never known you
to miss.
Why do you sit on the porch like this?"
My fine featered friend, up there in the tree,
Please stop your quarreling will you with me?
Those chores of mine today they wait,
So beautiful is the morning, I must meditate.

—Mary Taylor Mumford
Seabord, N. C.

Woman's Activities

"Children In Today's Crisis"

MRS. H. W. DOUB

The World Outlook for August is giving much space to children and their various worlds. First, how do you like the children on the cover? They are children in a nursery school overseas, or perhaps here or any where. The nursery school began as a help for working mothers, but it is becoming something beyond that. It is a place where children early learn to play and live together and begin to develop into social beings.

Next I would urge you to read Mrs. Tatum's poem "My City's Children" for it is so touching. It tells of another kind of childhood hazard and of a child torn by prejudices and evils. The lesson is what parental love must be carried on into community care and world concern for all children everywhere.

"Children in Today's Crisis" presents perhaps too easy an answer to the woes of children. But doctors, nurses, phycologists and sociologists insist that a truly healthy child means a beloved child. Understand "healthy" does not mean merely physical health, but the trick is to help father and mothers realize they must give this love. Sometimes this is necessary to aid them in finding jobs, in securing better homes, in providing medical care, for a sick mother of an unemployed father cannot give love that every child deserves. It is good to realize what this cure all love can do.

Then do not overlook "Susie's World." Isn't it interesting how M. C. O. R. helps Susie and her world? Did you ever hear of of the "Noodle factories" before? Think of how they help 70,000 children who do not have one full meal each day.

Today we hear so much about proverty in our own country as well as overseas si be sure to read the article by Amy Lee on "Water-Milk and Honey for the Jezireh" and see how our United Nations Special Fund is helping in this search. The story of the search for water is one way of combating poverty. Your support of our government's payment to the United Nations Funds helps do away with poverty in the Middle East and this way in turn help do away with poverty in the United States. When you are asked why we give to the United Nations, be ready to use this article in reply.

"A Christian Outreach in the Southeast" tells us of the Institutional work of our Methodist Church. Here we see the importance of the Church in fighting poverty, in helping men and women to work together and to deepen the cultural and spiritual life of a community. There a knowledge is gained first hand of the problems of families which most of us do not know. These are the hard-to-reach people and no one should be beyond the reach of the church in any community.

To our young people who are thinking about their own vocations, we would point out the story by Mrs. Vandervelde about Miss Anne Deavors, and her work in Mexico and also by our Women in their studies about our work of the Board of Missions.

As we search for new materials on the new nations, read carefully "Women Workers in Pakistan" and this article will be most helpful in the study about new nations. Save this as within a few years we are going to have to include overseas names in our Methodist histories. Or this may be used for a study on status of women in the church.

W. N. C. Conference

MRS. JOHN C. WRIGHT

SUPPLY ASKINGS

The projects included on the list of Supply Askings for the Woman's Society of Christian Service of the Western North Carolina Conference for 1964-65 have been announced by Mrs. Walter Allred, Greensboro, secretary of Supply Work for the Conference. These are for home and foreign projects.

The list of needs for home institutions includes Bethlehem Centers, rural work, Colleges, homes, schools and community centers.

Within the Western North Carolina Conference cash is needed for the Bethlehem Centers in Charlotte and Winston-Salem and for Rural Church and community Work in six sections, Clay County, Denton Area, Macon County, Greater Mt. Airy Parish, Yancey County and the Cherokee Methodist area.

Also included is the Holston Valley Rural Work with headquarters in Johnson City, Tenn. and 14 church and community workers in the area.

In Supply Askings for colleges, a request is made for Pfeiffer College, Clark College, Atlanta, Ga. is on the list, with request for funds for furniture for office, a study room in each of the four dormitories, typewriter and public address system.

Two Georgia institutions are included. The Ethel Harpst Home, Cedartown, Ga. is in need of funds for winter clothing for boys and girls, and bundles of good used clothing. Vashti ,Thomasville, Ga. asks for funds for redecorating its cottage, equipment for the chapel, science department and dormitories.

The Wesley House Center, Nashville, Tenn. needs funds for craft and group supplies.

The special needs in foreign fields assigned to this conference are in projects in South America and Japan.

In Argentina cash is needed for the Colegio Americano, Rosario.

In Japan the W. N. C. Supply Askings will go to institutions in Tokyo and Yokohama. The Aoyama Gakuin Senior High Sch Tokyo, is in need of a duplicating mach printing equipment. The Aikei Commu Social Evangelistic Center needs a refrige tor, washing machine, playground equipm and funds for repair work. The *Aoyama* U versity with departments from kindergar through graduate school has 12,000 stude and a large amount of equipment and s plies are needed.

In Yokohama the *Seibi* Girl's School requested cash for equipment for kind garten, primary and junior high school.

Mrs. Allred has divided these askings i 13 parts, giving each district in the Con ence its special projects and its portion the entire need. Letters to the district sec taries of supply work have been mail These district officers will notify the lo societies, who always respond so genero ly to these needs "above and beyond" regular pledge to missions.

Mrs. Allred gave instructions for ite that may be sent to Korea for medical w in hospitals. She said that Severance Hos tal and Ewha University Hospital are need of used bed linens and towels. Th may be sent to:

Roberta G. Rice, M.D., Methodist M sion, International P. O. Box 1182, Se Korea.

It is suggested that the packages not large, that they be plainly marked, "S Mail," and also, "Gift Package-no comm cial value."

New Asheville District President

Mrs. Hubert Carter, Asheville, was el ed president of the W. S. C. S. of Asheville District at a meeting held in Ju Mrs. Carter succeeds Mrs. Cletus G. Nort Hendersonville, who was elected to an off in the Conference in June, as secretary spiritual life.

Mrs. Carter is a member of Central Me odist Church, Asheville, where she has se ed as mission study leader and chairman local work for many years. She was sec tary of promotion in the district Woma Society for eight years. She was also office in the Parent Teachers Association the city, County and state organizations.

To Receive Scholarships

Four Pfeiffer College students have be named to receive National Methodist Sch arships valued at $500 each for the 19 '65 academic year.

They are George E. Thompson, son Mr. and Mrs. A. G. Thompson, Forest Ci North Carolina, Larry Wheeler, son of M and Mrs. Z. E. Smith, Lakeland, Flori Jim Lawrence, son of Mr. and Mrs. Hap Othel Lawrence, New Smyrna Beach, Flo da, and Jane Allen, daughter of Mr. a Mrs. Oliver H. Allen, Irvin Street, Rei ville, North Carolina.

The National Methodist Scholarships a awarded by the Board of Education of T Methodist Church. They are granted on t basis of superior academic standing, lead ship ability, active churchmanship, char ter, and personality. About 500 such awar are given annually by the Methodist Boa of Education.

Each of the students receiving the awa has notable academic record and has ex cised leadership in local Methodist Church or in Pfeiffer Religious Life activities.

›men Will Work To hieve WSCS Goal

Methodist women of the Western North olina Conference will push forward in 1964-65 church year toward early ievement of a four-year national goal of 5 per cent membership increase, $15,000 e in giving in the Conference, and re- itment of more young people for the istian missions.

Mrs. Leslie Barnhardt of Charlotte, pres- nt of the Conference Woman's Society Christian Service, said plans for these l other programs received backing of WSCS's executive committee during the eting which preceded the opening of the ual School of Missions and Christian Ser- e at Pfeiffer College last week.

During the August 3-7 school the wom- studied Christian work in Africa, Latin nerica, the United Nations and the urch's role in a future world. Two key- e speakers brought messages about the ogo and Taiwan.

The executive committee set the 1965 nual meeting of the Conference WSCS June 15-17 at Lake Junaluska. The sleyan Service Guild,, for Methodist men of the business community, will fol- June 18-20 with its annual meeting at Lake Junaluska Assembly.

During the 1964 meeting Methodist wom- contributed $7,549 in a "love offering" world Christian Literature and Literacy, l for the coming months the women have en urged to contribute trading stamps for purchase of a station wagon for use in rk among North Carolina's 11,000 migrant rkers.

Both keynote speakers during the school veteran Methodist missionaries to their rticular areas of the world. Mrs. Ralph ard, wife of the late Bishop Ward, has rked in the Orient since 1925. Miss Lo- a Kelly has worked in the Congo since 36. Both have residences in the West- n North Carolina Conference and receive port from women of the Conference. Mrs. ard resides at Hendersonville, and Miss lly near Mooresville. Both will return to ir fields of work during the next six nths.

Mrs. Ward told the women "Asians are coming aware of Asians, and this is some- ing new." She said Asians are now be- ming to meet and trade with each other, d with the new nations of Africa, no long- depending on the so-called "western" na- ns for trade and training.

She urged Christians to send money for ian Christians to "meet with each other, strengthen each other" in the work of the urch.

Mrs. Ward said the one thing new nations d those which have been on the world ene have in common is that "we are all hu- man beings and God has made us, and a spark of divinity is in each of us."

Miss Kelly said the Congolese are looking to U.S. Christians to "help them reach their full capacities." She showed slides depicting the contrast in Congo life—from those who have modern homes, clothing and positions comparable to those in the U. S., to those Congolese who are still living in tribal communities.

She said the major educational institution of the Congo, Protestant-run Congo University, is located in Stanleyville, which is now caught in a conflict between the communist-led rebels and Congolese government troops.

The Wesleyan Service Guild held its Mission Study Week-end at Pfeiffer August 8-9, with Mrs. Robert Ayers of Pleasant Garden presiding.

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My Task

I need not climb a mountain high
Or cross a stormy sea,
My Master has much work nearby
That needs to be done by me.

There may be one with a heart that is sad,
Who needs a word of cheer
Or one who is lonely and would like to have
Someone who would sit there near.

A pleasant word, a friendly smile
Or merely a gentle touch
Is such a little thing to give.
But yet, it may mean so much.

I need not seek for some great task
That will bring me honor and fame
But just a simple deed will do
If done in our Master's name.

So let me labor not in vain
But help me clearly see
"As ye did it to the least of these,
Ye did it unto me."

LOUISE PARKER STEPHENSON

Garysburg, N. C.

College Foundation Elects Duffy L. Paul Secretary

The appointment of Duffy L. Paul as executive secretary of the College Foundation, Inc. is announced by Victor E. Bell, Jr., Chairman of the Foundation's Board of Trustees. The College Foundation, Inc. administers the North Carolina Bankers Students Loan Plan. Paul will be working with the student aid directors of North Carolina's sixty colleges and universities. A native of Morehead City, Paul was graduated from Louisburg College and High Point College and is a candidate for a Master of Education degree at the University of North Carolina at Greensboro. He comes to the Foundation from High Point College where he served as Director of Admissions and Financial Aid. He has served in the U. S. Air Force as an instructor and student counselor, as business manager of Edenton Street Methodist Church and office manager of Lowe's Inc. He is a member of the North Carolina Educational Association, the North Carolina Personnel and guidance Association, and the Southern Association of Student Aid Administrators. He is married to the former Kathryn Ward of Pittsboro and they have two children.

Myers Park Church, Charlotte Assisting Costa Rica School

Dr. Craig Phillips, superintendent of the Charlotte-Mecklenburg schools, recently visited the Methodist School in San Jose, Costa Rica to confer with the Board of Directors concerning the relocation of this school and its construction for an expanded program.

Dr. Phillips took with him, Mr. James Ross Johnson, an architect, who is superintendent of construction in the Charlotte-Mecklenburg schools.

Dr. Phillips, who was formerly superintendent of the Winston-Salem city scools, went at the request of the Commission on Missions of the Myers Park Methodist Church, of which he is a member. The school he visited which offers instruction from kindergarten through high school is planning its relocation in order to provide an expanded program of instruction.

Mr. Jesse Vuncannon, missionary from the Western North Carolina Conference to the Methodist School in San Jose, hopes this school, of which he has been principal, can become a model school in both construction and program for the rapidly growing school system in Costa Rica. He met with Dr. Philips in Charlotte before Dr. Phillips went to Costa Rica to discuss the background of the school, the plans for relocation and expanded facilities. Mr. Vuncannon is now on furlough in High Point.

Dr. Phillips returned from Costa Rica after conferring with the director of the Methodist School in San Jose, Mr. Humberto Perez and the Board of Directors. While there he gave them counsel and guidance relative to their new building program. He returned with enthusiastic praise for the Methodist School and its director.

He is eager to have the director of the school, Mr. Perez, visit his schools in Charlotte, tell something of the story of our Methodist work in Costa Rica and establish a closer relationship between Methodism here and in Costa Rica.

This is the second vital contact between laymen in the Myers Park Church with the Methodists of Costa Rica. Last February with a team of fourteen builders, a number of Myers Park members went to Costa Rica to build a church. Over half of this team were from Myers Park Church with Rev. William Bobbitt, associate pastor, in charge. In a two-week period they constructed the first floor of an educational unit for a church there.

This promises to be a growing relationship between Western North Carolina Methodism along with the Myers Park Church and Methodism in Costa Rica.

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The tallest tower built before the television era is the Eiffel Tower. The maximum sway in high winds is five inches.



Methodist Youth Caravan

Rome, Italy
July 26, 1964

Dear Friends and Loved Ones:

Glancing back at our week of activities in the historic cities of Florence and Rome, it seems as if our favorable impressions have been confirmed.

Finding that our hotel in Florence was centrally located, we decided to conduct our own tour of the city. Several members of the group met and compiled a list of all the important spots to be visited. Saturday morning, after breakfast and devotions, we pulled out our map of the city and directed ourselves first to the religious center of the city. The Cathedral, Baptistery, and Camponile were the points of interest in this section. To begin the day with adequate physical exercise, we climbed to the top of the Campanile, which had approximately 400 steps, and there we had a wonderful view of the city. Our afternoon stops at the Uffiz's Gallery and the Gallery of the Pitti Palace gave us a detailed look at the Florentine Art Collections.

Now, in a country of few Protestant churches, we found it more satisfactory to conduct our own worship on Sunday morning. The Book of Acts was used as the central theme, with the singing of several hymns which corresponded with the text. Pop concluded the service with an inspiring message.

Having discovered that several places of interest were open free of charge on Sunday, we began another busy day of visiting art galleries after our worship service was concluded. Some of the places visited were: Th Academy of Fine Arts (which houses the very impressve statue of David by Michelangelo), St. Mark's Monastery, the Medici Home, and the Medici Chapel.

Since Monday morning was free, it was used by most of the group for shopping and visiting any place of interest which might have been neglected during our touring. The Straw Market seemed to be a popular stop, and it created a challenge for us to use our newly acquired talent of bargaining with shopkeepers. We also believe the glove factoris actually may tally a new boom in buisness because of our visit.

Another long, hot train ride was endured by all to the fabulous city of Rome. After our arrival, we were quick in finding a restaurant located about a block from our hotel. There we did our best at filling ourselves with some of that delicious Italian food.

On Tuesday morning, after meeting for devotions and our study of the **Book of Acts,** we decided to take a four-part tour of the city of Rome, provided by the CIT Travel Agency. We were met by the Agency bus at the hotel, and our tour for the morning consisted of stops at the Vatican Museum and the Sistine Chapel. Another of Michelangelo's great works was there to be admired. All stood with eyes directed at the ceiling as we tried to take in all the masterpiece of art, to which Michelangelo had dedicated ten years of his life.

After lunch and a brief rest period, our afternoon tour began. This tour took us to the Basilica of St. Mary Major, the Basilica of St. John in Lateran, the Holy Stairs, the Catacombs, and an interesting ride on the ancient Appian Way.

The highlights of our Wednesday morning tour were pauses at the Borghese Museum, the Basilica of St. Peter in Chains, and the Parthenon. Our afternoon tour took us to another marvelous work of art by Michelangelo—his statue of Moses. The remaining portion of our tour included stops at the Colosseum, the Rome Forum, and the Basilic of St. Paul outside the Walls.

For an evening activity, the group enjoyed an impressive production entitled, "Sound and Light," at the Roman Forum. The sound and light effects on the Forum gave an interesting historical background to the story of the particular part of the earth upon which we are standng.

Thursday and Friday were welcomed days of rest and leisure for all. Though these were declared as days of leisure, most of the group continued to rush around in an attempt to see as many points of interest as possible. On Thursday night, the entire group thoroughly enjoyed the terrific performance of the Opera "Aida" at the glorious look at Rome by night. That night, we dreamed of the interesting cities and places to come.

Sincerely,
1964 European Caravan

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Dear Friends and Loved Ones:

The Caravan began its seventh week as we left Vienna and traveled to Graz, where we were met by Pastor Hugo and Pastor Helmut Nausner. We were told that we were staying at a student home (Studentheim operated by the World Council of Churches where an Ecumenical Youth Conference being held. We thought Helmut was jok when he said that in order to get to Studentheim, we would have to ride a to the end of the line, and then walk twenty minutes—Austrian pace (35 minu American pace). By the time we arrived, knew he was serious. There were seve Austrian Students attending the Ecum cal Conference and three Yugoslavians. topic for the two week period was "I and We were invited to attend some of the sions. Discussion was held on such subje as: "I am a Mamal" and "Song of Solomo These discussions served as an introduct to probe into the meaning of man's exista as an animal and as man made in the age of God. We found the discussion to very interesting—although somewhat sl due to difficulties in translating from G man to English and Serbian.

On Sunday morning the members of Ecumenical Conference and the Carav attended an unusual service at the Meth ist Church in Graz. Our group participat in the first part of the service, and the s ond part was the wedding of one of youth leaders of the church. The service w somewhat informal, with songs by the chi ren and the choir, a talk by the minist and the presentation of a potted plant the children as a gift to the bride and groo After the service the couple stood in fro of the altar to shake hands with the me bers of the congregation. Members of t Caravan were pleased to see Miss Her Wollsheiber in the congregation. This you lady is a member of the faculty at Nor Carolina Wesleyan College, and the Meth ist Church at Graz is her home church.

On Monday, Pastor Mayr took us on sight-seeing tour of Graz. We went to t Opera House. Our tour here included ba stage as well as the auditorium. We visit an armor museum with many relics fro as far back as the 15th Century. Then climbed a hill to the clock tower, which the land mark of the city. In late afternoo we went to Pastor Mayr's home for coff before beginning our hike back to Stude heim.

On Tuesday, we said good-bye to all o new friends in Graz and to Heinz Halme our guide and interpreter through Austri Heinz planned to spend one more day the Ecumenical Conference and then retu to his home in Vienna. Since he planned be in Rome while we are there, he promise to see us in that city.

Our trip to Venice was not what we e pected. Due to a mixup in our tickets, w were not permitted to board the tra in Bruck, Austria, and we had to wait fi hours for the next train. However, we fina ly made it to Venice, which we found to b quite an exciting city. On Wednesday mor ing, we took a short tour of the city, an then divided up and went sight-seeing o our own. Some of the highlights of our sta in Venice were: Our visit to St. Mark Square, the glass factories, the art museum and the Lido. The boys enjoyed bargainin with the shopkeepers, but the girls foun that they lacked skill in that area, and a a result did not do so well in shopping. W also enjoyed the gondola rides and the "bus rides (big boats that go all over the city fo about 10¢).

On Friday, we left Venice and arrive in Florence. This city is quite a contrast t Venice in many ways, and we anticipated wonderful time in this city of art and cu ture.

Sincerely,
1964 European Caravan

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"A soft answer turneth away wrath; bu grievous words stir up anger."—Prov. 15:1

I'd Rather Be A Christian

I'd rather be a christian and with the christian stand,
Than be the richest person or king of any land.
I want to live a clean life so that the world may know,
That Jesus is my Saviour wherever I may go.

I'll praise His name forever because He set me free,
And washd away the sinstained with blood from calvary.
I'm happy, oh so happy, to know that He's my friend,
And that if I am faithful He'll keep me to the end.

There'll always be temptations along this narrow way,
That leads from earth to Heaven, bright land of endless day.
But He will give me wisdom if I but ask of Him,
I have a light before me that never will grow dim.

And there'll be tribulations, yes Jesus said there would,
He knew the way before us as no weak human could,
For sin and death and sorrow abound on every hand,
But we'll forget about it when we reach Canaan's land.

I would not want to go through this world without a care,
While other hearts are aching with burdens hard to bear.
For if I had no sorrow I could not understand,
Just how my friend and neighbor might need a helping hand.

Oh! all the pleasures found in ten thousand worlds like this,
Are not to be compared with one hour of Heaven's bliss,
And often as I think of the glory of that home,
With gratitude I praise Him and pray, "Lord Jesus Come."

Sunday School Lesson

For August 23

By Raymond A. Smith
Head, Department of Religious Education
Greensboro College

A New Call To Faithfulness

ackground Scripture: *Deuteronomy* 1, *and through* 11

esson Scripture: *Deuteronomy* 6:4-17

One of the things we notice in Hebrew istory is the periodic revivals of faith. An xample of this is found in Joshua 24, where ne tribes of Israel are called together at heehem, an ancient shrine, and challenged n the following words: "Now therefore ear the Lord, and serve him in sincerity nd faithfulness; put away the gods which our fathers served beyond the River, and n Egypt, and serve the Lord, choose this ay whom you will serve . . . but as for ne and my house we will serve the Lord."

In today's lesson we have another exmple of a call to be faithful. In the lesson cripture are some words which have been epeated possibly more than any others in ne Old Testament by the Jewish people. t is the famous "Shema" found in Deuteonomy 6:4-5: "Hear, O Israel: The Lord ur God is one Lord. And thou shalt love he Lord thy God with all thine heart, and vith all thy soul, and with all thy might." ollowing this are instructions for keeping he Law before the children by making it he center of conversation in the family cirle. The effectiveness of the instruction is o be further enhanced by the use of cerain symbolic acts described in Deuteronoay 6:8-9.

There are many excellent suggestions for eaching religion in the family to be found n a study of Jewish religious education. The child is encouraged to ask questions bout such things as the celebration of Hoy Days. These questions provide an opporunity for the father or mother to re-tell the tory of the great events of Hebrew history. Furhermore, there are a number of symbols of the faith that are explained to the child.

It may be that Protestants, generally, have been too indifferent to the importance of symbols in Christian education. We have ended to follow the Puritans who, believng they should rid their religion of "popish" nfluence, made their church rude and bare of any symbols widely used in Christian Churches the world over. Students of hisory are familiar with the fact that Cromwell's men destroyed many stained glass windows, tapestries and statues in the ancient churches of England in the 16th century. There is a decided change that is to be seen in our church buildings today. We are beginning to realize that God is not honored by ugliness, even in the sanctuary.

Another note that is sounded clearly in our lesson Scripture is the warning against pride and complacency (see Deuteronomy 8:10-15. There is always the temptation to assume that any significant achievements of ours are results of our own efforts. It is clear in the lesson that the Hebrews came to enjoy their blessings of prosperity in their new home, not by their own efforts, but by the manifold mercies of God. Many of them soon forgot this, however, and took up the worship of the Baals of Canaan. We need to recall the fact that not only is the "self-made man" a myth, but the "self-made nation" is likewise a distortion of the truth.

Often we sense the feeling that America's might and power are the sure guarantees of Divine approval. This is not always so. There is such a thing as "the destruction that waseth at noon-day." This means that at the time of a nation's greatest expansion and success it may forget "the rock from which it was hewn" and the "pit from which it was digged." The Hebrew people were told: "When you eat and are full, then take heed lest you forget the Lord, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of bondage."

This is a good time to ask ourselves whether or not the tinseled idols of the "affluent society" are not making some of us forget the religious foundations of our country. This might be an appropriate time to sound forth a new "Call to Faithfulness" within the borders of our own country.

The Church Is A Lay Movement

By W. W. Reid

I have been considerably encouraged by the "new" emphasis on the place of the laity in the promulgation of the Christian faith, and the increased realization that the faith and its values to mankind are to be judged by the lives shown by professing Christians *outside the church edifice and family.* Indeed, this is a slow but healthy revival of Christianity—or, better, a placing of the center of the faith where it never really was before. Some recent expressions of this wholesome development within and without the organized church have come to my attention, and I share them here.

Dr. Frank E. Moorhead, of Atlanta, Georgia, has said to the laymen of the Peachtree Road Church: "We come to fully understand the church when we see it as a lay movement. Whenever laymen become inactive in the life of the church, leaving everything to the pastor, the church declines. The early church was a lay movement. When Jesus selected his disciples, he didn't choose people who were in full-time religious service. He chose laymen who were willing to make commitments of time and talents.

"Sunday services are never an end in themselves. The real test of the layman's ministry is Monday through Saturday. God is interested in what happens in industry, in government, and in classroom just as much as in the church. What occurs on Sunday in the church is badly misunderstood if it is looked upon as an end. It must be looked upon as a time of preparation. The victory is not won in the huddle of a football game any more than total victory is won in the church on Sunday morning. The victory is won by the quality of our commitment in the daily battles.

"When Jesus left his disciples most of them were still in the same jobs they had when he met them. Their business was unchanged but they were changed men. The Christian layman is a minister of Christ in daily life."

The lay delegate from First Church, Mason City, Iowa, to the annual conference, says concerning his and his fellow-laymen's place and responsibility:

"Today's layman is not asked to lay aside his tools or books to the exclusion of his daily work. Nevertheless, he is expected to fulfill a distinct obligation to his church. As the disciples of old, he should provide his pastor with meaningful companionship; never a sycophant, nor yet a chronic 'aginner,' but a thoughtful friend who can give both criticism and assistance in one role.

"He must be a knowledgable member of his church, taking the time to learn its needs and its teachings. He must be a participating member of his church, for no organization can be dynamic without active membership and no church can move forward more rapidly than it is able to carry with it the rank and file of its laity. He must maintain membership in what has been called 'the priesthood of all believers' by continuously demonstrating in his day-to-day conduct the teachings and precepts of his chosen faith. He must be a contributing member who recognizes the importance of sound stewardship. Finally, he must be a proud member of his church, for without a sincere belief in the merits and worth of his church neither he nor it will be effective."

Bishop Eugene Slater notes: "The layman's obligation to witness for Christ is as binding as that upon the preacher. Through what he is, and does, the Christian layman declares what he believes about Jesus Christ. He does not have to stand in the pulpit to preach. He preaches as he engages in his work. He proclaims his faith in Christ in every encounter with his fellows.

"One sometimes hears the remark that the layman's role in the church is to pay the bills. I take it that this it a facetious remark. For it is the preacher's obligation, and privilege, no less than the layman's to support the church with his money. And for anyone to think that the role of a Christian layman is limited to financial support of his church is to reveal a very limited understanding of Christian discipleship. Laity and clergy alike, and together, constitute the people of God.' "

The Unknown Genius

A genius eked his life away
And never proved his worth,
Who could have sent a golden ray
Of light across the earth
To bless and cheer the lives of men
And help them find their place,
If he had used his tongue or pen
To tell of God's rich grace.

He let his precious years go by,
Beset with golden weeks,
Which could have lifted him quite high
Where fame and honor speaks,
And tells what God can do for those
Who live to do His will,
Like partiarchs and saints who chose
Their rightful place to fill.

His life was lived on planes quite low
Because he left God out,
And chose the way the sinful go
Who never turn about,
Nor face the better way of life
That leads to heaven's goal,
Where all great souls are free from strife
While endless ages roll.

He could have mastered some great art,
Or left a mark behind,
To bring lost souls to God's great heart,
Thus blessing hunmankind;
Whereas he lived and passed away,
A genius never known,
Whose life is but a blank today,
For which he can't atone.

O careless youth, give God your time,
Your talent and your all,
And then reach out for heights sublime
Like useful men and tall,
Who tower up above the mass
Of those who have no aim,
Who gain no greatness as they pass,
No honor and no fame!

Rev. Walter E. Isenhour
Taylorsville, N. C.

Two Bishops Re-elected

The reelection of two bishops for four-year terms and an intensive study of church structure, principally autonomy, occupied most of the time at the quadrennial meeting of the Latin American Central Conference of The Methodist Church July 4-12 in Montevideo, Uruguay.

The Latin America Conference, which comprises 29,695 members in seven South and Central American countries, is the first of eight Methodist Central Conferences to hold its quadrennial session this year. The seven others will meet from August through January for their quadrennial sessions. (Central Conferences are the major geographic units of The Methodist Church outside the United States and are comprised of several annual conferences. hey are comparable to the jurisdictional conferences into which U. S. Methodism is organized.)

The delegates at the Latin America Central Conference, from Costa Rica, Panama, Peru, Bolivia, Chile, Argentina and Urugay, re-elected Bishop Sante Uberto Barbieri on the first ballot and Bishop Pedro Zottele on the 13th. The Rev. Eugene L. Stockwell, New York, executive secretary for Latin America of the Division of World Missions Methodist Board of Missions, and former missionary to Uruguay, was the runner-up in the election.

A major block of time during the General Conference was given to a study of the relationships of Latin American Methodism to U. S. Methodism. Particular consideration was given to the question of autonomy (whether Methodism in a particular country should become an independent church or continue to be organically related to U. S. Methodsm through General Conference.

Two delegates, those of the Argentina and Uruguay Annual Conferences, indicated a desire that Methodism in their countries become autonomous as a prelude to possible organic union with the Waldensian Church and the Disciple of Christ. Negotiations are already under way among Methodists, Waldensians and Disciples in Argentina and Uruguay looking toward the possible formation of a united church in the two countries.

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Pleasant Grove Camp Meeting In Progress This Week

The Pleasant Grove Camp Meeting in Union County is in progress this week, August 9-16. Rev. Dr. Edgar H. Nease, Sr., pastor of Ogburn Memorial Methodist church in Winston-Salem, is the visiting evangelist. Pleasant Grove Camp meeting has a long and honored history, dating back a hundred years or more.

Services are held twice every day, Monday through Saturday, and three services on the two Sundays.

The Memorial service was led by Rev. Leon Atkinson, of Charlotte, a former minister of the Camp Ground Charge. This service was held at 3 p.m. Sunday, August 9.

Prayer services are being held in the church from 8:00 to 8:30 a.m. each morning.

The Children's and Youth hour will be Monday through Friday 3 to 4 p.m. Juniors will be led by Rev. Fred Hill, Bethlehem Methodist church. The kindergarten and primary children are led by Mrs. Deal, of the Weddington Methodist church. Junior high and seniors are led by Rev. John F. Edwards of Camp Ground charge. Rev. T. A. Plyler is leading the singing and Mrs. Bill Howie is the pianist.

The "Big Sunday", August 16, Rev. C. Jerome Huneycutt, of the Calvary Methodist church of Charlotte will be the guest speaker for the 3:00 p.m. service with his subject being "Like A Tree." Everyone is invited to attend this annual camp meeting session.

MYF Backs Program

Support for U. S. Programs of civil rights, disarmament and foreign aid was voted in Lafayette, Ind., July 26 by the National Conference of the Methodist Youth Fellowship.

While the actions spoke only for this group of some 90 annual conference MYF presidents, they will be used to advise lawmakers of the group's opinions. They also will be passed on for the information of MYFs across the country. Both are part of the national conference's legislative projects.

The resolutions, adopted overwhelmingly, included:

Urging "youth of the Methodist Church to support whole-heartedly the Civil Rights Act in witness and attitude," since "our moral responsibilities as Christians with regard to the race issue are now combined with civil responsibilities as citizens" and "the task remains for us to strive to transcribe the principles of the act from the books of law to the hearts of men everywhere."

Stoody Fellowship Plans Made

Perfecting plans for the Ralph Stood Fellowship in Journalism and reports growth in The Methodist Church's publ relations work were features of the annu meeting of the Commission on Public Rel tions and Methodist Information in S Louis July 23.

Bishop Eugene M. Frank of St. Loui head of the church's Missouri Area, presi ed at the meeting in the Statler-Hilton hote He had served as president of the commi sion during the past quadrennium and wa renamed head of the commission for 196 68 by the recent General Conference.

Walter M. Megronigle, senior vice pres dent and director of Ketchum, Inc., Pitt burgh, was elected vice president of th commission, and the Rev. Howard J. Brown minister of the Church of the Saviour, Cleve land,, was chosen secretary.

By action of the nine-man commissio the Stoody Fellowship will be made availa ble for the academic year, 1965-66. Th $1,000 annual grant for graduate study i journalism of public relations is in honor o the Rev. Dr. Ralph Stoody of New York who was general secretary and director o Methodist Information for 24 years prio to his retirement on April 19.

Application for the Stoody Fellowshi must be received at the headquarters offic of Methodist Information (Room 1374, 47 Riverside Drive, New York, N. Y. 10027) before January 15.

Heading the Stoody Fellowship Commi tee is Dr. Burton W. Marvin of Lawrence Kansas, dean of the William Allen White School of Journalism and Public Informa tion at the University of Kansas.

Staff members who reported at the meet ing and who were re-elected for the new quadrennium were the Rev. Dr. Arthu West, New York, general secretary, and the three associate secretaries, each of whom serves as director of one of the commission's three other national-level offices-William M Hearn, Nashville; Robert Lear, Chicago and Winston H. Taylor, Washington, D. C.

Bishop Mathews Named

Bishop James K. Mathews of Boston, Mass., has been elected president of The Methodist Church's Coordinating Council for the 1964-68 qaudrennium.

Bishop Mathews succeeds Bishop Edwin R. Garrison of Aberdeen, S. D.

Other officers elected on July 22 included Richard C. Erwin of Winston-Salem, N. C., vice-president and T. Russell Reitz of Manhattan, Kans., secretary.

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Camp Ground Church Near Fayetteville Consecrates New Sanctuary

On Homecoming Day, August 9th, just one year after the impressive ground breaking service which marked its beginning, the beautiful sanctuary at Camp Ground Methodist Church, near Fayetteville, was opened for worship, in a special consecration service.

More than six hundred people attended the morning worship-consecration service and approximately two hundred more joined the congregation for the Home Coming fellowship dinner afterwards on the church lawn. During the afternoon and evening both the old and the new sanctuaries were open to visitors, with the members of the Official Board serving as hosts and hostesses. The entire community for miles around enjoyed the gospel hymns heard from the steeple chimes throughout the day until late evening.

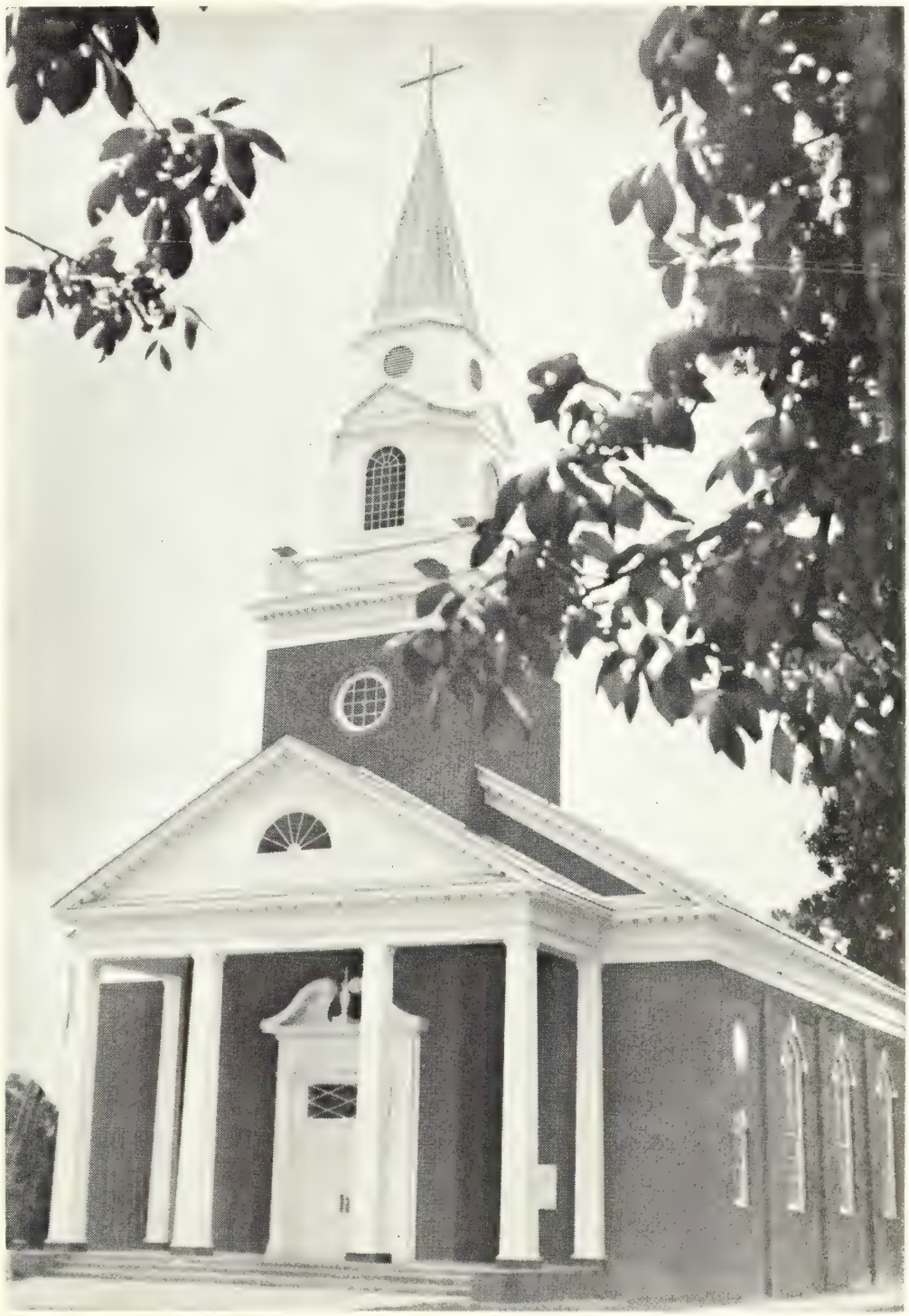
The Rev. M. W. Maness, pastor of the church, presided over the service, and the Rev. Barney L. Davidson, Fayetteville District Superintendent, declared the church open for worship and led the congregation in the consecration ritual. The sermon was preached by the Rev. J. Malloy Owen, III, pastor of Saint Marks Methodist church in Raleigh. Mr. Owen, a former member of Camp Ground, is a great-grandson of one of the founders of the church.

One week earlier, on Sunday morning, August 2, at 11:00 o'clock, a large congregation met for worship for the last time in the old sanctuary, and, in an impressive ceremony, marched from the historic old church to the front of the new sanctuary, and there participated in the service of laying of the cornerstone for the new building. The cornerstone laid bears this inscription:

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The new sanctuary is the fourth house of worship to be erected on the location. The name "Camp Ground" itself tells the history of the old church, which had its beginning under a large "brush arbor," built for camp meetings, where the "circuit riders" preached during the early days of Methodism. Records reveal that such meetings were held on the site as early as 1834. Later a log church was built, and the congregation was organized, and in the year 1841 had the service of a regular pastor. The log church was destroyed by fire, and again the "brush

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CAROLINA BRIEFS

¶ Dr. Fred W. Paschall, retired, of Hendersonville, preached August 9 at the Tryon Methodist Church, of which Rev. Frank B. Cook is pastor.

¶ Rev. C. L. Grant, retired, preached at both services last Sunday at Central Methodist Church, Asheboro. Brother Grant lives in Asheboro. The pastor, Rev. N. C. Williams, Jr., is on vacation.

¶ Rev. and Mrs. M. E. Harbin of Memorial Church, Thomasville, are vacationing a few days in Florida. Dr. Herman Nicholson, District Superintendent of Thomasville district, preached last Sunday at Memorial Church.

¶ Rev. W. Reid Harris preached at Lawndale Sunday morning Aug. 9, and will preach at Bethel, Hickory, Sunday morning 10:00 Aug. 16. Rev. Grady Burgin is pastor at Lawndale; Rev. E. C. Black, Jr. is Pastor at Bethel.

¶ Dr. Cecil W. Robbins, president of Louisburg College, and former editor of the North Carolina Christian Advocate, was the guest preacher at Saint Paul Methodist church in Goldsboro last Sunday. Rev. Graham S. Eubank is the pastor of Saint Paul.

¶ The Bladen Charge announces Homecoming day to be observed by Live Oak Church on the fourth Sunday in September, and at Windsor Church on the first Sunday in October. It is hoped to raise on these dates a sum sufficient to pay off the parsonage debt. Rev. T. R. McKay is the pastor.

¶ The Gastonia District Laymen's Rally will be held at Brackett's Cedar Fork on Thursday evening August 27 at 6:00 o'clock. Mr. Alan Newcomb, Program Director of station W. B. T. V. Charlotte will deliver the address. This annual meeting is usually attended by a large number of laymen throughout the District.

¶ Friends of Rev. R. W. McCulley, pastor of Morris Chapel Church, Walkertown, will be glad to learn of his release from the Baptist Hospital in Winston-Salem, where he had been a patient for several days. He and his family are now enjoying a quiet rest on Smith Island near Cape Fear. He hopes to be back in his pulpit soon.

¶ The editor of the Advocate preached at both the 8:45 and 11:00 o'clock services last Sunday at Centenary Church, Greensboro, in the absence of the pastor, Rev. Roger W. Tucker, whose family is one of 17 families on a camping trip into Canada. They are also attending the World's Fair in New York during the trip.

¶ Rev. James R. Galloway has been promoted to the Directorship of Financial Aid and Admission Counselor at High Point College. Mr. Galloway has served as Admission Counselor at High Point College since October 1963. In this new position he will counsel with students on eligibility for enrollment, recommend courses of study, assist students in deciding upon their major, assist in the recruiting program of High Point College, and assist students in securing scholarships, workshops and other campus and off campus jobs.

¶ Dr. Thomas A. Collins, President of North Carolina Wesleyan College, will be the platform preacher for the Asbury Grove Campmeeting of Hamilton, Massachusetts, the week of August 16-23, 1964. The Reverend Willis Miller, a college classmate of Mr. Collins, is the program chairman for the campgrounds of New England Methodism.

¶ Centenary Methodist Church, on the Rowland charge, will observe their homecoming and loyalty Sunday, August 23 at 11:00 a.m. Former pastors, members and friends are invited to attend. Dinner will be served by the ladies of the Church. Rev. Jack Page, Superintendent of the Rocky Mount district, will be the preacher for the occasion. Rev. Frank D. Salmon is the pastor.

¶ Pleasant Grove Methodist Church, of the Seaboard Charge will have a Homecoming on August 30. Former pastors, friends and members are invited to attend this special occasion. The Rev. J. P. Pegg, a former minister, will preach at the eleven o'clock worship service. At the conclusion of the worship service a picnic lunch will be served on the church grounds. Rev. Hoyt Cheek is the pastor.

¶ Homecoming service will be observed at Fair Grove Methodist Church, Thomasville, N. C., August 23rd at 11:00 a. m. The Reverend S. J. Starnes, editor of the North Carolina Christian Advocate will be the guest speaker. Dinner will be served under the new picnic shelter after the worship service. Friends and former ministers and members are invited to attend. George C. Starr, Jr. is the pastor of the church.

¶ William O. Music, Jr., has been named Soccer and Tennis Coach at North Carolina Wesleyan College, Rocky Mount, and the college plans to enter collegiate soccer competition in the Dixie Intercollegiate Athletic Conference, beginning in the Fall Semester. Mr. Music will coach the tennis team for its third season of varsity competition, according to announcement from Dr. Raymond Bauer, Director of Athletics.

¶ Mrs. William F. Howland, Sr., of Henderson, mother of Mrs. R. Grady Dawson, wife of the Rev. Grady Dawson, superintendent of the New Bern District, died Tuesday, August 11, and was buried Thursday, August 13, in Henderson. Services were conducted by Rev. Warren B. Petteway, pastor of First Methodist Church. Mrs. Howland is survived by Mrs. Dawson, and three sons: William F. Howland, of Washington, D. C.; Ralph L. Howland of Elkin; and Leland M. Howland of Henderson.

¶ The editor was pleased to have a brief visit last week from Rev. Tommy Tyson, member of the North Carolina Conference, and an approved evangelist of the conference. Brother Tyson was in Greensboro preaching in a Spiritual Life Mission of the Fishers of Men Club. This is an interdenominational group of Christians working to enlist people in the Christian life. The services were held each day Sunday through Wednesday at 10:00 a.m. and 7:30 p.m. in the Trinity Methodist Church.

¶ Dr. Howard P. Powell of Raleigh will preach in revival services at Haymount Methodist Church in Fayetteville September 13-18. Rev. T. R. Jenkins is the pastor.

¶ Rev. Bill Bigham, now on furlough from missionary service in Brazil, will preach next Sunday, August 23, at Jordan Memorial Methodist Church, Ramseur, of which Rev. Preston Hughes, Jr. is pastor.

¶ An article in the September *Church School Magazine,* "Nonapproved Church Church School Lesson Material Can Be Subversive," was written by Rev. Martin R. Chambers, a retired minister living in Thomasville, N. C.

¶ Homecoming services were held last Sunday at Mountain View Church on the Friendship Charge, Statesville district. The pastor, Rev. John S. Oakley, brought the homecoming message. Revival services began Sunday evening and will continue through the week.

¶ First Methodist Church, Mount Olive, broke ground last Sunday, August 16 following the morning service, for its new education building. Rev. Christian White, the pastor, held a Church and Quarterly conference under the authorization of Rev. Mark Lawrence, District Superintendent of Goldsboro District, to take legal steps for proceeding with the building.

¶ Revival services have been scheduled at The Bethesda Methodist Church, Albemarle District, for August 23-28. The services will begin Sunday evening at 7:30 and will run throughout Friday evening. Everyone has an invitation, from the membership and the pastor, to worship in these services. The guest speaker will be Rev. C. G. Mitchum from Monroe, N. C., a noted evangelist throughout N. C. The pastor is Burvin L. Baucom.

¶ Mr. Carl C. Savage has assumed his duties as Director of the News Bureau and Instructor of Speech at High Point College. He will be responsible for the dissemination of public information for the College as a part of the College Relations Department under the direction of Lawson Allen. He comes to High Point College from Gardner-Webb College where he served as assistant in public relations and assistant professor of speech. He also has taught courses in the field of communication at the New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary.

¶ Dr. Howard C. Wilkinson, Chaplain to Duke University, was the preacher at Christ Church, Methodist, New York City, Sunday, August 9. Christ church is featuring during the 12 weeks of summer speakers representing the various colleges and universities across the country. Dr. Wilkinson represented Duke University. This is the first World's Fair summer in the big city and outstanding ministers are invited to speak each Sunday June 28 through September 13. Bishop Earl G. Hunt, Jr., resident bishop of the Charlotte Area, will preach on August 30 and Dr. William R. Locke of High Point College will preach at Christ Church September 13. Dr. Harold A. Bosley is the minister of Christ Church. Dr. Bosley was formely Dean of the Duke Divinity School at Durham. He followed Dr. Ralph W. Sockman at Christ Church some two years ago.

¶ Homecoming was held at Gold Hill August 9. Rev. Warren Hawks, former pastor, brought the morning message. Also Rev. J. W. Parker, former pastor, now retired took part in the service. After the service a picnic luncheon was held on the ground followed by an afternoon program of music.

The Roles Of The Laymen Stressed At Conference

The roles of Christian laymen as "representatives of God in the community," sharers of the Gospel, "laborers in the harvest of God," and "Christ's answer to problems" were stressed at the annual Southeastern Jurisdiction Methodist Laymen's Conference (July 30-Aug. 2) at Lake Junaluska.

The keynoter, the Rev. G. Ross Freeman of Atlanta declared that "no matter how effective the good news of God is proclaimed from the pulpit, it must be proven from the pew before it becomes living truth."

Dr. Freeman, assistant to the dean of Candler School of Theology, said, "We recognize that ministers are in danger of talking only to another (but) laymen are the representatives of God in the tough arena of the community—struggling to keep the church redemptively in contact with the world."

He said there is "no difference in the responsibility and function, of laymen and ministers. Ministers are set aside to do work fulltime, to administer the sacraments, and they have specialized training for it. Laymen are expected to use their creative abilities in the government of the church, in planning the strategy of the church and in strengthening the institution of the church. They are expected to take the church into the community and to get the message into the world of business, education, government, finance, communications and decision making."

To handle this responsibility, Freeman urged that "men must become knowledgeable in matters of religion, doctrine and scripture" and must exhibit a hard-hitting intellectual determination to discover and to do the will of God."

At the closing Sunday service, the men, in a congregation of 2,000 persons, heard Bishop James W. Henley of the Florida area declare that "the world is hungry for that which you have rejoiced in here each day—you must now go home and share the Gospel of Christ with everyone you know and meet, whether they be friends or strangers."

That service also featured presentation of an original painting by Warner Sallman, "Christ on the Mountain," which hangs at the front of Stuart Auditorium, complementing a copy of Sallman's famous " Head of Christ." Presentation on behalf of Mr. Sallman was by Dr. and Mrs. H. D. Hart of Lake Junaluska to Dr. James W. Fowler, Jr., assembly superintendent.

Remarks of other laymen's conference speakers included:

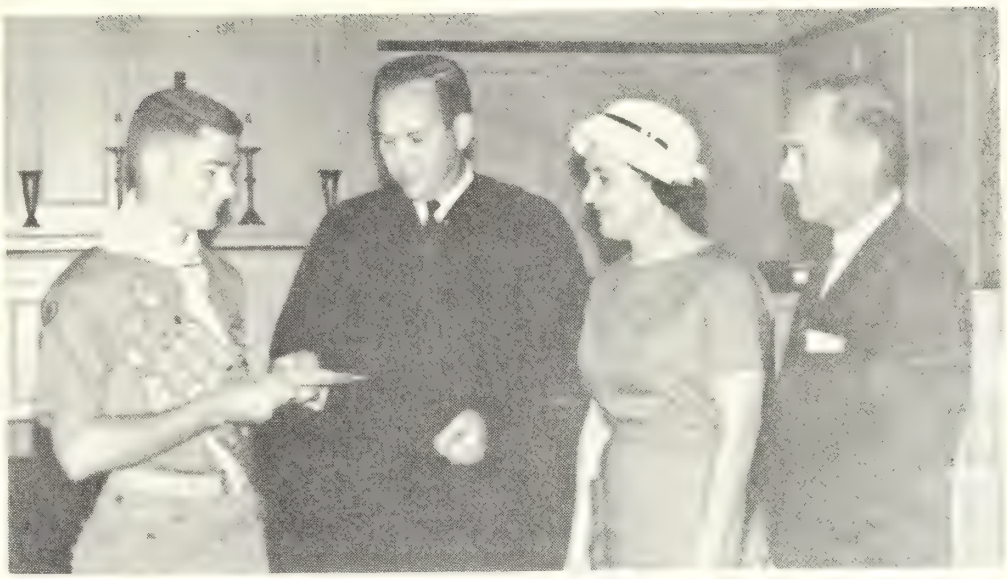
William C. Patten, Albuquerque, N. M., recording secretary of the General Board of Lay Activities: "The purpose of man is to become a laborer in the harvest of God. That harvest is God's people."

Dr. Walt Holcomb, 87 year-old evangelist: "Laymen must be Christ's answer to the problems of the world."

Dr. Thomas A. Carruth, professor at Asbury College: "Science can turn the world into a neighborhood, but Christians must turn the world into a brotherhood, then into a family, and this can only be accomplished through spiritual democracy."

Dr. Charles R. Goff, pastor emeritus of Chicago Temple: "The reason it is so hard for us to understand what life is all about is that we've really not tried to live it." He said Christian living doesn't have to begin with great movements but can began simply at the family level.

One conference participant who also is a board member of the National Council of Churches pointed out that the council did not sponsor the Mississippi Summer Project, in which students have gone to Mississippi for voter registration and other civil rights activities. George Proctor, Andalusia, Ala., said, however, to clear up misunderstandings that the council had issued a statement showing it aids the project in such ways as providing "training and counselling for the volunteers in an effort to safegaurd lives, prepare them for their dangerous tasks, offer spiritual guidance and provide legal assistance when needed." He said the council did endorse the aim of the project and is also conducting separate voter registration projects in Mississippi.



Eagle Scout Award was given to C. E. ("Chuck") Fogleman, III at the morning service at First Methodist Church, Liberty, August 9. Chuck already had the God and Country Award. In the picture, left to right are "Chuck", Rev. C. Jack Caudill, and Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Fogleman, II.

Moriah Homecoming

Annual homecoming services will be held Sunday, August 23rd, at Moriah Methodist Church of Greensboro, located 1 mile south on 421. The program for the day will begin with Sunday School at 9:45 followed by the worship service at 11 o'clock. The pastor, James Clemmer, who came to Moriah in June from Pfeiffer College where he was director of religious activities, will have charge of the service. He will introduce the guest speaker, Dr. J. Ralph Jolly. Dr. Jolly has begun his duties as the 12th president of Greensboro College in Greensboro. He was graduated from Duke University Divinity School in 1945 and received a doctor of philosophy degree from Vanderbilt University. He has served as pastor of churches in Alabama, including the First Methodist Church in Athens, where he also served as college minister and Professor of Religion at Athens College. He was elected professor or religion at Birmingham-Southern College, Birmingham, Alabama in 1956, and for the past four years has also served as dean of students. Mr. Jolly moved with his family to Greensboro in July.

At 12:30 there will be a picnic on the grounds, followed by a Memorial Service for the members who have gone to their heavenly reward during the past year.

All members, former members and friends of the church are invited to the service and to bring a picnic basket and share in the noon meal.

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The Rev. Dr. Walter Buckner Nance, 96, a Methodist missionary to China for 53 years and one of the founders of SoochowUniversity, died July 16 in Oak Ridge, Tenn.

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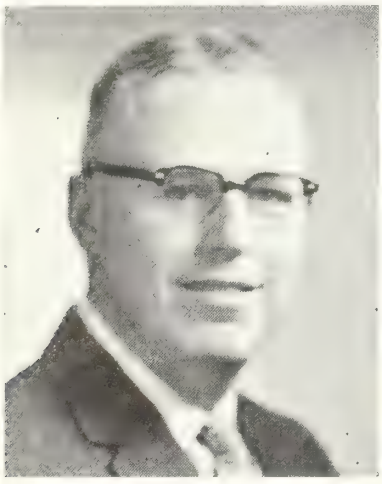
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N. C. Conference on Evangelism At Wesleyan College Aug. 25-27

By Bill Quick

The annual conference on evangelism for pastors of the North Carolina Conference of the Methodist church has been set for Rocky Mount August 25-27, according to an announcement from the Rev. C. Freeman Heath, conference director of evangelism.

Expected to attract 300 to 400 ministers from the North Carolina Annual Conference, the featured speakers will be Dr. William R. Cannon, dean of Emory Seminary in Atlanta, and Dr. and Mrs. Lawrence Lacour, a nationally known Methodist evangelistic team. Both speakers will preach twice daily during the three-day conference.



Dr. William R. Cannon

Bishop Paul N. Garber, presiding bishop of the Raleigh area, will speak at the opening session Tuesday afternoon, August 25.



Mrs. Lawrence Lacour

Other opening session speakers include Rev. Freeman Heath and Dr. Lacour.

"Spiritual Renewal" is the theme of the conference which will be held at North Carolina Wesleyan College.

The Board of Managers includes in addition to Cairman Heath, Rev. Wade Goldston, Louisburg College, secretary; Key W. Taylor, Carrboro, and Paul C. Browning, Fairmont. The dean of the conference is Rev. Allison Simonton, Jr., of Fayetteville; the associate dean, Rev. Kimsey King, of Ahoskie; the registrar, Dr. James R. Hailey, Rocky Mount; the director of music, Rev. L. C. Vereen, of Raleigh, and recording engineer, the Rev. L. T. Wilson, Warrenton.



Dr. Lawrence Lacour

Devotional leaders include the Rev. O. W. Watson, Roanoke Rapids; Rev. Waylon Cooke, Durham; Rev. R. H. Peterson, Durham; and Rev. Robert L. Baldridge, Rockingham.

Sponsored jointly by the Conference Board of Evangelism, the Town and Country Commission of the North Carolina Conference of the Methodist Church, the conference attracts most of the Methodist clergymen of eastern North Carolina for a portion of the three-day meet.

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Rudolph Benesh has been appointed as Instructor of German at North Carolina Wesleyan college effective this September. A native of Wittingua, Czechoslovakia, he was graduated from the Masaryk State Real Gymnasium and continued his studies at John Huss Theological School in Praque until he came to the United States in 1947.

THEME FOR THE WEEK

"Choose you this day whom ye will serve; whether the gods which your fathers served that were on the other side of the flood, or the gods of the Amorites, in whose land ye dwell; but as for me and my house, we will serve the Lord."—Joshua 24:15.

Greenville District Votes To Purchase District Parsonage

The decision to purchase a district parsonage in the Lynndale sub-division of Greenville highlighted the first district conference of the recently created Greenville district.

Some 140 delegates representing the 69 churches of the district met on August 10 at the Saint James Methodist Church in Greenville in a historic session.

The Rev. Willis R. Stevens, Greenville District superintendent, presided. The delegates elected the Rev. William K. Quick secretary of the district conference in their first official act.

E. Hoover Taft, Jr., chairman of the Greenville District Board of Trustees, explained to the delegates the work of the board since their election by the District Stewards in early July.

The conference accepted the recommendation to purchase property in the Lynndale section, south of Highway 264 bypass, at a cost of $38,500. The four bedroom house has a total of nine rooms, three baths and a double garage which is being converted into two offices. Total cost of the house, converting the garage into offices, equipping the offices and furnishings will be approximately $50,000.

In other actions, the delegates voted to accept a 5 percent apportionment on the pastors' salaries to raise necessary district funds to finance the project and create a budget for the Greenville District. This percentage is expected to raise over $7,800 annually.

Mr. Stevens also announced the creation of five sub-districts within the district at Kinston, Snow Hill, Greenville, Washington and Belhaven.

Following the district conference a brief meeting of the pastors was called by the district superintendent.

M. Y. F. Leads In Contributions

For the third straight year Methodist young people of the Western North Carolina Conference have led the Southeast in contributions to their national mission fund—the Methodist Youth Fund.

During 1963-64 the 42,126 members of the Methodist Youth Fellowship (MYF) gave an all-time high $35,011, according to Mrs. J. E. Yountz of Statesville, Conference MYF treasurer. She said this placed the Conference second in the nation for the third straight year, trailing the Ohio Conference which contributed $38,921.

During an August 9-11 meeting at Pfeiffer College of the Conference MYF Council, a goal of $41,960 for the MY Fund was approved. Here are the district MYF goals:

Albemarle, $2,200; Asheville, $2,400; Charlotte, $5,500; Gastonia, $3,600; Greensboro, $3,600; High Point, $3,500; Marion, $3,000; North Wilkesboro, $1,500; Salisbury, $3,200 Statesville, $4,000; Thomasville, $3,600; Waynesville, $1,860; and Winston-Salem, $4,000.

Local church and conference MYF leaders attended the meeting in Pfeiffer College. The Rev. Paul Duckwall of Statesville, Conference MYF director, was in charge. Dr. Lowell Hazzard of Washington, D. C., professor at Wesley Theological Seminary, was keynote speaker.

Labor Sunday Message, 1964

Approved by the Executive Board of the Division of Christian Life and Work, the National Council of the Churches in the United States of America, and issued through the Department of the Church and Economic Life.

Requested to be read in the Churches on Labor Sunday, September 6, 1964

The National Council of the Churches in the U. S. A. on this Labor Sunday invites all local congregations to direct their attention to the needs of all workers, those who are unorganized as well as those in the labor movement. We note especially the place of the labor movement in the rapidly changing world of work today.

We in the churches, in obedience to our Christian commitment, have sought to dignify all constructive work. We have honored the labor movement for providing its members a voice in the conditions of their employment and helping to shift the emphasis from labor as a commodity to a recognition of workers as persons and citizens. We salute those in the fellowship of the churches who have been and are active in this movement.

Church nd Labor Share Deep Concern for People

It is fitting that we do this since churches and the labor unions hold in common a deep concern for people; we share the concept of brotherhood; and we strive to value people above things. If we do not always see these ideals upheld in the labor movement we have also to acknowledge with contrition our frequent failure in the churches to meet in practice the tests of these mutual hopes and aspirations.

Into what matters does this shared concern for working people lead us today? Surely it leads us to seek fuller understanding of what our growing and rapidly changing economy is doing to those who work or seek to work.

Turning first to those who are employed, we have a responsibility to try to understand and appraise their economic aims and objectives, sought both at the bargaining table and through their influence on national economic policy. As productivity has increased, workers have pressed their rightful claim to a fair share of the returns from their work. Thus wages and improved working conditions continue to stand high on the list of benefits sought in bargaining. As machines are used in new and spectacular ways to do work formerly done by men, and as jobs in industry become fewer in comparison with the total work force, job security has passed even the rate of pay as the chief concern of most workers. What seem to be "scare words" to many not directly concerned—such as "featherbedding," double pay for overtime, shorter work week —ought also to be viewed from the perspective of the bitter fear that one's skill, and hence one's means of livlihood, may soon become obsolete.

Work Is Primary to "Belonging"

Of still greater claim for understanding and help by all who have a deep concern for people is the plight of the growing number who are unemployed. In our society work is the primary avenue for achieving status and a sense of belonging. When we force a person to say "I am unemployed" we are in effect putting him outside the magic circle of our society.

For the able-bodied adults who find themselves out of work, today's rapid shifts in job requirements from production to service work, from blue collar to white collar operations, may demand drastic retraining and far-roving mobility, with all the dislocations to home and family life which this entails. For the older worker—"forty and over"—the loss of a job through automation, relocation of plants, and other causes beyond the control of the individual frequently means the abrupt ending of any further work in the occupation to which he has given many years of training and experience. Perhaps most tragic of all is the untrained and uneducated youth seeking to enter the world of work, only to find a world that has no place for him.

To the severe handicaps faced by white persons in each of these categories must be added the even worse plight which is the lot of countless Negroes and other non-white minorities. This disadvantage is not generally due to their personal lacks but to our own tragic denial of social justice, often resulting in despair which harms our entire society. Although organized labor has often taken the lead in securing advances toward equal opportunity in employment there are some instances in which labor unions are a major obstacle to fair employment procedures. When labor unions, management or churches fail to make good their claims to justice and fair play they not only bring rebuke upon themselves, but also provide an excuse for others to violate the high principles we together proclaim.

Human Need—Stimulus to Humane Use Of Power

The needs of our fellow citizens who are seeking work should be a major stimulus to labor and the churches in their united efforts to secure social changes that will enable us to make the most humane use of our technological powers. We must make cretain that our educational system prepares people for the jobs both available and necessary in our complex economy, for professions frequently understaffed and for enriched use of leisure. Much can be done to improve the preparation of young workers now tending to drop out of school and to retrain older workers. We applaud the pioneering of some employers and unions but there is great need for more. The establishment of Equal Employment Opportunity by law is an essential floor under all efforts to provide justice on the work front of Negroes. All Americans should make active and responsible use of their votes and their political influence in such constructive endeavors.

Other public issues, such as taxation and international trade, though they may seem to many of us in shop or pew far removed from the supplying of jobs, are in reality key factors. We in the churches may agree or disagree in whole or in part with some positions the labor unions take on public issues, but we weigh their viewpoint seriously..

The New Challenge—Beyond Work

All of us who have heretofore sought to give dignity to all forms of useful work now equipping our people to do the kind of work face the challenge beyond providing work and man's potential contribution to our culture. demanded by our technical age. The new challenge includes broadening our view of We must expect him to use his talents fully in all phases of living, and honor whatever contribution he can make to the well-being of our communities and of the world.



Among the consultants for the Knox Seminars in Educational Management during the coming year will be Dr. W. Astor Kirk of Washington, director of public affairs for the Methodist Board of Christian Social Concerns. Dr. Kirk was invited to work in the follow-up consultations with 50 small colleges which participated in the June seminars for administrators on the Galesburg, Ill., campus, financed by the Ford Foundation. Ten Methodist schools are among those in the program.

N. C. Conference Holds Retreat For Laymen At Louisburg

The annual North Carolina Conference Laymen's Retreat and Revival will be held at Louisburg College this week-end, August 22-23. Theme for the conference will be "Evangelism—Our Witness. Set Us Afire, Lord; Stir Us We Pray."

Among the speakers will be Bishop Paul N. Garber of the Raleigh Area; Mr. Walter F. Anderson, Director of the State Bureau of Investigation, and Lay Leader of the Raleigh District; Mr. Robert C. Rose, Lay Leader of the Goldsboro District. Leading the song services will be Rev. L. C. Vereen of Raleigh. There will be eight discussion groups led by the following persons: Unit of "The Twelve" George Forehand; Unit of "The Twelve" Bill Marley; Unit of "The Twelve" Wade Pierce; "Visitation Evangelism" Rev. L. C. Vereen; "Prayer," Rev. C. W. Goldston; "Local Church Retreats" Walton Thompson; "Lay Revivals" Robert Rose; and "Methodist Men" Charles McCullers.

Mr. Roy L. Turnage of Ayden is the Conference Lay Leader and has provided an enriching program of worship, instruction, and fellowship for the retreat. Several hundred men usually attend this retreat each year. Registration is from 10:00 to 12:00 on Saturday, August 22. Lunch will be served in the College Cafeteria from 12:00 to 1:00 o'clock. The first general session will be held from 2:00 to 3:30, and the rest of the program will follow as provided in the printed information mailed to the churches. Walter Anderson wili be the speaker for the 11:00 o'clock worship service on Sunday morning. The retreat will close with the dinner in the Cafeteria.

Attention is called to the back half-page appearing in this issue of the Advocate.

College Leaders Meet

Topics ranging all the way from sex morality on the campus and planning school development programs were discussed at the 18th Institute of Higher Education in Nashville, Tenn., July 26-29.

About 275 college and university administrative officials attended sessions, which focused on the general theme,, "The Christian College in a Day of Moral Crisis."

Tackling the difficult adjustment period of students awav from home for the first time, Dr. Peter Bertocci, Boston University philosopher, called for the development of a college community atmosphere that will make the student "neither dependent nor independent, but responsible."

The Rev. LeRoy S. Graham, chaplain of American University, Washington, D. C., said he was personally convinced that "no one in America knows whether sexual morals are now different from the pattern of a generation ago and emphasized that these problems exist off the campus among the non-student population as well.

"A college, like a person, should have a carefully formulated philosophy of life," Dr. John O. Gross told the assembly. The general secretary of the Division of Higher Education of the Methodist Board of Education, drew upon a lifetime of service as an educator to prove his point that "the effective college revolves in an orbit around clearly formulated goals."

Methodist Church School Literature Emphasizes Bible In Children's Work

The Methodist Church is returning the Bible to a central position in the religious life of its children.

This is the dominant theme in a new church school curriculum to be released by The Methodist Church across the nation Sept. 1. An overflow crowd of 550 church school educators from the Western North Carolina Methodist Conference went to Pfeiffer College Aug. 11-13 to hear about the program and take practical training in its application.

Dr. Lowell B. Hazzard of Washington, D. C., professor at Wesley Theological Seminary, was keynote speaker. In a series of four addresses he traced Methodism's revolt from fundamentalist "no questions asked" concept of the Bible to the historical-critical approach, where the Bible was pushed aside.

Now, he said, the Church is returning the Bible to its centralized position, but recognizing in the Bible God's plan for the world in the lives of people in the Bible, and not particularly in the texts.

As a result of this new approach, which will reach 2.6 million Methodist children in the 1-11 age group, the new curriculum becomes evangelistic in nature, leading children into a decision to serve God rather than man.

The several workshops for the "Christian studies for Methodist Children" revealed an advanced teaching which places the youngsters on a par with the advanced education they are now receiving in their public schooling.

When the children finish the years with this curriculum they will be talking about "compassion," "reconciling," "ecumenical movements" and will know such men as Wycliffe, Zwingli, Schweitzer and Laubach; as well as having grasped such ideas as "every Christian is a missionary." "Christians must reconcile people with differences" and "every believer has the right and duty to read and interpret the Bible for himself."

Children emerging from the nursery-kindergarten years will understand the place of music in worship, how to play cooperatively with one another, and will have developed an understanding that their talents are given by God for the advancement of God's kingdom.

Parents will become more involved in this new curriculum through study materials, contact with "nursery visitors" and more frequent meetings with a local church's educational leaders.

Dr. Hazzard told his audience The Methodist Church in the past generation has been teaching its children the human story of the Bible, of what the people in the Bible did. The new curriculum will tell the divine story in the Bible, of what God was and is still doing.

"Today we speak of the Bible as the word of God with a new insight," Dr. Hazzard said. "We understand now that God did not speak by a dictation of words, because truth cannot be transmitted by words. He spoke in a Life. This is the way God speaks, not in words, but in the lives of men and women."

"The task of the teacher for this new curriculum," he said, "will be to bring the pupils to face with this eternal word; to listen to the word of God as He speaks from the Bible to us what He wants us to do for His people, as He delivers His message to these boys and girls.' '

Dr. Hazzard said man cannot defy the will of God to bring about a better world. "God will work under the surface to bring a better world. Many things are happening which we don't understand. The world is getting smaller, oppressed people are rising, human dignity is asserting itself."

He said the new curriculum will bring a new awareness of the importance of the Old Testament to Christians. The pleading for the salvation of mankind by great leaders in the Old Testament will enlighten children to the reason for the Doctrine of the Atonement; God sending Jesus to save the sinners of the world.

The children, Dr. Hazzard said, will come to know that sin is defiance of God—that God has given man a free will to say "yes" and "no", and that when man uses his independence to defy God, he is sinning.

Dr. Carl H. King of Statesville , executive secretary of the Conference Board of Education, said he was "highly pleased" over the large attendance and said this will mean much toward implementation of the curriculum in Conference church schools. Miss Louise Robinson of Statesville, Conference director of children's work, directed the workshop.

The Conference Board of ducation, which sponsored the workshop,has been presenting materials about the new curriculum to Conference educational leaders for nearly two years, and the workshop was a climax to this work.

The 23 fall training schools sponsored by the Board will contain classes of study in the new curriculum, and other smaller meetings will be held to see that the new material is being understood, Dr. King said.

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Methodist Youth Caravan

Geneva, Switzerland,
August 1, 1964

Dear Friends and Loved Ones:

This has been a week of travel for the 1964 Youth Caravan, with several long train rides, but it has also been a very interesting week. It began with a trip from Rome to Pisa on Saturday. At Pisa we all visited the Cathedral with its famous leaning tower, and some of the group enjoyed the nearby beach afterwards. Sunday was another traveling day,, so at 7:00 a.m. we had our own private worship service in order that we might catch our train. This time the trip took us to the city of Milan. On Monday morning, after a long walk—and much inquiry—and finally a taxi ride, we had the opportunity of seeing Leonardo da Vinci's **The Last Supper.** It was interesting to us to learn how this famous painting has been protected and saved from destruction on so many occasions. Monday afternoon was traveling time again. We bade farewell to the heat and artistic beauty of Italy and headed for the natural beauty of Switzerland. We were met at the train station in Lucerne by Pastor Hermann Schaad, whom we had already met at our consecration service in Roanoke Rapids on June 2. It was good to see a familiar face, and Pastor Schaad has lined up many interesting things for us to do. We were doubly appreciative of having some help in seeing the countryside after being "on our own" in Italy. On Monday night, Pastor Schaad took us to a typical program of Swiss folklore—dances, singing, yodeling, and even an Alpine horn solo. All of the boys of our group tried blowing the horn, and all were able to make a noise—not exactly what you would call music, however.

After this entertainment we walked around the city for a while, enjoying its great beauty. Our trip back to the hotel took us over one of the covered bridges, for which Lucerne is well-known. The next morning we got up early and caught the train to Zurich for a side trip. In this city, we spent the morning touring the Methodist Publishing House of Switzerland. Then we browsed around the book store a while before going to lunch. After lunch Pastor Schaad took us to see the newest Methodist Church in Switzerland—a beautiful, modern, and practical building. We visited all the rooms, but especially liked the sanctuary because of its simplicity and beauty. Then we returned to Lucerne and our hotel for a rest and supper. That night we had the opportunity of going to the church served by Pastor Schaad for a Bible Study Session. We were quite interested to learn that they were studying the **Book of Acts** and were discussing the same passage we had discussed in our meeting that day. We really enjoyed this fellowship with the Swiss people—brief as it was, and we realized how much we had missed the personal contact in Italy. As we went to bed that night, we all hoped for sunshine the next day, so we could take a trip to Mt. Pilatus—a nearby mountain.. Wednesday dawned bright and sunny. We first boarded a boat for a trip across Lake Lucerne; then we took a cable car to the top of the mountain—altitude: 7,000 feet—a climb of 5,700 feet from the city. We remained there until after lunch, admiring the beautiful scenery, and then we returned to Lucerne by another route. Back in the city, we did a bit of sightseeing and then some shopping.

After supper, Pastor Schaad took us for a walk through Lucerne so we could see the city at night. On Thursday morning, we went to the train station once again and climbed aboard our 31st train of the summer for the trip to Geneva. We regretted very much having to say good-bye to Pastor Schaad, who by this time had become "Uncle Hermann."

When we reached Geneva we found our hotel conveniently located on the shore of beautiful Lake Leman. The view is unbelievably gorgeous—especially at night; and we are impressed by the cleanliness and modernity of this city, which is known to be at least 2,000 years old. To introduce us to the city, we took a guided tour the first afternoon. Then on Friday, we retraced our steps to see in greater detail those parts of the city which interested us most. Several of the group visited the United Nations Building and the World Council of Churches Building. Others spent their time enjoying the beautiful gardens and swimming in the lake. Of course all of us are taking advantage of the clocks, watches, cameras, and chocolates, for which Switzerland is so well-known.

We regret that our visit to this beautiful country must end so soon, but we shall take with us some wonderful memories as we continue our journey.

Sincerely,
1964 Methodist Youth Caravan.

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Bishop Fred Pierce Corson of Philadelphia, president of the World Methodist Council, suggested in an address to the General Conference of the British Methodist Church that Methodists in Great Britian and the United States should consider the possibility of a merger.

Virginia Conference Honors Bishop and Mrs. Paul N. Garber

Bishop and Mrs. Paul N. Garber were given a farewell banquet by approximately one hundred persons at the John Marshall Hotel in Richmond, Va., July 27. The group consisted of all the district superintendents and their wives, conference and district lay leaders and their wives, and conference connectional officials and their wives. A. G. Jefferson, conference lay leader, presided and spoke for the laymen. Dr. Johnston, president of the Bishop's cabinet, spoke for the ministers and presented to the bishop a scroll summarizing something of what the Bishop had contributed to Methodism in the conference. It was all an expression to Bishop and Mrs. Garber of appreciation for their ministry and the high esteem in which they are held by ministers and laymen of the Conference.

In his response, Bishop Garber said facetiously the thought of moving, for the first time in 13 years, gave him more sympathy than ever for ministers and their families who are moved at conference time. In a more serious vien he spoke in deep gratitude of the cooperation he had received throughout the conference, mentioning especially among conference achievements the $7 million campaign for Christian Higher Education which has been over-pledged; the development of the Hermitage Homes, progress at the Children's Home and prospects for the new Virginia Wesleyan College in Norfolk. He said he never felt his work a burden because in his heart he loved it all. What has been achieved, he affirmed, was due to the united efforts of ministers and laymen alike.

The occasion happened to fall on the bishop's birthday anniversary and the group present joined heartily in singing "Happy Birthday."

Special Session Decision Due

A decision on the time and place of two meetings in 1966 expected to be major steps toward merging of the Evangelical United Brethren and The Methodist Church will be made in late September.

This was announced in Dayton, Ohio, July 28 by the Rev. Dr. Paul V. Church of Dayton and the Rev. Dr. J. Otis Young of Evanston, Ill., after a joint meeting by leaders of the groups planning the General Conference of the Evangelical United Brethren Church and the called session of the General Conference of The Methodist Church.

Dr. Church is executive secretary of the Evangelical United Brethren General Council of Administration and Dr. Young is chairman of the Commission on Entertainment of the Methodist General Conference.

The proposed merger of the two denominations is scheduled to be a major item of business at the Evangelical United Brethren conference and the special session of the Methodist conference was ordered especially for this purpose.

It is expected that, if possible, the two denominations will meet in the same city at the same time to facilitate legislative actions relating to the proposed merger. The Evangelical United Brethren Conference had been scheduled originally for Wichita, Kansas, October 17-26, 1966.



The Mebane Methodist Church observed Christian Adventure Week with its Junior High Fellowship August 2-7. This was a wonderful week of Christian experiences for the young people, under the leadership of Debbie Pender, President of Junior High MYF; Mr. and Mrs. Carl Johnson and Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Foust, counselors and the following committees: Worship, Debbie Pender, Terry Self, Sandra Satterfield, Gloria Nash; Study, Susan Tyson, Kent Smith, Donna Wilson, Donnie Laws, Marsha Riley: Recreation, Jack Watkins, Danny Oakley, Clifton Thomas, Eddie Fearrington; Refreshments, Sandra Tyson, Lynn Hupman, Belinda Henderson, Lorna Jones. The average attendance was 51. At the conclusion of the week 17 new members were brought into the Junior High MYF. Rev. A. P. Hill, Jr., is pastor at Mebane.

A Wonderful Gift To Central Church

At the meeting of the Official Board of Central Methodist Church, Asheville, Wednesday evening, August 5, the Chairman of the Board of Trustees, Mr. Charles G. Lee, Jr., announced a most generous gift, by Mrs. K. W. Partin, of a new Schantz pipe organ to Central Church. The gift of this new chancel organ, with its three manuals and pedal keyboard and all the additions, including an Antiphonal (Echo) organ, will be custom built to fill the requirements of our worshipful sanctuary, has been a long felt need.

This gift will not only touch the hearts of our congregations who worship here, but it will inspire all of us to a deeper sense of our individual stewardship and will lead us to undertake greater things for our Master and his Kingdom.

In making this gift, Mrs. Partin wrote the trustees, in part, as follows:

"Mindful of my stewardship of God's blessings, I wish to give to Central Church a new Schantz Pipe Organ, the price not to exceed fifty thousand dollars. The selection of this make organ is upon the recommendation of Mr. and Mrs. Easter, our minister of music and organist. They obtained bids from four outstanding organ manufacturers whose representatives came to our church, studied our sanctuary, and then sent in their specifications and prices. During the past several months the Easters have visited churches in Charlotte, Greensboro, Brevard and Knoxville to inspect, play and test organs of these various makes.

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Every member of Central Church is most grateful to Mrs. Partin for the generous gift of this fine pipe organ which she is presenting to Central Church, "to the Glory of God, and in loving memory of the members of her family who have gone to their heavenly reward, and in honor of her husband, children, grandchildren, and those who will come after her." Dr. Walter J. Miller is pastor of Central Church.

Youth Activities Week

West Cramerton, York Road, Bethesda, Puett, Lowell, McAdenville, and Smyre Mehodist Churches, Gastonia District finished a good week of Youth Activities, August 7th, with Smyre Church as host.

The theme was: *Basic Christian Beliefs;* with Seniors being led by Rev. John Kirk, Duke Student, and Junior Highs being led by church pastors. The average attendance was 79 each night including pastors and counselors. Highlights of the week were; a communion service on Thursday night, and a group picnic on Friday.

An offering was received to be sent to the Blue Ridge Center, Western North Carolina Conference, Rev. E. D. Cantor, Jr. is pastor of Smyre Church.

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A five-day national Methodist meeting with only one speaker! No pronouncements or resolutions either!

It was the eigth quadrennial National Convocation of Methodist Youth, attended by more than 5,000 youth and adult workers with youth July 27-31 at Purdue University.

The one speaker was Bishop James S. Thomas, Des Moines, Iowa, the worship leader, who delivered three sermons and a communion meditation. Recently assigned to head the Iowa Area of The Methodist Church, he is at 45 the youngest Methodist bishop and the second Negro ever to head a predominantly white episcopal area of the denomination.

Second Ministers Institute At Murdoch Center, Butner

The Second Ministers' Institute will be conducted at Murdoch Center, Butner, North Carolina, Monday-Tuesday, October 5-6, 1964.

Theme for the two-day Institute will be "The Church and Mental Retardation." Resource persons, in addition to the staff at Murdoch Center, will be: The Reverend Warren Carr, Pastor, Watts Street Baptist Church, Durham; Dr. Sam O. Cornwell, Deputy Director of Mental Retardation, North Carolina Department of Mental Health; and Dr. Keith-Lucas, Director, School of Social Work, University of North Carolina.

Mr. Carr will speak on: "The Pastor Looks At Mental Retardation." Dr. Cornwell's address will be: "Current Trends in Mental Retardation." Theme of Dr. Keith-Lucas' three lectures will be: "Christian Maturity and the Helping Process.'

This two-day Institute, sponsored by Murdoch Center, of the Department of Mental Health in cooperation with the North Carolina Council of Churches, and the Diosese of Raleigh, is being coordinated by the Rev. Milton P. Snyder, Chaplain at Murdoch Center.

Murdoch Center, a state institution for care, treatment and training of mentally retarded persons, has over 1500 residents and receives applications from 21 counties in the central part of North Carolina.

Dr. J. F. Elliott, Superintendent of Murdoch Center, announces that all ministers, church-related vocational workers and other interested persons are invited to attend the institute.

Anyone desiring further information may write Chaplain Snyder regarding advance registration.

(Ministers are being invited from the following counties: Alamance, Anson, Caswell, Chatham, Davidson, Durham, Forsyth, Granville, Guilford, Lee, Montgomery, Moore, Orange, Person, Randolph, Richmond, Rockingham, Stanly, Stokes, Vance, and Warren.)

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Interior of New Camp Ground Methodist Church, Fayetteville

Camp Ground Methodist Church Consecrates New Sanctuary

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arbor" was used until another building could be erected. At the first quarterly conference for the Fayetteville Circuit held on February 25, 1859, "E. L. Hobbs, J. Buie, and T. I. Owen were appointed a committee to superintend the building of a church at Beaver Creek Camp Ground." The Civil War (1861-1865) was no doubt a handicap to the building of the church, but the records show that it was completed in 1862. The absence of the belfry and steeple, which are typical of this particular type of church architecture, indicates the struggle and sacrifice that went into the building of the ancient edifice. The building, which stands just as it was erected more than a century ago, is a monument to Methodism and to the stalwart faith of a congregation of people, who dared to construct the house of worship at the height of the Civil War and continued to support it during the lean years of the Reconstruction that followed. In the church's building program, plans have been made for the old sanctuary to be preserved and used as a chapel.

Plans for the new sanctuary, Colonial in design, were drawn by Mr. Hollis L. Ivey, Lumberton, a prominent and widely known church architect. The building was built by Mr. Frank J. Raynor, a life-long member of the church and one of its Trustees. Mr. Raynor, recently retired from business, gave more than one year of his time and used his many abilities and resources in directing the building of the church.

Camp Ground, one of the oldest Methodist churches in the area, once stood in the center of a large rural farming district, several miles from Fayetteville, then a small town. Today it is within one mile of the city limits and is almost completely surrounded by numerous villages, shopping centers and trailer courts. The church, with a full time pastor, not only ministers to the people of the local community but offers spiritual nourishment to the hundreds of young men and women from nearby Fort Bragg, who have come into the fellowship of the church; and it stands as a Mission Post to all nations, as its members go into all parts of the world and bear a personal witness wherever they go. An answer to the roll call of members at Camp Ground can indeed be heard around the world.

The passing of time has brought about many changes, but the spiritual needs of people are the same. The members of Camp Ground Church, building on a firm foundation, laid in a rich Christian heritage, rejoice as they *Open the Gates of the Temple* and look to a future of useful service in the kingdom of God—offering to the world Christ, who is the same yesterday, today and forever.

(*Written by Mrs. George H. Tally, Jr., Camp Ground Methodist Church, Fayetteville, N. C., for the North Carolina Christian Advocate, August* 13, 1964).

St. Paul's, Maxton, Holding Youth Activities Week

St. Paul's Methodist Church of Maxton will conduct its annual Youth Activities week August 16 through 20.. Activities will begin on Sunday evening with a covered dish supper followed by fellowship singing, a movie and a panel discussion on "Alcohol and Tobacco." Panelists will include Dr. Lloyd McCaskill, Miss Martha Byrd Gainey, student at University of N. C. at Greensboro, Rev. Robert Drew, pastor at St. Paul's, and Cortez Maynor, basketball coach at Carolina Military Academy. On Monday evening there will be swimming to be followed by a brunswick stew supper and the movie "Conversion Plus" at Gentry's Cabin.

Rev. Bob Bryan will deliver the inspirational address and administer holy communion on Tuesday night. Highlight of the week will be an overnight visit to Lake Waccamaw on Wednesday. A cookout, vespers, a camp fire discussion, boating, swimming and a visit to the Good Shepherd Home are scheduled for the trip.

Mr. and Mrs. Otis Wells are the adult counselors for the St. Paul's Methodist Youth Fellowship which has planned the activities.

Laymen's Advance Conference At Lake Junaluska August 21-23

The largest attendance in a decade is expected for the seventh annual Laymen's Advance Conference of the Western North Carolina Conference at Lake Junaluska Aug. 21-23.

Bishop Earl G. Hunt, Jr., who presides over the Charlotte Area, will be keynote speaker for an expected turnout of more than 400 laymen of the Conference's 13 districts.

Robert M. Smith of Mount Airy, lay leader of the Conference, will be in charge of the program which will open at 3 p.m. Aug. 21 with registration, and close with the 11 a.m. worship service Sunday, Aug., 23, in Stuart Auditorium. All Methodist laymen of the Conference have been given an open invitation to attend the event.

Bishop Hunt will deliver messages in Stuart Auditorium for the 7:30 p.m. services Friday and Saturday, then will be the preacher for the Sunday morning worship period.

A highlight of the three-day event will be discussion groups dealing with: Membership and Evangelism, Lay Speaking, Work of Official Boards and Church Lay Leaders, Stewardship, New Trends in Methodism, City and District Layman's Work, and the New Quadrennial Program.

Discussion leaders include Walter J. Anderson of Raleigh, head of the North Carolina State Bureau of Investigation; Paul R. Ervin of Charlotte, president of the Judicial Council of The Methodist Church; Dr. Edwin L. Jones, Sr., of Charlotte treasurer- of the World Methodist Council; Charles J. Henderson, Jr., lay leader of the Charlotte District. The Rev. John H. Carper of Lenoir, pastor of First Church, Lenoir and former superintendent of the Thomasville District; Dr. Gilbert G. Stout of Chicago, director of Stewardship and Finance for the Methodist General Board of Lay Activities; and William B. McPherson

District laymen will be competing for the Edwin L. Jones, Sr., Loving Cup, given for a year to the district with the largest attendance. Winston-Salem won the cup last year. Dr. Jones is the "father" of the Laymen's Conference which began in Charlotte at First Methodist Church.

Most of the sessions of the Laymen's Advance will take place in Shackford Hall, including discussion groups.

The Conference Board of Lay Activities will meet at 4 p.m. Aug. 21, and the Laymen's Conference will be formally organized an hour later.

Presiding at the worship services will be Mr. Smith and G. L. Goodson of Lincolnton. Each morning the men will gather for Morning Prayer Watch on the steps of Shackford Hall. Leaders will include Harvey J. Smith of Greensboro, associate lay leader of the Greensboro District, and R. F. Morris, Sr.

The men will gather at Memorial Chapel at 9 a.m. Sunday for the Sacrament of Holy Communion.

Other talks will be given by Mr. Stout and Mr. McPherson. Presiding over general meetings will be E. M. Dudley of Lenoir and Carl B. Hyatt, Jr., of Asheville, Conference associate lay leaders.

Special music for the Conference will be supplied by the Male Chorus of St. James Methodist Church of Charlotte.

Other officials for the meeting are Dr. Jones, lay leader emeritus of the Conference; Torrence W Aldred of Charlotte, secretary-treasurer; and D. W. Holt of Asheboro and Tom M. Little of Wadesboro, Conference associate lay leaders.

New Attraction For Visitors To Western North Carolina

A major attraction for worshippers and tourists coming to western North Carolina will be established at Lake Junaluska Assembly, it was announced Aug. 1 by the assembly's board of trustees at the conclusion of the annual two-day meeting.

Dr. N. M. Harrison of High Point, N. C. will head a project of a miniature garden containing replicas of historic shrines, to be modeled on the same scale as those in the famous Maduradam at The Hague in the Netherlands.

The miniature garden will contain both religious and secular replicas, with the site on the assembly grounds to be leased to a private corporation responsible for development of the shrines. Dr. Harrison is known to Lake Junaluska for the gift of the colonnade in memory of his parents.

The trustees approved selection of a site for a new residence for the superintendent of the assembly. The present parsonage will be converted into a home for missionaries, deaconesses and other guests.

The trustees approved, with regret, the resignation of the Rev. Hugh C. Stuntz as assistant program director and platform manager for the assembly. Dr. and Mrs. Stuntz will leave Aug. 25 for South America, where they formerly served as missionaries for The Methodist Church, and Dr. Stuntz will become pastor of his former congregation. A program coordinator-public relations director will succeed Dr. Stuntz.

The beautification of grounds committee reported the new entrance to the grounds will probably be opened next year.

Mrs. Olin T. Mouzon of Chapel Hill, secretary of the committee, said expansive plans for the beautification of Lake Junaluska are underway. This will include attention to the walkways and areas adjacent to the main buildings.

Sam Banks of Lakeland, Fla., chairman of the recreation and religious education committee, said that from mid-June to the end of July, 16,000 persons have used the assembly's pool, and that its Aquatic School of Senior Life Saving, conducted at the pool, is the largest accredited school of its kind in the Southeast among private institutions.

Dr. Edwin L. Jones, Sr., president of the board of trustees, reviewed the progress of the assembly during the past 16 years. He said the assembly has been mindful of rapid social and economic changes and, by making adjustments to meet these changes, Lake Junaluska has earned the confidence and praise of Methodists everywhere.

Trustees and their families took a ride in the assembly boat to view the newly-opened upper portion of the lake, made possible by a dredging operation which was conducted in May.

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He who runs his tongue gossiping certainly doesn't use his tongue in prayer and praise to God. —W.E.I.

Dr. Weatherly To Teach At High Point College

Dr. Davis W. Cole, Dean of High Point College, has announced that Dr. Owen M. Weatherly will assume his duties as Associate Professor of Religion and Philosophy at High Point College this Fall.

Weatherly is well qualified to serve in this area because of his exceptional education and experience in this field. He holds the A.B. from Furman University; M.A. and Ph.D. degree from the University of Chicago and has served as a Baptist minister for over 13 years. He has served as pastor of the Second Baptist Church in Richmond, Virginia, and other pastorates in South Carolina and Illinois.

He comes to the College from the First Baptist Church of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, where he has been pastor since 1958.

Dr. Weatherly has published two books through John Knox Press, *The Fulfillment Of Life*, 1959, and *The Ten Commandments In Modern Perspective*, 1962; *How To Get The Most From Your Minister* will be printed in 1965 by Judson Press.

Weatherly and his wife, Myra, will move to High Point with their three children in the near future.

Bethlehem Camp Meeting At Climax August 23-28

The Annual Camp Meeting at Bethlehem Methodist Church in Climax, N. C., will begin Sunday morning August 23 and continue through Friday evening, August 28.

The Rev. J. Garland Winkler, Superintendent of the Greensboro District, will preach at the 11:00 a.m. service August 23 and will conduct the First Quarterly Conference immediately after service of worship. This will be followed by the Annual Homecoming Dinner.

There will be a service at 2:00 p.m. August 23 at which time the Rev. Bob Dennis, pastor of Bethlehem church will preach.

The visiting evangelist for the Camp Meeting, the Rev. Herbert T. Penry, Jr., pastor of Pleasant Grove Methodist Church of Thomasville, will preach at the 7:30 p.m. service Sunday, August 23. Rev. Mr. Penry will also preach at 2:00 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. the remainder of the week through Friday night, August 28.

There will be congregational singing led by Mrs. Jack Garrett, Director of Music of Bethlehem Church. Also messages in music will be presented by various groups and individuals. Everyone is invited to attend these evangelistic services in the Camp Meeting Arbor at Bethlehem church in Climax, N. C.



LETTERS

TO THE EDITOR

THE BIBLE

shall we let the lost hope of the age, the Bible and its teachings, be too modern, and as pleasing reading? The Holy Spirit interprets, not our theologians, nor the revisors. We need a Revival not Revised Versions to stabilize a trust in each other and a sincere reverence for God and His Sabbath. For the true Word of life as given by the Scriptures before all the later rewordings.

We are so anxious to bring every thing up to date, make modern in thought and structure. With some things this can be true but not with the Bible. It has stood the test of time, and was written for every era. We need something to look to that has meaning, age, strength, that is different from the other writings of our day.

We are not a standard generation. We are too fast and foolish, so it is not best to have the Bible worded for our time. The Bible is the record of a chosen people, the lineage of Jesus Christ from the first man, Adam, to the last in the Spirit of Light. . . . Emphasizing the birth, life, teachings, and resurrection of Jesus Christ. The Bible is God's Word written and expressed in terms of that day. Late versions have changed even words and meanings they wished to express. We are trying to reword to suit our interpretations and our day which is not fair to the Bible writers, our children, nor the future.

As long as we take substitutes, we keep getting farther and farther away from the standard of our goal. It seems the more learned we become the less Spirit we possess.

We need to emphasize the oneness, the uniqueness, the warmth, the wisdom, the design. Hold the standards of the centuries. We must go back to the Bible days, not bring the Bible down to ours.

The King James Version comes the nearest to meeting the demands of reason and reliability we expect of the Scriptures. It holds the words and ways that speak to every age. Our changes may not be in keeping with the Great Creator, nor sufficient for the future of a more intelligent civilization.

If we believe in Christ or call ourselves Christians then we should uphold the Bible that gives Him first place, that holds the sacredness of God's Word, and is unique language to fit all ages.

We need to hold, reverence, and advocate the use of the King James version of the Bible.

D. D. Richardson

West End, North Carolina

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Dear Mr. Starnes:

May I make response to the July 30th letter of Mrs. Cormac? She feels that it is ominous that "so many of the words of Jesus which are in the King James Version are taken out of the Revised Standard Version." Two of her illustrations do pertain to words of Jesus and it may be enlightening to examine them. First, in Matthew 6:13 the familiar liturgical Doxology at the end of the Lord's Prayer is lacking. Indeed it has been lacking in the modern versions since the English Revised Version of 1881, where it appears as a marginal gloss. So the RSV has confirmed the unanimous judgment for the past eighty years. Between 1611 and 1881 textual scholars have found fresh access to three ancient manuscript copies of the original Greek text. These were all copied by the scribes in Eastern Mediterranean Christian communities between A.D. 350 and 450, and all of them agree that the Doxology was not a part of the original text. This is further attested in the quotations of early fathers in the same region and period from Origen in Egypt and Cyprian in Carthage to Cyril of Jerusalem. This harmony of testimony up to A.D. 500 is all but unanimous; for before the sixth century only Codex Freer Washington has survived to attest the presence of the Doxology. The conclusion has been unanimous among textual specialists that the evangelist did not compose the Doxology, but rather it was subsequently interpolated into Matthew because of its liturgical employment in public utterance (cf. I Chron. 29:11). This never happened to the informal style of the prayer in Luke 11:4, where no doxology has even been recorded. It would thus be proper to say that the Doxology of Matt. 6:13 was incorporated in the initial English version of Tyndale in 1525 and retained up to the King James Version in 1611; and not that it "is taken out" by the RSV revisers. The circumstance that it was not original with the evangelist or with Jesus does not oppose the sense of Matt. 28:18 cited by Mrs. Cormac, nor the Christian's belief in the power of Jesus.

Mrs. Cormac's second illustration is another familiar saying of Jesus (Matt. 6:33): "Seek ye first the kingdom of God and his righteousness." She decries the omission of the phrase "of God." It is true here again that the phrase has been missing in editions since 1881, because the oldest manuscripts (available for a century now) testify to its absence originally. The phrase did appear by the fourth century in the Syrias and Latin translations and in the Greek Codex Freer Washington. In Codex Sinaiticus of the fourth century it stands as an insertion by a later corrector. Of course, the context of both Matt. 6:33 and Luke 12:30 refers to "your heavenly Father." Ever since Clement of Alexandria (fl. A.D. 200) some scribes have written "kingdom of heaven." Some of the Greek manuscripts and some of the English translations (as the RSV) refer to "His kingdom," as the context suggests. James Moffatt in 1913 and the recent New English Bible still translate "kingdom of God." The evidence is that the phrase "of God" was not written by the evangelist; yet all the variant forms agree with the obvious context and all mean the same thing. The original absence of the phrase, however, does not suggest that the kingdom to be sought is anything other than "of God."

The two passages above are the only ones among Mrs. Cormac's citations which involve words of Jesus. Her other illustrations are from Luke, Paul, and the Revelation of John. Let us check over each of these.

The communication states that the RSV has "taken out" the passage in Luke 24:3: "found not the body of Jesus Christ." This, however, is a slip, for there are no editions in any language, early and late, which omit this passage. Nor is belief in the resurrection at stake. The RSV does omit, and cites in the margin, the King James phrase: "of the Lord Jesus." As far back as 1881 the English Revised Version footnoted this phrase as possibly a scribal addition, and it was withdrawn from the American Standard Version in 1901. It is omitted in the Graeco-Latin Codex Bezae (*ca.* A.D. 450), contrary to its habit of adding to the text rather than excising. Yet it is present in the best and earliest copies we possess, in Greek and other versions, though some witnesses read "the body of Jesus." In any case, there is no ambiguity in the context and no uncertainty of reference to the body of Jesus. Either Luke or a later editor-scribe made explicit what Mark had previously implied (16:6): "You are looking for the crucified Nazarene; he has risen, he is not here."

It is true, as Mrs. Cormac notes, that in Luke 24:6 the RSV omits the parallel statement: "He is not here, but is risen." The English Revised Version of 1881 noted that there was divided evidence in the manuscript sources. The American Translation (1923) omitted this, as does the New English Bible with a marginal note (1961). This is not because the translators disbelieved the truth of the statement and so "wanted" to "take it out," but rather because they knew that it was not attributed to Luke by the fifth-century Codex Bezae and the early Latin translation, texts which usually add rather than omit. Consequently, they concluded that the statement was written into Luke later, to bring it into conformity with both Mark (16:6) and Matthew (28:6).



Shown above is Dennis Shepard, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. John Shepard, of the East Marion Methodist Church, receiving the God and Country Boy Scout Award from Rev. Boyce Huffstetler, pastor of the East Marion Methodist Church, The award was made Sunday, July 26, 1964. Dennis belongs to the East Marion Boy Scout Troop 206.

Mrs. Cormac wrote that once again "the RSV has taken out these words" (Rom. 8:28): "To them that are the called according to his purpose." She asks why "the revisers want to take that out of the Bible." Well, actually they did not omit this passage. There is no manuscript evidence anywhere against genuine originality, and it is in error to allege that the RSV has omitted the passage. It is important to understand the principle on which the revisers worked: the omission or inclusion of the particular form of a questionable passage was not decided on the basis of what they "wanted" but rather was determined in conference considering the weight of the testimony offered by ancient copies surviving from as far back as the third century. Romans 8:28 in the RSV does, however, have special importance because it exhibits a correction both in the form and in the thought of this familiar text. Many of us have quoted (perhaps just when we were prone to doubt it) that "all things work together for good to them that love God." Sixty years ago the Twentieth Century New Testament pointed out that grammatically "he" (i.e., God) could be taken as the subject, so as to understand: "(God) works in all things for the good of those who love him." In 1930 a third-century papyrus (the earliest copy we now possess) was discovered in Egypt in which the scribe actually copied "God" as the subject. Moffatt and Goodspeed and the RSV and also the recent British version have all accepted this reading as original. This is why we read in the RSV: "In everything God works for good with those who love him." The meaning is different and worthy of deepest thought. For the first time we may confront the sense of Pauls affirmation.

When the King James Version superseded the Bishops' Bible of 1568, our English and Greek texts of the New Testament rested upon Byzantine copies not more than 500 years old, removed by a thousand years from the primitive New Testament. Today we are fortunate to have extensive portions of the original Greek text in copies from the third and fourth centuries which were not available until the days of our grandfathers and our fathers and even of our own generation. That the best translations of our day offer us a purer version of the scriptures is a cause for gratitude and a stimulus to faith.

—W. Kenneth Clark, Durham, N. C.



By Mary Gardner

ın At Laboratory School

(A True Story)

Many other boys and girls and I went Lab School last week. When we got ere the first day, everyone sat in a lf-circle with the teacher in front, d we talked about the fun we were ing to have.

Our teacher was Mrs. Patton. She as a very nice lady, and when we were ving trouble she helped us. She was ways trying to make us happy. She ld us we were having the school so e could have fun and learn what God like. She said we would be divided to four groups. One group would stu- about how people told us about God; other about how nature tell us of God; e third about how music tells us of od, and the fourth was how the Bible lls us about God. She said the other dies in the room would help teach and show us how God has given us many things, so we could find out out His love.

Each group had four teachers, one r each day of school. I was at the ture table. Here we learned about ildlife which tells us about God, and e heard some poems which told us out God and nature. We read books all sorts of wildlife which showed us w they protect themselves. God gave em coloring so they would be camou- ged in the trees tnd grass. We made o ant colonies by putting dirt, ants d bread in a jar. Then we put construc- on paper around the jar to make it dark the ants would dig. When we uncov- ed it we found some tunnels. This owed how God gave ants homes and aced to store their food.

The people table studied people who ld us of God, such as Abraham, Moses, ter, Matthew, Mark, and Luke, and ople who played a great part in the ethodist Church, such as John Wesley d many others. Other people tell us God, such as preachers, parents, and achers. They made list of everyone ey could think of who told us of God. n the last day they made puppets and ve us a play on those people. It was od.

At the music table they learned how mns tell us of God. They learned two three songs. One was "The God of braham Praise." They taught us all is song. They took a long strip of per and drew pictures about a song lled "For The Beauty of The Earth."

At the last table they learned about how the Bible tells us of God. They learned several verses. On the last day they made keys and on each one they had a Bible verse, such as the Twenty-third Psalm, and on the back of the key they told about the verse they had written on the front. Every day they read some Bible verses.

Everyone had fun. We were all sad when the Laboratory School was over.

Ray Collins
Rocky Mount, N. C.
Age 10

Finding God

Where can we find God? We can see Him working everywhere! In His wide world of trees and grass and flowers, of songbirds and of sunshine and of rain, in the beauty and order of the universe, and in all living things, we find Him everyday. In stories told of old, when all the world was young, men spoke of ways in which they thought of God and how they grew in understanding of His ways. All men of every race and land told stories of our God and how they had discovered Him. Our Bible has such stories. They come to us from long ago to help us see how God was found in far-off times.

Jesus tells us tbout God. He knew God well because he tried each day to live like Him that others too might know. When we think of Jesus and his loving ways with people, then we know what God is like.

Each day we see God work. In mothers, caring for their children, cooking, washing, loving as they work. In fathers, earning a living so that their children may have food and a home and clothing, and the special things that help us learn and play, and worship God.

In brothers and sisters as they learn to share their toys, to think of others first, to be responsible in family work.

And in all people we can see God—when they are helping each other to live more comfortably, and when they feed and clothe and heal those in need.

—Selected

A little boy who was being mischievous one day was asked by his father: "How do you expect to get into heaven?"

He replied after a thoughtful pause: "Well, I'll just run in and keep slamming the door until they say, 'for goodness sake, come in or stay out! Then I'll go in."

A Prayer

Dear God, Creator of friendliness
Maker of happiness and peace,
Among the butterflies and bees
The wind, the sky and seas.
We pray the boys and girls
And people everywhere may find
Ways of spreading friendliness
In the world
So that people may be happy
Everywhere.
Sometimes a smile will make another happy,
Sometimes fragrant flowers may bring joy,
Sometimes letting others choose the Games to play
Or making the first choice will help them feel wanted.
Maybe a party planned as a surprise
For boys and girls
Will show friendliness.
There are so many ways to bring happiness,
Help us, O God, to use our minds
To find ways of being friendly each day. Amen.

—Author Unknown

Bible Quiz

One of Three

Underline the correct answer:

1.—Bartemus was lame, blind, Leprous?
2.—Caiaphas was prophet, high priest, king?
3.—Paul was a Roman, Greek, Jew?
4.—John was a writer, a warrior, a farmer?
5.—Job was afflicted with blindness, boils, leprosy?

Answers to Last Week's Questions

1.—Healing of Naaman's leprosy. (2 Kings 5:10)
2.—Daniel in the lion's den (Daniel 6:16-23)
3.—Jonah and the Whale (Jonah 2:1-10)
4.—The burning bush (Exodus 3:5)
5.—The fall of the walls of Jerico (Joshua 6:6-20)

Just For Fun

A little boy received a shiny red wagon for his birthday, and for days he went nowhere without it.

But one afternoon he was happily rolling it along in the front sidewalk when his father called: "Take that wagon in back and play with it. Remember it's Sunday."

The boy started to obey, then turned around and with a puzzled look asked: Isn't it Sunday in the back yard, too?"

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A three-year-old and her mother were on their way to Sunday School when the little girl looked up and saw a skywriter. "Look," she said to her mother, "there's God up there scribbling."

Woman's Activities

Executive Committee Meeting

Mrs. John C. Wright

Plans for the 1965 annual meeting of the Woman's Society of Christian Service of the Western North Carolina Conference were made at a meeting of the executive committee on August 4 at Pfeiffer College.

The meeting will be held at Lake Junaluska June 15-17.

The Conference program committee has asked that artists in all parts of the conference submit designs for the cover of the 25th anniversary program. Mrs. Brunson Wallace, chairman, said that the programs will follow the same pattern as those of 1964. size and make up. Entries should be mailed by Jan. 15, 1965 to Mrs. Brunson Wallace, 112 Park Ave., Brevard.

The love offering contributed at the annual meeting amounts to $7,549.74. Mrs. E. D. Chandler said that this amount will probably be higher, for additional donations are being received from societies who did not send delegates to the Junaluska meeting. This offering will be given to World Christian Literature and Literacy program.

The goals committee presented objectives for the coming quadrennium, a 25% increase in financial projects and a recruitment of more young people for Christian vocations. Mrs. Glenn Ayers, conference secretary of the Wesleyan Service Guild, presented the report as a joint project of the Guild and Woman's Society of Christian Service.

The committee suggested definite procedures for each objective, saying that these would become a part of the work of the district teams.

The women of the Western North Carolina Conference were invited to join in the project of United Church Women to give books of trade stamps to purchase a station wagon to be used in migrant work. A Chapel will be made in the station wagon, equipped with materials for worship services. A minister is available for the work, which includes Western and Eastern North Carolina.

Mrs. Brunson Wallace explained that a Harvester station wagon may be had for 886 books of green stamps. These may be sent to Miss Marie Coldren, 3420 Shamrock Road, Charlotte, N. C.

Two messages were read from Bishop Nolan B. Harmon.

Mrs. Leslie Barnhardt welcomed the group and presented a summary of changes that are being made in nomenclature by the Woman's Division of Christian Service for the departments of work in the local societies. Mrs. Barnhardt presided over the session—as president of the Conference.

Two Western North Carolina Women Honored

Two Methodist women of the Western North Carolina Conference have been honored in recent weeks by being elected to offices on national boards.

Mrs. Leslie Barnhardt, Charlotte, was elected to the General Board of Christian Social Concerns of the Methodist Church and Mrs. Carl King, Statesville, was elected to the Board of Missions of the Methodist Church.

Mrs. Barnhardt is the first woman from this conference to serve on this national board and is the only woman on the board. She is currently serving a four year term as president of the W. S. C. S. of the W. N. C. Conference. She was on the conference committee of Christian Social Concerns, serving as secretary of this group. She was secretary of Christian Social Relations for the Woman's Society of the conference for four years.

Mrs. King was elected to the Board of Missions at the meeting of the Southeastern Jurisdiction of the Methodist Church at Lake Junaluska in July. She and her husband, Dr. Carl King, were the only husband and wife team serving as official delegates at the meeting. Mrs. King completed a four year term as conference president of the Conference W. S. C. S. in June.

The first meeting of the Board of Missions will be held in September when the new organization of the board will be put into effect.

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More news! More news of what is being done in the districts—in the local societies.

N. C. Conference

Mrs. H. W. Doub

Officers Training Day

On Tuesday, August 4th, 1964 one hundred and fifty-six Conference and District Officers of the North Carolina Conference Woman's Society of Christian Service met in Kinston at Queen Street Methodist Church.

The Conference President, Mrs. Sam A. Dunn presided at the meeting which opened at ten a.m. Mrs. J. E. Sponenberg, Conference Secretary of Spiritual Life Cultivation led the meditation.

Mrs. Dunn gave a very informative talk on the purpose of this meeting and told of the many changes to be implemented into the work of the Woman's Division for the new quadrennium. She spoke of how so much easier it is to stay in the well trodden "rut" of habit than it is to find courage to launch out on new trails. She said that any period of transition is difficult but this year with the addition of two new districts in our North Carolina Conference, many problems have been ironed out and she e pressed her appreciation to everyone wh had been so helpful.

Following her message, Mrs. Dunn pr sented each conference officer who th spoke briefly about her particular line work, stressing her plans and noting th changes to take place.

The group then divided into clinics wh each conference officer gave instructions the district officers and sub-district leade

At the noon hour a delicious luncheo was served in the Fellowship Hall by th Queen Street Woman's Society. Mrs. R. Moss of Kinston was the chairman of th hospitality committee and many thanks a due to her for the courtesies of this day.

The success of the entire meeting w due to the careful planning and tireless e forts of Mrs. J. W. Benson, Conferen Secretary of Membership Cultivation, wh gave much time and thought to the deta of this meeting. When asked for her eval ation of the day, said she was most pleas with the attendance and especially note the interest and dedication of the wome who seemed so eager to gain help and greater knowledge of how to carry out th purpose of the work of our Woman's Socie and Wesleyan Service Guild.

Wesleyan Service Guild Week End Stud

The Sixth Annual Week-end of Study f the Wesleyan Service Guild was held August 8-9 1964 at Methodist College. Th theme of this study was "That All May Hav The Spirit of His Love."

Registration began at nine A. M. and th first session opened at Eleven. At this tim there were open discussions. The Gosp Session began at two O'clock in the Librar presided over by Mrs. Joseph Smith wh made the introductions and announcement The meditation was given by Mrs. Lucil Donnell.

Mrs. C. H. Boyd, Conference Secretar of the Wesleyan Service Guild gave a mo helpful talk on "A New Age" explaining th changes and set-ups of the new quadren nium.

At three o'clock classes were held in th Classroom Building. The following course were given: The Church's Mission Amon New Nations, taught by Mrs. Florenc Hooper; The United States' Responsibilit In The World of New Nations, taught b Dr. S. J. Womack and Spanish Americar by Dr. Frederick Shippey.

After the dinner hour, classes were re sumed. Then from 8:30-10:00 Clinics f District and Local Officers were held by th Conference Officers.

Sunday August 9th, following the break fast hour, the final classes were held, afte this the Bible Hour was taught by Dr George Schrever, Department of Religion Pfeiffer College, Misenheimer. After dinne the meeting adjourned.

The Weekend Committee who made thi meeting so successul was as follows: Mrs Joseph Smith, Chairman; Miss Virgini Jones, Registrar; Miss Juanita Scott, Busi ness Manager; Mrs. C. H. Boyd; Mrs. Harol Braswell; Mrs. H. C. Turlington; Mrs. Sar A. Dunn; Mrs. C. D. Barclift; Mrs. H. W Doub and Mrs. Harold Davis.

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Construction of the first building in th proposed Methodist Center in northwes Washington, D.C., will not begin until fa because of a delay in completion of plans.

'aith And The Bible" Program) Be Telecast Aug. 30

Dr. Raymond F. Hamilton, American retary of the International Council of ristian Churches, will conduct a devotion- service on the "Faith and the Bible" pro- m on NBC-TV *Sunday, Aug.* 30 (1:30- p.m. EDT). The program, an annual 3C Public Affairs presentation, is pro- ced in cooperation with the American uncil of Christian Churches.

The Bible Choraliers of Bible Evangelisms ll sing "Amazing Grace," "The Strife Is er" and 'Sinner, Please, Don't Let This rvest Pass."

The American Council of Christian urches represents 18 denominations and urch groups throughout the nation. Doris n is executive producer of "Faith and the ble" and Martin Hoade is producer-di- tor.

Work" Definition Studied

The plight of one million jobless individ- ls in Appalachia can only be solved by new appraisal of what is meant by the rm, "to work," Dr. W. D. Weatherford Black Mountain, N. C., said at Lake naluska recently.

Dr. Weatherford, father of the now famous ppalachian Study Program, which was a incipal basis for President Johnson's drive poverty, said that up to now, the term "to ork" has meant producing material things.

He said in the future "to work" must be anged to mean people helping people. e noted that artists are not considered un- nployed simply because they cannot sell work of art, or are not performing. In the me sense the unemployed persons of ppalachia must be given the desire to ork with and help other people.

It was perhaps the author, Job de Carval- o of Luanda, Angola, who brought the ost controversial warning. He said that espite the fact boards of missions of major hristian denominations have now "awaken- d to the needs of a new day" and had re- ised their programs to allow native Chris- an initiative in running churches, this poli- y is being defeated by "sectarian mission- ries."

o Teach At Louisburg

William R. "Bill" Rose has been appoint- d to teach in the Biology Department at ouisburg College for the 1964-65 aca- emic year.

A native of Henderson, he is an alumnus f the college. He holds the B.S. degree rom Wake Forest College and the M. S. egree from the University of North Caro- ina.

Since 1962, Mr. Rose has been employed y the Florida State Board of Health, work- ng as a research bacteriologist in Jackson- ille and a biologist in the encephalitis lab n Tampa. In Jacksonville he taught part- ime in the Biology Department of Jackson- ille University and in Tampa served as a art-time instructor at Tampa University.

He is married to the former Mary Lee ohnson of Louisburg an alumna of Louis- burg College and a graduate of Jackson- ille University. She will teach in the local chool.

Book Reviews

The Bible and Evangelism, by T. Leo Brannon. Price 60 cents; 12 or more 50 cents each.

This is the fourth in a series designed for study through the local church Commission on Membership and Evangelism. The preceding books being:

The Evangelism of Jesus, by Mack Stokes.

The Teaching of Jesus for Evangelism, by Charles M. Laymon.

Studies in Christian Experiences, by W. D. Weatherford

The Bible and Evangelism "is not a nostalgic appeal for the interpretations of another day nor a romantic longing for the biblicism of the past," says G. Ross Freeman in the introduction to this M E M study book. "Rather the work reflects a grasp of contemporary biblical scholarship, a coming awareness of church history, a compulsive conviction that the renewal of the Church must be rooted in the Word of God."

The content of this book by Mr. Brannan is one of immediate concern to the Church. Laymen will be interested in this small volume—inexpensive, and written in a style which is easily read, yet contains depth of insight and relevancy for the Church today.

John K. McKee

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A new book, **Life Giving Words**, by G. Ray Jordan, Warner Press, Anderson, Indiana, 1964.

Life Giving Words, the 20th publication by G. Ray Jordan, Candler Professor of Homiletics in the School of Theology of Emory University, is based on the Lord's Prayer. Yet this book is not an interpretative study of the Lord's Prayer as such. Rather, it is an inspirational presentation of the spiritual message contained in each separate word used in the prayer. From the word "our" through the word "amen," the author has given 26 different messages.

Each message is a daguerrotype, a small picture of one aspect or essential ingredient of prayer. The first message, for example, stresses its communal nature, while the seventh on the Kingdom shows that prayer is never an end in itself but a route to the practical fulfillment of God's purpose.

Jordan is at his best in the use of illustrations. His illustrations are taken from a wide field of interests and understanding. So much of what he says comes directly from his travels, and he has been around the world many times and has talked and visited with many of the earth's most important people. However, in this book, much of his material reflects his contact with common folk. From the fisherwomen in Copenhagen to the wretched beggars and emaciated children in Calcutta, Benaras and Dehli, we find the author talking with people and finding in them, their successes and disappointments, the substance of much of his understanding of Christianity and the relationship of men with God.

This little book belongs to the devotional literature of our Church. It is very similar to much that has been written by Dr. E. Stanley Jones and Dr. Thomas Kepler. It is a book that Christian people will want by their bedside to read before retiring at night and at the start of the new day as they seek spiritual substance for the day before them.

William R. Cannon
Emory University

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The John Wesley Bible Institute in Porto Alegre, Brazil, has begun its first regular term with a student body of five young men studying to be ministers of the Methodist Church of Brazil.

New Calendar Seeks To Avoid "After Christmas Slow Down"

A revised college calendar which seeks to avoid a frequent "after Christmas academic slump" will be tried this academic year by Pfeiffer College.

Classes at the 850-student Methodist-related liberal arts college will begin on September 3 with examinations for the fall semester scheduled for completion before Christmas holidays begin.

College officials believe the new plan, in contrast to traditional plans, will avoid academic slump, frequently experienced during the two-week period between the end of Christmas holidays and first semester examinations.

A college spokesman explained that it generally took a week or more for students to re-establish sound study habits and re-orient themselves to the academic routine following Christmas holidays.

Faculty members, he said, have termed this period "wasted weeks" since examinations usually come approximately two weeks after Christmas holidays.

Under the calendar to be tried this year, examinations for the first term will begin December 11 and will be completed on or before December 19. A 27-day Christmas vacation will begin after the student's last examination.

The second semester will begin on January 16. Final examinations in the second term will be completed by May 17 with the college's commencement on May 19.

The college spokesman said its future calendar will be based on its experience with the new plan.

Education Conference Set

The sixteenth biennial national Methodist Conference on Christian Education will be held Nov. 9-14, 1965, at the Netherland-Hilton Hotel, Cincinnati.

Theme of the conference will be "A living Faith, and a Learning Church."

Resource leaders include six professors: Dr. Harvey H. Potthoff, professor of Christian theology, Iliff School of Theology, Denver; Dr. Daniel Day Williams, professor of systematic theology, Union Theological Seminary, New York City; Dr. Carl Michalson, professor of systematic theology, Drew University, Madison, N. J.; Dr. D. Elton Trueblood, professor of philosophy, Earlham College, Richmond, Ind.; Dr. Albert C. Outler, professor of theology, Perkins School of Theology, Southern Methodist University, Dallas; and Dr. Howard M. Ham, professor of religion, Syracuse University, Syracuse, N. Y.

Announcement of the meeting was made by the Rev. Harold W. Hewitt, Nashville, program secretary of the conference and executive secretary, Section of Office and Field Services, Division of the Local Church, Methodist General Board of Education.

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A name familiar to Methodists for many years passed from usage this summer as the Genesee Conference officially changed its name to the Western New York Conference. It is part of the Syracuse Area.

Freedom Motivated By God

By Rev. James H. Bailey, Wilson

Scripture: Galatians 5:1, 13-18 (Phillips New English Translation

Plant your feet firmly therefore within the freedom that Christ has won for us, and do not let yourselves be caught again in the shackles of slavery. -Gal. 5:1.

It is to freedom that you have been called, my brothers. Only be careful that freedom does not become more opportunity for your lower nature. You should be free to serve one another in love. For after all, the whole law toward others is summed up by this one command, "Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself." But if freedom means merely that you are free to attack and tear one another to pieces, be careful that it doesn't mean that between you, you destroy your fellowship altogether. Gal. 5:13-15.

Here is the conflict, and that is why you are not free to do what you want to do. But if you follow the leading of the Spirit, you stand clear of the law.—Gal 5: 17, 18

In an art gallery in Florence, Italy there is housed one of the works of the famed Michelangelo, "Slaves in Bondage." It is a marble statue roughly carved and obviously unfinished. You have to determine the object of the statue. As you gaze upon this work that Michelangelo never finished, gradually you discern shapes of men locked in struggle, with bonds of rope or iron across their straining chests;in positions of anguished stretching, muscles bulging with futile attempts to break loose. It gets you so involved that you feel like you are participating in this struggle, and for a moment that we are all bound together with these men and their struggle. This unfinished work of Michelangelo is the unfinished work of all men. As we realistically look at our world this morning we see men bound, chained, struggling for freedom. We see men slaves of dictators, communism, ignorance, prejudice and poverty. Although we live in a land that is on this July 4, 1964 virtually free, we must be aware that this struggle is unfinished, and that we must continue to struggle until all men, nations, and people are free. St. Paul cautions us, "Plant your feet firmly therefore within the freedom that Christ has won for us, and do not let yourselves be caught again in the shackles of slavery."

But before we speak about our unfinished struggle for freedom, let us examine our American heritage and the early struggle for freedom in America.

American Heritage—Motivated By God

The American Revolution is unique in the annals of modern man. Some historians have paralleled it with the revolutions of the 18th century like the one that took place in France and Russia. But there is no similarity at all. The American Revolution was distinctly different because it was founded on religious motivation and purpose, while the Russian and French Revolutions sought to deny religious antecedents and based their claim for a new order upon rational or scientific assumptions. When I say that underlying the American Revolution was a religious state of mind, I am not suggesting that all their actions were all ways Christian. David Ramsey in **History of American Revolution** (1793) points out that the early colonists were mostly all religious protestants and Protestantism was founded on a "strong claim to natural liberty and the right of private judgment." The early colonists were strongly flavored with Puritanism that was a rebellion from the tyranny of England and Europe and who were a group of people who came to America completely on religious motivation—to be free to worship God as they understood Him. Their motive for religious freedom was motivated by God. Whereas the French Revolution was motivated by desire to create a new republic based on Rousseau's theory of man and the doctrine of humanism. The Russian Revolution was the Bolshevicks attempt to change society to the pattern of Marx' **Communistic Manifesto**, Dilectical Materialism and to rid and free the people of the superstition of God as their motive. The French and the Russian Revolutions were led by people who held like ideas and views and therefore were bound together in like causes. Yet, the American Revolution was made up of men who held distinctly different ideas and philosophies, but were bound together by their strong belief in God, and that man deserved to be free because God had created man in his own image. Washington was from a scholar, but was a devout patron; Jefferson was an intellectual; Hamilton was an arch conservative and pragmatist; Franklin was an intellectual that was a screwball at times. Yet all men believed that God had created all men to be free, and though they were poles apart politically and philosophically, yet they were all motivated by this religious Judeo-Christian idea that God made men to be free.

The French and Russian Revolutions were based on the assumption that freedom was something that you earned, that which group in society that was the strongest could claim it; while the American Revolution was based on the principle that freedom was a gift of God and not something that man earned or created by his own actions. The American Revolution emphasized that God had given to all men the sacred rights to be free, and it was ours to claim.

The American Revolution was lead in the most part by the Church; it was advocated and preached from the pulpits, and it was authoritated and motivated by the Bible. From the pulpits came the great message from Genesis 1:17, "God created man in his own image," meaning that He gave to all men the sacred right of freedom. The theme of the Bible was taught and the message echoed across the colonies that the Bible from the beginning to the end is the story of how God has entered in one mighty thrust upon the history of man to set him free. From the story of the creation to the story of God delivering the children of Israel from Egyptian bondage to the freedom of the Promised Land, to the story of God through the prophets preaching messages of deliverance from the sins and wickedness that enslaved men, to the stories of the children being freed from the Babylonian exile, to Jesus who said, "I come to set those who are captive free." The Church and the clergymen were among the first to break their ties with England and assert their independent freedom. Our Methodist Church, as many of the other early churches, broke with England and became a distinctly American denomination. Bernard Shaw an authority on this period, in his play, **The Devil's Disciple** points out the profound role the church and clergy played in the revolution. The early meetings of the Founding Fathers and revolutionists were held in the churches. I read in one old history book the account of a Lutheran clergyman who preached a strong sermon from his pulpit on God's gift of Freedom, and at the end of the sermon gave an invitation to the men of the church to volunteer to fight for the cause and dedicate themselves to this God-given principle. He then took off his clerical robe, under which he wore a colonel's uniform of the Continental Army and he led the men off to battle.

The motivation for freedom in America was not to build the most prosperous nation in the world; it was not so we could get rich, but it was so that men could live more like God created man to live. They fought to claim freedom whether for better or worse, for richer or poorer, in sickness or in health, because they believed it the will of God. They set up a government by the consent of the people; they wrote laws to safe-guard the rights of the common man. The Bill of Rights and Constitution was inspired by the teachings of the scriptures. Now the aristocrats of the Old World were appalled at giving governing power to the common man. T called it mob rule, and said it wouldn't But it did last, although not without its er and mistakes. And there will always be er and mistakes, but ultimately, in the democr way, truth and justice will always prevail. a Frenchman created a great statue for new nation; a Jewish girl wrote the inscripti "Give me your tired, your poor, your hudd masses yearning to breathe free . . ." This v nothing more than an effort to copy the of the Christ who stands over the world a says, "Come unto me all ye who labor a who are heavy laden. . . ."

But just as Michelangelo's statue on t struggle for freedom is unfinished, so t struggle for freedom in our world is ne finished. But my message to you on this J 4th weekend, 1964, is that we continue struggle for freedom in the tradition in wh it was begun and that our efforts for freed in our nation and world be motivated by G And, so I say to you this morning, wheth you are a Democrat, or Republican, wheth you are a States Righter or Nationali whether you are a die hard segregationist a liberal integrationist, whether you are intellectual or a pragmatist, whether you a white or black, let your struggles and effo for freedom all be motivated by God.

Modern Day Struggle For Freedom Must Also Be Motivated By God

Not only do we face the temptation consider the struggle and fight for freedo is over, but also to work for freedom under lesser motive than the religious one that pr duced our American heritage. There is gre danger in America and throughout the wor that the fight for freedom may be motivate merely by humanitarian ideals, legalistic jus ice, expediency, personal envolvement or our own practical reasoning. While these a all valid motives for freedom, they cann produce the kind of freedom or the kind spirit that was personified in the Revolutio and the spirit of our Founding Fathers in '7 Freedom achieved by any motive less tha because "God created man in His own image cannot have any permanence. Freedom achie ed from such motives have the temporar nobleness and beauty of a freshly cut flowe but soon it will wither, fade and die, becaus it has no roots to sustain it. In America throughout our world, we are confronted wit the danger of groups and philosophies tha are not motivated by God. We have extrem Civil Rights groups that fight for freedo and equality merely because of humanisti ideals, personal envolvements, or legalisti justice. We have anti-Civil Rights groups tha fight for what they call their freedom wit motives such as social patterns and customs social inequality, practical reasoning, an from a feeling that they are "being force to do something against their better judgmen without any choice. We have extreme Civi Rights groups that we know are not motivate by God. We have the White Citizen's Council and like organizations that we know are no motivated by God. We have the Black Muslim and the KKK that we know are not motivate by God. We even see in some of the effort that our own country makes for freedom i parts of the world motives less than the kind that our American Freedom was founded upon. We give Foreign Aid often for expediency, to enlarge the American Market, t compete with Communism, to improve our world reputation rather than because we believe that "God created all men in His image," therefore making all life sacred, all men are brothers, and because we believe that freedom is a gift of God which is the right of all men. We do not treat men equal on the basis of humanitarian ideals, but because all men are created in the image of God; not because we are all good or the goodness of man, but

cause we are all sinners in need of salvation. But before we go any further, let us qualify rselves as to what we mean by Freedom. rst of all we mean the freedom that a man rewarded or penalized on the basis of his ent and effort, not on the basis of someone ie. This is justice. This is the great freedom at has made our country what it is today. . Wallace Hamilton in his recent book, **The under of Bare Feet** (Published by Revell ., 1964), tells of a teacher who could not ake any progress toward reasoning with a ass of students that was Socialists-Communs. They would not listen to reason regardg the fallacy of their thinking. In an effort convince the students of the wrongness of eir thinking, he gave them an examination. me of the class made 95 and some of them ade 55. He took twenty points from those ho made 95 and gave it to those that had ade 55 giving everyone a score of 75 on e examination, thereby enabling all to pass. ie next time he gave an examination, the ades were much lower and the quality of ork was not up to par, for the better stunts and the poorer ones had lost their intive. We believe in a freedom that men e rewarded justly on the basis of their lent and effort as in Jesus' story of The Talts. Every man must get only what he earns gardless of his race or color. But every man ust have the right to take the course, to take e examination, and to be given what he serves regardless of his race. Men must be garded as individuals, not as groups.

Also, by freedom we do not mean the right do as we please. We do not mean the eedom to infringe on the rights of others -that is not freedom. As Paul expresses it, r freedom without restrictions and discipline t is to freedom that you have been called, y brothers. Only be careful that freedom es not become mere opportunity for your wer nature. You should be free to serve ie another in love. For after all, the whole w toward others is summed up by this one mmandment, "Thou shalt love thy neighbor thyself." But if freedom means merely that u are free to attack and tear one another pieces, be careful that it doesn't mean that etween you, you destroy your fellowship together" (Gal. 5:13-17). Here is the conflict, nd that is why you are not free to do what ou want to do. At the intersection of our reets we have traffic lights which deny some ie right to pass through while it permits thers to have the freedom to go through afely. Freedom is a disciplined life demanding any checks and restraints. We do not mean ie freedom to publish pornographic literare, to have a bar in our Capitol building in Vashington, to have threatening groups like ur Black Muslims, KKK, and other unmerican Activities Committees and groups hat intimidate and attack the freedom of itizens from our Presidents on down.

On this July 4th weekend, we should thank God that we live in a land of freedom and in country that is blessed with a sacred heritage. We live in a land which is the greatest ation on the face of the earth. It is time that ve in America, and especially here in the outh stop our bickering and complaining and e thankful for the right to live in such a and as this. Everyone should have the opportunity to travel abroad for like everyone who oes, they would return home thankful for eing an American. I am aware that there re many of you that are concerned about he passing of the Civil Rights Bill, and many ejoice over it. There are many of you that eel that the Civil Rights Bill goes too far nd infringes upon the sacred rights of some eople. But I want to say to you that you an have faith that if there are parts of the Civil Rights Bill that are wrong, that they vill be changed in the due and democratic rocess of the law, and that if it is right, it will stay, because in the democratic process, truth and right will always prevail in the end for we have a nation that is for the people, by the people, and of the people. Our only concern should be that all our efforts and struggle for freedom, regardless of our philosophy or party, should be motivated by God, and because God made man to be free.

Norman Vincent Peale once told the story of an eight-year-old girl who went to see the Statue of Liberty for the first time. The trip out in the harbor to the Lady of Liberty was the high moment of her life. That night as her father was tucking her in the bed, she said, "I am thinking about that beautiful lady we saw today. I am thinking about her standing out there in that dark world holding up the torch of liberty with nobody to help her. Daddy, shouldn't the beautiful lady have somebody to help her hold up her lamp in that dark harbor?" Yes, little girl, everyone should be helping her hold up the lamp of liberty to a dark world that the Light of Christ may light up the dark corners of our world and set those that are captive free. Let us all be a part of the unfinished struggle for freedom, but let us be sure that all that we do is motivated by God.

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Sunday School Lesson

For August 30

By Raymond A. Smith
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Possessing the Promised Land

Background Scripture: Joshua 1 through 6: 21:43 through 24:33

Lesson Scripture: Joshua 1:7-11; 23:19; 24: 14-17

From time to time throughout Christian history various people have suggested that the Old Testament be eliminated from Christian Scripture. Our Lesson for today (especially if one reads Joshua 1 through 6) will furnish one of the reasons for this opposition. Here, in the story of the conquest of Canaan we have great religious fervor mixed with an invasion in which Joshua commands the ruthless killing of all the inhabitants of Jericho, even the animals. According to Joshua 6:24: "The city itself he burned up, with all that was in it; only silver and gold and articles of bronze and iron, they put into the treasury of the Lord." Joshua also laid a curse upon anyone who would attempt to rebuild the city (see Joshua 6: 26). The fulfillment of that curse is reported in 1 Kings 16:34.

It is impossible to reconcile the actions of Joshua (whose name means "The Lord is Salvation") with a name-sake of his, Jesus (a form of the name, Joshua) over a thousands years later. What we have to do in this case is to make an effort to put ourselves back into Joshua's time. It was his belief that he was doing the will of God. He was, to a degree, although not entirely, a child of his age. And we, too, are children of our particular time in history; no matter how hard we try not to be. And, before we condemn Joshua too severely we need to remind ourselves that the bloodiest wars of modern times have been fought between the so-called Christian nations. Remember, too, that we had the case of Lidice, a town wholly destroyed by the Germans in World War II. Also the atomic attack upon Hiroshima and Nagasaki, in which thousands of non-combatants were killed and other thousands doomed to slow death or permanent distigurement, is a historic fact which reflects no glory upon our nation. And to crown all these horrors we have the savage spectacle of 6,000,000 people dying in the death-camps of Germany for no other reason than that they were decendants of this same Joshua about whom we are studying in today's lesson. And recall, too, that this happened in a nation that had had the Christian religion for over a thousand years!

From these memories of war and death let us now turn to another, and more inspiring part of our lesson Scripture. Chapters 23:1-24—24:33 contain the farewell address of the aged warrior, Joshua. We are especially interested in his address to the assembled tribes at Shechem, an ancient and important shrine of the Hebrews.

Joshua begins his speech by reviewing the history of the people of Israel, reciting the many mighty acts of God that had been done in their behalf. This appealing to history has been a major note in patriotic and religious orations over the centuries. One recalls Abraham Lincoln's famous Gettysburg speech in which he begins: "Fourscore and seven years ago our fathers brought forth on this continent a new nation" and closes with the sentence which contains the words "this nation under God shall have a new birth of freedom."

Joshua, after reminding the people of God's mercies, appeals to a new commitment to the faith of the fathers, such as Abraham. He climaxed his appeal with a firm declaration of personal dedication: "Choose ye this day whom ye will serve . . . . . but as for me and my house, we will serve the Lord."

According to the record, the response of the people was overwhelmingly favorable. They said: "The Lord our God we will serve."

There is still a "promised land" to fight for. It is the promised land of the Kingdom of God, the greatest theme in the teachings of Christ. It is not like Canaan, bounded on the east by the Jordan River and on the west by the Mediterranean Sea. It is a Kingdom that has no boundaries of space and time. It is the Kingdom of Love, which, if men will but enter it, they will join the immortal company of those who have made their lives count on the side of God's Great cause —the salvation of the world!

Louisburg Fine Arts Center

Louisburg College announces the opening this fall of another wing of the Fine Arts Center.

Completely remodeled from a building which was formerly used by the city school system as the dining area has come a well-equipped art workshop and display studio opened one year ago and now a modern music wing occupying the former home economics department.

In the music wing is a large, well-lighted classroom designed to seat 40 students with built-in cabinets for choir materials. A studio with two pianos and a modern office are adjacent to the classroom.

This remodeling enables the college to make maximum use of this building which was purchased in 1961 from the Franklin County Board of Education. Officials of the college extend a cordial invitation to the public to view this renovation.

Methodist Student Movement And Mission Study Group

"Biblical Faith and Ethical Revolution"

Methodist Student Movement Southeastern Study and Mission Conference August 26-September 2 Lake Junaluska, N. C.

By Max Hale, Jr.

The Southeastern Regional Study and Mission Conference will begin August 26 at Lake Junaluska, North Carolina. The Conference will be for the purpose of personal enrichment but more important to equip college and university students for mission in the world. Students at the conference will consider the problems of campus Christian life, discuss the essentials of Christian faith, explore disciplines of Christian living and dscover the significance of the church.

The speaker for the conference will be Dr. James Gustafson, professor of Christian Ethics at Yale Divinity School. Before his appointment to the faculty he served as minister of Northford, Connecticut Congregational Church .Thus he knows the ministry both as practitioner and teacher.

Himself the son of a minister, Dr. Gustafson received his B. S. from Northwestern University in 1948, B. D. from Chicago Theological Seminary in 1951 and his Ph.D. from Yale in 1955. He was the holder of a Guggenhiem Fellowship in 1959-1960 and was in residence at Lund University, Sweden. In 1962-63 he was a Visiting Professor at the Harvard Divinity School and divided his work week so that he taught at both Yale and Harvard that year. Dr. Gustafson will address himself to the theme of the 1964 Conference, "Biblical Faith and Ethical Revolution."

The preacher for the Conference will be the Rev. Powers McLeod, District Superintendent of Mobile District, formerly pastor of the Auburn Methodist Church, Auburn, Ala. He has been a member of the Alabama-West Florida Conference since 1943.

Student leaders in local Wesley Foundations or other MSM units professional workers in the Methodist Student Movement, fraternal delegates from other campus ministries, International students and representatives of minority groups who might not have organized units of the Methodist Student Movement nearby are all especially urged to register for this conference. The Educational Director for the Conference will be the Rev. Maxwell Hale, Director, Wesley Foundation, Auburn University, will serve as the dean. Other adults and students from the Southesast will contribute leadership to the Conference.

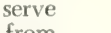
Dr. Smith to New Post

The Rev. Dr. Eugene L. Smith, New York, chief executive of the general overseas missions program of The Methodist Church, has been named executive secretary of the World Council of Churches in the United States.

The missionary leader will succeed Rev. Dr. Roswell P. Barnes as head of the world organization in this country. He also will serve as executive secretary of the U. S. Conference for the World Council Churches. The conference is made up the council's 30 member churches in t United States.

Announcement of the appointment can from the WCC Executive Committee whi met in Tutzing, Germany, July 27-31. D Smith, who resides in East Orange, N. will assume his new duties October 1. T World Council is composed of 209 mer ber churches throughout the world.

Dr. Smith, 52, has served as general se retary of the Division of World Missions the Methodist Board of Missions since 194 As a chief administrative officer for t large U. S. mission board, he has headed missionary force of more than 1,100 pe sons in 47 countries of Europe, Asia, Afri and Latin America. The World Divisio has an annual budget of about $12,500,00



The Upper Room Chapel, Museum an Devotional Library at Nashville, Tennesse were visited during the second quarter of th year by 16,654 registered persons.

The Rev. Dr. J. Manning Potts, editor of The Upper Room, interdenominationa daily guide, said that forty-nine states wer represented and that during this period time visitors came from forty-two countrie

Groups numbering 329 used the Chape Thirty-eight communion services were held One hundred and eighty-five buses brough the groups to visit and view this religiou center which has become known around th world.

North Carolina Conference

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AUGUST 22 - 23, 1964

THEME: *EVANGELISM—Our Witness*
"Set Us Afire Lord; Stir Us We Pray . . ."

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WALTER F. ANDERSON—Director of the State Bureau of Investigation
ROBERT C. ROSE—Conference Director of Lay Evangelism

Discussion Groups	Leaders
1—Unit of "The Twelve"	George Forehand
2—Unit of "The Twelve"	Bill Marley
3—Unit of "The Twelve"	Wade Pierce
4—Visitation Evangelism	Rev. L. C. Vereen
5—Prayer—"Teach Us To Pray"	Rev. C. W. Goldston
6—Local Church Retreats	Walton Thompson
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Sabbath-Keeping Essential to Health

By Rev. C. W. R. J. Anderson M.A., B.D.

God made man. He examined the result of His creative genius and pronounced it very good. When a human artificer makes an article, and if his mind is set on making it perfect for the purpose for which he has designed it, he is not satisfied until he is assured of its perfection for that purpose. Being a wise workman he knows what the finished article is capable of doing: he knows what strains and stresses it will have to endure in that doing: he knows what must be done, how it must be treated from time to time, to enable it to continue to discharge its functions continuously and well. It has been found in the case of all, especially of intricate machinery, that from time to time it must be rested from its work, examined, cleaned and reset. Even a furnace has to be thus treated if it is to work successfully. Continuous work and strain rapidly wear out any machine and the more quickly the more delicate the machinery.

God is the supreme artificer. Man is the noblest and finest, probably, of all the ages, things and beings which God created and made. He made man for a definite purpose: to be His personal companion and friend. But, being on the earth, he must be governed by the laws of earth, that is by those natural laws which control the existence, well-being and endurance of everything in and on the earth, including, of course, the seas. Man therefore must so be made as to be able to bear with equanimity the strains and stresses to which his existence on the earth must subject him. Being delicately and wonderfully made, these strains and stresses, which the Word of God calls "causes of stumbling" and "temptations" as well as "work" and "labour," would prematurely wear him out and make him eventually useless to God and weary of himself unless due and full, reasonable opportunity be given for examination, cleansing and resetting, in other words for complete rest for the whole man, that is, for his body, mind and spirit. Hence God made man capable of the blessings of health-giving and recuperative sleep. Modern man in the mad rush for change and for pleasure is ruining himself with his late nights and scanty sleep. Hence the prevalent neurasthenia. But while sleep gives rest to body and mind, it does not rest that essential part of man, his spirit. Moreover during sleep there is no time nor opportunity for self-examination, not even to the body, still less of the mind and the spirit. Hence no cleansing nor resetting can take place during sleep. Even a babe awakes when it is washed or bathed. Moreover, just as a man-made machine can neither cleanse itself, nor reset itself, so man cannot cleanse his mind and spirit from the soil of sin and weakness nor reset his life that it may be in harmony with God and fulfill His divine, eternal purpose. Hence man needs not only the hours of sweet sleep but a time when he is awake with all his faculties alert, a time for God's presence with him, that God may examine him, cleanse and refresh him, and reset his life for him that he may be healthy, happy and useful to God and the world in which God has placed him. So in creating man and placing him in earthy surroundings, God also commanded him to keep the one day in seven, called the Lord's Day, as a holy day, a day set apart for intercourse between God and man: "Remember the Sabbath Day to keep it holy" is not a law made by a selfish tyrant nor an ordinance intended to hinder man from the enjoyment of a full life, but the statement of the wish of a loving Father and wise Creator Who knows what is best for His child, and what, at the same time, is essential for the delicate and highly-strung creature, man.

If individuals only realized their real needs and sought their own true good, each and all would diligently keep this God-given law. "The Sabbath was made for man and not man for the Sabbath" is not merely a Bible statement; it expresses an essential fact of man's existence, an essential factor in his health, happiness and general well-being. Those who keep the Day of the Lord as a Holy Day, visiting God's House, enjoying God's company, submitting to His scrutiny, accepting His cleansing by virtue of the death of His son and the efficacy of His self-sacrifice, being reset and re-oiled by His Spirit, know what rest and refreshment and reinvigoration this brings. Those who do not so, suffer more grievously than they know—not because God personally punishes but because their nature is such that without a Sabbath thus spent, they start a new week, tired, out-of-gear, resentful. This is the source of much labour unrest and of much of the nervous exhaustion from which so many, young and old, today suffer. The individual for his own sake, for the sake of his loved ones, for the sake of his workmates and for the sake of his fellow-countrymen, should return from the ways of the world to the ways of God and begin—and continue—to keep the Sabbath Day a Holy Day. God wants to be gracious and to bless, but He will not be gracious to, nor bless, any one person, or any nation unless they keep the laws of their being, which are the Laws of God.

"Joy & Light"—Lord's Day Observance Society

CAROLINA BRIEFS

¶ Guest teacher for the R. L. Pope Bible Class of Memorial Church, Thomasville last Sunday was Miss Lounelle Selle, who has just returned from the Peace Corps in Bolivia.

¶ Guest minister at Broad Street Methodist Church in Statesville last Sunday was Rev. John K. Miller, pastor of Race Street chuch. Rev. Walter Lee Lanier is pastor of Broad Street Church.

¶ Mr. William E. East, City Editor of the Winston-Salem Journal and Sentinel, filled the pulpit last Sunday morning at Green Street Methodist Church in Winston-Salem. The pastor, Rev. E. Paul Hamilton, and family were on vacation for several days.

¶ Pleasant Grove Methodist Church, Charlotte, will hold Homecoming services September 13. Attorney Paul Ervin, who is an active member of the Providence Methodist church. Charlotte, will be the speaker. Rev. Ernest D. Page is the pastor.

¶ Rev. and Mrs. E. C. Durham of Raleigh recently celebrated their fiftieth wedding anniversary. Brother Durham is an honored retired member of the North Carolina Conference in which he served many years as an effective pastor.

¶ Rev. and Mrs. A. L. Thompson, of Southern Pines, have returned from an extended trip to the Holy Land, and European Countries. The trip was a gift of one of the members of Mr. Thompson's church at Southern Pines.

¶ Revival services were conducted last week at the Shiloh Methodist Church, Thomasville District. Rev. Lawrence E. Barden is the pastor. The visiting preacher was Rev. Herbert T. Penry, of the Pleasant Grove Church.

¶ Dr. Wilson O. Weldon pastor of West Market Street Church, Greensboro, will preach each day at the Georgia Pastor's School August 31 to September 3. The school is for the two Georgia annual conferences, and is held at Macon Georgia.

¶ Rev. and Mrs. Ben F. Stamey now reside on Route 1, Lewisville, N. C. Mr. Stamey states he is now able to accept preaching appointments if any pastor would like to use his service. He expects to receive a regular assignment at the next conference.

¶ Rev. and Mrs. Vernon C. Tyson announce the birth of a daughter, Julie Hart, August 12, 1964, at Lee County Hospital, Sanford. N. C. The Tysons now have two sons and two daughters. Mrs. Tyson is the former Martha Buie of Biscoe. Mr. Tyson is pastor of Jonesboro Heights Methodist Church, Sanford.

¶ Commander Earle G. Dalbey, formerly supervisor of ships, U. S. Navy, Ingalls Shipbuilding Corporation, Pascagoula, Mississippi, has joined the staff at High Point College as Business Manager after retiring from the Navy this summer. W. Lawson Allen, who has been Acting Business Manager, has returned full time to his duties as Director of College Relations.

¶ Rev. Fred K. Macon, campus minister at the University of North Carolina in Greensboro, preached at both services last Sunday morning at Central Methodist Church, Asheboro, in the absence of the pastor, Rev. N. Carson Williams, who was on vacation. Mr. Williams will return to the pulpit next Sunday.

¶ Dr. Ford Philpot, Methodist Evangelist from Lexington, Ky., will conduct three "One Night Revivals" in the Thomasville district September 4, 5, and 6. He will be at the Arbor Center Church in Davie County Friday, September 4; at Denton Central Church Saturday, September 5; and at First Church, Lexington Sunday, September 6. All services at 7:30 p.m.

¶ Homecoming services have been planned for the Vance Charge, according to Rev. J. M. Benfield, pastor. Spring Valley will hold its homecoming service August 30. The guest minister will be Rev. Oscar Williams, a former pastor. Flat Rock church will have homecoming September 20. Guest preacher will be Rev. William Sherman, of Havelock, who is a former pastor of the charge. All former pastors, members and friends are invited to attend.

¶ The annual Homecoming Day was held at Andrews Chapel Methodist Church, near Durham, last Sunday, August 23, at 11 o'clock. Immediately following the eleven o'clock service, dinner was served on the church grounds. The pastor, Herman N. Ward, Jr., brought the "Homecoming" message. At 7:45 p.m. the revival services began with Rev. Nathan Byrd, minister of Glendale Heights, conducting the services each night through Friday.

¶ The editor of the Advocate spoke last Sunday morning at 10:00 a.m. to the Dred Peacock Bible class of Wesley Memorial Church, High Point; and preached at the Homecoming service at 11:00 a.m. at Fair Grove Church, just out of Thomasville. The Peacock Bible Class has something like 160 men on roll, with around two-thirds regular attendance. Dr. Sherron is the president of the class. Dr. James G. Huggin is pastor of Wesley Memorial Church. The Rev. George C. Starr is pastor of the Fair Grove Church. A large congregation was present for the Homecoming service on Sunday, and a delightful picnic luncheon was served following the worship service.

¶ Cold Springs Methodist Church, Route 4, Concord will observe Annual Homecoming Day on Sunday, August 30. Rev. Terry Hammill, a son of the Cold Springs Church and presently pastor of Royal Oaks Methodist Church in Kannapolis, will bring the message at the 11 o'clock worship service. A picnic lunch will be served on the church grounds at noon. At 1:45 p.m., an old-fashioned gospel and hymn sing is scheduled with several quartets from the Concord area, the adult, Senior High,, and Junior High Choirs from the church and other singers. All former pastor, former members, friends of the church, as well as all the present members are cordially invited to be present for the services and activities. Rev. Giles O. Bowman is the pastor.

¶ Donald H. Hayes, of Greenville, N. C., will serve as Instructor of Instrumental Music and director of the Brass Ensemble at North Carolina Wesleyan College, Rocky Mount, beginning in September, according to annonncemtnt from college officials.

¶ Rev. and Mrs. Edwin Hackney, recently returned from five years missionary service in India, will speak at St. Paul Church in Asheville next Sunday evening. A covered dish supper will be served at 5:45, at which time Mrs. Hackney will speak, and Mr. Hackney will preach at 7:30. Rev. H. Glenn Lanier is the pastor.

¶ Rev. Russell L. Young, retired, of Asheville, is keeping busy these days. He has served a year as pastor of Green Memorial Church, one of our very new churches, and has preached since annual conference at Francis Asbury, Forest City, Groce, and Haywood Street churches. He rejoices in these privileges, and is ready to assist his brethren in any way he can.

¶ Mrs. Dorothea Wright, a member of the English faculty and chairman of the Humanities Core at Bennett College has been granted a one-year leave of absence to accept a fellowship from the Southern Education Foundation at Atlanta. Mrs. Wright, who lives at 2602 West Market Street, will continue work toward her doctorate in English at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

¶ Homecoming services will be held at Harmony Methodist Church, Concord, Sunday, August 30. Dr. Ralph H, Taylor, district superintendent of the High Point District, will be the speaker at the eleven o'clock service. Harmony Church was Dr. Taylor's first appointment. Dinner will be served on the grounds at 12:30, and at 1:30 there will be a service of music and song. Friends of the church are invited to this service. Rev. Johnnie E. Hawkins is pastor.

¶ The Walstonburg Methodist Church is having its annual Homecoming September 20, 1964. It is hoped that the churches of the community, and friends and loved ones of the church will join in this event. Opportunity will be afforded friends to inspect the Youth Center that has been renovated this year. The church plans to have an active youth program in the Snow Hill sub-district of the Greenville District. Rev. C. R. Hollowell, the pastor, invites everyone to attend. Dinner will be served after the morning worship hour.

¶ Mrs. T. N. Mann, sister of Rev. Ernest C. Durham, one of our retired ministers, was gracious enough to drop the editor a note recently expressing her appreciation for the morning devotions he was conducting over Television Station WFMY, Greensboro. Among other things she says "I have just passed my 87th birthday, and am so happy that God has been so good to me to let me enjoy attending church service in Carrboro. I enjoy our Advocate every week, so I keep up with our preachers and the news of our conference. Am sending my best wishes and praying God's blessings on you for many more years." The editor remembers Mrs. Mann pleasantly. Older members of the N. C. Conference will remember that her father was one of the shouting saints who always attended the annual conference sessions.

¶ Dr. H. H. Peterson, associate professor of Education and Phychology at High Point College, and Miss Gwendolyn Moore of West Lexington Avenue, High Point, were united in marriage last Sunday August 23, at the Spring Hill Methodist Church. Dr. Peterson is a member of the Western North Carolina Conference.

¶ Main Street Methodist Church, Salisbury, Rev. John R. Dawkins, pastor will observe Homecoming Day September 13. Mrs. Lennie Jacobs Stough, who is a minister and the wife of Rev. Frank Stough, will be guest preacher. Mrs. Stough is a former member of Main Street Church. All former pastors and members are invited to be present.

¶ Martha Jane Dennis, daughter of Rev. and Mrs. Carl W. Dennis and Richard Neal Lane, son of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Lane, Sr., of Morganton, were united in Holy Matrimony Sunday, August 16, 1964.. They will teach in the Davidson county schools and will live in Apt. 14, Parkview Apt. No. 2, Third Ave., Lexington, N. C.

¶ Swannanoa Methodist church in the Asheville District will hold homecoming services Sunday, August 30 at the 11:00 hour. The minister, Rev. Douglas R. Beard, will bring the homecoming message. After the service of worship there will be a picnic lunch served in the basement of the church. All friends, former pastors, and out of town members are invited to attend.

¶ Thomas Marvin Vick, III, son of Dr. and Mrs. Thomas Marvin Vick, Jr., of Raleigh, and Miss Mary Catherine Vick, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Ellsworth Vick of Raleigh, were united in marriage in Edenton Street Methodist Church Saturday, August 22, at 4:00 p.m. Officating were Dr. Vick and Rev. Robert Donald Carson, pastor of First Presbyterian Church of Sanford. Both young people attended Greensboro College. The bridegroom plans to begin graduate work in September at N. C. State, UNC at Raleigh.

¶ Bishop W. Kenneth Goodson of the Birmingham, Alabama, Area, officated last Saturday, August 22, at the Wedding of his son, Walter Kenneth Goodson, Jr., to Miss Doris Jeane Goodwin, daughter of Mrs. M. L. Goodwin of High Point. The wedding took place in Centenary Methodist Church, Winston-Salem, of which Bishop Goodwin was pastor until his recent election to the episcopacy. The young couple will make their home in Winston-Salem, where the bridegroom is employed by Frank Vogler and Sons. Both young people attended Pfeiffer College, and Mr. Goodson also attended Wofford College.

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LET'S GO TO CHURCH ON SUNDAY!

If you're feeling sort of rocky and disgusted
with yourself,
You haven't got the orders, and the goods
are on the shelf;
You've tried your best at smiling, but only a
grin will come,
And your temper's short and snappy in the
love-nest you call home;
You'll get a load of help from it and keep
from getting blue
If you go to Church on Sunday, as you
know you ought to do.

—*Anonymous.*



The North Carolina Methodist Conference's group of New Officers for its Methodist Youth Fellowship are shown at Duke University after recent election during the 13th annual MYF conference session held there August 10—14. Heading the 1964-65 officers is Joe Mann, left, of Sanford, serving a second consecutive term as president of the MYF in the conference. Other officers, second from left to right, are: Keen Gravely, Rocky Mount, vice president; Sarah Edwards, Gatesville, secretary; Cathy Mattocks, Rose Hill, treasurer; and J. B. Whitfield, Roxboro, publicity chairman. The new Officers were installed at a business meeting of the more than 500 conferees at Duke by J. Conrad Glass, Jr., of Raleigh, director of youth work for the N. C. Methodist Conference Board of Education. (Duke Photo by Jim Wallace).

Day Camp Sponsored By Saint Matthew's Church

The Saint Matthew's Methodist Church of Fayetteville sponsored a Church Day Camp at Camp Rockfish August 17-21.

Since this was the first time Camp Rockfish had been used for camping, the program featured "camping in the rough." The Campers made their " home in the woods" near beautiful Tom Upchurch Lake. Water, and all supplies were carried to and from the camp site each day.

The Campers reported that they enjoyed their camping experience more than the more expensive and elaborate private camps they had attended in past, because they got to do and make things for themselves. Twelve campers attended the five day camp.

Dr. Charles Stott of N. C. State College has completed the master plan for Camp Rockfish, Work is progressing on the access road and parking area, and plans have been submitted for a lodge and four cabins to be erected in the near future.

By next summer the Conference Board of Education anticipates having Camp Rockfish open for resident camping as well as day camping.

The fourth, fifth, and sixth graders from St. Matthew's Methodist Church enjoyed camping in this lovely setting, and others from the Fayetteville District and across the Conference will soon be able to enjoy this fine new camp.

CHRIST IS RELEVANT

Our problem is not "making Christ relevant." He is already relevant; He has always been so for every generation. The problem is one of communication. The Church must find the way and the words, and the spirit, with which to communicate the message to today's world.—*Bishop Kenneth W. Copeland, Nebraska Area.*

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EDITORIALS

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Let Us Use Discretion

No one has to tell us that these are days of tension, for each of us is able to sense that fact as we read the news media, attend gatherings, mingle with other people, and hear the various attitudes expressed concerning the racial situation, the political status, or the social conditions. Revolutions are always times of upheaval when changes are being wrought out and decisions of far-reaching significance are being made. That we are in such a revolution now is apparent.

The question arises as to what is the best thing to do. At heart most of us want to know and do what is right. The difficulty arises in determining what that is. There is perhaps no question that we have to confront on any subject but what offers differences of opinion in finding solutions. Just now we are facing both a racial upheaval and what could be a political crisis as we seek to find an answer to each of these problems. A lot of loose and irresponsible talk is going on, and some of it by persons who are least qualified to engage in it, although, under our democratic system, they have a perfect right to do so.

Because ministers and Sunday School teachers try to lift up certain things of importance in preaching or teaching, there are some people who read an ulterior motive into their expressions, and make charges which are unjustified and unfound. Some even become critical of the church because it faces and expresses the unavoidable responsibility of exercising Christian consideration in these things. Some will lay hold of some statement by one individual with which they disagree and declare that to be the unanimous opinion of every preacher and teacher in the church. They seem to forget that there is wide difference of opinion in the church itself on these matters. Ministers do not always agree with other ministers, and laymen do not always agree with other laymen. Each of them can be sincere in their opinion but one should not read the other out of the kingdom because they disagree. We like to feel that each is honestly endeavoring to find the right solution to a difficult problem.

This is a time for strong convictions, to be sure, but they should be expressed calmly and with consideration for all concerned. We feel that the most un-Christian attitude we heard expressed at General Conference in Pittsburgh last May was by a young minister who preached one afternoon. He was enthusiastic about the abolition of the Central Jurisdiction by that particular General Conference, and he expressed the belief that everyone who disagreed with him should be ex-communicated at once. Of course we realized he was young and somewhat inexperienced, and that he was also very enthusiastic about his belief, so in our mind we charged it up to immaturity rather than to a well-seasoned and experienced person whom we could afford to follow. And the conference evidently shared our belief for it did not follow his suggestion.

There is a danger now of taking the Church school lesson out of its context and using the time and material to argue for or against segregation or integration, depending on the viewpoint of the teacher. Too many people are looking for something critical, and try to see in every expression of our church leaders something with which they can disagree. They overlook the fundamental truth that is taught, and the challenge that is conveyed for men to exercise faith in God as they seek to overcome obstacles or solve problems. If our desire is to be God's people, then let us keep our mind on the goal and apply the Christian teachings and exercise the Christian spirit in all that we do and say, and we shall "become more than conquorers through Him that loved us and gave Himself for us."

THEME FOR THE WEEK

"I am the door; by me if any man enter in, he shall be saved, and shall go in and out, and find pasture."—John 10:9.

Festival Of Christ the King

Next Sunday, August 30, is the time for observance of the "Festival of Christ the King." This word for celebration of merrymaking comes to us from the Latin (*festum,* feast) through the old French tongue. The festival is an occasion for public rejoicing, of a religious, seasonal, national, or local complimentary character, in olden times always connected with the ecclesiastical ceremonies. In the sense in which we are using the term there can be no feasts unless there be some form of religion; and these two—festivals and religion — run parallel through all ages. The early Christian festivals were observed with a view to commemorating Christ and the canonized personages of the church. Hence, next Sunday offers an opportunity for all Christians to observe the Festival of Christ the King, and so rejoicing in His coming, and expressing through public worship gratitude for the promise of redemption made possible by His coming.

Methodist Laymen Meet at Junaluska And Louisburg

Laymen from both the North Carolina and Western North Carolina Conference met in Conference-wide laymens gatherings the past weekend. Large attendance was noted at each of the meetings, and great interest was shown in the laymen's programs.

Members of the Western North Carolina Cinference began arriving at Lake Junaluska on Friday. Some 400 hundred were expected to be present. Mr. Robert M. Smith of Mount Airy, Conference Lay Leader, directed the plans and program, which began at 3:00 p. m. Bishop Earl G. Hunt, the presiding bishop of the Charlotte area, was the keynote speaker, and also preached in Stuart Auditorium Sunday morning. A highlight of the three-day program was the discussion groups dealing with: Membersip and Evangelism, Lay Speaking, Work of the Official Board and Church Lay Leaders, Stewardship, New Trends in Methodism, City and District Layman's Work, and the New Quadrennial Program.

Among discussion leaders were Walter F. Anderson, of Raleigh, head of the State Bureau of Investigation; Paul R. Ervin of Charlotte, president of the Judicial Council of the Methodist Church; Dr. Edwin L. Jones, Sr., of Charlotte, treasurer of the World Methodist Council, Charles J. Henderson, Jr., lay leader of the Charlotte District; Rev. John H. Carper of Lenoir, Dr. Gilbert G. Stout of Chicago, director of Stewardship and Finance for the General Board of Lay Activities; and Mr. William B. McPherson.

It was felt that the entire program this year was of a high quality, and the laymen were inspired. Most of the meetings were held in Shackford Hall, including discussion groups.

Laymen from the North Carolina Conference gathered at Louisburg College Saturday under the leadership of Roy L. Turnage of Ayden, Conference Lay Leader, and remained through the Sunday noon hour. Services were held Saturday afternoon and evening and Sunday morning. The meeting was called a Laymen's Retreat and Revival, and the Theme was "Evangelism—Our Witness. Set Us Afire, Lord; Stir Us We Pray."

Singing was led by Rev. L. C. Vereen of Raleigh. Among the speakers were Bishop Paul N. Garber, presiding bishop of the Raleigh Area; Mr. Walter F. Anderson of Racligh; Mr. Robert C. Rose, Lay Leader of the Goldsboro District. Leading in group discussions were Mr. George Forehand; Mr. Bill Marley; Mr. Wade Pierce; Rev. L. C. Vereen; Rev. C. Wade Goldston; Mr. Walter Thompson; Mr. Robert Rose; and Mr. Charles McCullers.

Speaker for the closing worship service on Sunday morning was Walter F. Anderson. These retreats have been in the Lay Program of the North Carolina Conference for many years, and it was felt the one this year was among the best that have been conducted, with several hundred interested laymen, representing all sections of the conference, in attendance.

Conferences, Churches Giving Most To Home Missions Announced

Fifteen annual conferences of The Methodist church contributed a total of $1-047,217 to the Methodist home missions program during fiscal 1964 (the 12 months ending May 31, 1964 through the Advance Special plan of missionary giving. And 15 individual churches gave a total og $83,-095.

The first annual listing of the 15 highest-giving conferences and local churches to Advance Specials of the Division of National Missions, Methodist Board of Missions, has been prepared and released by the Board's Advance Department. Advance Specials are voluntary gifts to home and overseas missions, and to overseas relief, by churches, classes, groups and individuals over and above the giving by a local church to World Service, the basic Methodist general benevolence fund to which local churches pay on apportionment. In Advance Specials, the donor designates the project to which his gift is to go, and 100 per cent of the money goes to the project, with nothing being taken out for overhead.

The total giving to national missions through Advance Specials by Methodists in fiscal 1964 was $1,961,720. The gifts were to mission work in the United States, Puerto Rico and the Dominican Republic. Large amounts went to work in Alaska, Hawaii, the Rio Grande Conference (Spanish-speaking work in Texas and New Mexico), the Oklahoma Indian Mission Conference, inner city mission situations, Puerto Rico and the Dominican Republic, Advance Specials were used for minister's salaries, scholarships, church buildings and numerous other types of home missions work.

The highest-giving conference to national missions Advance Specials was the Oklahoma Conference, which contributed a total of $153,860. Second was the Ohio Conference with total giving of $116,810.

The local church giving the most to national missions Advance Specials was First Methodist Church, Coral Gables, Fla., with a total of $8,668. Second was Covenant Methodist Church, Springfield, Pa., which gave $7,200.

The Advance Department of the Board of Missions said: "The Division of National Missions is deeply grateful of these 15 conferences and 15 churches for their generous support of Methodism's home missions program through Advance Specials. Indeed, the Division is grateful to every conference and every church which has contributed to national missions during the past year—in whatever amount. Advance Specials comprise 22 per cent of the Division's total income and a much larger proportion—up to 50 per cent—of the Division's funds for mission work in such places as Alaska, Hawaii and the Oklahoma Indian Mission. Advance Specials are essential to the ongoing missionary work of the Division of National Missions."

The 15 highest-giving conferences to Advance Specials:

1. Oklahoma Conf. $153,860
2. Ohio Conf. 116 810
3. Texas Conf. 95.067
4. Florida Conf. 77,106
5. Southwest Texas Conf. 68,948
6. North-East Ohio Conf. 68,340
7. Central Kansas Conf. 67,233
8. South Carolina Conf. 62,475
9. Western Pennsylvania Conf.. 56,476
10. Virginia Conf. 56,316
11. Philadelphia Conf. 50,185
12. Western N. Carolina Conf. . 45.179
13. Kansas Conf. 43,958
14. Central Texas Conf. 43,893
15. Missouri West Conf. 41,371

The 15 local churches giving the most to Advance Specials of the Division of National Missions:

1. First Methodist Church, Coral Gables, Fla.—$8,668
2. Covenant Methodist Church, Springfield, Pa.—$7,200
3. First Methodist Church, Tipp City, Ohio —$7,113
4. St. Luke's Methodist Church, Oklahoma City, Okla.—$6,156
5. First Methodist Church, Pittsfield, Ill.— $6,025
6. St. Luke's Methodist Church, Houston, Texas—$5,518
7. First Methodist Church, Dewey, Okla. —5,381
8. First Methodist Church, Germanton, Philadelphia, Pa.—$5,270
9. First Methodist Church, Westfield, N. J. —$5,100
10. First Methodist Church, Bartlesville, Okla.—$4,820
11. Union Methodist Church, Brookline, Pa.—4,800
12. St. John's Methodist Church, Augusta, Ga.—$4,450
13. Park Place Methodist Church, Norfolk, Va.—$4,250
14. Asbury Methodist Church, Harrisonburg, Va.—$4,200
15. First Methodist Church, Pensacola, Fla.—$4,144

Board Of Social Concerns Asks Support Of Program

Full support for the new U. S. Civil Rights Act has been urged for all Methodists by the executive committee of the denomination's Board of Christian Social Concerns.

The statement is in keeping with action of the 1964 General Conference, which urged Congress to pass 'strong civil rights" legislation.

Signed by Bishop F. Gerald Ensley, board president, and others of the nationwide committee, the statement calls the bill's passage "a tremendous milestone in the moral and political development of the nation." It continues:

"We urge Methodist people everywhere to support not simply the letter but also relationships of the common life.

"Let us not listen to the voices of disobedience which would lead us into chaos in their attempt to preserve yesterday's injustices along with yesterday's values. The granting of basic rights to citizens long deprived of them will not threaten that which is truly sound and good in our society."



Swannanoa Church Paints Parsonage

The Methodist Men of Swannanoa Methodist Church gathered for two Saturdays recently and painted their parsonage. In addition to the two coats of white paint the men put in new screens in all the windows and put up green shutters around the windows in the front of the house. There was a great deal of fellowship experienced in the hours of work and the new looking parsonage adds a great deal to the church property. The men who took part in this project are: Mr. Vance Robertson, Mr. Earl Waddell, Mr. Hayes Connor, Mr. Haywood Farr, Mr. Joe Porcher, Mr. Jim Powlas, Mr. Whit Gibson, Mr. Alfred Astley and the pastor, Rev. Douglas R. Beard.

33 Deaconesses On Historic Summer Travel Seminar

Thirty-three deaconesses of the Methodist Church are on a month-long travel seminar to Europe, North Africa and Middle East. The study tour is expected to end August 30 after stops in England, Egypt, Lebanon, Syria, Jordan, Israel, Rome, and Switzerland.

While much of the seminar will be devoted to sightseeing, special briefings from state political and economic officers have been arranged in many instances. In Beruit, a professor from the American University will discuss the historical development of Christianity and Islam in the Middle East. here the deaconesses will also get acquainted with the work of the Arab Refugee Service.

From Beruit they will travel through Syria and Jordan and visit refugee camps and frontier villages, and there will be on-the scene discussions with government officials on the effect of the refugee situation on the youth of the land.

As they tour Israel and see the people and the country, the deaconesses are involved in pre-arranged political, economic and religious study sessions. In Rome they have been invited to the Vatican where a member of Pope Paul VI'S staff will lead a discussion on the hopes of the Vatican Council for church unity.

Their final stop will be Geneva, Switzerland, where they will visit the new headquarters of the World Council of Churches.

Directing the seminar is Dr. John Johannaber, academic dean of Scarritt College, Nashville, Tenn. Arrangements for the seminar were made through the Methodist Church's Commission on Deaconess Work of the Methodist Board of Missions in New York.

Methodist Convocation At Washington, D. C., Oct. 8-14

The philosophy, the tasks and the issues that are "The Mission of the Church in Social Change" will be stressed at the national Methodist convocation at Washington, D. C., Oct. 8-14.

This will be the second National Conference on Christian Social Concerns, primarily for the leaders from the nearly 100 annual conferences of the church. It will be their training ground for the Methodist social concerns program for 1964-68.

First two leaders to be announced for the week's meetings are the Rev. Lowell B. Hazzard, who will conduct Bible study each morning, and the Rev. Robert R. Powell, in charge of group work. Both are from the Wesley Theological Seminary Dr. Hazzard as professor of Old Testament, and Dr. Powell as professor of Christian education.

Participants will spend each morning discussing such themes as "by what authority does the church involve itself?" and "who speaks for the church?" They also will discuss their own assigned church positions in social action

Afternoons will be occupied with one of nine groups who will explore various issues through interviews and national leaders, visits to government offices and planning for church action. These groups will include welfare, crime and gambling; unemployment, poverty and automation; disarmament and economic conversion.

Speakers will present a series of outstanding issues each evening. On Oct. 12 the Mt. Vernon Players, from the Washington church, will present Robert Bolt's "A Man for All Seasons."

Many of the conferees are expected to follow the session here by going to New York City for a United Nations seminar, Oct. 14-16, at the Methodist-built Church Center for the United Nations. The program there will include attendance at UN meetings and discussion of international issues, particularly in reference to the new nations, which form one of the church's study emphases this year.

The conference is sponsored by the General Board of Christian Social Concerns. Coordinator is the Rev. Robert Regan, Jr. the board's director of organization and communication.

New Testament Scholars Meet At Oxford University

Director of the International Greek New Testament Project at Emory University, Dr. Merrill M. Parvis, will meet with British New Testament scholars at Oxford University in England on August 25-September 17.

Members of the three-week session will do research and edit a sample brochure on the gospel of Luke. The brochure will then be widely distributed so that scholars can criticize the work before the final edition is prepared.

It will be the first written results of the Project's work since it was founded in 1948. The group's long-range goal is the re-editing of the New Testament, using over 500 ancient Greek manuscript versions.

Dr. Parvis has been working with the project for 15 years.

Talk It Over

When the cares of life beset you,
And your eyes with tears grow dim,
When the burden seems too heavy,
Then just take it all to Him.

Talk it over with the Saviour,
He will wipe the tears away,
He will be your strength and comfort,
Tell it all to Him today.

When along life's rugged pathway,
Friends deceive and foes deride,
Then just take it all to Jesus,
Draw still closer to His side.

When your heart is crushed and broken,
Trouble gets the upper hand,
Just remember that He loves you,
And He'll always understand.

When death's angel hovers 'round you,
Takes from you the dearest one,
Do not doubt the Father's mercy,
For He gave His only son.

If within you there's a yearning,
That this world can never still,
Then you need Him, yes you need Him,
He can every wish fulfill.

—Mrs. R. M. Gatlin
Franklinville, N. C.

Student Christian National Federation Meets Sept. 6-11

Peace, racial justice and Latin America will occupy the legislative attention of 200 leaders in student Christian movements on college and university campuses across the nation as they gather in Chicago Sept. 6-11 for annual business sessions.

Meeting at George Williams College for a week, the sixth General Assembly of the National Student Christian Federation (NSCF) will take actions designed to shape, guide and structure program and policy for the coming year. "Legislation passed by next month's assembly will constitute recommendations and advice to NSCF's eight member movements," said the Rev. Leonard G. Clough of New York City, general secretary of the Federation.

"These three areas of concern—peace, race and the fate of Latin America—are among the most crucial issues facing the world and the church at this juncture of history," he declared. "Working papers in the first two areas have been prepared and distributed in advance by the appropriate NSCF committees. Member movements are now studying and reacting to these papers, which will be further studied, revised and perhaps rewritten completely during the assembly," he said.

Final drafts passed in plenary sessions will represent official policy and recommendations, and will serve as "resource and counsel from the Federation to its member movements," Mr. Clough said.

A related movement of the National Council of Churches, NSCF was born in 1959 through a merger of three major student groups: The United Student Christian Council founded in 1944; the Interseminary, founded in 1898; and the Student Volunteer Movement, which grew out of the "Haystack Movement" in 1886 and was founded by the late John R. Mott.

Missions Board Aids Burned Churches In Mississippi

Two small Methodist churches that were reportedly burned to the ground by racists in Mississippi, will be rebuilt as soon as possible, according to spokesmen of the Division of National Missions of the Methodist Board of Missions in Philadelphia, Pa.

Dr. H. Conwell Snoke, general secretary of the Division, said $10,000 has been advanced to each church so that they can start rebuilding right away

The two churches are Mount Zion Methodist Church, located about 10 miles outside Philadelphia, Miss., and New Chapel Methodist Church in Trenton, Miss., about 70 miles west of Mount Zion.

The Rev. Dennis R. Fletcher, a director of the Division's Section of Church Extension, visited the two church sites shortly after their destruction. He said neither church was directly involved in the civil rights movement in Mississippi, but that pastors were actively engaged in the struggle. It was the burning of Mount Zion Church that the three slain civil rights youths were enroute to investigate when they disappeared.

Mount Zion was burned on June 16 and New Chapel on July 6.

Dr. Snoke said that although the Division of National Missions has advanced the $20.000 for the immediate rebuilding of the churches, it is hoped that they will rebuild through contributions of Methodists throughout the country.

"We are asking contributions from people who are really concerned enough over what has happened," Dr. Snoke said. "However," he said "since the churches must be constructed right away, we have advanced the much-needed money until there are contributions enough to cover the costs."

Any Methodist churches or individuals wanting to contribute to the fund will be able to receive Advance Special credit. Contribution should be sent to Advance Department, Division of National Missions, Methodist Board of Missions, 1701 Arch Street, Philadelphia 3, Pa.

Korean Church Growing

The Korean Methodist Church is continuing its steady, rapid growth in membership, according to officials of the Methodist Board of Missions.

Statistics for 1963 show an increase of 11 per cent in the past ten years. Membership was 57,237 at the end of 1963, an increase of 6,715 over the 50,522 members reported at the end of 1962.

The Korean Methodist Church is an autonomous church body, which is affiliated with The Methodist Church in America.

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Senator Hugh Scott of Pennsylvania is quoted by the Congressional Record as saying: "Millions of Americans are walking the streets today who—but for the new drug discoveries—would have died long ago from pneumonia, flu, tuberculosis, and countless other diseases which now can be cured with medicines. Of 94 important drugs discovered since 1945 and in use today 47 were discovered in U. S. drug industries or by scientists working under industry grants."

A New Church in Denmark: A Medal To Laymen In Norway

A new church in Denmark, an award to a layman in Norway and the formation of an all-Methodist Singers League" in Norway are among the highlights in news dispatches to the Methodist Board of Missions from The Methodist Church in northern Europe.

A new Methodist congregation in Denmark has been organized in the capital city of Copenhagen, writes the Rev. Dr. Arne-Jacob Kristoffersen, Methodist news correspondent for Scandinavia. The new congregation gives Methodism a total of 36 organized churches, which have a membership (full and preparatory) of 3,816.

At a service recently at the First Methodist Church in Bergen, Norway, the Lord Mayor of the city presented the King's Medal to Methodist layman Monrad Teigland for his contribution to the social and religious life of Norway. In 1962 two Methodists received the King's Medal, layman Ragnar Horn, attorney and former Norway Conference lay leader, and the Rev. Dr. Einar Anker Nilsen, theological professor.

All the Methodist choirs in Norway have recently formed a National Singers League. The League sponsored the first Methodist Song Festival in Norway at Sollokka in June.

In other Methodist news from Scandinavia, Dr. Kristoffersen reports a shortage of fully ordained ministers in Sweden, necessitating the appointment of 15 local preachers and retired ministers to churches at the annual meeting of the Sweden Conference in June. The Union Theological Seminary (primarily Methodist) in Gothenburg, Sweden, will receive its first student from Africa this fall, a young ministerial candidate from Southern Rhodesia. Reception of church members in Scandinavia continues steadily, if not in large numbers, with the latest report being of the confirmation of five girls and two boys into the membership of the Methodist Church in Grankulla, Finland.

LETTERS

Monteague, Tenn.
August 15, 1964

Dear Dr. Starnes:

That was exceedingly kind of you to put my article on the front page, and it looks so nice, I would like to have as many copies as you can spare, up to 25 or less, and send me the bill for same. I am beginning to receive some letters from N. C. about it, highly appreciative. Under separate cover I am sending you one of my 14 publications, a short speech a short story of my life. I will be 92, August 17, which is next Monday. I have been preaching 73 years, and still preach, sometimes twice on Sunday. And often have professions of faiht in Christ. 3 to 9 at services of late. During 73 years, I have preached for a decision, have seen as high as 50 to about 100 professions in a single service. I do not know that I have a classmate or playmate living now, no doctor has found any trouble with my heart or lungs since I was a child. I credit a long life to the fact that I have not used any intoxicants or tobacco. I was raised on a farm, where we had a lot of stock, cattle, horses, hogs, sheep, etc., none would touch tobacco. The lower animal taught me a good lesson.

Sincerely
W. A. Swift

In Memoriam

MRS. JULIA MILLIKAN

We, the members of the Woman's Society of Christian Service of Highland Methodist Church wish to pay tribute to the memory of a beloved and our oldest member, Mrs. Julia Millikan, 92 years of age, who passed away July 7, 1964.

She was deeply dedicated to the Church, the Woman's Society, of which she was a Charter Member.

"Grandma Millikan," as she was affectionately known, was endowed with a spirit of friendliness toward people everywhere. she will be greatly missed.

Mrs. Virgil Moffitt, *President*
Mrs. G. E. Dowd, *Secretary*

Ground Breaking Service At First Church, Mount Olive

Ground was broken at First Methodist Church, Mount Olive, on Sunday morning August 16 at the worship service for a new Fellowship Hall and a Children's Building, with work to begin during the following week. First Church held a Crusade of Progress in January and February 1964 in which the minimum goal of $80,000.00 was exceeded. Bids have been let in the amount of $141,957.00 for the construction of a Fellowship Hall in front of the existing Education Building, a Children's Building directly in back of the present Education Building, renovation of the present Education Building and Sanctuary, with all units to be air-conditioned.

Rev. Christian White, pastor, led in the ground breaking service and was assisted by Fred L. Meacham, Chairman of the Building Committee; W. F. Harper, Chairman of the Official Board; Borden Kornegay, Chairman of the Commission on Education; W. S. Wilkins, Church School Superintendent; Mrs. Eva Wilkins, President, Woman's Society of Christian Service; C. D. Burnette, Sr., President, Methodist Men's Club; and Eddie Kornegay, Vice-President of the Senior High MYF.

The rain failed to dampen the spirits of the members of the congregation who braved the elements to observe the ground being broken on the site of the proposed Fellowship Hall. The service was broadcast over Radio Station WDJS, Mt. Olive.

Rev. John H. Abernethy Succumbs

The Rev. John H. Abernethy retired Methodist minister of Route 1, Whitsett, died August 17 at his home. He was a native of Mecklenburg County.

Surviving are his wife, the former Sadie Ingle; one son, James Abernethy of Greensboro; and one sister, Mrs. Mary Hyder, of Bethlehem, Conn.

Funeral was held at 3 p.m. August 19 at Springwood Presbyterian Church by the Rev. Charles Yeargen, pastor; the Rev. Billy Joe Leonard of Mount Hope Church and the Rev .John Settlemyre. Burial was in the church cemetery.

Methodist Youth Caravan

August 8, 1964

Dear Friends and Loved Ones:

After an unforgetable week in the beautiful country of Switzerland, the 1964 Caravan went through the usual routine of packnig suitcases and preparing lunch for a nine-hour train ride to Paris. On Sunday morning, Aug. 1, before leaving Geneva, the young people of the Caravan worshipped with people of many races, nationalities, and denominations at the American Episcopal Church while Mom and Pop attended the German-speaking Methodist Church. At the English-speaking American Church, the Negro Spirituals "Go Down Moses" and "Let Us Break Bread Together" were sung. The Geneva Hymn was played in observance of the Day of the Swiss National Festival, which was celebrated on August 1. the worship and Communion service was a meaningful experience for the members of the Caravan.

"Gay Paree" was most exciting in spite of the fact that we arrived exhausted and almost "broke." We had the opportunity of seeing the beautiful gothic cathedral Notre Dame—with its magnificent rose windows and its three great doorways. We visited the Louvre Museum, where we saw the "Mona Lisa" by Leonardo Da Vinci and other great masterpieces by Da Vinci, Michelangelo, Rubens, Hol bein, and others. The church of Sacre'-Coeur, Napoleon's Tomb, and the Arc De Triomphe were also visited. Some of the group went to Versailles where the treaty of peace ending the first World War was signed on June 28, 1919. Others went to see the Rounalt Art Exhibition and paintings by the French Impressionists — Van Gogh, Monet, Manet, and Degas. Of course, we had to attempt to climb to the top of the Eiffel Tower, but "Kinky" was the only one to make it all the way to the top.

On our last night in Europe, we celebrated Fred's birthday with a party and a trip to the theatre afterwards.

On August 6, the Caravan left Paris for Cherbourg to board the Queen Elizabeth for our voyage home. The days on board ship will be spent evaluating the summer's trip, completing our study of "Acts," and planning our program for the Caravan Retreat to be held at N. C. Wesleyan College in Rocky Mount on August 28. We hope to see every former Caravaner there.

The Caravan leaves Europe with mixed feelings—sad to be leaving; yet happy to be going home to share our experiences with you. As a result of this trip, we hope to become more appreciative of and thankrul for those wonderful blessings which we Americans too long have taken for granted.

As this is being written, we are about halfway across the Atlantic on our way home. We expect to be able to leave the ship in New York sometime on Tuesday morning, August 11, if all goes well. We should be home long before you read this letter.

The entire Caravan—Sarah Lu, Nancy, Eve, Betsy, Fred, Jeffrey, Kenneth, Hubert, Mom and Pop—expresses its profound gratitude to Mrs. Edna Rogers of the Conference Treasurer's Office for the wonderful job she has done in getting out the newsletter each week to so many people. Without the generous contribution of her time and talent, we could not have sent the newsletter to you each week. We feel certain that you join us in this expression of gratitude.

Thank you for your support and letters and good wishes and prayers. We pray that God may bless you.

Sincerely,
1964 Methodist Youth Caravan

(To Caravan Members and Others: The pleasure of handling these mailings was all mine. Thanks for the opportunity. E.R.)

Homecoming And Revival At Long Street Methodist Church

Long Street Methodist Church will Observe Homecoming on Sunday, August 30, 1964. Church School will be at 9:45, Service at 11:00. All former pastors, members and friends are cordially invited.

A former pastor, the Rev. George Clay, retired, will preach at the 11:00 service. Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Peacock will sing "How Great Thou Art."

Following the 11:00 service, the members, former members and friends will gather on the church grounds for a picnic dinner and fellowship hour. Mr. Jack Poole will deliver the Homecoming welcome. The Rev. Earl M. Hansell is pastor of Long Street Church in East Spencer.

Revival services at Long Street Church will begin with Homecoming on Sunday, August 30.

Services will begin at 7:30 each evening with song service under the direction of Mr. Carl Horton.

The Rev. John Kendrick will be guest minister for the Revival Services.

Mr. Kendrick is a graduate of High Point College and attended Duke Seminary. He has served as pastor of Main Street Methodist Church in Salisbury and churches throughout the WNC Conference.

—A. L. Kesler
Church Lay Leader

Regional Conferences On Pensions Oct. 13 to Nov. 18

Principals and techniques of pensions for Methodist ministers will be studied at five regional conferences to be held across the nation this fall.

According to the Rev. Claire C. Hoyt, associate general secretary of The Methodist Church's General Board of Pensions, the schedule for the two-day workshops is:

October 13-14—Philadelphia, Pa.
October 15-16—Atlanta, Ga.
October 21-22—Evanston, Ill.
October 28-29—Dallas, Texas

November 17-18—San Francisco, Calif.

Each annual conference Board of Pensions will be asked to appoint up to five representatives to attend the conference scheduled in its particular region.

"We hope to help annual conference pension officials to a greater understanding of the principals underlying pension programs and to provide information to assist in their administration," Mr. Hoyt said.

Federation Makes Second Grant Of $2,500 To High Point College

The Federation of Societies for Paint Technology has made a second grant of $2,500 to High Point College.

The funds are to be used as scholarships by students interested in studying paint technology.. The gift was presented by A. E. Schwartz of Spruance Southern Inc., of Winston-Salem, a member of the federation's board of directors.

Accepting the grant was Dr. Edmund E. Cummings, director of HPC's Chemical Coatings Center. The gift is a continuation of the one made by the federation last year.

Liquor Is To Blame

A mother has a broken heart,
Her eyes are dim with tears;
Untimely wrinkles on her face
Reveal her dread and fears;
For as the years have come and gone
Her husband's made a sot,
And gives small comfort to her life,
But troubles, O a lot;
Then add to this the shame,
But liquor is to blame!
Her home is wretched, O indeed—
A place of poor abode,
Where poverty and want and woe
Have made a great inroad!
The children hear no father pray,
Whose voice is harsh and stern,
And oftentimes hear him speak the words
That cut and sting and burn—
With this he is aflame,
But liquor is to blame.
Then in the country where he lives
(Oh, pause a while and think!)
He's helped to injure other homes
By causing them to drink;
And from these homes perhaps there's gone
Some ruined, blighted youth,
Who'll never know God's saving grace,
Nor His uplifting truth,
Nor have a noble name,
But liquor is to blame.
Oh, cursed liquor! Why not hate
This blight of humankind,
That's killed its millions through the years
and wrecked them, soul and mind?
Just think of what some might have been
In godliness and love,
And how they might have led the way
To heaven sweet above;
But O the awful shame,
And liquor is to blame!

—Rev. Walter E. Isenhour
Taylorsville, N. C.

Missionary Killed In Congo

A Methodist missionary has been killed in the Cenrtal Congo as hostilities between rebel and government forecs continues to spread throughout the country.

Accordicng to the Methodist Board of Missions in New York, the missionary has been identified as the Rev. Burleigh A. Law, Jr., 45, of Tallahassee, Fla. He was reportedly killed on August 4 at Wembo Nyama, a rural mission station established by Methodist missionaries 50 years ago. The station is now under control of rebel troops and at least six other missionaries are said to be under house arrest.

Mr. Law was an evangelist and construction supervisor who first went to the Congo in 1950 from the pastorate of the Campbellburg (Ky.) Methodist Church.

Missionaries said to be under house arrest are Dr. and Mrs. William S. Hughlett, Coco, Fla., the Rev. and Mrs. Douglas L. Crowder and their two children, Randolph, Nebr.; the Rev. and Mrs. Larry Pleimann, Lake Charles, La.; and Dr. and Mrs. Nicholas Siksay and one child, from Canada.

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Bishop Newell S. Booth, head of the Harrisburg Area, has just presided over his 21st and final session of the Methodist Central Congo Annual Conference at Wembo Nyama in the heart of the Congo.

Haywood County Youths In Spiritual Activities Week

Eleven young people have dedicated their lives to full time Christian service and many others have recommitted their lives to God as a result of the second annual Haywood County Sub-District Methodist Youth Activities Week for Junior and Senior high youth.

The Aug. 3-6 series of meetings, at Long's Chapel Methodist Church near Lake Junaluska, featured the Rev. Mark Rose, Jr., pastor of the Franklin Circuit near Franklin, as keynote speaker. He talked about, "The Deeper Dedication."

An average 110 young people attended the sessions which sought to "help each young person to re-examine his own life, to dedicate it to God and His service in the light of the goals which Jesus set for His life."

Recreation during the evening meetings was led by Miss Wanda Norman, director of education at Central Methodist Church in Canton, and Miss Martha Griffin, director of education at First Methodist Church, Waynesville. The program also included discussion groups led by workers with youth and ministers from various local churches.

The week was closed with a service of Holy Communion on the final evening, led by the Rev. Mr. Rose.

St. James Methodist Church Homecoming

A homecoming service will be observed at St. James Methodist Church in Newport Sunday, August 30. The eleven o'clock message will be delivered by a former pastor, Rev. Ralph L. Fleming, now of Westover Methodist Church in Raleigh. Following the morning service, a picnic lunch will be served at twelve-thirty. At two-thirty p.m. Dr. R. Grady Dawson, Superintendent of the New Bern District will hold a dedication service for three new air-conditioned classrooms added in the education building. From three until five p.m., St. James pastor, Rev. Irving E. Cook, and his family invite everyone to an open house in the parsonage. Friends of the Church are invited to attend all of these services.

Quotes From A Methodist

"This generation is going to solve the race problem in America and each one of us is going to have a part in it, if we do not delibertely elect to stand apart from it. We are rapidly coming to the place where we will be as ashamed of our treatment of the Negro citizens in this country as we are ashamed of our treatment of the Salem (Mass.) witches."—Bishop James K. Matthews of Boston, Mass.

"It is as easy to lose Jesus Christ in natural commoness as it is to obscure him in myth and mystery. Indeed, our greatest present danger is to reject the Christmas story only to settle for a hero who is to be as much respected but no more worshipped than Abraham Lincoln or Woodrow Wilson."—Bishop James S. Thomas of Des Moines, Iowa, at the National Convocation of Methodist Youth.

On A Wide Circuit

By W. W. Reid

On the Ministry of the Laity

"The ministry of the laity—a phrase that s being heard from the most solemn inter- national assemblies to local congregations —is the service and witness of the lay Christian in the world: the proclamation of he gospel and the making manifest to the vorld the Christ who is its light. Another vay of saying it is that *every Christian is missionary.*"

So notes Leonard M. Perryman, mission- ary journalist, in a recent article in which he continues:

"There is, of course, the 'set-apart' min- istry such as that of the ordained pastor nd the professional career missionary (both of which are desperately needed); but it is the everyday man-in-the-pew who is also called to witness to his Lord. If you want to describe all of the above by using the older perhaps simpler phrase, 'taking Christianity into everyday life,' you would be saying about the same thing

"There are two ways in which the laity perform their ministry. One is through the organized church. This we know by the term, 'working in the church.' The other is witness in the world, in everyday life—putting your faith to work the other six days of the week as well as on Sunday. Both of these ministries are necessary; they complement and overlap each other; they are not mutually exclusive.

"A word about *the laymen's ministries through the institutional church*: some of these we tend to forget or fail to do: Every member of the church giving faithful attend- ance upon its Sunday worship services. Every member willing to do the work of an evangelist, that is, getting out and calling on prospective new members (evangelism is not just the job of the preacher). Every member being friendly to both strangers and old friends in church. Every member willing to give volunteer service to the church in the many capacities needed—choir member, usher, member of a commis- sion, Sunday school teacher, etc. Every member making a financial pledge to the church for its work in the community and around the world that represents a signifi- cant portion of one's material possessions.

"Next is *the ministry of the laity in the world.* Here we are operating in the milieu of everyday life, and sometimes the mak- ing of a Christian witness can be (as our British friends say) a sticky wicket. Here there are, on the surface, perhaps not as many areas for witness and service as through the institutional church. Here the day Christian is on his own; he must deter- mine from day to day and in varying situ- ations what his Christian witness should be. The best we can do is to suggest a few guidelines.

"Near the top is decision-making. In de- cision-making in all areas of life (political, economic, social, etc.), we face issues which very often deeply involve Christian ethics. Some of the more obvious are personal morality and integrity in one's occupation, race with all of its implications (and if the Christian doesn't make a clear witness here, his witness will be irrelevant to almost everything else), and more issues such as gambling and sex. In many of these areas, some will say, the organized church has a position, often having made a specific pro- nouncement. True, but it is the lay Chris- tian who must live out the church's pro- nouncement in his life.

"Lay witnessing certainly involves such things as common, everyday courtesy and brotherhood. For most of us, it doesn't mean street-preaching or handing out re- ligious tracts on the bus. It does mean bring- ing Christian ideas and perspectives, in the service club, the veteran's organization, the civic group, etc. To bring such perspectives to bear is not easy—but it is basic and essential. . . . As laymen may we be worthy of this supreme calling."

Attend Audiovisual Conference At Lake Junaluska

The North Carolina and the Western North Carolina Conferences were represented at the SEJ Audiovisual—Communication Seminar at Lake Junaluska, August 3-14, 1964. Extensive training in the use and evaluation of audiovisual and communication media were engaged in. Fifty-one delegates were in attendance from eleven annual conferences. Staff and resource leaders totaled fourteen.

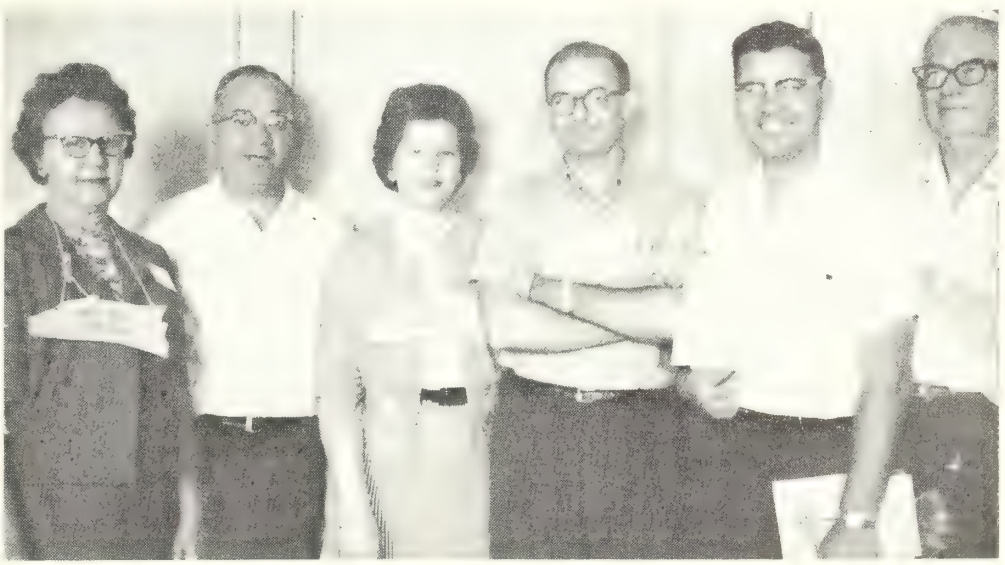
The purpose of this seminar was to develop skill in the use of projected and non-projected materials, and to develop a knowledge of learning theory and communication procedures.

The following Boards and Agencies were represented by the delegations: TRAFCO, Board of Education, Board of Missions, Board of Evangelism, Town and Country, and the Woman's Society of Christian Service.

The seminar was under the direction of Dr. B. F. Jackson from the General Board of Education. Other staff members included Sam S.Barefield, TRAFCO, Tom Nankervus, Editorial Division, Miss Barbara C. Campbell, Board of Missions, Mrs. Frances Winston, Board of Social Concerns, and others.



Left to Right: Claude Hartsell, District Director of TRAFCO; Glenn R. McCulley, Board of Education; L. E. Mabry, Board of Missions; Thomas F. Rickard, Town and Country; Ray F. Swink, Christian Social Concerns.



Left to Right: May Preddy, Librarian, Conference TRAFCO Office; Rev. Lafon C. Vereen, Executive Secretary, Conference Board of Missions; Mrs. Lafon C. Vereen, Conference Representative, Woman's Society of Christian Service; Leslie Page, Director of Christian Education, Edenton Street Church, Raleigh;Odell Walker, Fayetteville District Director of TRAFCO; C. Freeman Heath, Executive Director, Conference Board of Evangelism.

Hanford Closson, Methodist Home Missions Leader, Dies

The Rev. Dr. Hanford H. Closson, 63, the second highest executive officer of the national home missions program of The Methodist Church, died August 11 at a nursing home in Newton Square, Pa., after a prolonged illness. He had been a Methodist minister for 40 years and since January, 1961, had been associate general secretary of the Division of National Missions, Methodist Board of Missions. His office was in Philadelphia, Pa.

In his work with the National Division, which administers Methodist home missions and church extension work in the 50 states and Puerto Rico, Dr. Closson worked primarily in the areas of interpretation, planning and strategy. He spoke at various national meetings, in pastors' schools, at missionary conferences and on other occasions.

Dr. Closson came to the post of associate general secretary from the superintendency of the Rochester Methodist district, in which he served for two years. From 1941 to 1959, he was pastor of Grace Methodist Church in Rochester, where he received more than 1,800 persons into membership and baptized more than 1,000. He also had been pastor of Memorial and St. Mark's Methodist Churches, Troy, N. Y., and the Methodist Churches at Fultonville, N. Y., and North Adams, Mass.

Surviving are his wife, Mrs. Marion Benedict Closson of the home in Broomall, Pa.; two sons, David Closson, Rochester, N. Y., and the Rev. Richard Closson, Clarence, N. Y.; a twin brother, the Rev. Stanford Closson, Paw Paw, Mich., and eight grandchildren.

Mrs. Arthur J. Moore Died August 17

Mrs. Arthur J. Moore, wife of retired Methodist Bishop Arthur J. Moore, died Aug. 17 at her home in Atlanta, Ga., after a lengthy illness.

Mrs. Moore was married to the Bishop on April 26, 1906. The former Martha McDonald, she was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William A. McDonald of Waycross, Ga.

Mrs. Moore held the honorary doctor of laws degree from LaGrange College in Georgia. Considered one of Methodism's most colorful speakers, she spoke in churches and mission posts throughout the world. She was author of a number of articles in national publications.

Survivors include her husband; one daughter, Mrs. Lowell Means, San Antonio; three sons, W. W. Moore, Atlanta; the Rev. William Harry Moore, Americus, Ga.; and Arthur J. Moore, Jr., New York and several grandchildren.

The funeral was scheduled for Aug. 19 at Glenn Memorial Methodist Church on the campus of Emory University, Atlanta, with retired Bishop Costen J. Harrell and Dr. Eugene T. Drinkle, Dr. Rembert Sisson and other ministers of the Atlanta Area officiating. Entombment was to be in Westview Abbey in Atlanta.

Bishop Moore was head of the Atlanta Area before his retirement in 1960. Since that time, he has been traveling internationally as an evangelist.



Glenwood Church, Sanford District, Holds Birthday

Glenwood Methodist Church, located on Glenwood Road, Rockingham, will be 20 years old on September 4. The church was organized in the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Thrower on that date in 1944. The first pastor was the Rev. C. P. Morris, who at that time was serving the Rockingham Circuit. The first worship services were held on the second and fourth Sunday afternoons in the home of Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Bailey.

Since that year the church has shown steady growth. At present its membership is 290. The Church school has an enrollment of 264 and an average attendance of 147. The Methodist Youth Fellowship, Woman's Society of Christian Service, and Methodist Men are all active groups. The sanctuary was built in 1945 with educational building added later.

Ministers who have served Glenwood since organization are: C. P. Morris, W. B. Petteway, E. C. Crawford, G. H. Tyson, W. H. Cheek, G. C. Kinlaw, and M. L. Husted. Present pastor is the Rev. Robert Baldridge.

Louisburg College Will Provide Fine Arts Program

The 1964-65 season at Louisburg College will provide fine arts patrons with a varied program in the performing, literary, and graphic arts. Added to the fare of concerts, recitals, drama, opera, and art exhibits will be two new series—foreign films and distinguished lecturers.

Concerts patrons will be offered three fine arts concerts: The Luebeck Choir of Germany, October 19; the Hellman Concert Trio, November 9; and the pops concerts are The Glenn Miller Orchestra, September 10 and the Peter Nero and Company, March 10.

The usual Christmas and Spring Glee Club Concerts will be supported by additional recitals, plus frequent appearances of the Chapel Choir.

Drama presentations open with "The Wedding of Jack and Jill," a musical fantasy, written and produced by Robert Versteeg who is Director of Drama, November 13, 14 and 20, 21. Other productions are "Kidding With Love," a French comedy by Alfred de Musset, and a Shakespearean comedy, "Much Ado about Nothing," April 2, 3, 9, 10.

A new component of the arts program is the distinguished visiting lecturers. Prince Norbu of Tibet appears as a college guest October 26 to show a rare film of the escape of his brother. the Dalai Lama, from the Red Chinese. The spring lecturer is Dr. Robert Speaight, novelist, playwright, actor, and poet. The visit of this distinguished visitor from London is made possible by the Danforth Foundation.

Two symbolic films, made only as Bergman and Sucksdorff of Sweden can make them, will be shown December as an art medium of photography, symbolism, acting and production.

The Art Department offers at least nine exhibits, plus the newly acquired Conway gift exhibit. Exhibitions will be offered from the Southeastern Association of Artists, the Brady Lewis Galleries Ltd., the Ford Foundation, Corning Glass Company, and Burlington Mills. Sculpture and photography will also be presented for exhibition, plus a number of student, alumni and faculty shows.



CHILDREN'S PAGE

By Mary Gardner

Chee And The Eggs

Chee straightened her beads and ɔked shyly at the beautiful little ʏite girl. The white girl had laughing ɪe eyes and hair like the sun.

Chee herself had black hair and eyes d was as pretty as a smooth, brown estnut. Because she and her mother ere coming to town, she had put on new velvet blouse and a new, long, l, striped skirt, and silver beads, and quoise rings, and a silver bracelet.

Yet it was not her finery that Chee ıs thinking about as she straightened e necklaces. She was wondering ıether the girl could see the eggs ɔked inside the gathers of Chee's dress. ıose eggs had come out of the mission- y hen house, not ten minutes before. ıere was a great scratch on Chee's ıger where a nail had tried to stop her, ıen she wiggled in, quick as a wink, d peered into the three nests. One g in each. Large, white eggs.

Just a month ago Chee would have red nothing about them, for Navajo dians do not think eggs are good to t, nor chickens, either. But a month o big sister Estzain had come from hool, and ever since she had been lling Chee how good eggs really are, oked as the white people cook them.

So when Chee saw the three large hite eggs in the nest, she put them side her dress and was out again, alking through the yard.

It was then the girl spoke to her. Chee ıew very little English, and the girl ıew very little Navajo. But they under- ood each other, somehow.

"Oh," cried the girl, pointing to Chee's ınd, "you've hurt yourself. "Wait!"

She ran into the house, and out again, ırrying a basin and medicine and cloth. efore Chee could run her hand was the basin of water, then painted with d medicine, and bound up with hite cloth. Nor was that all. From her ɔcket the young nurse drew a colored cture card which she gave to Chee.

Chee's mother came riding along on er horse, swung Chee up with her, and arted homeward. Chee looked at the ırd as they jogged along. It was a pic- ıre of a Man with sunny hair and a ɛntle face.

Chee stared at the kind face. Then she ushed the eggs around where they ouldn't press against her. They hurt. hee had often taken things before. o one had ever told her it was wrong. et, now, with every step the pony took, ıe felt worse and worse about it.

Finally they came to their own sheep corral, empty now because brother Zing was herding the flock on the plains. Beyond it, among the cedar trees, stood their house, or hogan. It was like an Eskimo's igloo, made of earth instead of snow.

Chee went inside and sat down on a sheepskin. It was a nice hogan. The logs of which the frame was built came through on the inside, and tin cups hung on them as well as the frying pan and kettle. The rest of the furniture was a pile of sheepskin, which were used as beds, chairs, and table.

Chee's grandmother sat on the floor before a loom and wove a blanket of gray and white and red wool. While Chee watched her, the queerest thing was happening. Those eggs were growing heavier and heavier. She looked at the bandage on her finger. Would the girl have to go without breakfast? She looked at the picture card. She got up and slipped out of the hogan.

Along the sandy mesa she ran, and down the rocky road, holding to the eggs, for fear they would be jarred and broken. On and on she ran, until she reached the Missionary House.

It was supper time, and no one was in sight. Chee ran into the henhouse. And then it happened. On the sill she stubbed her toes and fell. For a long minute she lay breathless. Oh, dear, oh, dear! Whoever saw an egg that would stand a fall like that? She sat up and looked at the front of her blouse. No telltale trickle yet. Carefully she reached in. Strange! They didn't feel smashed. She drew them out, one by one.

Wonderingly, she put them into the nests and slipped out. The girl was standing in the kitchen door. She had not seen Chee, and the little Navajo flattened herself behind the wall and waited. Straight into the henhouse came the girl.

"Why, Mother, she called, "didn't you say our wooden nest eggs were gone? Well, they've come back! One, two, three!"

Chee didn't know enough English to understand the words; but she knew the girl sounded happy. So was Chee.

—By Florence C. Means,
from Picture Story Paper

A Thank You Prayer For Jesus

We thank You God, for Jesus who found some good in everyone; who knew that the good in a person grows when it is encouraged by love; who was willing to be a friend to those whom others disliked; whose love did change the lives of people. We would remember that we too can help people to have happier and better lives when we share our friendship with them. Help us to be brave enough to be kind and friendly to people who have hurt us or made us angry; to understand them and find ways of substituting love for hate.

Amen.

Flowers

God sends His warming sun and showers
To waken all the sleeping flowers,
To touch them with His beauty rare
And send new fragrance through the air

—Author Unknown

The Sunflowers

I picked off the sunflower heads
As easy as could be.
I played with them the morning through
And they all smiled at me.
Presently they faded
And I was sorry then—
But I couldn't put one sunflower back
And make them grow again.

—Author Unknown

Bible Quiz

One of Three

Underline the correct answer:

1.—Deborah was a Queen, a judge, the woman who tempted Sampson?
2.—Onenimus was a soldier, a slave, a scribe?
3.—Pilate was a king, a governor, procurator of Judea?
4.—Barabas was a murderer, a soothsayer, a co-worker with Paul?
5.—Agrippa was a physician, a king, a tentmaker?

Answers to Last Week's Questions

1.—Blind (Mark 10:46)
2.—High Priest (John 11:49)
3.—Jew (Romans 11:1)
4.—Warrior (Joshua 6)
5.—Boils (Job 2:7)

Just For Fun

A mother took her four-week son to the grocery store.

A little girl wandering about in the store was fascinated by the infant.

"We have one at home," she said, indicating the baby, "only he's bigger and has a tooth."

"Ours doesn't have a tooth yet," the mother said.

"If you'll hold him down, I'll look to be sure," said the little stranger.

After peering into the baby's mouth she said solemnly, "Nope—he doesn't have a tooth, but don't worry all the new ones come that way."

Woman's Activities

School Of Missions Held At Methodist College

Mrs. H. W. Doub

The Eighteenth Annual School of Missions and Christian Service of The North Carolina Conference Woman's Society of Christian Service was held at Methodist College, Fayetteville, N. C. the week of August 10-14, 1964.

In classrooms, clinics and study groups, 315 women from the eleven districts of the North Carolina Conference sought dilligently to find ways to implement in their lives the theme "That All May Have The Spirit Of His Love."

On Monday afternoon, the Orientation Period was held in the Library with the Conference President, Mrs. Sam A. Dunn, presiding. At this time the Study Jewel was presented to the Elizabeth City District. On Monday evening following the dinner, the Burlington District was hostess to a lovely party, held in the lounge of Garber Hall.

For the special music at the School. Mrs. J. C. Burwell, former Conference Spiritual Life Secretary again served as pianist and Mrs. P. F. Newton led the group singing. The theme Hymn was "See How Great The Flame" No. 500, The Methodist Hymnal and was sung throughout the School.

Each day was begun with group meeting for twenty-five minutes to have a depth study on the book of Genesis. Then all assembled in the Library for the Bible Hour on Genesis, taught by Dr. George M. Schreyer, of Pfeiffer College. This was followed by classes rom 10:10 to 12:00. In the afternoon clinics for local and district officers were held by Conerence Officers and Secretaries of Lines of Work.

The courses offered for credit were: 1—"The Church's Mission Among New Nations" taught in three sections by Dr. Leslie Sayre; Miss Florence Hooper and Dr. James I. Warren. 2.—"The United States Responsibility In The World of New Nations," taught by Dr. S. J. Womack. "Spanish Americans" was taught by Dr. Frederick A. Shippey and Mrs. T. N. Alexander. The Course on Purpose and Program In A New Age was taught in three groups by Mrs. Edward E. Sears, from the Woman's Division. Out of the enrollment of 272, there were 175 credit cards issued and 140 visitors took some training.

It was very gratifying to see so many attending this School for the first time. On interviewing one of these "first-timers" she said "After hearing about the School of Missions for several years. I made definite plans to attend this year and find out, for myself, what it was all about. My main purpose for the week was to better prepare myself for presenting our studies. My interest was also for personal enrichment and a better understanding of the full program of our Woman's Division.

Mrs. C. H. Boyd, Dean of the School, when asked for her evaluation of the School said she was very much pleased with every aspect. She expressed her sincere appreciation for the dedicated faculty and to Mrs. H. C. Turlington, Registrar and Mrs. C. D. Barclift, Business Manager. To Mrs. George Tinnin and her group for their gracious hospitality and to everyone who made a contribution.

This was the first time the School has been held at Methodist College and it wa indeed a rich experience. Everyone mar eled at the many services performed b Mr. Charles McAdams, Public Relation To say that he is "a ball of fire" alway ready to make everyone more comfortabl is putting it mildly. His fine spirit will n be forgotten. As we enjoyed the newness the campus and saw the equipment w have, in a small way, helped to provide, made the college seem very near to us. was with a great deal of pride that w viewed this place which has so many po sibilities to help mould young Christia lives.



Standing left to right, Miss Virginia Franks, Mrs. Leslie Begor and Mrs. Edgar Williford. Seated Mrs. J. C. Gilbert, Mrs. C. D. Barclift, Mrs. Edgar B. Fisher and Mrs. W. M. Bryan.

W. N. C. Conference

Mrs. John C. Wright

Campus Ministry

The real meaning of the work of secretar of Campus Ministry in the Woman's Societ of Christian Service was presented by Mis Mary Floyd, deaconess and professor religion at Pfeiffer College, at a meeting the Conference executive committee.

Miss Floyd said, "On the surface seems that we continue to operate with th same responsibilities, under a new title. B we do see a new challenge as we follow th old pattern, we are being predictive in th new name, we see that we are concerne with the TOTAL campus, with the student the faculty, the administrative officials—i other words, the TOTAL picture. Prior t this it has been just student work."

She continued, "We want to breathe int the title something important, we do n want to be colorless in work with our youn people."

She suggested that it will be helpful f secretaries to read, "The Protestant A proach to Campus Ministry."

The Methodist Woman says of this wor "Something new has been added. We a emphasizing our responsibility to ALL st dents, regardless of nationality color creed. The steadily increasing flow of foreig students on our campus presents to us challenge which is in many different way new to American culture."

Recordings of Message At Annual Meetin

Records have been made of the messag at the Annual Meeting of the W. S. C. S. Lake Junaluska in June and these are avail ble for use at district and local meetings.

These messages include Mrs. Ralp Ward's talk on, "Joyful to Follow Thee," D Clayton Calhoun's address, "This Side the Wall," Mrs. E. L. Glossbrenner's addres 'Telling Our Age," Mrs. Carl King's ad dress and Mrs. Julian Reeves' talk

One record contains the three meditation Bishop Nolan Harmon, who spoke on "Th Narrow View," Mrs. Ralph Ward, "God Will," and the Rev. Herman Duncan, 'Ad vance: Surrender, then Victory."

These records may be purchased throug the Administration Office, Lake Junaluska N. C.

Spiritual Life Retreat at Lake Junaluska

"Developing the Spiritual Life," was th subject of meditation for a group of Meth odist women gathered at Lake Junalusk for the Spiritual Life Retreat in July. Mr

lph Ward was the leader and Mrs. Flor-e A. Sherrill of Franklin was recorder. The groups presented a list of findings t are helpful to all Christian women in ir daily devotional periods.

In discusing, "What do we mean by the ritual life?", these conclusions were given: The Presence of the Holy Spirit in our es is deepening our spiritual growth. 2. e must have one eternal relationship. As lowers of Christ we have one anchor—d. 3. We cannot love without communion ween our Creator and us through Jesus. 4. ho hath seen me hath seen the Father, s is the miracle of our faith. 5. As we tness wherever we are word becomes flesh. Depending is all important. Growth is the notation. Growth is never completed in spiritual life.

Ways and means of obtaining the spiritl life. brought these suggestions: 1. Pray- is a means of growth. Prayer is communn with God. Our worship experience may me through quiet time of group worship Sharing in small groups— if the prayer oup gets too large, it may split. Christ ose twelve. The small prayer group is the ttern of study, prayer, sharing.

Problems of achieving spiritual life were ed: Busywork. Courage to do what the oly Spirit leads us to do. Listening to our ner voice—to know God's will in our lives. cleansing must come—resentment must .

eensboro District Bible Study

The Greensboro District is making careful ans to hold a district-wide Bible Study ss on the book of Genesis. It will be at est Market St. Methodist Church, Greensro, on Sept. 21-24 from 10:30 a.m. until on.

The Rev. Charles G. Beaman, pastor of rist Church, Greensboro, will be the cher.

The class is planning as an opportunity r all societies in the district to attend a dy for jurisdictional credit. Literature will on sale at the church.

Additional information may be had by ntacting Mrs. Max Tucker, District presint, Route 4, Greensboro, or by calling est Market Street Church.

aymen Write Resource Booklet

Three prominent Methodist laymen from many different sections of the nation are e authors of resource material released for in local church Laymen's Day presentaons October 11.

Theme of this year's observance is "Able Stand." The annual event is sponsored the Department of Lay Speakers of the eneral Board of Lay Activities here in -operation with the Department of United hurch Men of the National Council of hurches.

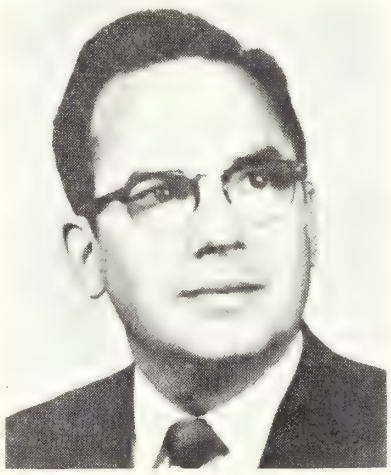
Developing various aspects o fthe overl theme in the resource book are Lyle L. illiams, St. Louis Park, Minn., Robert L. egley, New Canaan, Conn., and Fred R. cClanahan, Osawatomie, Kans.

Williams, a public school counselor, disisses the role of a Christian layman in his me; Fegley, a public relation executive, ress the part a layman should play in his cal church; and McClanahan, a life inurance underwriter, takes up the relationip of a Christian to the business world.

Dr. Frank L. Countryman Heads Quadrennial Emphasis

The Rev. Dr. Frank L. Countryman, Glen Ellyn, Ill., has been named a staff member of the Methodist Commission on Promotion and Cultivation and director of the church's quadrennial emphasis.

Dr. Countryman will assume his new post September 15. His appointment was announced by the Rev. Dr. Elliott L. Fisher, general secretary of the Commission on Promotion and Cultivation which has its offices in The Methodist Building, Evanston, Ill.



DR. FRANK L. COUNTRYMAN

Responsibility for developing the 1964-68 program under the theme "One Witness in One World" was assigned to the commission by the 1964 General Conference. Dr. Countryman will work with the staff of the commission and its special quadrennial emphasis committee headed by Bishop W. Vernon Middleton of Pittsburgh, Pa.

An member of the Rock River Annual Conference, Dr. Countryman has been pastor of First Methodist Church in Glen Ellyn since Julv 1. Prior to that he severd six years as superintendent of the Chicago Southern District, for ten years was pastor of the Elmhurst (Ill.) Methodist Church, and earlier held parishes in Kansas.

During his pastorate at Elmhurst the church grew from a membership of 400 worshipping in a temporary building to 2,100 members and a church plant valued at $500,000. During that period it helped establish two other churches in suburban Chicago.

Dr. Counrtyman is a graduate of Southwestern College, Winfield, Kans., and Garret Theological Seminary, Evanston, Ill.

Membership of the quadrennial program committee also was announced by Dr. Fisher. Including, in addition to Bishop Middleton, are:

Bishop Hazen G. Werner, New York; Bishop Roy H. Short, Louisville, Ky.; Bishop James K. Mathews, Boston, Mass.; Bishop Paul N. Garber, Raleigh, N. C.; Bishop W. Angie Smith, Oklahoma City, Okla.; Bishop Richard C. Raines, Indianapolis, Ind.; Bishop M. Lafayette, Harris, Atlanta, Ga.; W. Davis Cotton, Rayville, La.; Mrs. Charles W. Mead, Omaha, Nebr.; Robert G. Mayfield, Wilmette, Ill.; the Rev. Offie L. Hathaway, Durham, N. C.; the Rev. W. H. Handy, Jr., Baton Rouge, La.; the Rev. Theodore C. Mayers, Warren, Ohio; the Rev. Eugene L. Smith, New York; Mrs. Porter Brown, New York; H. Conwell Snoke, Philadelphia; the Rev. Samuel Araya, Santiago, Chile; the Rev. Eric Mitchell, Bombay, India; the Rev. Yap Kim Kao, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia; Samuel Tsopotsa, Umtali, Southern Rhodesia; Dr. Harry Denman, Nashville, Tenn.; Frank Baker, Bryn Mawr, Pa., Llyod Bertholf, Bloomington, Ill.; the Rev. Raymond E. Dewey, Witchita, Kans.; the Rev. Ben F. Lehmberg, Colorado Springs, Colo.; the Rev. Harry C. Spencer, Nashville, Tenn.; the Rev. Leon M. Adkins, Nashville, Tenn.; the Rev. Don A. Cooke, Winnetka, Ill.; and Mrs. John Gridley, Arlington, Minn.

Dr. Fisher is an ex officio member of the committee, as is Bishop Donald H. Tippett, president of the Commission on Promotion and Cultivation.

First materials in connection with the emphasis will be going out soon to district superintendents, Dr. Fisher said. The first major detailing of procedures will be at the district superintendents' convocation in Chicago in November.

The emphasis includes a local church self-appraisal program and action at community, annual conference, and world-wide levels. Each annual conference will develop plans for it its own particular situation.

"Missionaries To Us"

"Missionaries to us" is perhaps the best way to describe two Christian workers from overseas countries, who are beginning full-time service this summer in the mission of The Methodist Church in America.

One is a minister of the United Church of Christ of Japan (Methodist-related), who will be a missionary of that church to America. The Rev. Takahaski will be pastor of a church in Hawaii with a predominantly Japanese membership.

The other is a Chinese Methodist woman, who was educated in Methodist schools in China and worked for the Methodist Church in Mainland China from 1920 to 1952. Miss Mary Mei-Li-Liu, whose home is Philadelphia, Pa., has been accepted for service as a Meathodist deaconess, the first person from the Orient to become a deaconess in the United States.

The comig to America for missionary service of Mr. Takahaski and Miss Mary Liu is another illustration of the internationalization of the Methodist missionary force around the world. No longer are missionaries sent only from Amreica to so-called "mission lands" in Africa, Asia and Latin America. Now churches in the "mission lands" are sending missionaries to each other (examples: Argentina missionaries to Bolivia, Indian missionaries to Sarawak, Filipino missionares to Malaya).



Is Alcohol A Forgotten Problem?

D. W. Charlton

The problem of alcoholism has taken a back seat in the North Carolina Conference. While we have shown some concern about the victims of alcohol in the coming to the Conference of Tom Shipp, too little has been done to inform the people of the health hazards, perils, and debauchery of the liquor traffic.

For one thing, we have practically withdrawn our support from the Christian Action League of North Carolina, the only state agency that is specifically devoted to alcohol education, legislation, and rehabilitation.

Consider its projects for 1964: Classroom discussions to reach 20,000 high school students and assembly lectures for an additional 20,000 students. Programs are also being presented in churches, church schools, and civic groups. And a monthly publication is edited by D. P. McFarland, director of the league.

James Furman, associate director of the league, came to Kinston early in the year and spoke to some 1,500 high school and junior high school students, beside an estimated 200 at a church on Sunday.

The principals of the schools were very cooperative and the interest of the youth was sustained in the discussions on alcohol. Mr. Furman put the subject within reach and concern of the young people.

"Alcohol has a quick reaction on the brain and nervous system," Mr. Furman told the students. He described how the vision and judgment of the consumer are distorted, and often the drinker becomes color blind. A red traffic light may appear green and the driver may smash into a car with fateful results.

"Confused in sight and judgment, the drinking driver may see two bridges ahead instead of one. Then he starts to cross the one that isn't there."

"The wiser and safer course," Mr. Furman told the youth, "is never to take a drink. Then you will never have the problem of alcoholism on your hands."

Another thing, the tide of alcoholism is rising alarmingly in our country. There are five and a half million alcoholics, with another five and half million on the verge of becoming alcoholics. Americans drank 258,979, 291 gallons, or 1.37 gallons per person, last year, according to the Distilled Spirits Institute.

Drinking has costs the nation $35 million in medical care, $30 million in maintenance, and $500 million in wage losses annually. It has caused an increase in imbecility, idiocy, insanity, and mental deterioration.

Apathy concerning alcoholism is appalling. An old Quaker preacher said: "The main interest in the church is to have fine churches and the biggest membership." Many churches will not welcome a speaker on the alcohol problem.

The liquor business is tough, and no willy-nilly idealism, soft-spoken words, or complacency will meet the situation.

In thinking in terms of a solution, we should make strong protest by letters or otherwise to the agencies that are accepting huge chuncks of money in advertisement to promote the liquor business. They have sold out to the multi-billion dollar industry.

Meanwhile, we should go forward with an educational program. The truth about the effects of alcohol on the human body and behavior should be made known. By giving support to the Christian Action League of North Carolina, we could help to advance a program with a cutting edge in behalf of a sober America.

It is not our purpose here to criticise any individual, but to appeal to the Board of Christian Social Concerns and the N. C. Conference to give more adequate support to the problem of alcoholism.

Disappointment - His Appointment

"Disappointment—His appointment,"
Change one letter, then I see
That the thwarting of my purpose
Is God's better choice for me.
His appointment must be blessing,
Tho' it may come in disguise.
For the end from the beginning
Open to His wisdom lies.

"Disappointment—His appointment,"
Whose? The Lord, who loves me best,
Understands and knows me fully,
To my faith and love would test;
For, like loving earthly parent,
He rejoices when He knows
That His child accepts, UNQUESTIONED,
All that from His wisdom flows.

"Disappointment—His appointment,"
"No good thing will He withhold."
From denials oft we gather
Treasures of His love untold.
Well He knows each broken purpose
Leads to fuller, deeper trust,
And the end of all His dealings
Proves our God is wise and just.

"Disappointment—His appointment,"
Lord, I take it, then, as such.
Like the clay in hands of potter,
Yielding wholly to Thy touch.
All my life's plan is Thy moulding,
Not one single choice be mine;
Let me answer, unrepining —
Father, "Not my will, but Thine."

—Edith Lillian Young

Social Concerns Convocation Slated October 8-14

The philosophy, the tasks, and the issues that are "The Mission of the Church in Social Change" will be stressed at a national Methodist convocation Oct. 8-14.

This will be the second National Conference on Christian Social Concerns, primarily for the leaders from the nearly 100 annual conferences of the church. It will be their training ground for the Methodist social concerns program for 1964-68.

Participants will spend each morning discussing such themes as "by what authority does the church involve itself?" and "who speaks for the church?" They will also discuss their own assigned church positions in social action.

Afternoons will be occupied with one of nine groups which will explore various issues through interviews in such fields as welfare, crime and gambling, unemployment, poverty and automation, and disarmament and economic conversion.

Indian Churches Damaged by Flood, Fire

Initial work has begun on rebuilding Christ Methodist Church near here—one of several buildings used in the program of the Methodist Mission to the Blackfeet Indians—which was burned to the ground during the disasterous floods in Montanna in June.

The raging floods on the Missouri and other rivers also damaged the Methodist Church in Sun River, Mont., and slightly damaged the Indian church at Browning.

The Methodist Mission to the Blackfeet is a project of the Division of National Missions of the Methodist Board of Missions.

Three High Point College Students Received Awards

The Board of Education of the Metho Church has announced that three stude from High Point College have been nan as recipients of the National Metho Scholarship Award for 1964-65. The aw of the General Board of Education is p sented each year and amounts to $500 ea The students must apply, maintain an o all "B" average and must be active in Methodist Church. The following stude from High Point College have received award:

Myrna L. Morris, daughter of Mr. Mrs. Clarence Poe Morris of 5608 Winth Dr. Raleigh, N. C., has been very active the activities of High Point College. was a finalist in the Miss High Point Coll Beauty Contest in 1962-63 and in 1963- She is on the Women's Dormitory Coun on the Dean's List, and is a member of Phi Mu Sorority. Myrna is a Junior at H Point College.

Emily Sherrill, daughter of Mr. and M Wayne C. Sherrill of 119 Pearl St., Marie Ga., is a graduate of Robert L. Osbo High School, Marietta. She was very act in her home church, Fair Oaks Metho Church, Marietta. Emily is majoring in me cal tecnology at High Point College and sophomore.

Helen Ann Talley, daughter of Mr. Mrs. Charles Heyward Talley of 2105 Ke worth Ave., Charlotte, N. C., is a junior High Point College. She received the C Methodist Church (Durham) Metho Scholarship in 1963-64, and also the Me odist Fellowship award for two years. was secretary of the Student Christian sociation at High Point College during sophomore year. Helen is a member of Alpha Delta Theta, Christian Service So rity for Girls, a member of the Wome Dormitory Council, and is majoring in Ho Economics. She is a junior this year.

Mount Olive Sub District Elect MYF Officers

The new Mount Olive Sub-District M met Sunday, August 2 at 3:00 p.m. at F Church, Mount Olive to elect new offic for 1964-65. During the business sess the following were elected: Bette Walst Warsaw, President; Michael Wynn, Sm Chapel, Vice President; Janice Alphin, Be el, Secretary; Debbie Jackson, Fais Treasurer; Debbie Boyd, Mount Olive, P licity Superintendent.

The meeting was presided over by M S. B. Boyd, District Director of Youth W who also installed the officers. Refre ments were served by the host MYF, which Judy Vernon is president.

The elected officers met Wednes night, August 5 and appointed the follo ing program area chairmen: Faith: Li Farmer, Bones Chapel; Witness: Lorra and Alta Blanchard, Carlton Church; C zenship: Anthony Westbrook, Woodla Outreach: Walter Patten, Mount Olive; Fellowship: Robert Clifton, Faison. T group had an all day planning retreat the Cliffs of the Neuse on August 29th set up a schedule of meeting dates, p grams and projects for the year.

Sunday School Lesson

For September 6

By Raymond A. Smith
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Greensboro College

eaders For Troubled Times

ıckground Scripture: Judges 1 through 8
esson Scripture: Judges 2:11, 14-23

Our lesson for today is from the book of dges, an account of the events and personalities which occur in the history of the ebrew people between the invasion of anaan and the beginning of the monarchy the time of Samuel. The reader will uck by the "rough and ready" charac- r of these times. Reading the entire book ould take no more time than would a ory in a popular magazine. If the reader willing to spend the time, the writer will id passages no less exciting than those to found in many modern novels. Many these specialize in sin. There is no lack it in the book of Judges. Furthermore, Judges sin is taken seriously. The same nnot be said of much modern writing.

The key to much of the rudeness and olence found in this book can be seen a verse which occurs repeatedly through- it Judges: "In those days there was no ng in Isael; everyone used to do as he eased" (Judges 21:25 American Transtion). Sometimes people, especially youth, t the idea that life would be wonderful if ly there weren't so many rules and laws. ut life in the time of the Judges was any- ing but wonderful. A line of Studdert ennedy's runs like this: "Those were crude id cruel days when human flesh was eap." Not a bad description of the times escribed in our lesson!

Of major importance to our understandg of this literature is to note its philosohy of history. By this phrase is meant the ommonly accepted explanation of why ings happened as they did. Dominating the inking of the writer (or editor) of this ork is the conviction that victory over emies always follows obedience to God's aw, while disaster and defeat invariably llow disobedience. An example of this oint of view is found in Judges 2:11, 14-17 selected phrases): And the people of Israel id what was evil in the sight of the Lord id served Baals . . . so the anger of the ord was kindled against Israel, and he ave them over to plunderers who plun- ered them; and he sold them into the pow- of their enemies round about . . . never- eless the Lord raised up judges, which elivered them out of the hands of those at spoiled them." Notice that it was "the eople" who are to blame. Later the prohets laid much of the blame for evil times pon kings; but here it is the people themlves who have to assume the responsibili-, not the governing authorities.

In the pages of Judges, then, one finds vident on every hand the judgment of God pon sin. It has been said that this note as been missing from a great deal of the reaching and religious writing of the past eneration. But judgment is an indispensale part of concern. The parent or the teach- who never corrects, and never judges the hild or student, shows by that failure to ct that he doesn't take his responsibility ith seriousness.

Now it is very important that we understand that God doesn't get angry in the human sense. He reminds us of this in Psalms 50:21, where we read: "You thought that I was just like yourself" (American Translation). But, granting that God does not get angry in our sense of that word, we have to remember that divine moral principles do operate, and they operate relentlessly. Charles Kingsley wrote about the judgment of God in these words: "God judges all thing in heaven and earth without anger—yes, with boundless pity; but with no indulgence. If a ship sinks for lack of good sailing or other defect, that is a judgment of God about the ship. He has condemned her. She is not seaworthy. But if the ship arrives safe in port, that, too, is God's judgment. She is seaworthy and she has her reward. How simple this is! And yet men will not believe it. If we do not know and keep the laws of God, the laws will keep themselves in spite of us, and grind us to powder."

John Wesley Bond: Francis Asbury's Last Traveling Companion

Francis Asbury came to the New World for missionary endeavors in 1771 and passed from the American scene nearly fifty years later in 1816. He almost never traveled alone on The Long Road in these years. Ezra Squire Tipple in *Francis Asbury: The Prophet of The Long Road* (171) has given a partial listing of his traveling companions. Edward Bailey, Hope Hull, Nicholas Snethen, Sylvester Hutchinson, Thomas Morrell, Jesse Lee, Davis Hitt, Henry Boehm and John Wesley Bond. Research will reveal the names of others.

Born into a prominent Methodist family in Maryland in 1784, John Wesley Bond was to become Asbury's last traveling companion. John's brother, Thomas Emerson, born two years earlier than he, became a distinguished physician, local preacher and long-time editor of *The Christian Advocate* (New York), and died in 1856. The Widow Bond lived near Fallston, Maryland and was visited by Francis Asbury there in November, 1772 at which time he delivered an exhortation, he noted in his *Journal*.

John Wesley Bond was admitted on trail into the Conference at the conference room at Light Street Church in Baltimore on March 11, 1810, along with eleven other persons. He appears to have become the traveling companion of the aging bishop in 1814, a century and a half ago.

He accompanied Bishop Asbury regularly in the Carolinas, Pennsylvania, Ohio, Massachusetts and other states until the end of his distinguished career. He preached often on these itineraries. His name was one of the last mentioned by Asbury as he traveled through South Carolina for the last time and kept the final entries of his *Journal* in 1815. Bond was with Asbury at the time of his death in Spottsylvania County, Virginia. His message to Bishop William McKendree, then ill at the home of Dr. Wilkins between Baltimore and Philadelphia, was this: "Our dear father has left us, and has gone to the Church triumphant. He died as he lived-full of confidence, full of hope-at four o'clock this afternoon, Sunday, March 31, 1816."

What manner of man was John Wesley Bond, this highly privileged Methodist, whose life was to extend only five years beyond that of Francis Asbury and end at the age of thirty-five, who knew and loved and worked closely with the venerable Founder of American Methodism? Asbury himself has given one answer in this *Journal* (Clark edition), the text and annotations of which provide this minute biography. In a lengthy *Journal* entry made while in North Carolina in October, 1814, may be found these words: "Our ride brought us to Jarratt's, on Pigeon River. O my excellent son, John Bond! A tree had fallen across our way— what was to be done. Brother Bond sprung to the axe fastened under our carriage, mounted upon the large limbs, hewing and hacking, stroke after strike without intermission, until he had cut away five of them, hauling them on one side as he severed them, so that we passed without difficulty. Is there his equal to be found in the United States? He drives me along with the utmost care and tenderness, he fills my appointments by preaching for me when I am disabled, he watches over me at night after the fatigue of driving all day, and if, when he is in bed and asleep, I call, he is awake and up in the instant to give me medicine, or to perform any other services his sick father my require of him; and this is done so readily, and with so much patience, when my constant infirmities and ill health requires so many and oft-repeated attentions."

—Grady L. Carroll.

Dr. Jolly Spoke To High Point Graduates

Dr. J. Ralph Jolly, President of Greensboro College, was the commencement speaker at High Point College on Saturday, August 22, at 10:30 a.m. Dr. Harold D. Conrad, Director of High Point Summer College announced that Dr. Jolly would address 62 candidates for the Bachelor of Arts and the Bachelor of Science degrees as well as their families, guests and the faculty and staff at High Point College.

Dr. Jolly spoke to the subject "Heirs, Explorers, Dreamers" in his speech in the Memorial Auditorium on the campus.

Dr. Jolly is a native of Tallassee, Alabama and holds the A.B. degree from Birmingham-Southern College, the B.D. degree from Duke University, and the Ph.D. degree from Vanderbilt University. He majored in biblical studies while pursuing his doctorate at Vanderbilt.

Dr. Jolly has served as a Minister of Methodist churches, including the First Methodist Church, Athens, Alabama, where he was also instructor at Athens College. He is a clerical member of the North Alabama Conference.

He was elected Professor of Religion at Birmingham-Southern in 1956 and has also served as Dean of Students, Academic Dean, and Chaplain. Like High Point College, Birmingham-Southern is a coeducational Methodist institution which enrolls approximately 1100 students. He has in the last month assumed the presidental chair at Greensboro College.

Dr. Jolly is married to the former Jeanne Waters, and they have four children, ranging in age from a college freshman to a one-year old.

Oakview MYF Visits Washington and New York

The MYF of Oak View Methodist Church of High Point has just returned from a chartered bus trip to New York, the World's Fair, the United Nations and other sights of the city. They stopped for a night and day in Washington; made a trip through the halls of congress and into the galleries of both the Senate and House of Representatives which were in Session; went through the White House and to the tomb of the Unknown Soldier; to President Kennedy's grave and other places of interest in Washington.

The trip was planned and paid for by the MYF. They had bake sales, mowed lawns, washed cars, served as baby sitters, had church suppers, etc.

They were under the direction of the youth director, Kenny Brown. The trip only cost each person $13 plus eats and other extra activities. The pastor, Rev. Robert M. Hardee and Mrs. Hardee, with Mr. and Mrs. Coy Brown, Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Galloway, Mrs. J. S. Loftin, were the chaperones from the church—The trip was educational and inspirational.

Robert M. Hardee, *Pastor*

Commitment Theme Set

Reiteration of the Methodist stand for abstinence from alcoholic beverages, voiced by the 1964 General Conference, provides the theme for this year's Commitment Day —"Methodists Believe in Abstinence."

The observance will be Sunday, Nov. 8, changed for the the first time in many years from the first Sunday in December, to avoid conflict with Advent. The General Conference the past spring reworded its statement on alcohol but reasserted "its fundemental concern with the problems of alcohol and the conviction that its members should abstain from all use of alcoholic beverages.'

The new statement, according to Roger Burgess, who heads The Methodist Church's Division of Alcohol Problems and General Welfare is different from earlier ones in shifting from negative condemnation to positive affirmation and in changing its rationale from primarily historic grounds to emphasis on abstinence as "a challenge to a more discipline life in Christ, a witness based on Christian love and concern, . . . a matter of conscience and Christian responsibility."

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GOD AND COUNTRY AWARD

In June Michael Smith received his well earned God and Country Award at the First Methodist Church, Cary. From left to right, standing with Mike, who is seated, are Mr. Claude Smith, his father; Rev. Don Nagel, associate pastor; Rev. J. D. Young; pastor; Mr. John Bush, Scoutmaster. Mike exhibited fine dedication and a marvelous willing spirit as he earned his award. He is to be congratulated for running the good race.

Youth Cover Detroit With Scriptures

A dedicated group of 40,000 young people distributed over 900,000 Scriptures in the homes of Detroit and its suburbs from March 28 to April 4. This enormous program was initiated by Detroit Bible College students and city churchmen.

The Detroit metropolitan area was divided into ten districts with four subdivisions in each. A central church in each sector served as a supply depot for over 75 tons of literature. For twelve hours each day the city was canvassed by an army of 4,000 volunteer youths.

The American Bible Society provided 200,000 Easter Selections, containing the Resurrection Story from the Gospel of John, and 600,000 copies of the leaflet "Lost and Found," three parables from Luke 15. The Rev. Dr. Melvin E. Solau, Distribution Secretary for the Society's Central Region, addressed the workers at a kick-off meeting.

Volunteers attended orientation meetings in Detroit churches for several weeks in advance of the campaign; workers coming from distance received instruction sheets. Moody Bible Institute, Emmaus Bible College and Taylor University students were among the out-of-town workers. Over 50 Detroit churches offered their facilities, and members opened their homes to house the visitors.

The students who participated have set their eyes on similar crusades in other large metropolitan areas. Wherever such crusades are held the American Bible Society will participate, recognizing such campaigns as a most effective means of mass distribution.



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Duke Memorial Church, Durham, Opens New Education Building

The members of the Duke Memorial Methodist Church of Durham observed the consecration and formal opening of their new church school building during the past two weeks.

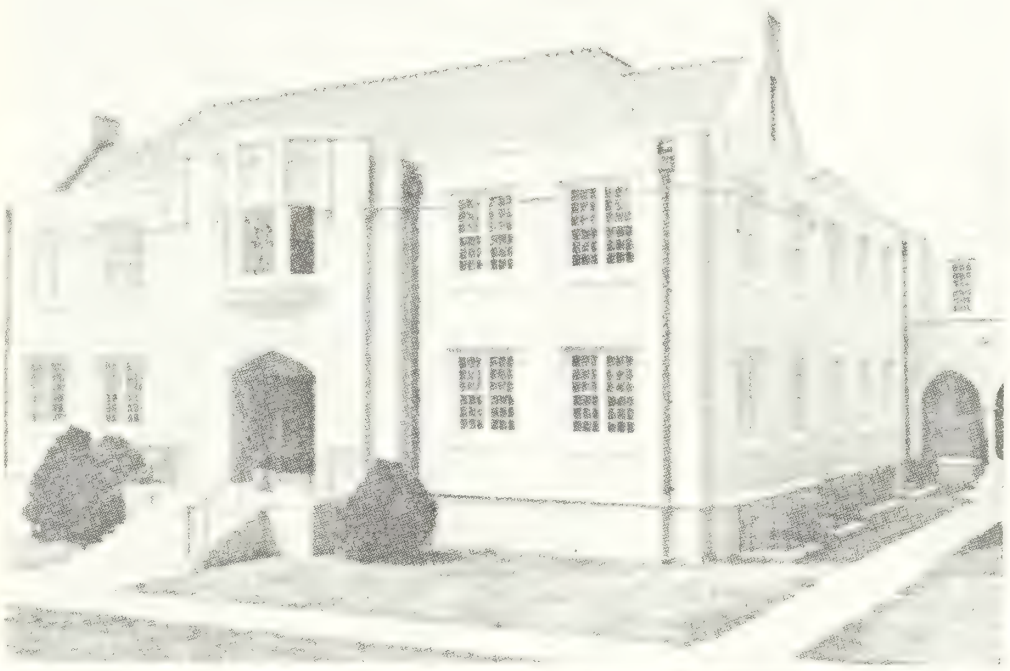
Bishop Paul N. Garber of the new Raleigh Area led the Consecration Services Aug. 23 and preached for the 11 a.m. service that day. Dr. O. L. Hathaway, Durham District Supt., also participated in the special service.

The members of the congregation, led by the choir, proceeded to the large fellowship hall in the new building for the consecration of the edifice.

Sunday, Aug. 30, members and friends of the church toured the new facilities and attended an Open House.

The erection, equipping and furnishing of the new three-story church school building represents an investment in excess of $450,000. The 30,000 square feet structure was erected adjacent to the existing educational building, which was erected in 1931, and the sanctuary building, erected in 1907. It is a fireproof, constructed of steel, brick and concrete, the exterior is

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Shown above, left to right are George C. Pyne, Jr.; Dr. O. L. Hathaway, Durham District Supt.; the Rev. Robert W. Bradshaw, pastor; Bishop Paul N. Garber; Dr. C. P. Morris, executive secretary of the N. C. Conference Board of Education; W. E. Whitford, church school supt.; and Rev. W. Warren Bishop, associate pastor.

CAROLINA BRIEFS

¶ The annual Set-Up meeting for the Fayetteville District will be held Tuesday, September 8, from 9:30 to 12:00 at Haymount Methodist Church.

¶ Rev. W. Reid Harris, of Hickory, preached at Westview, Hickory, Sunday morning Aug. 23 in the absence of the pastor, Rev. O. L. Easter.

¶ The Rev. and Mrs. Dwight Pyatt, of Central Methodist Church, Spencer, announce the birth of their third son, Andrew Clyde, on Sunday, August 23.

¶ Trinity Church, Wilmington, held its Youth Activities Week last week under the direction of Mrs. L. G. Begor, Mrs. Allen C. Lee, Mr. Franklin Thomas, and Miss Bettie V. Wright.

¶ Rev. and Mrs. M. Loy Kennedy announce the birth of a son, Edward David, born August 22. Mr. Kennedy is pastor of the Webster Charge in the Waynesville District.

¶ Rev. Max Lowdermilk, missionary to Pakistan, who is a member of the Western North Carolina Conference, will speak to the new Methodist Men's Club at Love's Methodist Church, Walkertown, Sunday morning September 6 at its breakfast meeting at 7:30 a.m.

¶ Youth Activities week was observed jointly last week by five churches in the Greensboro area. Participating were Lee's Chapel, St. Paul, Proximity, Carraway Memorial, and Newlyn Street. Theme for the week was: "The Church at work in the World Today." Pastors involved were: Rev. T. D. Adams, Rev. Charles E. Page, Rev. Phillip H. Gibbs, Rev. Frank Phibbs, and Rev. George B. Culbreth.

¶ Friendship charge in the Statesville District is planning to build a parsonage soon. This is a new charge formed at the last annual conference by taking three churches from the old Union Grove charge and one from the Olin charge. Rev. John S. Oakley is the pastor of the new Friendship charge. A lot for the new parsonage has been donated by Mr. Roe M. Daniels of the Friendship Church.

¶ Dr. Loy Witherspoon of Charlotte, a native of Catawba, N. C., will the guest speaker at the Homecoming in the Catawba Methodist Church on Sunday September 6th. Rev. R. C. Goforth of Hickory will teach the combined adult classes at 9:45 a.m. Former pastors, members and friends are invited to attend the service and remain for the dinner and fellowship that will follow. Rev. J. C. Vernon, is the pastor.

¶ Calvary Church of Charlotte will observe its annual Home Coming, Sunday September 13th. The Rev. C. Jerome Huneycutt, pastor, will preach. Picnic style dinner will be served on the church grounds following the eleven o'clock service. All former pastors, former members and friends are invited. A feature of the program will be outdoor singing. There will also be remarks by older members and former members. Calvary is ninety-nine years old at this time, having been organized in 1865.

¶ New officers of the North Carolina Conference Board of Ministerial Training for the new quadrennium are: President, Dr. J. V. Early; Vice-President, Rev. Henry B. Lewis; Registrar, Rev. Ben F. Musser, for Conference men, and Rev. Christian White for Approved Supplies.

¶ Mitchell Grove Church of High Point, N. C. observed Home Coming Sunday August 23. Rev. W. T. Albright, a former pastor, was the guest speaker. Rev. Algright is 93 years old, and still active for his age. Dinner was served on the grounds by members, friends, and relatives. Rev. J. Edwin Hawk is the pastor.

¶ Rev Vernon C. Tyson, pastor of Jonesboro Heights Methodist Church, Sanford, preached last Sunday morning in the Bethlehem Methodist Church at Claremont, in the Statesville District, of which Rev. R. L. Oakley is the pastor. Mr. Tyson and Dr. Howard P. Powell of Raleigh are preaching during the Balls Creek Camp meeting.

¶ Zion Methodist Church, Rockingham will have its annual Homecoming on the traditional Second Sunday in September, 13. Rev. M. C. Ellerbee of Lenoir, who entered the ministry from Zion Church will bring the Homecoming message. There will be the traditional dinner on the grounds, with plenty of good food, and an afternoon song service. The new educational building will be dedicated at the afternoon service. As is the custom, the week following Homecoming at Zion is Revival Week. This year our evangelist will be the Rev. Douglas Beard, of Swannanoa. Rev. Beard has many friends in the Rockingham area. Services will begin each evening at 7:30.

¶ The congregation of the Louisburg Methodist church honored Rev. G. W. Blount on the occasion of their annual picnic August 10, when they named their new education building "The George W. Blount Fellowship Hall." The plaque was unveiled, and Mr. Blount's wife and children were present, along with him, for the occasion. Mr. M. M. Person, Jr., gave an account of the long range plans, and Mr. Blount's response was a reply to the description of those plans. Mr. Blount served the Louisburg church during the planning for and setting in motion the new project. Following the program a bounteous picnic luncheon was served those present.

¶ Miss Doris Anne Robinson became the bride of the Rev. Dewey William Griffin in Richmond, Va. on Thursday evening, Aug. 27, at 7 p.m. Dr. Carl Sanders assisted the Rev. R. M. Robertson in a double ring ceremony at Boulevard Methodist Church. Mrs. Griffin is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George W. Robinson, 2124 W. Main Street, Richmond, Va., where she graduated from the Thomas Jefferson High School. The Rev. Mr. Griffin is the son of Mr. and Mrs. C. G. Griffin of 4471 Carven Rd., Winston-Salem. He is a graduate of High Point College and received his divinity degree from Emory University, Atlanta, Ga. Rev. Mr. Griffin now serves pastorate of the Mountain Park-Grassy Creek Methodist Charge.

¶ The Annual Homecoming of Delta Methodist Church will be held on Sunday, September 13th. Dr. Winkler, superintendent of Greensboro District, will be the visiting speaker at eleven o'clock. Picnic lunch will be served at twelve thirty o'clock and singing by quartets and groups will feature the afternoon program. Everyone is cordially invited.

¶ The Annual Homecoming Service for Memorial Church, Kannapolis, will be observed Sunday, September 13. The Rev. George W. Clay, a former pastor, will bring the homecoming message at 11:00 a.m. Lunch will be served picnic style in the church basement after the morning worship. The pastor, Rev. I. M. Brendle and the members extend a cordial invitation to all former pastors, former members, and friends to attend.

Dean Of Women At Methodist College

Announcement of the appointment of Dr. Gloria B. Merchant as the new Dean of Women at Methodist College has been announced by Dr. L. Stacy Weaver, President of the college.

Dr. Merchant, who is a native fo Illinois, will assume her new duties with the beginning of the college's new academic year in September, 1964

In the academic field Dr. Merchant holds the Bachelor of Music and the Master of Music degrees from Chicago Musical College. She received the Ph.D. degree in Musicology from the University of Iowa and the M.A. degree in history and social studies from Mexico Highlands University.

In addition to her administrative duties as Dean of Women, Dr. Merchant will also teach in the history and English departments.

She and her husband, Dr. Francis J. Merchant, a new member of the college's English Department, reside in the faculty apartments on the Methodist College Campus.

Missionaries' Wives, Children Released

The wives and children of five Methodist missionaries being held under house arrest by rebel forces at the Wembo Nyama mission station in the Central Congo have been released and evacuated.

According to brief reports received by the Division of World Missions of the Methodist Board of Missions in New York, the men are still being detained. They have been under arrest since August 4 when the mission station was seized by rebel troops who overran Kabunda in South Kasai province.

Those released by the rebels were Mrs. William S. Hughlett, Cocoa, Fla.; Mrs. Douglas L. Crowder and two children, Randolph, Nebr.; Mrs. Larry G. Pleimann, Lake Charles, La.; Mrs. Nicholas Siksay and one child, from Canada; and Mrs. Eugene H. Lovell, Old Hickory, Tenn.

Another missionary, the Rev. Burleigh A. Law, Jr., 45, was reported killed, but circumstances surrounding his death still are not known.

Conference on Evangelism Held at North Carolina Wesleyan College

The North Carolina Conference on Evangelism was held last week at North Carolina Wesleyan College, Rocky Mount, beginning Tuesday and running through Thursday. Main speakers were Dr. William R. Cannon, Dean of the Divinity School at Emory University, Atlanta, Ga., and Dr. Lawrence Lacour, Director of Spiritual Life of the Board of Evangelism of the Methodist Church, located in Nashville, Tenn. Mrs. Lacour also contributed to the program with her talent as an accomplished harpist.

The attendance this year was perhaps above that of any other year, and it was the expressed feeling that the program this year certainly measured up to, and possibly surpasses that of other years. The work of Evangelism in the conference is led by Rev. C. Freeman Heath, as executive director, Rev. Paul C. Browning, as president of the Board, and Rev. Alison Simonton, as secretary. Bishop Paul N. Garber, presiding bishop of the Raleigh Area, was present throughout the program and participated in various ways as speaker, leader of discussion, and celebrant of the Holy Communion. Rev. L. C. Vereen of Raleigh led the singing, and Rev. Bill Quick of Greenville was in charge of publicity. Rev. L. T. Wilson of Warrenton was recording engineer. Dr. James R. Hailey, professor of religion at Wesleyan College was in charge of arrangements.

Those leading in meditation service were Rev. Orville Wilson Watson, pastor of Roanoke Circuit, Rocky Mount District; Rev. G. Waylon Cooke, pastor of Aldersgate church, Durham District Rev. Travis Owen, pastor of Carver's Creek Charge; and Rev. R. L. Baldridge, pastor of Glenwood Church, Rockingham, Sanford District.

Wesleyan College is admirably adapted to care for such a conference. Housing, dining facilities, and classrooms along with lecture halls are adequate for the occasion. College personel are most co-operative in caring for the needs of this conference on evangelism. The conference is sponsored jointly by Conference Board of Evangelism, Town and Country Commission, The N. C. Conference of the Methodist Church. Serving as chairman of the Board of Managers is Rev. C. Freeman Heath; Dean, Rev. Alison Simonton, associate dean, Rev. Kimsey King. Officers for the coming year are: C. Freeman Heath, Chairman; Roy L. Turnage, secretary; Reginal Ponder, president Town and Country Commission; Paul C. Browning, Chariman Board of Evangelism; Dean, Kimsey King; Associate dean, Dr. James I. Warren; publicity, Rev. W. K. Quick; Registrar, Rev. J. R. Hailey; director of music, Rev. L. C. Vereen; Recording engineer, Rev. L. T. Wilson.

The conference was closed on Thursday at noon, following a sermon by Dean Cannon and a service of Confession and Commitment conducted by Bishop Garber, Dean Cannon, and Dr. Lacour in a question and answer period. The entire group was inspired by the uplifting congregational singing. Mr. Heath, Director of Evangelism, referred to this year's conference as one of the finest that has been held.

Billy Graham To Receive The Upper Room Citation

Billy Graham, noted evangelist, has been chosen to receive *The Upper Room Citation* for 1964. The Citation is to be awarded at the 15th annual Upper Room Citation Dinner to be held in Raleigh, North Carolina, and is given for Dr. Graham's many contributions to world Christian fellowship. Billy Graham has preached to more people face to face than any other person. He has preached on every continent and the islands of the sea. A meditation written by Dr. Graham appears in the September-October issue of THE UPPER ROOM.



Left to right: Roy Turnage, Secretary; C. Freeman Heath, Chairman; Paul C. Browning, Board of Evangelism; Reginald Ponder, Town and Country.

Notes From Mount Olive Church

The senior High MYF held its annual summer seminar last week at First Church, Mount Olive—August 24-28. The theme for the week was "God Is Love" and each night the program was based on the topics at the Fifth National Convocation of Methodist Youth at Purdue University in July. On Monday night, skits were presented by various members of the local MYF to carry out the idea of how sins are a part of every day life in unconscious ways. Tuesday night Mickey Peeler of Goldsboro, who attended the National Convocation, spoke on his impressions of the trip and on Incarnation. Wednesday night there was a panel discussion on the Crucifixion led by Sandra Herring, with panel members being Eddie Kornegay, Walter Patten, Henrietta Emerson, Brenda Shakelford and Larry Jones. Thursday night a filmstrip on "The Meaning of the Resurrection" was presented, with Walter Patten leading the discussion following the showing of the filmstrip. Friday night a filmstrip on the "Holy Spirit" was shown.

Rev. Christian White, pastor, installed new officers for 1964-1965 as follows: President: Walter Patten; Vice President: Eddie Kornegay; Secretary: Brenda Rowe; Treasurer: Barbara White; MYFund Treasurer: Tony Winstead; Publicity Chairman: Sue Herring; Chairmen of Program Area: Faith—Warren Cuddington and Patricia Francis; Witness—Frances Kornegay and Norbie Wilson; Outreach—Debbie Boyd and Hughie Oates; Citizenship—Jay Wilkins and John Clifton; Fellowship—Lib Francis and Doug Wilkins; Barbara White was in charge of worship each evening; Publicity—Sue Herring; Recreation—Jo Jo Ricks and Mary Bevan Boyd and Lynn Odom; Refreshments—Debbie Boyd. Mr. and Mrs. Ray McDonald are counselors and Judy Vernon, outgoing president, presided each evening.

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EDITORIALS

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These Are Serious Matters; Let's Keep Them So

All Americans were naturally interested in the recent political conventions. The Republicans, meeting in San Francisco, and the Democrats, meeting in Atlantic City, lived up to the traditional practices and "hooped it up." There were differences of opinions, and rightly so, in the matter of adopting platforms, selecting candidates, mapping strategy, etc. But the thing we cannot understand is the tactics used in giving emphasis to various viewpoints. Here is a group of people representing some of the keenest minds of the nation—people who are educated, cultured, intelligent, influential leaders—and yet they used the method of the jungle. Flag waving, noisy demonstrations, even fist fights. At times the chairman called for order but was completely ignored. They seem to rely on who can make the most noise, wave the most banners, conduct themselves in the most boisterous manner in order to carry their point or get their candidate nominated. It seems that reason and restraint were flung to the four winds and the methods of the hoodlums, the undeveloped, the ignorant were followed. It just doesn't seem to make sense for a great nation to feel that every four years, when it comes to select its national leaders, that it must put on a low-type, senseless, comical performance in order to convince the people of the rightness of its cause. It would seem that reason, discretion, and intelligence would be the better way. People should be able to discuss problems, debate issues, and seek to arrive at a common sense solution, and to call men to places of responsibility in order to implement their program. But it is hard to change a method that has been used through the years. Let us hope, however, that a more serious note will be injected into the election, and certainly in the operation of the government by those who are elected.

When we think on these things, we are encouraged by the far different attitude in evidence at our church meetings. We have just held a General and Jurisdictional conference in the Methodist church. While there were differences of opinion, they were expressed intelligently and without fanfare. In the election of Bishops, no nominations were made, no banners were carried, no advertisements were used. Each delegate had the right to vote for whom he or she chose. Those who were chosen to occupy the highest office in the church

THEME FOR THE WEEK

"Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends. Ye are my friends, if ye do whatsoever I command you."—John 15:13, 14.

were elected after prayerful consideration in seeking divine guidance. We prefer this method.

We must guard the sacredness of our religious practices. Even in the church there are those who think we should follow the methods used by political parties. There was printed in the Daily Christian Advocate at the Jurisdictional conference an article suggesting that those who sought the office of Bishop should launch a campaign, announce their platform, pay a filing fee, and make known their views on a number of subjects. It is easy to see that under such a system the church would sacrifice its dignity, lose the respect of the people, and lower its highest office to the level of being a political football. No doubt many unworthy and unqualified persons would seek the office, and if they had enough money and personal following might succeed in reaching it. It also goes without saying that the highest type, most devoted men, who take their ministry seriously, would have nothing to do with such a system; hence the deterioriation of the episcopacy. Let us continue to believe that the Lord has something to do with calling men to this high responsibility. At least let us keep it on a high plane, so that those who are elevated to it will be among the best qualified, the most worthy, and the ablest of our church leaders.

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LETTERS

August 25

The Editor
The North Carolina Christian Advocate

Seldom do I write a letter to an editor, but recent letters published in The Advocate prompt me to do so. These letters deal with the Revised Standard Version to the Bible, and are, to be kind, filled with misunderstandings and misconcepts of the role of Biblical translation in the life of the church.

First of all, these letters imply that "they (the translators) have changed the Bible." This is not so. The role of the translator is to recover the meaning of ancient words and to interpret these meanings into modern language. Revisions are necessary for several reasons: (1.) The King James (and other older translations) are based on manuscripts dating only to the middle ages, and these manuscripts are filled with errors made by copyists. (2.) In recent years there have been discoveries of very ancient manuscripts of the Biblical language. (3.) The language of the King James and other older translations creates an increasingly difficult problem for the modern reader. Though the King James translation is only 353 years old, many of the words used in it have changed in meaning so as to become misleading. (4.) And in spite of its general excellence, these older versions contain errors in translation, and many passages rendered in obscure fashion. At no period in history has man so needed a Bible which he could clearly understand as now. The translators have not "changed the Bible," but merely made it possible for us to have an accurate translation in our own language. I understand from the Book of the Acts that this is an important part of the presentation of the Gospel.

Second, there is a plea on the part of some to "go back to the Bible days." This is clearly impossible. We do not live in the first century, but the twentieth. It is the task of the translator to keep before us the message of Scripture in order that we may understand what God has to say to men of every age. Long ago there was a song, "Hold the fort, for I am coming." It is obvious that the church has been so busy holding the fort that it has not been able to mount an offensive for its Lord. It is a plain fact that we do need a more effective proclamation of the Biblical message, and an accurate Biblical translation in our own language is an invaluable asset to such a proclamation.

Third, there is a recurring accusation that the "Old Bible" (the King James Version) is the one we should use. Certainly every person will use the translation that meets his particular need. I, myself, like the poetic language of the King James. But for a a more accurate translation, I rely upon the Revised Standard Version. One must not forget, however, that while the King James is based on manuscripts from the middle ages, the texts used in the Revised Standard Version date back to about 350-450, and are, in fact, a thousand years older than the King James manuscripts. The "new" is older than the "old."

It is the role of the translator to keep the Word ever fresh and new.

I am certain that those who are critical of the Revised Standard Version are so because of their love for the King James. What we love we hesitate to change. The opposition to the Revised Standard Version, however, is mild to that encountered by the King James in 1611. This indicates to me that we have come to appreciate the capable, sincere, and devout men who give them selves unselfishlessly to the study of ancient language in order that their fellow Christians might have an accurate translation in their own language.

Wider reading of the Bible and a better understanding of it are to be devoutly wished in every area of the church's life. The translator aids us on both of these scores. An accurate translation is a cause for devout thanksgiving. Let us thank God for the translation and for the translators.

—J. C. Gilland

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Board of Education Plans 25 Schools To Reach Some 36,000 Students

The Western North Carolina Methodist Conference will offer its 268,000 members 25 Christian training schools during the September-November period, it has been announced by Dr. Carl H. King of Statesville, executive secretary of the Conference Board of Education, which directs the schools.

There will be ten schools during September, ten again in October and five in November. The schools are co-sponsored by the Conference Board of Education and local participating churches.

On August 2-4 the Board of Education held an early training school at Mars Hill.

These fall schools, along with about a dozen to be held during the spring, are expected to attract over 36,000 students. Most of the schools last five consecutive nights, with some offering day classes.

Instruction includes a wide variety of subjects. The men, women and young people who attend can choose laboratory-observation classes, where they can see instruction of a subject in action, or they can choose a wide range of lecture, lecture-discussion classes.

These later include church music, stewardship, church history, the Bible, life of Jesus, role of laymen, the Christian home and marriage, prayer, Christian social concerns, evangelism, Methodism, and the mission of the Church. The observation-laboratory classes deal mainly with the smaller children, and there are other classes pertaining to working with youth of all ages.

A major emphasis this year will be classes in the new church school curriculum, which will be released September 1 for the 1-11 age group.

The Methodist Church, from the days of its foundation in the 18th Century by John Wesley, has emphasized education. These training schools provide the main training ground for all church school officials, teachers and administrators in the Conference.

The instructors include Conference clergymen and training laymen, as well as national church officials and laymen from outside the Conference.

Here is the fall schedule and dates as released by Dr. King:

September 16-11, Burnsville - Newland School. (September 6-8 at Burnsville and September 9-11 at Newland).

September 13-17, schools at Centenary Church, Winston-Salem; First Church, Lenoir; and First Church, Morganton. September 20-24 schools at Central Church, Asheville; First Church, Rutherfordton; and Wesley Memorial Church, High Point. September 27-October 1, schools at West Market Street, Greensboro; Memorial Church, Thomasville; and First Church, Waynesville.

October 4-8, schools at Oak Grove Church, Mocksville; and First Church, Hendersonville. October 11-15, schools at Broad Street Church, Statesville; and in Salisbury (church site not announced). October 18-22, schools at First Church, Asheboro; First Church, Elkin; Central Church, Albemarle; and Central Church, Shelby, Lawndale Church.

The Murphy Area Training School will have classes October 18-20 in First Church, Murphy and October 21-23 in First Church Hayesville. The Mooresville Area Training School is scheduled October 25-29 in Central Church, Mooresville.

November 1-5, schools at First Church, Marion and in Mount Airy (church site not announced). November 8-12, schools in Lincolnton and Lexington (church sites not announced) and the Catawba County training School at First Church, Newton and First Church, Hickory.

Virginia Missionary Elected Methodist Bishop In Malaysia

The Rev. Robert F. Lundy, a 44-year-old Methodist minister and missionary from Pulaski, Va., has been chosen to head The Methodist Church in the new country of Malaysia. He was elected bishop of Methodism's Singapore Area August 20 at the quadrennial session of the Southeastern Asia Central Conference of The Methodist Church, meeting in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia's capital. His election came on the sixth ballot and is for an 8-year term.

At 44, Bishop Lundy is the youngest of 12 new Methodist bishops elected so far in 1964. The youngest of 11 bishops elected at jurisdictional conferences in the United States this summer is Bishop James S. Thomas of the Iowa Area.

Bishop Lundy will administer all Methodist work in Malaysia, which includes Malaya, Singapore and Sarawak. There are 58,038 members (full and preparatory) of The Methodist Church in Malaysia, making it the largest Protestant denomination in the new country.

The Singapore Area (Malaysia) has four Methodist annual conferences—Malaya, Malaysia Chinese, Sarawak and Sarawak Iban. The area includes 361 churches, 189 national (Malaysian) ministers and 231 missionaries from America, England, the Philippines, Switzerland and India. Methodist schools in Malaysia enroll more than 70,000 students. The Sarawak part of the Singapore Area includes extensive work among the Iban people, former headhunters who have been turning to Christianity in large numbers in the last 10 years. In Malaya and Singapore, Methodist membership includes Chinese, Indian, Malays, Europeans and Americans.

Bishop Lundy succeeds as episcopal leader of the Singapore Area Bishop Hobart B. Amstutz of Henrietta, Ohio, who was elected in 1956. Bishop Amstutz retired at the Southeastern Asia Central Conference meeting.

Rev. Chester Yang, Methodist Leader in Hong Kong Dies

The Rev. Chester C. Yang, 47, one of the outstanding leaders of The Methodist Church in Hong Kong and a former Crusade Scholar, died July 27 in Hong Kong after an illness of three months. Death was caused by sclerosis of the liver.

At the time of his death, Mr. Yang was pastor of the Ward Memorial Methodist Church and district superintendent of the Hong Kong West District of The Methodist Church. He was the founding pastor of the Ward Memorial Church (named in honor of the late Bishop Ralph A. Ward of Mainland China, Hong Kong and Taiwan Methodism), having started the church in 1955. It had grown to more than 600 members at the time of his death. Mr. Yang was appointed district superintendent of the new Hong Kong West District in 1962. He was chairman of the Audio-Visual Evangelism Cimmittee of the Hong Kong Christian Council, and was active in the rooftop school and community center program among Hong Kong's refugees.

Mr. Yang went to Hong Kong in 1954, after having received the bachelor of divinity, degree from the Perkins School of Theology at Southern Methodist University, Dallas, Texas. He studied there on a Methodist Crusade Scholarship for two years. From 1949 to 1951, he studied at Eastern New Mexico University at Portales, having received the bachelor of arts degree in 1951.

Born in Tientsin, China, Mr. Yang became a Christian while attending the Tientsin Boys' School, a Christian institution, and eventually led his parents and six brothers and sisters into the Christian faith. He attended theological seminary in Peking, having graduated in 1942. After a postorate in a small village near Fukien, he was appointed assistant pastor of the Asbury Methodist Church in Peking. He served there until coming to the United States in 1948 for higher education.

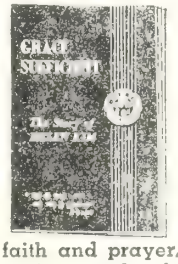
The survivors include his wife, Mre. Helen Yang; two daughters, Nancy and Jeannie, all of the home in Hong Kong, his father and several brothers and sisters, living in Mainland China.

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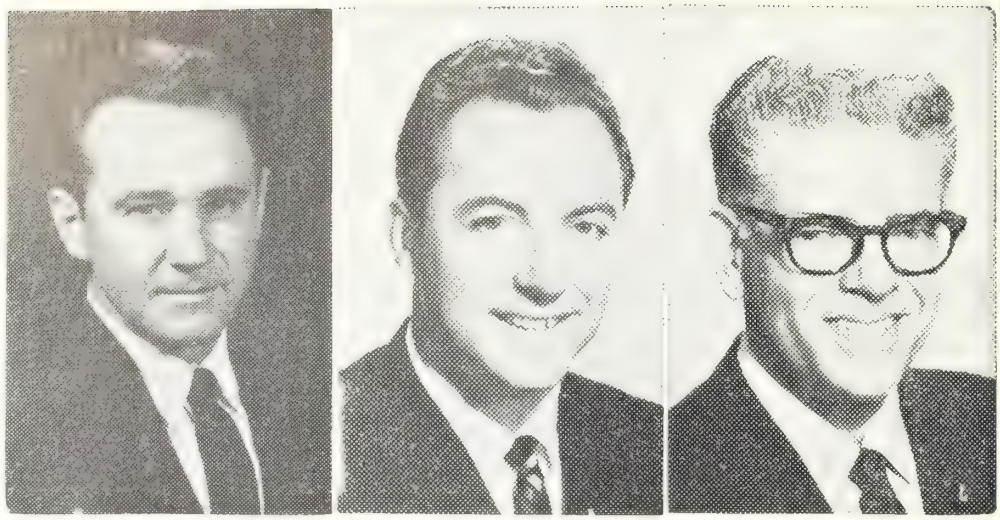
Dr. Ford Philpot And Team To Hold Evangelistic Rally In The Thomasville District

Dr. Ford Philpot and members of his Evangelistic Team will be in the Thomasville District of the Methodist Church for programs on September 4, 5, and 6. On September 4 at 7:30 p.m. he will conduct a "One Night Revival" and Evangelistic Rally at the arbor of Center Methodist Church in Davie County. Representatives of the 23 Methodist Churches in Davie County will participate in this meeting.

Dr. Philpot and his team will move on to Denton for a similar program in Central Methodist Church on Saturday night, September 5 at 7:30. This meeting is planned for the members of the 25 Methodist Churches in the Denton Sub-district.

Representatives of the 49 Methodist Churches in the areas around Lexington and Thomasville will meet in the First Methodist Church of Lexington on Sunday night, September 6 at 7:30. Dr. Philpot and his team will climax their appearances in the Thomasville District with this Evangelistic Rally.

Kentucky-born Ford Philpot has conducted city-wide and area wide-wide crusades and makes regular appearances on radio and television. In 1959 he pioneered an idea for television which developed into "The Story," a series of half-hour programs on color film and video-taped presenting the claims of Christ in a unique way through interviews with nationally-known personalities.



DR. FORD PHILPOT BOB GIBBONS HOWARD WHITMORE

During his Thomasville appearance, Dr. philpot will be assisted by Howard Whitmore, a tenor soloist and Crusade Choir Director. Mr. Whitmore joined Dr. Philpot's team in 1955. Another member of the team is Bob Gibbons. He is a graduate of Duke University, an approved evangelist of the Methodist Church and a member of the North Carolina Conference. In addition to his work with Dr. Philpot's Evangelist Team, Mr. Gibbons has served as soloist with The Christian Fine Arts Oratorio Society in New York and has presented concerts in many areas of the United States.

The Pursuit Of Happiness

D. W. Charlton

Happiness is often thought of in terms of "the favor of fortune," "lucky," "gratified desire." Many are the well-wishers for the success of budding youth and married couples.

The American people desire happiness above everything else. It is included in the Declaration of Independence as one of the "inalienable rights."

In the Sermon on the Mount, Christs' concept of happiness was that men should aspire to the best kind of life in a vital relatonship with God. The new dimension of life included the spirit of love, trust, integrity, and the ideals voiced by the psalmists and prophets.

(1) What happiness is not! It is not something to be sought directly, but a by-product of life. It is not to be found by the escape route of drink or mere pleasure-seeking.

A child was asked what he thought God was like. He replied: "God is the kind of person who is always snooping around to see if anyone is enjoying himself, so he can put a stop to it."

But Christ was no "pale Galilean," or kill-joy. He attended the wedding festival at Cana, and gave approval to wholesome entertainment. He brought health and healing to many, and delight in the beauty of the open spaces.

Happiness is not what you HAVE but what you ARE. Some parents with large households and few things in the world are very happy in their relationship with each other. Some couples have everything money can buy, yet are very unhappy.

A certain woman lived in a magnificent house and had everything she wanted but happiness. She confessed to a minister that she would have used her pearl-handle pistol on herself if it had not been for the fear of embrassing family and friends.

Nor does happiness depend [illegible] WHERE we live. Some young people were once vsiting in a small town. One of the group declared: "This is the deadest place we have ever seen." Still the place was something of a paradise to the inhabitants of the town. Recall, too, that the Master spent his short life in a small impoverished, hilly country.

(2) What happiness IS! It's a particular kind of character that has deep rootage in religion. It comes from within rather than from without.

The happy people are described by our Lord as those who seek goodness and love as a hungry man craves food. They live in good will and understanding toward their fellowman, and look to the ways of peace. They are willing to suffer for the right, and have an inner contentment and serenity.

Despite the many things we have in America many are unhappy because material items alone cannot bring happiness. Nor does this apply to America alone. Speaking of Sweden, someone claimed that the country had everything in the way of money, education, beauty, peace, food. Still people are restless, bored, and ridden with neuroses.

A state of mind, a condition of the heart, happiness is the fruit of the spirit.

Someone told of a bed-ridden preacher who was also blind. In spite of his handicaps, he conducted a rado program that brought help and cheer to many listeners. In a letter to a friend he wrote: "Thank God, my anchor holds. I can no longer move, but I can pray and praise God."

(3) A pre-condition for happiness is a sense of appreciation and gratitude. One man remarked: "I have lived most of my life on grumble street." Then he added: "Since I became a Christian I moved out on Thanksgiving Street."

A wife spoke of how her farmer-husband was always complaining. In drought years he worried about crop failure. When the season was favorable and the soil fruitful, he spoke of how hard the crop was on the land.

One man who lost his fortune said he had learned some valuable lessons. Now he realized that man does not live by bread alone. He had also discovered what his health was worth, the value of friendships, the meaning of love, and the joy of a new dimension of life in God.

Will Rogers spoke of how the Pilgrims founders of the nation were grateful because they were alive, free, and had something to eat. In their thrills of being the makers of a nation, and in their simple life, with vision and courage, they had the inner joys of the heart.

To his disciples our Lord said: "In the world you will have trial and tribulation, but be of good cheer, I have overcome the world."

(4) Happiness is one of the rewards of service and sharing. "One thing I know," said Dr. Albert Schweitzer, "the only ones among you will be really happy are those who have sought and found how to serve."

Another man, Frank Laubach, who has brought so much joy to backward people declared that he was the happiest man in the world. "When people discover for the first time they can read," Laubach stated, "men become hysterial and women weep for joy." So the man who has taught millions to read feels that nothing else in the world could yield him so much of happiness.

But there are many so-called little things that can over-flow our cup. The simple acts of writing a note or letter can be very meaningful. Carrying the burden of the family, a woman was cheered by a card, saying: "Just to let you know I care and am praying for you."

A student sat down by an elderly man in the park of a large city. Reaching forth his hand in a friendly way, he spoke and asked the man his name. Pleased at such an expression of friendship the man remarked: "I have been here for months and you are the only one who has asked me my name."

As Schweitzer said: "The only ones who will be really happy are those who have sought and found out how to serve."

Church Rule Problem and Threat To Ecumenical Council Harmony

A possible showdown between factions within the Roman Catholic heirarchy could take place this fall during the Second Vatican Council sessions due to resume September 14.

This is the opinion of Dean Robert Earl Cushman of the Duke University Divinity School, an official Methodist observer last year at the Council whose nomination again this year as one of the non-Roman Catholic bodies' observers has just been announced by the World Methodist Council.

In the current issue of "Together," the mid-monthly Methodist family magazine, Dean Cushman writes that one of the principal issues before the delegates to the ecumenical council is whether Roman Catholic authority should remain centered in the Vatican or be spread around the world among the various bishops.

"In significant degree," Cushman says, "world Catholicism has outgrown its own spiritual center.

"Today it hesitates on the brink of accepting the implication of its own real, if limited universality. It is this deep-lyng structural fault, I think, which Pope John XXIII discerned and to which he responded by calling a council for updating the church in the interest of recovering its essential—but also renewed—unity."

Describing first-hand the pomp and ceremony, color and pageantry of the council deliberations, Dean Cushman writes from long experience and deep insight on the major issues and schemata which are the decisive items on the agenda facing the delegates and the various commissions.

He believed the whole momentary ecumenical thrust of Roman Catholicism may be dulled unless Pope Paul VI and the Council are able to accept the idea of "Pluralization of ecclesiastical structure and authority as an inevitable factor in the Roman church's actual—if limited—universality.

The choice is "hard and momentous," the Dean writes, but vital to the success of the ecumenical council's mission and the overall modernization of the mission of the Roman Catholic church.

Along with Dean Cushman, the World Methodist Council has named as its 1964 council observer Dr. Walter G. Muelder, dean of the Boston University School of Theology, and Professor Albert Outler of Perkins Theological School of Southern Methodist University.

In Memoriam

MRS. CLARISA CLAY

We wish to pay tribute to the memory of Clarisa, wife of Mr. "Bill" Clay teacher of the Men's Bible Class.

Mrs. Clay passed away June 24, 1964. She was a member of our Sunday School class, and is sadly missed.

She was a member of Gamewell Methodist Church and supported it with her prayers, her gifts, her service and her attendance as long as she was able.

Respectfully submitted,
Willing Workers Sunday School Class
Gamewell Methodist Church



The Reverend and Mrs. O. Lester Brown celebrated their Golden Wedding Anniversary Sunday, August 16, 1964, at their home, 1416 Cyrus Drive, Charlotte, N. C., from 3:00 to 6:00.
Giving the party in hornor of their parents were their five daughters and son, all of whom were present except Mrs. W. C. Fanelty, whose husband, a naval officer, is stationed on Guam.
The dining table was decorated with a hand embroidered linen table cloth, given Mrs. Brown by Mrs. Fanelty during a visit the Browns made to Guam last winter. Bronzed roses and yellow "mums" were used in the dining and living-rooms. Rhododendron from the mountains was used in the den and on the front porch.
The congregations of Mr. Brown's pastorates before his retirement from the active ministry in 1962 were invited to attend the celebration as were many friends and relatives.

Rev. J. R. Duncan Becomes Associate At Lebanon Church

Reverend J. R. Duncan, a retired minister of the Western North Carolina Conference of the Methodist Church, has accepted the position of Associate Minister of the Lebanon Methodist Church, High Point, North Carolina.

Announcement of Mr. Duncan's acceptance was made Wednesday by Reverend Worth Sweet, minister of the Lebanon Church.

Mr. Duncan was pastor of the Bethlehem Methodist Church, in the Greensboro District, at the time of his retirement during the June session of conference at Lake Junaluska. He has had an interesting and successful career as teacher and minister. He comes to his new work with a background of rich and vital experience.

Mr. Duncan will replace Mr. John Rierson on the church staff. Mr. Rierson resigned to enter the teaching profession, and will be teaching in the Davidson County School System this year.

August Activities of Avery County MYF

Interest in the activities of the Avery County Methodist Youth Fellowship was whetted during the county-wide revival held in the Elk Park Church the last week in July. Several young people helped with visitation and sang in the choir and were inspired by the messages given by Rev. Jack Waldrop of Horse Shoe, North Carolina.

Youth Activities Week, August second to seventh drew the young people closer together as they played, sang, studied, ate and worshiped together two nights in each of three churches: Elk Park, Linville Falls, and Pine Grove. The attendance ranged between 44 and 67. They were divided into two groups: one of under high school age, and one of high school age and over. The juniors studied "Christianity and Communism" under the leadership of David Frame, a Duke Divinity School student, working in this area this summer. One night, Dr. Robert Tuttle of Hickory told about his trip to Russia when the topic was "Communism and the Church." A film showing living conditions in Communist countries led to a discussion of "Communism and the Future."

The senior group, led by Andy Kerr, another Duke student minister, discussed "A Christian's Responsibility to God and Country." Monday night Captain Robert H. Smith, Chief of Detectives in Fort Lauderdale, Florida, gave a talk on "Respect for Law and Order." Major Harwell G. Davis, former attorney general of Alabama and former president of Howard College, spoke on the cases of Bible reading and praying in schools. Mr. Marion A. Wright, a retired attorney living in Linville Falls, gave his views on Capital Punishment. Rev. Philip Nordstrom talked on "Pacifism and the Conscientious Objector." Andy Kerr finished the week's meetings by talking on "Civil Disobedience" and giving a summary of the other topics discussed. The junior and senior groups united in a period of worship and dedication led by Rev. Keith Tutterow on Friday night.

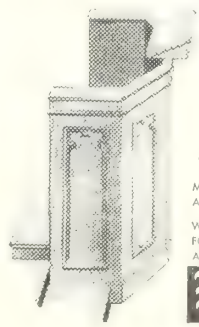
Later in the month, 35 young people and 12 ministers and adult counselors traveled to Elk Shoals Camp near West Jefferson for four days of fun, fellowship, worship study and work. These groups tried to learn how to plan better programs for their local MYF's Each of these groups gave a sample program. Barring a few little mishaps like rain, mice, bee stings, soreness from a lengthy hike, turned ankle, waiting for meals to cook on slow stoves, and nearly "freezing to death" everyone was enthusiastic and enjoyed camping.

The planning for these events was done by committees of the young people with any needed help and advice given by the three county ministers, the two student ministers and the adult counselor, Mr. Steve Brinkley of Elk Park.

—*Mrs. Philip Nordstrom*

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Dr. C. Ralph Arthur, president of Ferrum (Va.) College has been named president of the Methodist Junior College association succeeding the Rev. Cecil E. Peeples of Jacksonville, Texas.



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Methodist Youth Convocation

By Rev. R. S. Pullman
Pastor Bethany Methodist Church, Wanchese, N. C.

(A report on the National Convocation of Methodist Youth held at Purdue University)

Incarnation

"And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us."—John 1:14

Christmas hymns in August! Has the preacher lost his mind? Not at all. Incarnation was one of four great doctrines examined at the National Convocation of Methodist Youth at Purdue University week of July 27-31. Incarnation refers to Methodist Youth at Purdue University of God's coming into human flesh. Should not this great affirmation of the Christian faith be proclaimed more than just at Christmas just like messages and hymns about Crucifixion? In conjunction with the worship centered around Jesus' coming in the flesh we sang Christmas carols at Purdue without batting an eye. In fact, we made history as we sang "Hark! the Herald Angels Sing" to the tune whch our choir sang while ago, the one which is used with "Christ the Lord is Risen Today;" for we were the first large group to sing some of the hymns from the new **Methodist Hymnal.**

So, we begin a consideration here of those big themes which were made alive at Purdue University. What does the Incarnation mean?

First, we must see the Incarnation against the background of sin. All persons have sinned. Not only does the Bible tell us so, but we can also affirm this truth from experience. If man had not sinned, there would have been no need for Christ to have left His place in glory and to have to live in human flesh, for His ultimate purpose for coming to redeem man from his sin.

In the material sent the delegates before the convocaion there was an issue of **roundtable** which had a unit on the over-all theme of the convocation, "God Is Love." The first study deals with sin by showing several scenes from an off stage drama called "The Fallen Creation." These are typical scenes from the lives of teen-agers. In the first everyone is making a lot of noise as the teen-agers celebrate winning the championship game in an upset. Near the cold-drink counter John is telling Bob how the winning score was made; but Bob is not really listening, only waiting for John to end the tale so that he can bring a few cheers by shouting, "That's how we won . . .Do you hear? We won!" A couple dances across the floor completely isolated by thought from the rest of the world. In another scene June calls first Peg and then Margaret to come visit her; but but Peg and Margaret, who are MYF members, shut June out of their friendship by giving excuses for not coming. Another skit shows Bob's getting his friend Mark to join him in double-dating two girls who are close frends. After the date Bob asked Mark to join him in taking Betty and Carol on a date the next week. Mark declined on the grounds that he has nothing in common with Carol to talk about. Bob insinuates that heavy petting is the only point of dating by asking, "Do you have to have somethng to talk about?" Another scene shows a boy looking at a grl's paper during a test to get answers which he knows but cannot recall at the moment. Later his mother celebrates her son's making the Honor Society by serving chocolate pie for supper. The next skit is a conversation between a mother and daughter the morning after the latter came home at 1:30 a.m. from a dance that ended at midnight. The girl was highly resentful of her mother's questions about her late date. She snapped, "None of the other girls have such nosy mothers." The next one is a monologue by a boy who wishes he were dead. He is bored with life. He is nobody. His parents have tried to mold his life and that leaves him very confused. In this drama the "comments from the gallery" also reveal the hallow interpretation of sin that people often have. They see no point, no moral, in these skits. After all, they are too eager to get on with other pursuits. Those scenes from life do not seek to state a neatly package formula for sin; but they do reveal the loneliness, selfishness, baseness of man's nature. They show our justification for sin, our resentment of authoritarian figures, the frustration in life, and our lack of commitment to know God's will. Man in predicaments like these is he to whom Christ came in the Incarnation.

A scene from Tuesday morning's drama was taken **West Side Story,** where there is parodied in song the popular notion that all juvenile delinquency is the outgrowth of social evils surrounding the underprivileged. Social wrongs do create great problems, but the basic problem with man is that because of his sinful nature he is a rebel against God. These morning dramas at Purdue were a continuous play about Simon and Cathy, two teen-agers who were trying to find the meaning of life. Simon was particularly rebellious against the church and the chaplain of the Goodwill Industries, in whose warehouse the scenes of this excellent drama took place. Simon made it plain he did not want any help. Mr. Bishop, as the chaplain was called (who incidentially off stage is Bishop Everett Palmer of the Seattle Area of the Methodist Church), gave Simon the Bible in order for him to read these words: "He was in the world, and the world was made through him, yet the world knew him not. He came to his own home, and his people received him not." Then with contempt Simon scowls, "Make it mean something! Make me care!"

Against such a background of sin the Word was made flesh. God became man.

Second, the Incarnation reveals the nature of God.

Our theme, "God Is Love," tells us the kind of God who became incarnate. On the opening night of the convocation John Masefield's poetic drama, **The Coming of Christ,** was presented in the Edward C. Elliott Music Hall to the five thousand delegates. This interpretation of the Christmas story differs from the traditional pageant in that Christ enters a world of hostility. Anima Christi, or the Spirit of Christ, carries on a debate with four heavenly Spirits, The Power, The Sword, The Mercy, and The Light. These Spirit urge the Spirit of Christ not the enter Manhood because of the rejection and consequent pain that He will receive from sinful, selfish man. Masefield's drama is trying to say to us that it was no easy decision for God to clothe Himself with flesh and voluntarily to subject Himself to the suffering that the Crucifixion brought. However, His love prevailed. That love was sacrificial rather than cheap and easy. So the Spirit of Christ announces to the four Spirits:

> "I shall overcome the world with these.
> Therefore, O spirits, I am resolute.
> I lay aside my glory and my power
> To take up Manhood."

God did not create man and the world and then run off and leave it. Because of His love He became very much involved in man's predicaments. He is quite unlike Jonah in one of the three one-act dramas put on by the Scarritt College Players. This comedy was a modern version of the Old Testament Jonah who did not wish to get involved in the Lord's work in Nineveh by preaching there. Instead, he wanted to take a few extra days by going to visit friends in Tarshish. Sometime later he would obey God. However, God did not put His redemption of men. The play's title, **It should happen to a Dog,** which Jonah frequenty tossed out flippantly concerning God's "imposition" upon him, came home to him at the end when a cocoanut palm withered from the work of a worm and the hot sun. Jonah was concerned about the tree. "It should happen to a dog," he complained; and suddenly he realized that he should pity the people of Nineveh too and that, if God cares about a dog, He is much more concerned about man. God is concerned. That is why He entered human flesh.

Jesus was divine and human. One of the ancient calls Him "very God of very God" and says "was made man." In his sermon on the Incarnation Bishop James S. Thomas said that some modern heretics make Jesus so holy that they seek to keep Him out of political concerns and the like. They act as if He never lived. "Why do you call me, "Lord, Lord," and not do what I tell you?" Jesus asked. On the other hand, others so modernize Him as not to leave Him holy at all. In that way we may lose Him. Jesus reveals God as He is. The bishop quoted one person as saying, "Jesus Christ is all of God I can understand and all of God I hope to be."

Does the Incarnation mean anything today?

Jesus comes just as we are. That fact was vividly brought out in the shepherd scene in **The Coming of Christ.** We are used to seeing pious shepherds on the hillside ready for the angel to announce the Messiah's birth. The shepherds in this drama are quite different. The chief shepherd is very devout but still a hard taskmaster. The other two are unbelievers who are quite self-sufficient carousers. One of them wants to start a revolution. When the divine message comes to them, they are frightened, because in their sinfulness they are unprepared. Only the devout chief shepherd bows in earnest prayer. In the Scaritt College Players' second play, **The Last Word,** a very worldly couple find themselves quite unprepared to die as they wait for the world to end from a thermonuclear blast that is supposed to go off that night. No matter how Christ may come to us, He breaks in upon us just as we are. Then, it is too late to prepare a good appearance for Him.

Also, His coming in the flesh enables us to know ourselves. We are seekng the meaning of existence. One of the aims of the convocation was to help the participants to know themselves as they really are. We are often honest with others but deceive ourselves by trying to make ourselves believe that we are better than we are. Or we seek to prove to ourselves that the man-made schemes for life are God's plans. The road of pleasure only or of power or of human knowledge only is futile. The honest man tries to answer, "Who am I?" A comic pantomine by the Srarritt Players depicted this theme by showing the many trial and error methods of a clown in getting a pitcher of water. In his failures there was despair, even to the point contemplated suicide. However, each new insight as the problem's solution brought jov and victory. But by himself he was a failure, and he gave up. However, Bishop Thomas gave us the answer when he said, "The real measure of man is not man but the new man in Christ." Those shepherds whom I mentioned a moment ago finally found themselves as they went to the manger and bowed down to the Christ child.

That is why He came, to help us to find our true selves .

Finally, He came to show us that we are accepted, as Bishop Thomas pointed out. The short scene on Tuesday morning from **Our Town** depicts George and Emily's acceptance of each other as true sweethearts. But many people do not feel loved, no matter on what level. Jesus came to show us that God accepts us in love for what we are. Paul Tillich stated the meaning of this acceptance this way: "Grace is the posture of seeing and accepting God, accepting Him for what He is, and accepting the fact you are accepted." A lady of the world once went to a minister after she could no longer bear the world. The minister tore off a piece of paper and wrote. "Jane Williams, on the authority of God I declare unto you that in spite of all you have done, you are hereby accepted." God says to us in the Incarnation, "In spite of all you have done, you are accepted." When we accept His offer, we become the sons and daughters of God.

"And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, full of grace and truth; we have beheld his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father."

Reports On Foreign Aid In Latin America

"We need hard-headed do-gooders" in the foreign aid program as applied to Latin America, in the opinion of a Methodist official just returned from leading a study tour.

Herman Will, Jr., Washington in charge of the Peace and World Order Division of the church's Board of Christian Social Concerns, had both criticism and praise for the U. S. aid program after visiting eight nations on the tour sponsered by the division. The two ministers and nine laymen in the group are all active in education, Woman's Society and social action work in their churches.

Mr. Will called for recognition that "those countries to be helped need to change, and a good deal of our aid needs to be conditioned on this," especially in the funding of large-scale development projects.

On credit side, he pointed to the fact that some Latin countries are beginning to collect taxes "from everybody," to overcome a long-time criticism that many of the rich evaded payment. He told also of being "favorably impressed" by the Peace Corps work and by the persons in the corp's projects. He said the people are mostly able, that they are "not saints" but normal people capable of doing the jobs needed, and that they and their work are popular among their hosts.

He was told by some Latins that the aid often "doesn't filter down to those who need it," but he pointed out that some people are "unable to see the long-range benefits to their country" of projects which don't specifically help individuals. One major problem, he noted, is with the "self-interested rich who are not patriotic enough to work for the good of their country" and thus retard progress.

Mr. Will had several American corporations in Venezuela which have recognized "their responsibility for aiding the economy" and not only have helped with local development projects and by employing nations in executive positions but also have moved away from the paternalism of providing company services for their workers.

Today's crisis in Latin America is in the "thinking of leadership groups as to the social unrest and its leading toward revolution," he said. He feels that some leaders have no great sense of urgency and consequently "are not convinced of the need for all-out efforts or improvement to avert violent revolution."

Mr. Will said the tour group was impressed by the understanding of sociological and economic situations displayed by many Protestant missionaries, as well as by the new leadership emerging in the Roman Catholic Church in some places.

Bishop Earl G. Hunt Speaks To Methodist Laymen

Churches should thrust themselves into the crucial issues of their time, despite a possible resulting unpopularity, if they are to bring God's message to His people, Bishop Earl G. Hunt, Jr., who presides over the Charlotte Methodist Area, told Methodist laymen of the Western North Carolina Conference at Lake Junaluska August 23.

Bishop Hunt was keynote preacher for the seventh Layman's Advance of the Conference, held there August 21-23. Robert Smith of Mount Airy Conference lay leader, presided.

"The Church is not simply a Sunday Rotary Club or a Sabbath Garden meeting," the bishop said. "I should not wish to be pastor of a popular church, but rather of a church that opposes some of the things in the world and the community, such as immorality, racism, alcohol and crooked polotics."

"I would want to be a pastor of a church that espouses something, one that gives guidance in the direction of a Christian solution in the complex problem of race that haunts The Methodist Church and the Western World; that gives illumination to the tortured minds of youth that helps to stabilize the home in the midst of frustrations and incredible temptations."

"The church," he said, "must constantly struggle to keep itself fit to be God's agency to take old men and make them new, to take soiled men and make them pure, to taken broken men and make them whole."

Bishop Hunt said people who come to church shouldn't come just to hear the preacher "or even the magnificence of the music; but to make a rendezvous with the Living God. This means not only to meet God, but to discover the task God has for His children to do in this age."

"When you come to church," he said, "you become part of a spiritual, universal, immortal, divine and redemptive fellowship. The greatest thing that can happen to a man or woman on this earth is the privilege of being identified for a while with God's Church in its Heavenly task."

In another sermon Bishop Hunt said there is at the root of all life a basic choice of the high road which leads to the City of God and the low road which leads to destruction.

He said those who choose the high road will be giving stewardship of talents, time and means to God out of which will come the joy of a true peace of mind.

The bishop, in his opening sermon, told laymen and clergymen to walk side by side in proclaiming God's eternal love for mankind.

He said the explanation for the immortal power of the Christian Church is that "we love God because He first loved us." He said the cross is the translation into terms of history of an everlasting fact—that God cared enough to come to mankind through His Son, Jesus Christ.

The Charlotte District won the Edwin L. Jones, Sr. Loving Cup for the largest attendance, dethroning the Winston-Salem District, which had gained the honor in 1963 when the Cup was first placed in competition. Altogether 277 laymen registered, and along with those laymen who failed to register, clergymen of the Conference, and wives and children of the men, over 500 persons attended the event.

The Conference Board of Lay Activities, meeting the afternoon of the opening day of the Layman's Advance, discussed the possibility of a series of District rallies for laymen during the 1964-65 church year.

World Order Sunday Will Be Observed Oct. 18

The emphasis is on " A World Economy Under God" in this year's World Order Sunday, October 18, which Methodists will observe in company with many other Protestants.

The theme ties in closely with the church-wide study on "The United States and the New Nations," under the sponsorship of the Methodist Board of Christian Social Concerns and the Woman's Division.

Local churches are being asked to pay particular attention to the latest statement of The Methodist Church on peace and world order. Adopted last May by the General Conference, this statement includes messages "to the churches," "to the nations and the world" and "to Christians in all lands."

Portions of the World Order Sunday message from the National Council of Churches include:

"A basic hope for international order rests upon the realization by the nations that they are subject to a higher sovereignty and that the welfare of each is inseparatble from the welfare of all."

"We have new demands and opportunity for acknowledging God's sovereignty and our common humanity . . .Yet, when we recognize how far short we fall of God's will for his world. The question whether men and nations can gain spiritual insight, moral vision and steadfast commitment sufficient to grasp the means now available to build up together the deprived areas of human society . . .In some areas the problems, sharpened by population pressures, have been growing more rapidly than solutions."


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Sunday School Lesson

For September 13

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A Spokesman For God

Background Scripture: 1 Samuel 1 through 7

Lesson Scripture: 1 Samuel 2:19-20; 7:5—6, 10-17

This is the third lesson on the general topic: "The Tribes Become a Nation." It deals with Samuel, the last of the judges and the first of the prophets (of course, Moses was a prophet, in a sense; but much more than a prophet). Probably the greatest figure since Moses, Samuel emerges as a powerful factor in Hebrew history. He became both a "king-maker" and a "king-breaker," as the stories of Saul and David plainly show. It was in Samuel's time that the old tribal confederacy broke up in favor o fa monarchy, a story to be told in our next lesson.

For this lesson we are interested in a sort of character study of Samuel. Like many another of the world's religious and political leaders, he owed much to his mother. Hannah is one who typifies the Old Testament ideal of motherhood. Samuel has been aptly called 'the son of answered prayer," his mother having dedicated him to the temple service even before his birth.

It has been said that Hannah was the inspiration of Mary, the mother of Jesus. If the reader will take the trouble to compare I Samuel 2:2-10 with Luke 1:46-55 it can readily be seen that there is a close affinity between the "Songs of Hannah" and the "Song of Mary." In both cases the songs spring from the hearts of women who are convinced that their children are to be a great blessing to mankind. One may observe also that in both poems there is a sympathy for the poor and down-trodden of earth. A third characteristic, common to both poems, is a marked emphasis on the power of God's spirit to break down the resistance of the powers of evil in high places.

Samuel's boyhood was spent amid the precincts of the shrine at Shiloh. This was one of the early centers of worship, and we are told that the family of Samuel made an annual pilgrimage there before Samuel was born. After the boy Samuel became an assistant to Eli, the priest in charge, the family continued its visits to the shrine. As our lesson Scripture begins we have an account of Hannah, the mother of Samuel, bringing newly made garments for her son.

In I Samuel 3:1-4 we have the beautiful story of Samuel's call to the prophetic office. A study of Biblical leaders will show that, in most cases, their call to special service took the form of a mystical experience, in which the Divine Spirit (or a messenger of his) brings them the word of their election to religious leadership. The account we have of the call of Samuel shows these elements clearly.

One of Samuel's first duties as a prophet was to issue a call to repentance. As we follow history of prophets [illegible] we notice that the dominant note of their preaching is that of repentance. Since people do not usually like to be reminded of their sins, the response to the message of the prophet was often one of anger and resentment. Hence, the prophet's life was not a particularly pleasant one.

Samuel believed, and was able to convince the people, that their recent losses in battle, such as the fall of Shiloh and the theft of the sacred ark by the Philistines, was the judgment of the Lord upon their idolatry and infidelity. Following their repentance the tide of battle turned in favor of Israel and the Philistines were repulsed. It was then that Samuel erected at Mizpah a memorial stone to commenorate the victory, calling it "Ebenezer (stone of help). One may find a reference to this incident in a familiar hymn (see Methodist Hymnal, number 23, verse 2).

In the closing verses of our lesson Scripture we are told that Samuel "judged Israel all the days of his life." We are given the names of the points on the circuit where he served. It is clear, however, that just as Moses accompanied the decision of cases with religious instruction, so did Samuel. This religious dimension in law was not an intrusion in the case of the Hebrews, since all law, for them, was Divine Law.

Among the points to be remembered in this lesson are: (1) the atmosphere of a religious home and a devoted mother produced Samuel, an outstanding servant of God (2) It sometimes happens that good (like Eli, priest of the shrine at Shiloh) do not seem to be able to transmit their faith and character to their sons (3) that the call to divine service was unmistakably clear in the case of Samuel and (4) the people were unable to overcome their enemies until they had put their own house in order. All these occurences, while dated in the ancient past, seem to carry with them overtones of divine principals that may be seen operative in our world today.

Greensboro Leadership Training School September 27-October 1

The kick-off supper for the Greater Greensboro Leadership Training School will be held Friday, September 4 at Grace Methodist Church, Greensboro, at 7:00 p. m. A tasty menu and a delightful and inspirational program has been arranged. Price of the supper will be $1.25 each person. Dr. Wilson O. Weldon, pastor of West Market Street Church will be the keynote speaker.

Serving on the executive committee are Rev. Charles G. Beaman, Jr., Chairman; Rev. Tom C. McLean, Vice-Chairman; Rev. J. J. Hauser, Secretary; Mr. James A. Bohlen, Treasurer; Rev. Howard L. Coleman, Dean; and Rev. Wm. H. Dyar Promotional Director.

Each pastor is asked to bring from his church, in addition to himself and his director of education, the following persons: (1) The Church School Superintendent; (2) The Church School Divisional Superintendent, or one of the Divisional Superintendents; (3) The Church Lay Leader; (4) The Chairman of the Commission on Education. Pastors are asked to let those in charge know at once the number who will attend the Kick-Off Supper.

This school covers the Greater Greensboro Area, and several hundred are usually involved each year. Outstanding programs and teachers are provided.

Conference On Methodist Studen Movement Dec. 28-Jan. 2

About 3,500 college students and campu ministers are expected to attend the eightl quadrennial Conference of the Methodis Student Movement, Dec.28, 1964, to Jan 2, 1965, at Lincoln, Nebraska.

All 50 states of the United States anc some 40 other nations are to be represented

"Three key issues—the political order race, and Latin America—will be explorec in depth in addresses and in large and smal groups," said the Rev. J. Emmett Wilkerson Nashville, conference administrator.

Other issues also will be discussed.

Main Session of the conference will be in Pershing Municipal Auditorium.

Miss Lisa Howard, ABC television reporter, will open the meeting with a majo address, which will be essentially a serie of vignettes of "the world in revolution."

The Methodist Student Movement is composed of students and campus ministers from state, independent, and Methodist-related colleges and universities.

Sponsors of the meeting are the National Conference of the MSM and the Department of College and University Religious Life of the Board of .ducation of The Methodist Church.

Theme of the conference is "The Church in the World."

In daily worship services, Methodist Bishop James K. Mathews, Boston, will deliver sermons on the conference theme.

Bishop James S. Thomas, Des Moines, head of the Iowa Area of The Methodist Church, will give a major address. He is, at 45, the youngest Methodist bishop and the second Negro bishop ever to head a predominantly white episcopal area of the denomination.

Among other principal speakers will be Dr. Jose Miguez-Bonino, president of Union Theological Seminary, Buenos Aires, Argentina, and Dr. Paul L. Lehmann, a professor at Union Theological Seminary, New York City.

A program comprised of three new cantatas, commissioned by the MSM, will be premiered New Year's Eve. The cantatas, interpretations of the "Prologue to the Gospel of John," will be presented by the Lincoln Symphony Orchestra, three soloists, and a chorus of 300 persons. Dr. Thor Johnson, conductor of the Chicago Little Symphony, will direct the entire performance.

Other features of the conference include a folk music concert, depth study groups, vocations counseling, art exhibit, and films.

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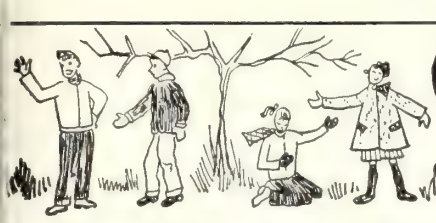
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CHILDREN'S PAGE

By Mary Gardner

enny And The Little White Sheep

Once upon a time there was a little irl named Jenny, who found it very ard to keep from taking things that ere not hers.

When she strung the pretty colored eads in the Bible school class, she anted to put just one red bead in her ocket. When some child put his cooky n the table to save to take to Mother, enny found it hard to keep from break- ig off a little piece as she went by.

When she saw a penny on Miss Mary's able, it was so hard not to reach out nd touch it, and perhaps, hold it in er hands for a little while, forgetting it as not hers.

The "green basket" stood every day n the center of the class table, and in- o this the children put all the little ings they had brought from home, little toy or a picture or a frosted cake. hen when it was time to say "good- ye," Miss Mary held out the basket nd every child came and took the thing nat was his own.

One day Tommy came to class hug- ing a bundle inside his coat. It was omething very precious indeed. When he children were all in the ring, Tom- y pulled it out to show them. It was tiny, white, wooly sheep, that said Baa-a!" when one pressed on its head. ommy made it say Baa-a!" several imes for the children; then he ran to ut it in the green basket.

There were other lovely things in he green basket beside the white sheep —a lovely red apple that Mary had rought, some little pictures that Helen nd Josie had cut out of a magazine at ome, a bar of chocolate candy that leming had put there, and many other hings.

When Jenny skipped passed the ta- le on the way to the cupboard, she topped and looked at the tiny white heep. It was such a little sheep, just arge enough to cuddle in one's hand. enny wanted that sheep, but, of course, t wasn't hers. It belonged to Tommy.

When Jenny came back from the cup- oard she stopped again beside the ta- le. She picked up the white sheep in er hand and felt its soft, wooly coat- nd-then-she put it in her apron pocket nd walked back to her table.

From somewhere very near, a voice eemed to call her:

"Jenny, the little sheep is Tommy's. t isn't yours. Put it back, dear.

Jenny put her hand in her pocket, touched the little white sheep and then looked toward the basket.

"You'll never be happy with Tommy's little sheep in your pocket," whispered the voice.

But Jenny shook her head and went on playing.

The voice came again:

"Jenny, the little sheep is Tommy's. It isn't yours. Put it back, dear."

Jenny still went on playing.

"You'll never be happy with Tommy's little sheep in your pocket."

Jenny could bear it no longer. Two big tears came to her eyes. She put her hand in her pocket again. When it came out it held the little wooly sheep.

She ran to the table as fast as she could and dropped the sheep back in the green basket beside Mary's apple, Fleming's cutouts and other things.

Then she felt very happy. She ran back to her table and sang a little song as she played. When it was time to go home, Miss Mary held ou the green basket, and Tommy came up smiling to take his wooly sheep. He pressed the head quickly and made it say, "Baa-a," as if it were saying, "Good-bye, good-bye." Oh, how glad Jenny was that she had put it back!

That night when Jenny was getting ready for bed she told her mother about Tommy's sheep, and all that had hap- pened. Mother said: "That was God's voice you heard, dear, and Jenny said, "I am glad I heard Him. I'm always happy when I listen to God's voice, are'nt you, Mother?"

"Yes, dear, I am."

— The Young Soldier

A Personality Quiz

The following quiz (or test) will help you to know how you are growing in your Christian life. Check statements below which are most like your character:

1.—I help with home chores: without being told; being told once; after being told "16" times.

2.—When my best friend tells me some- thing good that has happened to him or her, I: Rejoice with him; say, "that's nice," half heartedly; wish it had happened to me.

3.—When I don't know the answer and can cheat on a test, knowing for sure I will not be caught, I: Don't give cheating a second thought and do my own work; ponder whether or not I should seize the "opportunity" to cheat.

4.—When I go to a party, I: make a point of seeing that the shyest have fun; stay with my pals alone; in- sist on being the life of the party.

5.—When the crowd starts to do some- thing wrong, I: try to talk them out of it; quietly withdraw; go along with them.

6.—When I am supposed to be at a certain place at a certain time, I: make the necessary efforts to be on time; worry about it, but not enough to be on time always; don't mind being late.

Five Little Words

There are five little words
We'd have to know:
They are: "Pardon me," "Thank you," and "please:"
Oh, use them quite often wherever you go,
There are few words more useful than these.
These five little words are filled with power
That money of fame cannot give;
So commit them to memory this very hour,
And use them as long as you live.

—Author Unknown

A Grace To Say At The Table

We thank Thee, Lord, for happy hearts,
For rain and sunny weather.
We thank Thee, Lord, for this our food,
And that we are together.

Bible Quiz

1—What two men "went up into the temple to pray?"

2—Who planned the first temple, but was not allowed by God to build it?

3—Who did Christ drive out of the tem- ple?

4—On what occasion was Christ taken up to the pinnacle of the temple and tempted to perform a miracle by casting Himself down?

5—On what occasion was "the veil of the temple rent in the midst?"

Answers to Last Week's Questions

1—Judge (Judge 4:4)
2—Slave (Philemon 16)
3—Procurator of Judea (Matthew 27:2)
4—Co-Worker of Paul (Acts 11:30)
5—King (Acts 25:13)

Just For Fun

Four-year-old Billy was interrupted at playing "war" by his father who of- fered him a ride to the store and tempt- ed him with a candy bar.

The boy came running but stopped and rushed back to his playmate in his back yard.

"Scott," he said, "now you stay here and if any wars start while I'm gone you fight'em until I get back."

Woman's Activities

Spiritual Life Retreat

Mrs. John C. Wright

One hundred twenty four women gathered at Pfeiffer College on August 1st for the annual Spiritual Life Cultivation Retreat.

The theme was, "Newness of Life." Mrs. R. F. Foy of Richmond, Va., secretary of Spiritual Life Cultivation of the Woman's Society of Christian Service of the Southeastern Jurisdiction, was the featured speaker. All services were held in the beautiful Pfeiffer Chapel. Mrs. C. G. Norton of Hendersonville, secretary of Spiritual Life in the Conference, was leader.

Mrs. Foy brought many challenging ideas that will help the women of this day when so many things seem to be changing. She planned her meditations so that she might bring progressively deep meaning to her theme. Her first talk was on, "Newness of Life," then, "A New Awareness," which always leads to a "New Dedication."

In speaking of prayer and the kinds of prayer women use in their meditations, she said, "There are those of praise. We use them when we say, 'Thee I adore." There are those of petition, when the soul cries out, 'Lord, have mercy on me.' Then comes a prayer of surrender, and we say, 'Into Thy hands I commit myself, my life, my all.'

As a sort of refrain, Mrs. Foy said, "The one thing we are most certain of is the eternal presence of the Holy Spirit."

Careful preparation for the message was made through beautiul music. Mrs. Charles Brackett, Jr. of Asheville was soloist for the retreat. The theme hymn, "Awake, Awake to Love and Work," and this concludes with the thought, "To spend thyself nor count the cost. To serve right gloriously, The God who gave all worlds that are, And all that are to be."

Eight prayer groups met for an hour of sharing after the meditation, then reassembled in the chapel for a period of Benedictine silence.

The Sunday services included a morning period of prayer and personnal meditation, the group worship service with the Holy Communion service, and a service of intercession and sharing in the afternoon.

All who attended had the feeling of deep spiritual refreshment. For the majority of those present, it was a first experience in attending the Retreat at Pfeiffer College. It was a "Newness of Life" that all Methodist women need for the living of these days.

Workshops On Purpose and Program

"Workshops on Purpose and Program" is a new name for what Methodist women have called "Fall Mission Study Seminars." They are the next big project in the program of Women's Work.

Each District executive committee is busy with setting the date, time and place for these meetings. Prior to this year, the secretary of Missionary education and service has been responsible for the seminar, but in 1964 the district vice-president comes to the front to assume much of the responsibility for the workshop to present program materials for use and study during the coming year.

The Asheville District W. S. C. S. has set the date for its workshop to be held on September 30 from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. at Trinity Methodist Church, West Asheville. Greensboro District is planning to have its workshops as Sub-District programs. Everything is in the planning stage at present.

The programs for the workshops were the subject of study at the School of Missions at Pfeiffer College in August. It is hoped that the number of women attending the workshops may reach 5,000. That would amount to over 300 at each district workshop—but would only be one in eight attending, when the total membership of the Conference Woman's Society is considered.

New District Officers

Mrs. Wilson O. Weldon is welcomed into the executive committee of the Greensboro District Woman's Society of Christian Service. She was elected as secretary of Spiritual Life Cultivation to complete the unexpired term of Mrs. Arthur Williams who was elected in June as recording secretary of the W. S. C. S. of the Western North Carolina Conference.

Genesis: Beginnings Of The Biblical Drama

Exciting things are being heard from all who went to the School of Missions and Christian Service and one refrain runs through all the comments. "The Biblical Study, wasn't it wonderful?"

A new plan was tried this year. The Bible study was made available to all who attended the school. Each morning, there was a 45 minute study in twelve groups, then everyone came together for a half hour of instruction and inspiration with Miss Mary Floyd, deaconess, as leader.

Ask someone who went to the school about this!

N. C. Conference

Mrs. H. W. Doub

New Worker For Pembroke Area

On September first, a new Rural Worker, Miss Joan Kiernan of Upper New York State will begin work in the Pembroke Area. She will be an assistant to Miss Martha Schlanbach, Rural Worker who has been serving there for the past year.

Joan is being sent to us by the Woman's Division under the direct supervision of Mi Cornelia L. Russell, Executive Secretary Town and Country Work. She comes high recommended and has worked at a girl camp in Camden, New York, this summe Her work in Pembroke will be among th Lumbee Indians of Robeson County an she will serve nine different churches, tw of which are in South Carolina. All of th congregations are Indians except one.

It is most interesting to note that th Lumbee Indians claim to be directly de cended from the unfortunate tribe of th Lost Colony. The Reverend D. F. Lower a retired minister of that area has mad an intensive study of this and feels th this claim is very authentic. He says th names of Lowery, Locklear and Oxendin and others substatuate his beliefs as we as a number of other ideas and characte istics, will prove.

These Lumbee Indians have never ha special concessions from our governmen and are good citizens. However our gov ernment did establish Pembroke College f them to receive education. This was fir a Junior College just for Indians, but r cently developed into a four year colleg with a growing enrollment and fully int grated.

We can never think of the Pembrok Area without remembering the tireless e forts and dedication of Miss Rebecca Moo delmog, Deaconess and Ordained Ministe who served so long in this field. So dea was this work to her that even after sh was retired she still lives and works wit these people, all on her own. Our Confe ence Executive Committee remembers tha we could never give "Miss Rebecca" a gif of money because she would not buy an thing for her own use, but would alway take it to buy pianos and benches for he beloved churches. We too are still remem bering the tons and tons of used clothin she lifted and sorted out in order that thes people could be kept warm and comfort able. Truly Miss Rebecca will surely hav a front seat in Heaven.

Two of our workers found romance i these parts, first Miss Alta Nye, Deacones from Montana, served there for a number o years and later married Leon Oxendine. Sh now lives in Pembroke with her husban and two children and has been helping wit the work being carried on by Miss Schlap bach. We are most grateful for this.

Then our Barbara Jean Smith, US2 from Oklahoma, who with the freshness o her youth worked so faithfully with Mis Rebecca. She too married Carl Maynor fron that region and later returned to her home She also made a wonderful contribution es pecially among the young people who wil always remember her for the music sh taught them.

A great deal of credit for the success o the work done in this section goes to Mrs W. Taylor Long, Chairman of the confer ence Advisory Projects for the long range planning and thought given to this. Also we want to pay tribute to Mrs. A. E. Goldfinch, Wilmington District President, Mrs Robert M. Turnell and to the entire Pembroke Area Advisory Committee who have served so well. Due to the re-districting the Pembroke Area is now in the Fayetteville District.

In behalf of the North Carolina Conference, we want to extend to you, Joan a cordial welcome. We are so glad you

uld attend our School of Mission at Meth-list College last week. We assure you at you have our prayers and the best shes of the Woman's Society and the Wes-yan Service Guild and every one else our conference in all you undertake. ease call on us at any time.

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ishop Garber Dedicates 'est Rockingham Church

The West Rockingham Methodist Church, which Rev. C. D. Roettger is pastor, was dicated last Sunday at the morning preach-g service. Bishop Paul N. Garber deliv-ed the message and led the congregation the dedication seremonies. He was as-ed by Rev. Vergil E. Queen, Superintend-t of the Sanford District.

West Rockingham Church was relocated few years ago a short distance from the rmer location, and a splendid plant valu-l at some $68,000 was erected. The church s 288 members on the roll.

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The more money Americans make, the more they tend to become "religious deadbeats" in their support of their churches, Dr. Gilbert Stout of Evanston, Ill., told Methodist laymen at Lake Junaluska Aug. 21-23 for the seventh annual Layman's Advance of the Western North Carolina Conference.

Dr. Stout was one of two staff members of the Methodist General Board of Lay Activities who spoke during the sessions. The other was Dr. William McPherson. Both men also led workshops.

Dr. Stout said the University of Wisconsin is making an independent survey of stewardship among Protestant and Roman Catholics, and the first part of this survey has revealed that an increase in net income brings a decrease in the percentage of giving of the individual to his church.

Those making $5,000 or less were found to contribute 3.4 per cent of that income, after taxes, to the church. Persons making $5,000-10,000 gave 2.7 per cent. Persons making over $10,000 gave 1.9 per cent. He said when an individual reached a six figure income his percentage of giving to the church suddenly increased because of certain tax advantages.

Dr. Stout said another part of the survey will show that "basically, the generous giver to the church is the pace-setter in his community. When a person says he can't give to his church he is committed to give elsewhere, he lies, because he really isn't giving anywhere."

Dr. Stout advised the laymen they would be "dollars ahead if you can push into other denominations your wealthy members who are not contributing generously to your church." He said their indifferent attitude in stewardship would affect the giving of the other members with lesser incomes.

He said a Methodist survey has shown that 25 per cent of the membership of a church gives 75 per cent of the budget. The other 25 per cent of the budget comes from token, or collection plate, contributions.

Dr. McPherson told the laymen, "We are engaged in a new Reformation. This new Reformation doesn't need a new type of Christianity, but a new type of Christian." He said men must become Christians in their social, political and economic lives.

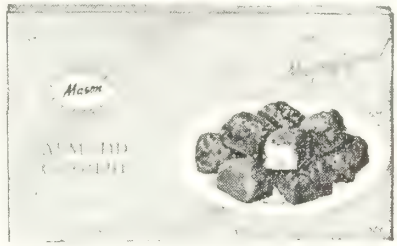
He said, "We love to decry juvenile delinquency, but it is hypocrisy or worse to attempt to teach in the church, school or community a moral, social and ethical life based on Christian principles when we deny this life by the things we do."

He said the old concept of the Christian Church was that of the symbolical Army of God marching forward with armor, shields and swords to fight sin.

"Today," he said, "the Army of the Lord is more like a band of paratroopers who are dropped behind enemy lines to witness throughout the week, and make their way back to the home base (the church) one week later to be refitted, reinspired and to go out again into the world of sin to witness for Christ."

He called for "deep study of who and what God is. No man ever became a Christian by default. Conversion is not a once-in-a-lifetime act. It is a daily event, over and over again. None of us ever becomes wholly Christian."

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"Be Strong in the Lord"

Reverend H. D. Garmon

One of the questions often asked a pastor is, "How do we live the Christian life, when we are under such pressures as we are in our day?" The above question was asked the other week and here are some of the comments made concerning the living of the Christian life day by day. Jesus said: "Enter in at the strait gate, for wide is the gate, and broad is the way that leadeth to destruction, and many there be which go in thereat: Because strait is the gate, and narrow is the way, which leadeth unto life, and few there be that find it." Matthew 7:13-14.

1. To be strong in the Lord, there is first commitment of one's self unto the Lord, and to the study of His Holy Word.

2. Then there is communication. The Christian grows through prayer. We are admonished to pray without ceasing. This means, of course, that wherever we are we can be in the attitude of prayer——walking down the street, washing the breakfast dishes, or driving a car.

3. The Christian grows when he leads the consecrated or disciplined life. Our bodies, minds, and our tongues should be rigidly disciplined through the Spirit of our Lord and Christ. Our bodies are the temples of the Holy Spirit and our Lord is ready to help us conquer through His power. The Bible says, "There hath no temptation taken you but such as is common to man, but God is faithful, who will not suffer you to be tempted above that which ye are able; but will with the temptation also make a way to escape, that ye may be able to bear it."

4. The Christian grows in strength through his faithfulness to his church. Going to church is not a matter of option; it is absolutely necessary if we are to be the kind of Christians Christ wants us to be. Of course, there are those who are unable to attend public services, but their faithfulness is manifested through their spirit and attitude of concern.

5. The Christian grows in strength through active service. We should all be witnesses unto our Lord through Christian service or personal witness. This kind of strength and growth comes through giving ourselves in service for others.

6. We grow in grace and in knowledge as we constantly give ourselves unto the Lord to be used of Him in whatever Christian service we may render, wherever we may be located.

These are but suggestions for us to think about if we desire to grow in strength and grace and in favor with God and man. Lets try them with all our heart, mind, soul, and strength and see what great things God will do for us.

CAROLINA BRIEFS

¶ Forsyth County Leadership Training School will be held September 13–17. Day classes will be held at Ardmore Methodist Church and evening classes at Centenary Methodist Church.

¶ Calvary Methodist Church on the Todd Charge held Revival Services last week, August 23–29. Rev. A. B. Weaver of West Jefferson was the guest preacher. Special singing was enjoyed by all who attended. Kenneth Eller is the pastor of the church.

¶ Dr. Howard P. Powell of Raleigh will conduct revival services at the Haymount Methodist Church, Fayetteville, September 13-18. Rev. T. R. Jenkins is pasor of Haymount Church. The beautiful new gothic sanctuary has just recently been completed and is now in use.

¶ Marrow's Chapel Methodist Church of the Oxford Circuit will hold its annual Homecoming service on Sunday, September 20, at 11:00 a.m. Rev. P. D. Midgett, a former pastor, will be the guest speaker. Dinner will be served on the grounds. Rev. R. L. Ossman is the pastor.

¶ Mr. James A. North begin his work as Director of Childrens Work in Christian Education at West Market Street Church, Greensboro Thursdav, August 27. He recently finished his work for the M.A. Degree in Children's Work at Scarritt College, Nashville, Tenn. He is married and he and Mrs. North now reside in Greensboro.

¶ West Rockingham church will observe Homecoming on Sunday, September 20, with the pastor, Rev. C. D. Roettger, bringing the message. Dinner on the grounds will follow the service and an afternoon of song is planned. The renowned East Rockingham Men's Chorus will be present. All friends and former members and pastors are invited to attend.

¶ Newlyn Street Church, Greensboro, will observe Homecoming Day Sunday, September 13. Rev. Don Ellis, associate minister of West Market Street Church, will bring the message at the 11:00 o'clock service. Dinner will be served following worship, and a song service will follow Rev. George B. Culbreth is pastor of Newlyn Street Church.

¶ Welch Memorial Methodist Church of High Point observed its first anniversarv in the new church building last Sunday, September 6, 1964. Rev. L. F. Strader, a former pastor, preached at the 11:00 o'clock hour. A fellowship meal was enjoved on the grounds following the morning worship hour. At the evening service slides of events in the life of the church for the past year. Rev. O. Ray Moss is pastor.

¶ Burke County Leadership Training School will be held at First Methodist Church, Morganton, September 13–17, 7:30–9:30 p.m. Seven courses will be offered, taught by Miss Louise Robinson, Statesville; Mrs. Lee H. Edwards, Charlotte; Rev. Harold Wright, Morganton, Rt. 7; Rev. J. C. Gilland, Rt. 4, Statesville; Rev. Jacob B. Golden, Hickory; Rev. George W. Rudisill, Statesville; and Dr. C. C. Herbert, Gastonia.

¶ We regret to learn of the recent death of Mrs. J. L. Smith, wife of Rev. J. L. Smith retired member of the North Carolina Conference now living in Kannapolis.

¶ The Christian Workers School for the Raleigh Area will be held September 20-24 at Hayes Barton Methodist Church, Releigh. Classes will be held each of the five days beginning at 7:30 p.m.

¶ Rev. Rene Bideaux, missionary to Costa Rica, and a member of the North Carolina Conference, will preach at both services at the Fairmont Methodist Church, Raleigh, September 20. Rev. John M. Cline is the pastor.

¶ Dr. James G. Huggin, pastor of Wesley Memorial Church, High Point, was inspirational speaker at a Faculty–Student work Conference for the beginning of the new school year at Brevard College September 9-12.

¶ Alamance County Evangelistic Crusade, led by Dr. Leighton Ford, member of the Billy Graham team runs from September 10–20. Rev. Howard McLamb, pastor of Davis Street Methodist Church, is serving as chairman of the group. Dr. Ford will preach in the Davis Street Church next Sunday, September 13 at 11:00 a.m.

¶ Fanning's Chapel Methodist Church, Henderson County, N. C., will observe Homecoming Sunday, September 13, beginning with Sunday School at 10:00 a.m. The Rev. W. W. Pless, a former pastor, will be the speaker. Mr. Pless is now retired and lives in Asheville. All former pastors, members and friends are invited. The Rev. Jack Waldrep is the present pastor.

¶ The commission on Membership and Evangelism of the Flat Rock Methodist Church, of Stokesdale, will sponsor a weekend Revival on Soul-Winning and Personal Evangelism on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday of this week. Sept. 11-13th. The Rev. W. G. Biggerstaff, pastor of the Greer's Chapel Methodist Church, Salisbury District will be the visiting minister for the services. Services begin each evening at 7:30 p.m. with a special Sunday afternoon service at 3:00 p.m. on Sunday, Sept. 13th. Rev. David E. Hubbard, is the pastor of Flat Rock Charge. Everyone is invited to attend this specail revival on Soul-Winning and Personal Evangelism.

¶ Homecoming Day for Oak Hill Methodist Church, Route 5, Morganton, has been set for Sunday, September 20. It is hoped that all former ministers, members and friends of the church can be present for the Church School at ten o'clock, the Morning Worship at eleven o'clock, and the Homecoming meal at half past twelve o'clock. Oak Hill has just ended its first year as a "station church" after being removed from the Table Rock Charge in 1963. It has had a good year which has witnessed the redecoration of the parsonage, as well as landscaping of the parsonage grounds, and approval of plans for an addition to the educational facilities of the church. Neil E. Smith, minister will preach at the morning worship.

¶ Homecoming services will be held at Pleasant Grove Methodist Church, Charlotte on September 13. Mr. Paul Ervin will be the guest speaker. Rev. Ernest D. Page is the pastor.

¶ Dr. Howard P. Powell, Raleigh, was the guest speaker for a service on Prayer at the Jonesville First Methodist Church September 6, 7, and 8, at 7:30 each evening. Rev. H. L. Blackwelder is the pastor.

¶ Dr. Wilson O. Weldon last Sunday at the 11:00 o'clock worship service baptised the infant son of Rev. and Mrs. Max Lowdermilk, missionaries to Pakistan, who are now on furlough, but expect to return to their mission post within a short time.

¶ High Point College will offer a wide variety of courses in its Evening School when registration begins Thursday and Friday, September 10-11, in the Administration Building on the Campus at 9:00 a.m. Classes will begin Monday evening, September 14. A large enrollment is expected.

¶ The Concord Methodist Church of Route 1, Catawba, N. C., will observe homecoming day on Sunday, September 27. Rev. H. R. Cornelius, a former pastor of this church, now retired and living at Newton, will be the guest preacher. All former pastors and members are invited to attend. Rev. W. C. Cockman is the pastor.

¶ Mr. and Mrs. Seavy A. Carroll, who have spent five years in Southern Rhodesia as missionaries of the Methodist Church, are now on their first furlough back home and will be located in Fayetteville. Their mailing address is P. O. Box 144, Fayetteville, N. C. Mr. Carroll will speak in churches and on other occasions while he is on furlough. They will be glad to hear from their friends while in America.

¶ Bishop Earl G. Hunt will visit the Western North Carolina headquarters building in Statesville Friday, Sept. 11, and attend a reception in his honor by Statesville clergymen afterwards. Bishop Hunt has already arranged a heavy schedule and is rapidly becoming acclimated to his new position. He will preach at First Methodist church, in Asheboro, next Sunday morning at the 11:00 o'clock worship service. Dr. Charles D. White is pastor of First Church.

¶ The last Sunday in September will be Homecoming at Mitchell's Chapel Methodist Church. An invitation is extended to friends and former ministers to attend and take part in this special day. Dr. W. Jackson Huneycutt, Superintendent of the Albemarle District, and a former pastor of this church, will be the guest preacher. After the 11:00 o'clock worship service, a picnic dinner will be served, where old and new friends can enjoy the fellowship together.

¶ The Annual Homecoming service for Cool Springs Methodist Church, Mamers charge, Harnett County, will be held Sunday, September 20. The Rev. Thomas H. House, a former pastor, will bring the message at 11:00 a.m. A picnic lunch will be served following the morning worship hour. There will be a song service in the afternoon. The pastor, Rev. L. H. Dodson, and the members extend a cordial invitation to all former pastors, former members, and friends to attend.

Durham District Set-Up Meeting

The Durham District Pastors met at Aldersgate Methodist Church for their set-up meeting which began with lunch following the pastors' retreat. Dr. O. L. Hathaway, District Superintendent, presided, with almost every pastor present. Bishop Garber expressed his happiness at being assigned to the Raleigh Area, and in a heart to heart talk with the group about the present situation, discussed the opportunities for service in the Raleigh Area. He stated that our Conference must expand in all areas, Evangelism, Christian Education, Church



Extension, Higher Education, Publications, Stewardship, Children's Home, Retirement, Missions, Lay Activities, etc. "We preachers and laymen must represent in our daily lives the spirit of our Saviour," he said. "We must have a spirit of optimism, kindness, sympathy, close contact with our people, and a spirit of hard work." Dr. Hathaway called upon the district officers to speak. William Howard, Jr., spoke for Education, and called upon the education staff for remarks. The District secretaries of the different organizations were introduced and spoke for their groups. J. L. Joyce spoke for Hospitals, Homes, and Golden Cross; J. C. Alexander for Christian Vocations; L. A. Aitken, Gifts and Wills; Sidney Boone, Missions; A. F. McClung, The North Carolina Christian Advocate; V. W. Jones, Publications; Weyland Cooke, TRAFCO; and P. D. Midgett, III, for Town and Country. Evangelism had already met in the morning.

The meeting was closed by a fine paper read by Dr. O. L. Hathaway on "Some Benefits For The North Carolina Conference Ministers."

The benediction was given by the Rev. D. M. Sharpe.

Students to Meet

About 3,500 college students and campus ministers are expected to attend the eighth quadrennial Conference of the Methodist Student Movement, Dec. 28, 1964, to Jan. 2, 1965 ,at Lincoln, Nebraska.

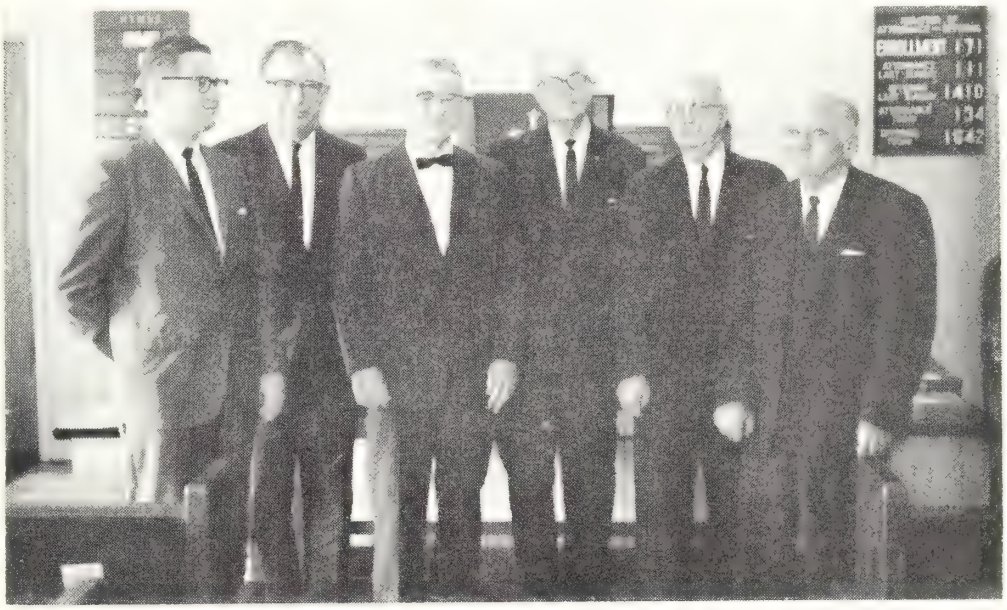
All 50 states of the United States and some 40 other nations are expected to be represented.

"Three key issues—the political order, race, Latin America—will be explored in depth in addresses and in large and small groups." said the Rev. J. Emmett Wilkerson, Nashville, conference administrator. Other issues also will be discussed.

The Methodist Student Movement is composed of students and campus ministers from state, independent, and Methodist-related colleges and universities.



Left to right: retired ministers (and Bishop Garber) of the Durham District attending the Durham District Pastors' Retreat—Dr. Ed Earnhardt, Rev. J. J. Boone, Bishop Paul N. Garber, Rev. D. M. Sharpe, Rev. H. E. Myers, and Rev. L. M. Hall. Dr. B. B. Slaughter was not present when the picture was made.



Left to right: Group leaders—Rev. Nathan Byrd, Rev. John Poe, Dr. D. E. Earnhardt, Rev. C. Freeman Heath, Bishop Paul N. Garber, and Dr. O. L. Hathaway.

Charlotte District Holds Day Camp For Older Adults

The first annual 'Day Camp for Older Adults" of the Charlotte District will be held September 5 at the recreation grounds of Central Avenue Church on the Catawba River, about 13 miles from Charlotte.

The all-day outing grew out of a March 12 workshop for older adults sponsored by the Charlotte District at Dilworth Church.

The program will include a picnic, games, music and devotionals.

The committee in charge includes George Blackburn, youth director for Myers Park Methodist Church; the Rev. Dearmon Hunter, minister of education for First Methodist Church; Miss Barbara Bradley, director of Christian education at Dilworth Methodist Church; and Miss Barnett Spratt.

Miss Fannie Bame, deaconess, retired, who works at St. James Methodist church, is coordinator for the program.

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EDITORIALS

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What Is Wrong With The Loyalty Pledge?

In the recent political conventions some question was raised about delegates being willing to sign a pledge of loyalty to their particular party and its platform. Some hesitated, and some even refused to do so, saying it was a reflection upon their integrity. They said they did not have to sign a pledge as to their devotion to the party since they had belonged to the party all their lives and did not like to have their word questioned.

As we thought of these things, we began to apply this principle to other areas of life. When we stand before the marriage altar to be united in matrimony we are asked if we will forsake all others and keep ourselves only unto this particular person as our life companion. We answer in the affirmative without hesitation, because that is our intention. When men are elected to public office and come to assume its responsibilities they take a vow or make a pledge, or swear allegiance and promise to be faithful in the performance of their duties. That goes for the President of the United States and on down the line to lesser offices. When we stand before the altar of the church to be received into membership we are asked certain questions as to our purpose and willingness to be faithful to the principles of the Christian faith and the church with which we are uniting. We must be willing to make the affirmative answer or we are not qualified for membership. When men stand before the annual conference to be received as traveling preachers, they are asked and are expected to answer affirmatively as to their purpose to give themselves wholly to the work of the ministry with all that involves. They make such commitments.

And so, if we desire to be members of a political party because we subscribe to its principles, why should we not be willing to declare our loyalty? Otherwise political alignments would mean nothing, and we could not be depended upon for support.

Of course we understand that the hesitancy to sign a loyalty pledge to the party was an effort to leave the individual free to vote for any other candidate, even for the candidate of the opposition party. But in a democracy the majority rule is supposed to prevail, and even though we may not agree one hundred percent with our party or its platform, as good party members we are supposed to go along with the majority, and at the same time we can work for reforms to correct what we think are its mistakes. In other words, if we are to sail under a certain flag we should be loyal to its colors; if we are to play on a certain team, we should try to help it win. We can understand why Mississippi and Alabama would naturally object to being singled out and made exceptions. It would seem the loyalty pledge to a party, if applied to all concerned, would be about as reasonable as our commitments in other matters. If we do not intend to be loyal we should not seek membership in the party; if we are going to be loyal we should not hesitate to indicate by pledging to do so.

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THEME FOR THE WEEK

"And Peter remembered the word of Jesus, which said unto him, Before the cock crow, thou shalt deny me thrice, And he went out and wept bitterly."—Matt. 26:75.

Rev. W. B. Davis, Retired, Died September First

Rev. W. Baxter Davis, retired member of the Western North Carolina Conference, died Tuesday, September 1, in the Rowan Memorial Hospital in Salisbury. He had been in ill health for about one week.

He was a native of Rutherford County and was educated at Rutherford College and Duke Divinity School.

Mr. Davis joined the Western North Carolina conference in 1911 and served a number of churches, including Central Methodist in Spencer, First Church in Wadesboro, First church in Newton, Main Street Church in High Point, and others in Charlotte, Concord, Winston-Salem, and through the conference.

After his retirement in 1950 he helped organize and served as first pastor of Aldersgate Church in Shelby and St. Mark's Church in Belmont. He also continued to be active in supply work.

Mr. Davis's first wife, the former Myrtle Pope, died in 1950. His second wife, Mrs. Minnie Parks Pinkston Davis, whom he married in 1953, survives. Also surviving are one son, Capt. John W. Davis of Nashville, Tenn., two daughters, Mrs. Carl Spencer of Spencer and Mrs. Richard Slve of Avondale Estates, Ga.; two stepdaughters, Mrs. Earl J. Rodman of Greensboro and Mrs. James G. Johnston of Charlotte; two sisters, Mrs. I. G. Watson, of Shelby, and Mrs. Clyde Mielton of the Methodist Home in Durham; nine grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were held at 2:30 p.m. Thursday, September 3, at Central Methodist Church, Spencer, by the Rev. Dwight Pyatt, the Rev. Harlan L. Creech, Jr., Dr. James C. Stokes and the Rev. C. C. Murray. Graveside services were conducted at 5:00 p.m. Thursday at Sharon Memoiral Park in Charlotte.

Board Of Evangelism Of N. C. Conference Holds Fall Meeting

The meeting of the Board of Evangelism of the North Carolina Conference was held September 2, 1964. Rev. Paul Browning, president, presided, and Rev. Kimsey King led the devotions.

Officers for the coming year are: Rev. Clyde Boggs, president; Rev. Kimsey King, vice-president; Rev. C. Freeman Heath secretary-treasurer, and Rev. Alison Simonton and Rev. Paul Browning as members of the Board of Trustees of the Board of Evangelism, Inc.

Mr. Simonton and Mr. King reported on the Pastors' Conference on Evangelism and the conference for pastors, new to the North Carolina Conference.

Bishop Garber thrilled the group with an evangelistic challenge. He talked about the responsibility of the Raleigh Area to stand on its own since it only has our one conference within its bounds. He issued a challenge for membership growth saying that evangelism is a continuing assignment. He delineated how reform movements rise to a moment of enthusiasm and then wane away. He said this should never be the way in which we do evangelism. Bishop Garber stressed the importance of a right attitude, mentioning his experiences in a variety of evangelistic missions all the way from North Africa to Poland. He spoke of the varying methods used in the varying localities. He spoke strongly on the spirit of optimism. He pledged his life to the work of the church for what he said would be his last quadrennium in is present capacity.

Mr. Roy Turnage issued a challenge to the board, pledging the full support of the laymen of the Conference.

Mr. Heath reviewed the year's program of evangelism highlighting the fact that the board did not work through a handed down program. He lifted the opportunities up that are to be found in the district pastors' retreats, revivals, and visitation evangelism. He stressed membership classes and volunteered his services for Sunday E-Day visits to local churches and as many week-day sessions as he could possibly fill.

Walter Anderson inspired the members with considerations that are being given to trying a Pilot Project in the Raleigh District on lay revivals. This was followed by Robert Rose's report on a lay revival emphasis in the Goldsboro District. Both laymen spoke with fervor as to the possibilities of winning new souls for Christ.

First Church, Mount Olive

Perfect attendance pins were awarded to the following members of the Church School for the past year at the worship service Sunday morning: 14 years: Bill Mathis; 13 years, Mike Mathis; 12 years, Debbie Boyd; 9 years, Olivia King; 6 years, Sue King; three years, Jan Lee, Missie Hester and Louie Hester; two years, Nancy Kornegay; one year, Ernie and Pat Martin, Rene Hester, Rosemond Coley, John Cox.

Bibles were presented to the rising third and fourth graders by the Woman's Society of Christian Service as a part of the promotion day: Maridee Potts, E. A. Southerland, Jr., Chris Hatcher, Susan Smith, Terese Harper, Johnny Ball, Cindy Daniluk, Rosemond Coley, Ernie Martin, Jimmy Mayo.

Bishop Hunt Emphasizes Importance of Evangelism

"Evangelism must regain its place as the magnificant obsession of the Christian Church," Bishop Earl G. Hunt, Jr., who presides over the Charlotte Methodist Area, told Western North Carolina Conference evangelism leaders in Charlotte August 31 in Hickory Grove Methodist Church.

The bishop was luncheon speaker during an all-day training workshop of the Conference's Board of Evangelism, led by Dr. Wilson O. Weldon of Greensboro, as Board president, and the Rev. Mitchell Faulkner of Shelby, as Conference secretary of evangelism.

"Effective evangelism today must have an awareness of, and positive conviction about pressing current social issues," the bishop said, "I don't believe we can confront the thoughtful, progressive mind of our era with the claim of Jesus Christ unless that mind can be convinced the religion approaching it is a religion of revelance in this day and age."

"If we are going to have effective evangelism today," the bishop said, 'it must be articulated in meaningful, comtemporary concepts as well as language; it must be reinforced with unimpeachable integrity; it has got to know the Lord other than by heresay; and it must develop new techniques and improve old ones."

"An evangelism which does its job," the bishop said, "not only brings a man to the foot of the Cross, but helps that man stand up again and go out and make a better community and world."

Bishop Hunt said the heart of evangelism is "not just getting the man or woman into a church, but into a knowledge of Christ. Our business in this world is to make men and women Christians and turn them loose in society to remake the world. Everything we do as a Church must become ultimately evangelistic. This is our job and there will never be another job more important."

The district directors of evangelism for the Conference had these suggestions for a more meaningful evangelism during the 1964-68 quadrennium:

—Each minister in the Conference should win one person to Christ each week of the year.

—Clergymen should preach out of the Bible, rather than get a topic and then search for a biblical text to support it.

—Evangelistic resource teams should be employed to train laymen in local churches.

—A better job must be done in reaching children in their more formative years, and the new 1-11 age church school curriculum is designed to do this.

—The standards of church membership should be raised. Many persons who consider themselves good church members could not hold membership in civic clubs on the basis of their church attendance and financial giving.

—God must be preached as not only a loving God, but as a God of judgement. Without repentance, there is no forgiveness.

—There is a need for a Chair of Evangelism in all Methodist seminaries.

—Family night programs can be used for evangelism, with devotions by an entire family.

—There should be increased emphasis on the small "quest" groups in local churches.

The Rev. Douglas Corriher of High Point said today everything is aimed at mass appeal and thus people build up a resistance to mass appeals. This opens the way to small groups who meet to find Christ.

The Rev. Mr. Corriher said often a person is converted only to find his church has not been converted. "Newborns in Christ must have Christian nurture in an atmosphere where they can grow, or they become pharisees or hypocrites or both. This nurture will not be found in the majority of our churches, but can be found in small groups formed in those churches."

The Rev. Mr. Corriher also said there "is no cleanser for all sins at one time. Once inhibitions are removed, the sins appear and must be dealt with. As the challenges arise, the person must pray; make commitment after commitment."

The ministers said small groups should not replace public worship as the instrument of God, but small groups can lead to the renewal of a church.

Other members of the Conference Board of Evangelism than those mentioned include Torrence W. Aldred of Charlotte, vice president; the Rev. J. Bernard Hurley, secretary, of Charlotte; and the Rev. John K. Miller of Statesville, treasurer.

District directors of evangelism include: Albemarle, the Rev. Glenn R. McCulley of Norwood; Asheville, the Rev. L. B. Laye of Weaverville; Charlotte, the Rev. Mr. Hurley; Gastonia, the Rev. W. H. Pheagin of Belmont; Greensboro, the Rev. Herbert D. Garmon of Leakesville; High Point, the Rev. Mr. Corriher; Marion, the Rev. E. H. Brendall of Morganton; North Wilkesboro, the Rev. R. Cliff Summey of the Creston-Green Valley Charge; Salisbury, the Rev. Howard Allred of Concord; Statesville, the Rev. Charles Bruce of Fairgrove; Thomasville, the Rev. Herbert T. Penry, Jr., of Pleasant Grove; Waynesville, the Rev. W. B. A. Culp of Sylva and Winston-Salem, Rev. H. Claude Young, Jr, of Sedge Garden.

The Rev. W. T. Medlin, Jr., of Cherryville represented the Gastonia District at the meeting. District superintendents attending included Dr. Cecil Heckard, Gastonia District; and Dr. Herman Nicholson, Thomasville District.

Elkin-Yadkin Leadership Training School

A promotional supper for the Elkin-Yadkin Leadership Training School will be held on Tuesday, September 29th, at the Boonville Methodist Hut at 6:30 p.m. Price of the supper will be $1.00 each person. The following people from each church are asked to attend: Pastor, Chairman of the Commission on Education, Division Superintendents for Children, Youth, and Adults, church school superintendents, and the church Lay Leader. Each pastor is asked to contact these people on his charge and have each one of them attend this important session.

The committee for this year's Training School is as follows: Herman F. Duncan, District Superintendent; James Atwell, Director of Texts and Finance; Courtney B. Ross, General Director and James E. McNeely, Jr., Director of Publicity. This school is for the Methodist leaders and friends of this area who are interested in Christian growth. A very fine group of instructors will lead the Elkin-Yadkin Leadership Training School, October 18-22.



In a service held at the Hope Mills Methodist Church, Scouts Evans Jackson and Douglas Henley were awarded The God and Country award by their pastor, Odell Walker. The scouts then surprised the pastor by presenting him a God and Country lapel pin. Left to right Douglas Henley, pastor Walker and Evans Jackson.

Hope Mills Laymen Sponsor "Lay Witness Revival"

The laymen of the Hope Mills Methodist Church had a four night "lay witness revival" August 24-27. Mr. J. Nelson Gibson, former conference lay leader, spoke Monday night on "Worship", Rev. Tom Haggai, Baptist Evangelist, spoke Tuesday night on "Prayer," Duncan Owen, M.D. a Presbyterian, spoke Wednesday night on "Medicine and Religion," and on Thursday night Walter Anderseon, SBI Director spoke on the "Commandments."

Despite the fact that the "lay witness revival" had the democratic convention as "competition," the pastor reports that this was the largest attended services that had been held in Hope Mills in any of the churches in the four years he has been there. This is a testimony to the effectiveness of the laymen in the service of the church.

The service was enhanced each evening by special music from The Men's Chorus under the direction of Mr. Freeman, a Presbyterian minister, by the church choir and by Rev. Lyn Buttoff of Marvin Methodist Church. The sanctuary was beautified by the lovely flowers from the flower garden of Mr. and Mrs. Willie Nunnery. The boy scouts directed the parking each evening, and the children had a story hour each evening.

The services were under the direction of the lay leader, Charles Priest. He had a publicity committee under the guidance of Franklin Faulkner, and a music committee under the guidance of Larry Priest. The ushers were early each evening to see that the people were welcomed and seated. The Hope Mills Church is a new church just completed at the cost of $127,000 with The Reverend Odell Walker as pastor.

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The Rev. DeWayne S. Woodring, Columbus, Ohio, formerly director of public relations for the Ohio Area, has been named administrative assistant to Bishop Francis E. Kearns of the newly-created Ohio East Area.

1964-1965 Goals and Recommendations

The Western North Carolina Conference Youth Council in session at Pfeiffer College August 9-11, 1964, made many important recommendations and established several goals for the consideration of every member of the Methodist Youth Fellowship within the bounds of the Western North Carolina Conference. Among these recommendations and goals are the following: WE RECOMMEND—

I. Conference-Wide Activities

That delegates be carefully selected and registered by each local church of Sub-district for the following Conference activities during the coming year:

1. Nine sessions of Christian Adventure Camping for Junior High Boys and Girls, Camp Tekoa, Hendersonville, June, July and August 1965.
2. Senior High Officers' Workshop, Lake Junaluska, June 28-July 3, 1965.
3. Senior High Christian Outreach Assembly, Lake Junaluska, June 28-July 3, 1965.
4. Conference Youth Council Meeting, Pfeiffer College, August 8-10, 1965.
5. Older Youth/Young Adult Wilderness Trail Hike, Great Smoky Mountain National Park, August 22-27, 1965.
6. Older Youth/Young Adult Appalachian Trail Hike, Great Smoky Mountain National Park, August 29-September 3, 1965.
7. Western N. C. Conference Workshop on Drama in Christian Education, October 15-17, 1965 at Myers Park Methodist Church, Charlotte.

II. Methodist Youth Fund:

That our Conference Methodist Youth Fund goal for 1964-1965 be set at $41,960.00 (an increase of $3,027.00 over last year) with the following district goals:

Albemarle	$2,200.00
Asheville	2,400.00
Charlotte	5,500.00
Gastonia	3,600.00
Greensboro	3,600.00
High Point	3,500.00
Marion	3,000.00
N. Wilkesboro	1,500.00
Salisbury	3,200.00
Statesville	4,000.00
Thomasville	3,600.00
Waynesville	1,860.00
Winston-Salem	4,000.00

That the importance of the work of the Methodist Youth Fund be stressed by:

1. The district superintendent inquiring of the MYF Fund;
2. Each MYF observing pledge Sunday on either the last Sunday in May of the first Sunday in June, and sending both the Junior High and the Senior High pledges to Mrs. J. E. Yountz, Treasurer, Box 749, Statesville, N. C. 28677 immediately; or bringing MYF Fund pledges to the Senior High Workshop or Assembly at Lake Junaluska; (All pledges and payment should be sent as above rather than through the subdistrict.)
3. Emphasizing the goal of "A Penny A Day" per capita giving by every member of the Methodist Youth Fellowship.
4. Paying our MYF Fund pledges primarily through the medium of personal giving rather than through money-raising projects;
5. Paying individual pledges weekly or the first of each month, and submitting payments on group pledges to Mrs. J. E. Yountz, Box 749, Statesville, N. C. 28677, monthly.
6. Each MYF taking advantage of the opportunity to use the MYF Fund filmstrip entitled, "Counterfiet," available free from the Youth Department in Statesville.
7. Making better use of SHARE (Methodist Youth Fund Bulletin), MYF Fund Packet, and "Youth Fund In Action" (map) in promoting the Methodist Youth Fund.
8. Increased incentive for giving by educating young people through the 1964-1965 mission themes, "Spanish Americans" and "The Church's Mission Among New Nations," and through the use of missionaries, nationals, films and skits.

II. Age Groups:

Junior Highs: (Ages 12-14)

1. That each district have meetings within the conference year of adult workers with junior highs—to share ideas for junior high work within the local church, and to aid junior high work beyond the local church.
2. That, where junior highs and senior highs meet together in the local church, they divided—provided there are seven or more of each group on roll, and that on the subdistrict level we continue to work toward the goal of complete separation, in order that the needs of each age group may be met more effectively.
3. That junior highs in each local church be provided with the curriculum materials, both on Sunday morning (**Twelve-fifteen** and **Christian Adventure** or closely graded materials) and Sunday evening (**Junior High Times** and **Programs Quarterly**). prepared and/or recommended by The Methodist Church for their use.
4. That workers with junior highs be provided with **Workers With Youth, Manual for Workers With Junior Highs,** and **Packet for Junior High Workers** (247-C).
5. That, wherever Junior highs meet separately from senior highs (either on Sunday morning or evening) they make and report a separate pledge to the Methodist Youth Fund and be encouraged to participate more fully in MYF Fund.
6. That special opportunities for continued Christian growth be provided for every junior high by every local church (or by several cooperating churches), such as the following: Christian Adventure Week, Christian Adventure Camp, Christian Adventure Get-To-Gether (MYF beyond the local church for junior highs) and Vacation Church School.

Senior Highs: (Ages 15-17)

1. That the Senior High Reading Project Book for 1965 be **Evangelism For Teen-Agers** by Reverend Howard Fillis, and that every senior high youth read it thoughtfully. (Cokesbury, Fifth and Grace Streets, Richmond, Virginia 23219, $1.00 per copy.)
2. That senior highs in each local church be provided with and urged to use the curriculum materials, both on Sunday morning (**Classmate** and **Studies in Christian Living, or Bible Lessons For Youth**), Sunday evening (**Roundtable, Program Quarterly**, and or elective units), and through the week (**Power**), prepared and/or recommended by The Methodist Church for their use.
3. That each MYF purchases for its elected officers, program area chairmen and adult leaders the basic organizational and guidance manuals (**Handbook For Senior Highs In The Church, Guidebook For Youth Work In The Church** and **Here's How To Conduct Meetings**); and that these manuals then be passed on to their successors in office.
4. That special activities be planned and held by every Senior High MYF during the summer months of 1965 for the Christian growth of its members such as the following: Summer Seminar (Youth Activities Week), Senior High Camp, Tour, Trip or Work Project.
5. That delegates from the Central Jurisdiction be urged to register and participate in the activities of the 1965 Senior High Workshop and Assembly at Lake Junaluska.

Older Youth: (Ages 18-21)

1. That a class be organized for this age group in every local church where there are as many as five older youth; and that there is no specific organized,youth of this age be allowed to choose the class in which they will participate, either the Senior High of Young Adult Class.
2. That organizational and program planning for this age group in the local church be guided by the National Council of Churches manual, **A Manual For Young Adults** (a guide to Program Planning for older Youth and Young Adults.) (Cokesbury 85¢)
3. That every older youth in every church be provided with the curriculum materials recommended by The Methodist Church for their use: **Christian Action, Classmate, Power** and elective units (see **Planbook,** pages 50-51).
4. That appropriate recognition be given college students on Student Recognition Day (December 27, 1964) and on Methodist Student Day (June 13, 1965).
5. That this age group be encouraged to view the new filmstrip for older youth and young adults, entitled **Face To Face.** (Available free from—Youth Department, Box 749, Statesville, N. C. 28677.)
6. That everything possible be done by every local church to maintain a vital relationship between the age group and the church.

All Youth: (Ages 12-21)

1. That, though we are pleased with the increased number of youth in our conference over last year (42,126, an increase of 629), a continuing effort to be made to increase membership still further in the local MYF, to the end that every youth in every community be actively identified with some redemptive youth fellowship.
2. that every member of the MYF be challenged to learn the MYF Covenant and to be a living example of it.
3. That every Methodist Youth Fellowship consider carefully the value of sending delegates from its membership to each of the activities listed under item I of these Goals and Recommendations.
4. That every MYF Council continue to evaluate the total program of its MYF in an effort to enrich the Spiritual life and commitment of every member of the fellowship.

IV MYF Belond The Local Church:

(Subdistrict, District, Conference)

1. that regular well-planned publicity be presented to all local churches of a subdistrict in the form of interesting and informative newsletters, posters for all churches made by a subdistrict committee or a local committee, visits by fellowship teams or subdistrict representative to all churches, where possible, at least once a year,

printed year books with the total program outlined, and regular notices of all meetings to all local MYF presidents, ministers, and adult counselors—to be received at least one week before the meeting.

2. That each district council discuss and recommend a Methodist Youth Fund goal in the Spring and report to the subdistrict and local churches in time for their pledge services in May and June. These goals will then be considered at the Conference Council for final approval.

3. That each subdistrict study what it means to be a "Christian Community," and continually tailor its total program to fulfill its purpose of being the "Christian community."

4. That each subdistrict or district have a training workshop for all local youth officers and adults counselors at least once a year.

5. That each subdistrict seek to increase its effectiveness by:

a) Having a planning retreat at least once a year when the year's program is planned and following through in all plans;

b) Having a Spiritual Life Retreat once a year.

6. That each subdistrict acquaint its members with the Conference sponsored summer youth activities listed under item I of these goals and Recommendations.

7. That each subdistrict plan to send its new president in 1965 to the Senior High Officers' Workshop at Lake Junaluska (June 21-26)for training, and to the Conference Council Meeting at Pfeiffer College (August 8-10).

8. That each subdistrict and Conference MYF officer and program chairman keep a record of all activities covered by his office and pass it on to his successor in office.

9. That each subdistrict support, promote and publicize its District Camp where there is one.

10. That every local MYF and subdistrict make a renewed effort to include and request the help, advice, and guidance of their minister (s) in the program of the Methodist Youth Fellowship.

1. That all officers and leaders in youth work beyond the local church be provided with and read NOTEBOOK FOR YOUTH WORK BEYOND THE LOCAL CHURCH.

V. In Conclusion: We recommend that—

1. All the goals and recommendations above be studied carefully by the Council of each local Methodist Youth Fellowship, each district subdistrict and any other MYF group in the Western North Carolina Conference and that those recommendations which apply to its situation be adopted as goals for the year 1964-1965.

2. The Conference MYF officers and program area chairmen be used during the year advance and invite them several weeks ahead of the activity;) Plan to take care of their travel and entertainment expenses. (Their names and addresses appear on page 4 of the July-August INFORMATION SHEET.)

Conference Senior High Officers and Adult Advisers

President—Chuck Shuford, 831 Wood St., Statesville (Race Street)
Vice-President—Henry Perry, 208 Homewood Ave., Greensboro (Christ)
Secretary—Pan Holyfield, 1301 Summit Ave., Greensboro (Proximity)
Associate Secretary—Lynn Culler, 2151 S. Hawthorne Rd., Winston-Salem (Wes. Mem.)
Treasurer—Mrs. J. E. Yountz, Box 749, Statesville 28677

Senior High Program Area Chairmen

Faith—Tom Raper, 2446 Lynhurst Ave., Winston-Salem (Centenary)
Witness—Pam Allison, Route 11, Huntersville (Trinity)
Outreach—Linda Hartman, Route 2, Box 316, Concord (Midway)
Citizenship—Hugh A. Morgan, Jr., 3019 Kivett Drive, High Point (Mitchell's Gr.)
Fellowship—Lesley Johnson, Box 60, Etowah (Etowah)

Senior High Associate Program Area Chairmen

Faith—Linda Wall, Box 162, Yadkinville (Yadkinville)
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Outreach—Darlla Jean Zehring, Route 2, Albemarle (Badin)
Citizenship—Gordon Piland, 843 Watson Ave., Winston-Salem (Ardmore)
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Senior High Program Area Advisers

Faith—Mr. Kenneth Fansler, Christ Methodist Church, Greensboro
Witness—Rev. R. Paschal Waugh, Box 391, Jamestown
Outreach—Mrs. Ray (Betty) Simpson, 1639 Eastwood Drive, Kannapolis
Citizenship—Miss Barbara Cox, Route 2, Box 1125, Charlotte 10
Fellowship—Miss Jeanette H. Glass, Box 169, Statesville
Executive Secretary—Dr. Carl H. King, Box 749, Statesville 28677
Director of Junior High Work—Rev. Tom S. Lee, Jr., Box 749, Statesville 28677
Director of Youth Work—Rev. Paul H. Duckwall, Box 749, Statesville 28677

Make Use of These Conference Seinor High Officers: These are youth leaders exeperienced in their respecttive fields and are available and willing to help your MYF, in-so-far as their time will allow. Use them in your local churches, subdistrict meetin your local churches, subdistricts (regular meetings, workshops, training sessions, etc.), and in your district meetings.1) Plan in advance. 2) Invite them several weeks ahead of the activity. 3) Explain carefully just exactly what you would like for them to do for your program. 4) Plan to take care of their travel and entertainment expenses while they are working with you.

Robeson County Ministers Meet

The Robeson Country Methodist Ministers Group held its monthly meeting at Henry Johnson's Restaurant, Lumberton, N. C. on September 1st. The meeting was presided over by the Rev. Paul C. Browning of Fairmont, N. C.

Following the luncheon, the Vice President and Program Chairman, the Rev. Robert S. Moore of Red Springs introduced the program which consisted of a most informative talk on the subject of Rally Day by the Rev. David M. Lewis of Lumberton. This talk was followed by a debate on the question: "Should the Robeson County sub-district be further sub-divided?" Taking the affirmative was the Rev. Robert Drew of Maxton, and the negative was presented by the Rev. R. C. Mooney, Jr., of Lumberton. The question was timely, and both sides presented some interesting views for consideration.

The business session was opened with the reading of the minutes of the previous meeting by the Secretary-Treasurer, the Rev. Charles Carpenter of Pembroke, and brought to a close with recogntion being given to the tragic death of the Rev. Robert Bryan, the victim of a recent airplane crash.

It was determined that the next meeting will be held on Monday, October 5, 1964.

13 New Faculty Members At Pfeiffer College

Thirteen new faculty members have been announced by Pfeiffer College for the 1964-65 academic year.

Academic Dean Cameron West in making the announcement noted that appointments in several academic departments represented enlargements of the teaching faculty.

The college has 67 faculty members plus two part-time instructors.

New faculty members include the following:

Dr. Donald P. Wiesler, Associate Professor of Chemistry and acting head Department of Chemistry. Dr. Wesley received his M.S. and Ph.D. degrees from Purdue University in Organic Chemistry and has taught at Purdue, Wabash, Carroll and Lincoln Memorial University. He holds a B.S. degree for the University of Winconsin.

Emerson F. Beyer, Assistant Professor of Philosophy. He holds the A.B. degree from the University of Louisville, the M.A. and B.D. degrees from Oberlin College and is a 1965 Ph.D. degree candidate at Drew University.

Dr. Robert H. Crowl, Assistant Professor of Biology. Dr. Crowl, a geneticist, received Ph.D. degree degree in 1964 from Ohio his Ph.D. degree in 1964 from Ohio State University, holds the M.S. degree from Miami University of Ohio, and the S. B. degree from Harvard.

William L. Guthrie, Assistant Professor of Music and teacher of Voice. He hold the B. A. edgree from Texas A. & M., the B.M. and M.M. degrees from Westminister Choir College and was a Fulbright Scholar at the Hochschule fur Musik, Munich, Germany.

Wendell G. Marston, Assistant Professor of Business Administration and Accounting. He holds the B.S. and M.S. degrees from Virginia Polytechnic Institute where he has taught since 1959.

Frank S. Moore, Jr., Assistant Professor of Physics. Professor Moore holds the B.S. degree from Hampden-Sydney College, the M.S. degree from the University of Michigan, and comes to Pfeiffer from the faculty of Adrian College.

Edgardo J. Pantigoso, Assistant Professor of Spanish. Holder of the A.B. degree from Davidson and the M.A. degree from the University of North Carolina, he comes to Pfeiffer from Coker College where he headed the Spanish Department.

Barry M. Bostian, instructor in English; A.B. Lenoir Rhyne, M.A. University of North Carolina.

Mrs. Janet P. Cranford, instructor in Library Science and Assistant Librarian; A.B. University of Richmond, M.L.S. University of North Carolina.

Miss Nancy Lee Henderson, instructor in English; B.A., M.A. Florida State University.

Dolan R. Hinson, instructor in Business Administration; B.S. Pfeiffer College, M.B. A. New York University.

Alfred E. Saieed, instructor in Chemistry; A.B. Duke University, M.A. East Carolina College.

Miss Catherine Tuttle, instructor in Sociology; A.B. Lenoir Rhyne, M.A. Duke University.

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Enter Special-Term Home Missionary Service

Miss Nancy Weldon, and Miss Mary Eunice Benfield, of Mill Springs, N. C., are among the Twenty-five young men and women who will begin two years of special-term home missionary service this fall for The Methodist Church.

Miss Weldon will be a social worker at the Wesley Community Center, a Methodist institution in Atlaanta, Ga. Miss Benfield will be a rural church–and–community worker in Howard Country, Mo., which is in the Missouri West Methodist Conference.

The 20 women and five men comprise the 1964 group of US–2's, young churchmen who will serve Methodism in its missionary outreach in the United States in a variety of ways. All will work in institutions, agencies and programs of the National Division of the Methodist Board of Missions. The U.S.–2's come from throughout America, representing 19 states from New Hampshire to California. The type of mission work they will do varies with their skills and the needs of the places where they will serve. Among the types of service are teaching in mission schools, social work in community centers, nursing, rural church–and–community work and counseling in children's homes. For six weeks in July and August, U.S.–2's were at Scarritt College, Nashville, Tenn., preparing for missionary service.

Miss Weldon is a native of North Carolina and attended Duke University, Durham, N. C., where she graduated last spring with a bachelor of arts in religion. While in college, she was a member of the young Women's Christian Association, the Duke Religious Council, the Methodist Student Council and the Duke chapter of CORE. She was secretary of the North Carolina Council of the Methodist Student Movement. She is a member of West Market Street Methodist Church in Greensboro, N. C.

Miss Benfield spent her early life in North Carolina and attended Pfeiffer College, Misenheimer, N. C. She graduated last spring with a bachelor of arts degree in Christian education and English. While in college, she was president of the Missions Club and a member of the Christian Education Fellowship, the French Club, the Methodist Student Movement and the Christian Life Council. She is a member of the Methodist Church in Red Hill, N. C.

Haywood County Sub-District

On Monday, August 31, 1964, at 7:30 30 members of the Haywood County Junior High Sub–district met to nominate the new sub–district officers for the coming year. The meeting was opened by the President, Miss Libba Morgan by reading from the Gospel and the prayer was led by Rev. Merrill Perkins, District Director of Junior High Work.

Business was discussed and the serving of refreshments in the social hall closed the meeting. (Held at The Clyde Central Methodist Church, Clyde, North Carolina.)

Those attending were the sub–district adult counselors, sub–district officers, adult counselors and officers of the local churches in Haywood County.

Worship—Music Institute To Be Held In Charlotte Oct. 9-10

The Commission on Worship and the Music division of the Board of Education of the Western North Carolina Conference will jointly sponsor a Worship-Music Institute on Friday and Saturday, October 9 and 10, at the Myers Park Methodist Church, Providence and Queens Roards, Charlotte. The Western North Carolina Chapter of NAFOMM (National Federation of Methodist Musicians, of which Mr. Walter Ball, of Myers Park Church is chairman, is cooperating in this project.



V. Earle Copes

It is hoped all ministers and musicians will attend. One of the main sessions will deal with the revised *Methodist Hymnal* which was approved at the recent General Conference in Pittsburgh and will be in print sometime in 1966. Both ministers and musicians will be deeply interested in this feature. This will be the main session on late Friday afternoon. Following a banquet at the church Mr. V. Earl Copes will present an organ recital. Saturday morning sessions will deal with the organ, children and youth choirs and choral conducting.

Excellent leadership has been secured for this meeting. V. Earle Copes, Editor of *Music Ministry* will lead the session on the revised hymnal. Mr. Copes was a member of the hymnal committee and is an ordained minister as well as one of America's finest organists. He has a rich, broad background of training and experience in the field of church music. He is a graduate of Davidson College (North Carolina) and Union Theological Seminary (New York) where he received both the Bachelor of Divinity and Master of Sacred Music degrees. He has also studied under the eminent musicologist Dr. Paul Pisk at the University of Texas. Mr. Donald Plott, Head of the Music Department of Davidson College, and Director of the Davidson Male Chorus and the Charlotte Oratorio Singers will lead the class on church choirs and choral techniques on Saturday morning. Mr. Ray Branton, distinguished Director of Music at Centenary Methodist Church, Winston-Salem, will lead the class on children and youth choirs.

1964 General Conference Action Now Available in Printed Form

Statement on world peace, human relations and general welfare by the 1964 General Conference of The Methodist Church are now available to Methodist Church men and others. Publication of these and related resolutions and legislation by the definitive body of the church was announced at the denomination's General Board of Christian Social Concerns.

"Methodist Speaker on Christian Social Concerns." a 68-page booklet, provides a pocket-size reference manual to all General Conference action relative to issues presently facing society-at-large. In addition the booklet contains Methodist beliefs and policy on social problems in general.

A special feature of the 1964 edition of "Methodists Speak . . ." is the inclusion of The Social Creed of The Methodist Church relative to the "world." The Social Creed is also available in separate printed form.

Specific statements contained in "Methodists Speaks . . ." include: Peace and World Order; Anti-Semitism in the Soviet Union; Southern Africa; The Methodist Church and Race; Freedom of Worship and Membership; Poverty and Unemployment; Town and Country; Remedial Action on Smoking; Films, Radio, and Television; and Study on Aging.

"Methodists Speak on Christian Social Concerns" is available at the following prices: 1-9 copies, 40¢ each; 10-20 copies 35¢ each; 25-99 copies 30¢ each; 100 or more copies, 25¢ each. Order number G-1002.

"The Social Creed of The Methodist Church is available separately at $3 per 100.

Both may be secured from The Service Department, 100 Maryland Avenue, Northeast, Washington, D. C. 20002.

Cooperating Ministry Conference Held At Lake Junaluska

Bishop Earl G. Hunt, Jr., who presides over the Charlotte Methodist Area, was one of four speakers for the Sept. 2–4 Cooperative Ministry Conference at Lake Junaluska in the Youth Center.

The bishop spoke during a 6 p.m. dinner session Sept. 3. The meeting was sponsored by the Town and Country Commission of the Western North Carolina Methodist Conference for Clergymen engaged in Group Ministry programs as well as ministers interested in cooperative parish programs.

Other speakers included the Rev. Garland Stafford of Statesville, executive secretary of Town and Country Commission; Dr. Daniel M. Schores, Jr., executive secretary of Town and Country work in the Missouri Area; Miss Cornelia Russell of New York City, with the national Methodist Board of Missions and Dr. M. Wilson Nesbitt of the Duke University Divinity School.

The Sept. 3 schedule included an 11a.m. talk by the Rev. Mr. Stafford; two afternoon panel discussions, one was led by the Rev. John H. Christy, Jr., of Jefferson, chairman of the Conference Town and Country Commission, and the other by Dr. Cecil G. Hefner, superintendent of the Statesville District.



By Mary Gardner

The Good Shepherd

When Jill was six years old, her grandfather came to the apartment where she lived with her mother and took them both back to his home in the country. Jill's father had been sent by his firm on a business trip, and Grandfather had invited the little girl and her mother to stay with him for the six months that Daddy would be gone.

Grandfather was the minister of the little church in the village and his house was next door. It was a pretty church, Jill thought. Her mother had attended this church and Sunday school when she was a little girl. Behind the desk where Grandfather stood to preach there was a stained glass window in memory of her Grandmother. It had a picture of Jesus. He was holding a lamb in his arms and the mother sheep was at His side, looking up so trustingly at Him.

Sometimes Jill asked her mother if she could go into the little church, just to sit." And when her mother asked her why she wanted to go into the church so often she said: "I love to look at the picture of The Good Shepherd. Isn't it lovely, Mother—the dear little lamb in Jesus' arms and the mother sheep looking up at Him?"

One day while Jill sat quietly in the church, another little girl came in and sat down. She looked as if she had been crying, but she sat quietly by herself. Jill wondered if she ought to go and sit by the little girl, or if she should go and bring Grandfather or Mother.

Just then the little girl began to cry softly, so kindhearted little Jill moved over beside her, and touching the other child gently, she said: "Please may I do something to help you? My name is Jill. I live next door at the Manse with Mother and Grandfather. Please don't cry," and Jill put her arm around the little girl.

The other child stopped crying, and said: "My name is Betty Mann, and my mother died just a few days ago. Mother and I used to come to this church twice each Sunday, and I went to Sunday school. I'm so lonesome for my mother," and the little girl began to cry again.

Jill slipped out quietly, and in a few minutes was back with Grandfather.

"Why, its little Betty Mann," said Grandfather, "How did you get back here, Betty? I understood you were staying with your aunt Emily."

"Yes, sir. Aunt Emily took me back to her house after Mother died, but she really doesn't want me. I overheard her and uncle say I ought to be sent to the Children's Home, as they can't afford to keep me and, oh, Dr. West, I wish I could go to my mother."

Good Dr. West sat down beside Betty and, taking her by her hand said:

"Betty, my dear, your mother was a true Christian. Life for her was difficult, indeed, and young as you are, Betty, I think you know that, but she's with Jesus now, and if you put your trust in Him someday He will take you to your mother."

"Mother talked to me before she died," Betty said, but I'm so loney for her, and I walked all the way back here after my uncle and aunt say I should go to the Home. Mother told me Jesus was my Shepherd and my Saviour, and He would take care of me."

"And so He will, Betty," said the minister.

"I wanted to see this picture of the Good Shepherd again, Dr. West," said Betty. "It makes me feel good just to look at it, and I do trust Him as my Saviour."

"All right, child," said the good minister, "you and Jill and I will just kneel down here and we'll tell Him all about your need for a home. In the meantime I'll telephone your Aunt Emily that you are staying with us for a few days until we see what can be done."

Dr. West told Betty a few days later that a Christian lady in his congregation had offered her a home. This lady was a widow and lived alone. She gladly welcomed little Betty, who knew now, for sure, that her Good Shepherd was taking care of her.

—S. S. Times

Choose The Right Word

Read John 10:7-11 and draw a line under the right word in each sentence.

1—The sheep will flee from the (Shepherd, wolf)
2—Jesus is the (window, door) of the sheep.
3—The thief comes to (give life, take life).
4—Jesus is the (hireling, good shepherd).
5—The good shepherd (gave his life, went to sleep).

USE YOUR BIBLE

Read John 10:16. Write in the missing words below:

"And other.....I have, which are not of this.....; them also I must.....and they shall hear my.....; and there shall be one ....., and one....."

Making Sunshine

When days are dark and rainy
And I am feeling blue,
My mama tells me gently
The things that I should do.
She says that I should never
Be cross or sulk or pout,
Or keep complaining all the time
Because I can't go out.
Instead I should be happy
And smile and laugh and play,
And frolic with the baby
On every dreary day.
She calls this making sunshine
When there is none inside,
And tells my papa when he comes
That I'm her joy and pride.

—Mary Lynch

When We Have Been Unloving

God of love, we are sorry when we have done unfair, mean or selfish things. We would be quick to say that we are wrong, and be ready to forgive those who have been mean or unkind to us. We know that we need to learn that loving others is one of the best ways of showing that we are trying to live as You would have us. Amen.

Bible Quiz

1—Where was the temple of Diana?
2—What little boy served in the temple under Eli?
3—Who was found in the temple, when he was thought to have been lost?
4—What miracle once happened at the gate of the temple, called Beautiful?
5—Who had built the first temple?

Answers to Last Week's Questions

1—A Pharisee and a Publican (Luke 18:10).
2—David (I Chornicles 17:4).
3—The money-changers (Matthew 21:12).
4—At the temptation (Matthew 4:5-6).
5—At the crucifixion (Luke 23:45).

Just For Fun

A teacher assigned her second-grade class to a creative writing project. All went well until one boy popped up with a question. "How," he asked, "do you spell openta?"

"Spell what," asked the teacher.

"Oh, you know, like once openta time."

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The parents were looking in a car lot to buy a car, when the litle daughter, 5, indicated a station wagon, said. "Oh, Daddy, here's the kind I like. It has a backyard."

Woman's Activities

LEADERS

Mrs. H. W. Doub

"Leaders do not drop from the clouds;
They come up from the crowds"

A good leader will at all times inspire everyone in her group to use all the talents they possess. Remember the woods would be very silent if no birds sang except those who sing best. Help members fully realize that "I am only ONE, but I am ONE. I can't do everything but I can do somethings. What I can do I OUGHT to do; and what I ought to do,by the GRACE OF GOD, I WILL do." Membership participation permits each member to play a leadership role in the group.

The article below serves as a welcome to, and an incentive for new presidents to plan carefully as they assume responsibilities of this important position. Also they should familiarize themselves in general with the duties of other officers and secretaries as well, in order to have a well-rounded understanding of the total program of the work of the Woman's Society of Christian Service.

How To Succeed as a Presiding Officer By Really Trying

by Virginia McConnel, Colorado Springs, Colorado

What a delight it is to attend one of those rare meetings that runs smoothly under the guidance of a gracious presiding officer. How often have you attended meetings that ramble on aimlessly while all present debate the merits of tossed salad versus molded for the annual luncheon? Far more serious, of course, are the gatherings that erupt in dissension between people with opposing views, sometimes leaving both with scars of bitterness.

Now the gavel and the responsibility have been placed in your own hands. Do you wonder whether you will be able to perform effectively? Let's consider how you can prepare for your new role.

First of all, you must *understand clearly the basic purposes of the organization,* for a worthwhile meeting will convey these beliefs to the members. The business transacted should put these ideas into action either directly or indirectly.

There are certain tools which will help you conduct the business meeting. Through the centuries patterns for democratic or parliamentary procedure have been shaped. Basically the system guarantees the right of the majority to rule while protecing he right of the minority to protest. It also has established a generally accepted method of conducting the business of an organization. Books are available explaining the system. *Roberts' Rules of Order Revised* is the accepted guide. Another excellent one is Sturgis' *Standard Code of Parliamentary Procedure.*

An additional tool to use is the agenda which is the order of business for the day. As chairman you prepare the agenda yourself, usually with the assistance of your committee chairmen. The agenda includes all matters that require the action of the group on that the handling of these items in the time alloted for all of the business. It is unfair to waste the time and attention of a large group with trifles. Keep the business session moving and to the point by letting your executive board or committees handle as many of the routine affairs as possible.

The gavel is more than a symbol of office. It is a tool to be used with dignity and wisdom. Its rap calls a meeting to orde more effectively than does a verbal ple drowning out in the hubbub of chatter. Als it can and must be used with authority t restore order when chaos threatens. It i an impersonal voice in an impartial hand

As the leader, your own instinct will se the tone of the meeting. If you are to informal, the whole thing will fall to pieces too rigid and it becomes impossible t accomplish anything. A flexible approach within the limits of the ground-rules, will al low constructive action. Your instinct mus guide the proceedings especially discussio of controversial items and in concluding i at the proper moment.

Here are a few rules-of-thumb to assis you:

1. Be familar with the constitution and by-laws of the organization.

2. Know the fundamentals of parlimentary procedures.

3. Prepare a businesslike agenda before every meeting.

4. Never express your own opinions while presiding.

5. Allow full discussion but keep it relevant.

6. Be clear-headed and clear-spoken...

If, in the conduct of your meetings you are democratic and inpartial, orderly and decorous, you will possess the characteristics of a good presiding officer. Does that standard seem to high to attain? It is a skill which you can achieve with experience and, most important, by trying.

Correct Terminology

Since the Woman's Society of Christian Service is such a large and important organization, it cannot be emphasized too forcibly that, in order to bring terminology up to the standards of other national organizations, we must insist that the correct terms be used at all times. This is a real challenge for all leaders to promote these.

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School Of Missions Held At Pfeiffer College

310 Methodist women attended the 18th annual School of Missions and Christian Service held at Pfeiffer College at Misenheimer August 3-7. Of this number 190 received credit for work that they had done in classes.

Mrs. Van Dillon, Jr., of Elkin, Conference secretary of Missionary Education and Service, says that this is the greatest number we have had enrolled in the school in many years. Mrs. S. Ray Lowder, Lincolnton, dean of the school says, "We have made progress each year in every phase and it is my hope to see us grow to 500."

Others pointed out the fact that there were so many "new" women at the school, those who had never attended a School of Missions before, those who had a fresh approach to all the wonderful inspiration. This is a very definite sign of growth.

The theme chosen for the school was, "That All May Have the Spirit of His Love." This was carried out in every part of the program, orientation, classroom work, worship service and in the fellowship one with another. The beautiful Pfeiffer chapel remained open at all times for prayer and meditation.

The first afternoon was a time of orientation, when new folks met each other and old friends were happily joined for a visit. After a period in the auditorium to explain the schedule of the school, the separate classes had introductory sessions.

Then the 13 districts had meetings to discuss the coming fall workshops.

A high light of the first evening was a social hour on the patio of Rowe Dormitory. The women of the Asheville District were hostesses at a tea, to give everyone an opportunity to meet everyone else. Mrs. A. E. Soderholm of Hendersonville was in charge of arrangements and her Woman's Society assisted. Mrs. Hubert Carter, the new district president, greeted guests.

Tuesday the full schedule began and continued through Friday. The day began with the Bible study. The women were divided in groups with a leader for each of the 12 groups, then all came together for the Bible study summary with Miss Mary Floyd, professor of Religion at Pfeiffer College, as teacher. Everyone took this study, "Genesis: The Beginnings of Biblical Drama."

The largest class was the one studying, "The Purpose and Program in a New Age." There were two divisions of this class, one taught by Mrs. Frank Calhoun of Murphreesboro, Tenn. and the other by Mrs. H. M. Russell of Greenville, Tenn., both officers in the Southeastern Jurisdicition Woman's Society of Christian Service. There were 82 enrolled in these classes, but no credits were issued, for it was an introduction to new program material and procedures.

Miss Lorene Kelly, missionary to the Congo, had 70 in her class. She gave a very graphic study of, "The Church's Mission Among New Nations." There were two sections of the class on "Spanish Americans." The teachers were Mrs. William O. Bigham, missionary to Brazil, and Mrs. Wayne Lamb of the Memphis Conference. These sections often met together in order that they might share experiences of the two fine teachers. 58 credits were given in this subject.

The Rev. Orion Hutchinson, Jr. of Walkertown, taught the class on, "United States Responsibility to a World Community of New Nations." 62 credits were given in this class. Such outstanding presentation was given by this teacher that he has been invited to many of the districts to give studies of this book.

The special classes for visitors proved very popular. Each of the studies were reviewed by women who had attended the Jurisdiction School at Lake Junaluska. Two reviews were presented each morning. Mrs. W. T. Medlin, Jr., Cherryville, reviewed, "The Church's Mission Among New Nations," and Mrs. Carl King, Statesville, former Conference president, summarized, "The United States' Responsibility Among New Nations." The next morning Mrs. Clarence C. Cranford, Asheboro, spoke on, "Spanish Americans," and Miss Mary Floyd presented a review of the Bible study on Genesis. 173 visitors attended these special sessions.

The evening programs were equally inspirational to the women. On Tuesday Mrs. Ray Lowder led the group in a Deaconess and Missionary Program. Four retired workers from Brooks-Howell Home, Asheville, shared their experiences in many years of work for the church. They were Miss Ivy G. Myers and Miss Catherine Armstrong, both deaconesses, Miss Nina Stallings, former missionary to China and the Philippines, and Miss Lora Battin, former missionary to China and India. The students loved to hear all of their experiences, these "who had shared their life with and for others."

On Wednesday evening Miss Lora Kelly spoke of the women in Africa today and showed color slides contrasting the life of women in America and those in Africa. On Thursday Mrs. Ralph Ward gave a challenging message on the new freedoms sought by Asian women. Both of these speakers were great inspirations to all who heard them.

The staff of the school for 1964 included Mrs. Dillon as chairman, Mrs. Lowder as dean, Mrs. James Clemmer as business manager, and Mrs. P. R. Drum as registrar.

The 1965 staff includes Mrs. Dillion as chairman with Mrs. Fletcher Nelson as assistant.

As final goodbyes were said there was a feeling that all had received a blessing—they had given a touch that they would remember, "That All DID Have the Spirit of His Love."

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On September 4 Bishop Paul N. Garber, resident Bishop of the Raleigh Area, presented to Mr. Calvin L. Raup, Jr., chairman of the Board of Trustees of the Beulahville Methodist Church, a check for $15,000, *a gift from the Ten Dollar Club of the North Carolina Conference. After the presentation the church members had an informal reception for Bishop Garber, Rev. R. Grady Dawson, District Superintendent, and Rev. L. C. Vereen, Executive Secretary of the Board of Missions.*

Rev. Mr. Dawson introduced the Bishop. In his remarks Bishop Garber praised the people for what they had done and reminded them "Methodists are a big family, and because we are such gifts are made possible."

Standing, left to right: Rev. R. Grady Dawson, Superintendent of New Bern District; William B. Cutler, Bishop Garber, Russell Sanderson, Chairman Official Board; Calvin L. Raup, Jr., Chairman Trustees; Harvey Gaskins, Jr., John M. Simmons, and Cecil Rhodes. The new Church is estimated to cost $35,000.

Homecoming and Revival At City Road Church, Henderson

The Rev. Johnnie Merrill Lewis, pastor of White Plains Methodist Church, Cary, N. C. was the preacher for the annual fall revival at City Road Methodist Church in Henderson, N. C., September 6 through the 11th at 7:30 p.m. each evening. A former member of City Road, prior to his entering the ministry, Mr. Lewis is also a former pastor of Harris Chapel Methodist church in the Dabney community of Vance county.

Rev. Bruce Pate, pastor of Norlina Methodist church, at Norlina, N. C., was the song leader for the revival.

Climaxing the week of services at City Road will be homecoming day, Sunday, September 13, when the Rev. Dr. Morris L. Husted, a former pastor, will preach at the 11:00 o'clock service. Dr. Husted is pastor of Hebron Methodist church, Roper, N. C.

Prior to the revival and homecoming day, the Methodist men of City Road had the outside woodwork of the brick church painted. The new church sanctuary and education building were built in 1955 under the leadership of Rev. Mr. Husted. Rev. John C. Andrews is the present pastor of City Road Church.

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Mrs. Arthur J. Moore, wife of retired Methodist Bishop Arthur J. Moore, died August 17 at her home in Atlanta, Ga., after a lengthy illness. She was widely known as a speaker and was author of a number of articles in national publications.



Longhurst WSCS Honors Youth With Membership Pin

Miss Carolyn Terrell, 16 year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Terrell, of near Longhurst, N. C., was presented a Youth Membership Pin on July 19, 1964, by Miss Margie Dunn, president of the Longhurst Woman's Society of Christian Service.

The Society presented the pin to Carolyn for her interest in the church and for her devotion to her local church.

In making the presentation Miss Dunn said of Carolyn, "Not only is she a member of our church, a member of the Senior Sunday School Class, a member of the MYF and the Senior Choir, but she is very active in them all."

Caroliyn is a rising junior at Roxboro High School. Her ambition, other than working for the church, is to some day become a nurse.

Durham District Retreat On Evangelism

The first of the 11 District Pastors' Retreats for the North Carolina Conference met at Aldersgate Church, Durham, with every pastor present with the exception of 4, three of whom had funerals and 1 who was sick. The Rev. Nathan H. Byrd, District Secretary of Evangelism, presided. Dr. O. L. Hathaway, District Superintendent, led the devotions. The purpose of the meeting was explained by Mr. Byrd. He stated that the pastors need to share with one another their experiences, their longings for spiritual enrichment, praying together for the Holy Spirit's guidance that they might be better witnesses, and that they might lead their churches into a closer fellowship with Christ. He also stated that each pastor was to go back into the local church working with the leadership from the Board of Lay Activities in doing the same sort of thing for the leaders in the local church.

The pastors were divided into groups of 12 where they were to meet in meditation on certain passages from the Bible, in sharing experiences, and in discussion and prayer for the outpouring of God's spirit. The leaders of the groups were as follows: The Rev. John Poe, Dr. D. E. Earnhardt, Rev. C. Freeman Heath, Dr. O. L. Hathaway, Rev. C. Freeman Heath closed the service and led the group in a prayer of dedication.



McMANNEN CHURCH RECEIVES BOY SCOUT CHARTER

Pictured above is the Reverend Vassar W. Jones, (right), pastor of McMannen Methodist Church, receiving the Boy Scout Charter from Mr. William Coman, Chairman of the Shawnee District. Looking on from the left to right are: Mr. Clay Rowland, Secretary of the troop committee, Phillip Jones, Senior Patrol Leader of the troop, and Edwin "Micky" Smith, Assistant Scout Master. The presentation was made on Sunday Morning, August 9, at the morning worship service.

Ebenezer, Old Fort Circuit, Has Fine Attendance Record

Ebenezer Methodist Church, Old Fort Circuit, had 21 who received perfect attendance certificates and pins this year. Those receiving 1 year pins were Amy Proctor, Sarah Ellen Proctor, Jeffrey Sanders, Bobby Sanders, Bobby Sutton, Elaine Sutton, Eddie Knowlton, Pat Conner, Ralph Willis, Jay Revis, Ed Lonon, and Fred Parker. Receiving 2nd year pins were: Jeannette Grindstaff, Roby Sutton and Jeannette Lewis. Receiving 3rd year pins were: Ann Proctor, Douglas, Sue, Billy and Joey Glovier. A real good record for the Glovier family. Receiving 6th year pins were: Nancy Proctor. Nancy is a senior in school this year, an active member of the church and is going to teach in the nursery department this year.

We also had a good number who had missed only one Sunday this year.

A lot of credit is due to our good pastor, Rev. H. D. Jessup and also Mrs. Dorothy Grindstaff, who has been Sunday school superintendent for the past 5 years. Under her leadership we feel that we have grown in spirit, love, and understanding, sharing with each other a great fellowship for the upbuilding of God's kingdom.

We welcome Mr. Harley Willis as our superintendent for the coming year. May we continue to grow in God's love as we go forward for Him.

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Louisburg College Opening

The 1964–1965 academic year at Louisburg College began with the Faculty Workshop–Retreat on September 4 and 5.

First year students arrived on campus on Sunday, September 6 to begin orientation for academic year. The orientation program began with an evening vesper service on Sunday, led by Rev. C. W. Goldston, College Chaplain. On Monday morning President Robbins welcomed the new students and the annual Faculty Reception for new students was held Monday evening.

Freshmen registered Tuesday and Sophomores on Wednesday, Classes began on Thursday.

New faculty and staff for the year include C. Wade Goldston who is returning to the college as College Chaplain; W. R. Rose, Biology; John W. Smith, recreation; Miss Gertrude, Wenzel, languages; Mrs. Gladys Bailey, Mrs. Alma Ellis, and Mrs. Agnes Rose, house counselors; Mrs. Ellen E. McFarland, secretary; and Mrs. Sally Versteeg, assistant to the Director of Dramatics.

Board of Missions Workshop

The Board of Missions of the Western North Carolina Conference will hold its annual training workshop for district directors of missions September 8 and 9 in the Shelton-Barringer Motor Inn in Charlotte. Dr. J. Clay Madison of Charlotte, president of the Board of Missions, and Dr. Horace McSwain, executive secretary of the Board, will be in charge. Rev. A. Glenn Lackey, Conference director of church extension and interim superintendent of the Charlotte District, will be a speaker on the program.

Twenty-First Anniversary Homecoming At Kilgo

The Twenty-First Anniversary Homecoming program will be observed at Kilgo Methodist Church in Charlotte on Sunday September 13. Rev. A. Glenn Lackey, new superintendent of the Charlotte District, will be the principal speaker. Words of greeting will be given by T. C. Wilson, Jr., the Church School Superintendent, and a history of the church has been written for the occasion by Miss Bessie Jeter..

Kilgo was organized on September 5, 1943 with 37 charter members, and was named for Bishop John Carlisle Kilgo. The church was greatly assisted in the early years by the Charlotte Mission Society, which purchased one of the most beautiful church locations in Charlotte for the church. Present membership of Kilgo is nearly 600. Five pastors have served the church: Rev. John R. Hamilton, 1943-47; Rev. Sherrill B. Biggers, 1947-52; Rev. J. Chalmers Grose, 1952-58; Rev. Ivan A. Stephens, 1958-63; and the present pastor, Rev. Kenneth D. Crouse, 1963—.

Following the morning service, a picnic dinner will be served in the church Fellowship Hall.

Coaching Conference Saturday

A Coaching Conference on Mission Studies for those who work with children and youth will be held by the Western North Carolina Conference Sept. 12 in Trinity Metodist Church, Kannapolis.

The 9:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m. program will be sponsored by the Conference Board of Education, with those trained going to lead district workshops in this area during September 29-November 12.

Sunday School Lesson

For September 20

By Raymond A. Smith
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Greensboro College

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he People Demand A King

We come now to the fourth in our series studies dealing with the changes that ok place in the life of the Hebrews as ey moved from the old tribal confederacy a monarchy. Some Bible students have ointed out that there appear to be two arying accounts of Samuel's attitude toward e kingship. In one Samuel seems to be pposed to the idea of a king (read I Samel 8:10-22). The other account is found I Samuel 10:1-25, where we read that amuel gives his blessing to the monarchy nd anoints Saul as the first king, believing is to be the will of God.

We may understand the situation better we remember that great difference beween what Dr. Roy L. Smith calls "desert emocracy," that is a form of government n which the ruling persons were represenative elders from the several tribes, con-asted with the rule by despots and tyrants, form of government common to the anient Near East. Many of the Hebrews had n intense dislike for this latter form of overnment. However, some of them (like hose, for example, who tried to make Gideon a king) who wanted to change he Hebrew form of government and "be ike the other nations." It will be remembered that Gideon's refusal was based on he idea that only God should be king. Evidently htis was the view of Samuel t first, but he appears to have changed is mind when he came to believe it was the vill of God that they should have a king.

One of the compelling reasons for the gitation for a king was the pressing need a military leader who could, as thy said, ight their battles for them." There was ome reason in this argument, for we have lready seen how the Philistine menace was growing more and more dangerous, o much so as they had wrecked the shrine t Shiloh and carried the ark away to their own country.

The choice for the honor of being Israel's first king fell upon Saul, a member of the tribe of Benjamin, a man of regal bearing "standing head and shoulders above his fellows." He proved to be a valiant warrior and won many victories for his people. If the reader will now turn to 2 Samuel 1:17-27 he will find a beautiful tribute to Saul and his son Jonathan, written by David. However there were many reasons why he was not entirely successful in ridding the Israelites of the Philistine menace. That honor and responsibility was to fall upon David, his successor.

So the Hebrews got them a king. And, with the beginning of the monarchy, came many of the evils set forth in I Samuel 8:10-22. And yet we see how impossible it was for them to defend themselves and to keep their idenity as a people and, ultimately, to carry out their mission and destiny, unless they united in a bond of common defense. That is the basic reason why the change had come.

In later Hebrew history some of the great prophets looked with a sort of homesickness upon the early confederacy. Indeed, they looked upon the old days of the wilderness wanderings as the ideal time in the history of Israel. However, it wasn't actually an ideal time, as the rebellion against Moses shows. Then, too, (as we can see from reading the book of Judges) the days of the tribal confederacy left much to be desired.

As we approach national elections again we need to be reminded that there are millions in our world who do not have the opportunity of choosing their leaders. With the privilege of the ballot there goes also a strong responsibility for being informed upon the issues that confront us, and then to act through the established ways (free elections) to make our will felt. After this is done, we need to freely accept the will of the majority and continue our loyalty to our country. This is not always easy, if one happens to be on the losing side; but it is necessary if constitutional government is to survive.



Robert E. Evans, Phominent Charlotte Churchman, Dies

Mr. Robert E. Evans of 527 Hawthorne Lane, Charlotte died Monday morning, August 3, after an extended illness. He had been associated with the Buckeye Cotton Oil Co. of Charlotte for 48 years as manager, retiring in 1955. He was a member of Hawthorne Lane Methodist Church where he served as chairman of the Board for a period of 17 years. Funeral services were held at Hawthorne Lane Methodist Church. The Rev. Robert H. Stamey, minister of Hawthorne Lane Methodist Church, officiated. Interment was in Elmwood Cemetery. Mr. Evans is survived by his wife, the former Miss Ethel Wilson; son, James C. Evans of Charlotte; three grandchildren; one sister Miss Elizabeth Evans of Americus, Ga. Mr. Evans was a leading layman in the Charlotte District, a member of the Hospital and Homes Commission, a member of the Board of Trustees of the Methodist Home, and a man who had wide acquaintences in the Conference.

Asheville District Men Meet

The United Methodist Men of the Asheville District held their quarterly dinner meeting at Higgins Memorial Methodist Church, in Burnsville, N. C. on August 21st.

The Rev. Raymus F. Hilliard, pastor, introduced Mr. Willard Farrow, Superintendent of the Home for the Aging, Charlotte, North Carolina. Mr. Farrow spoke on the subject "Great Spiritual Blessing of Serving at the Home and The New Wesley Nursing Center."

Dinner was served to the group by the local Woman's Society of Christian Service.

Raleigh District Ministers Meet At Louisburg College

More than fifty Methodist ministers, representing 53 charges of the Raleigh District of the North Carolina Conference of the Methodist Church, met at Louisburg College on August 31st. At this meeting the new district superintendent, Reverend N. W. Grant, was welcomed to the district.

"We are in a big job," stated Mr. Grant. 'We are here to present the Cause and causes of the Conference. I covet your cooperation," he continued. Mr. Grant suggested to the ministers that each should have the strength of a horse, the gentleness of a dove, the gracefulness of a swan, the eye of a hawk, the wisdom of an owl, the early rising of the rooster, the consistency of a woodpecker, and the fearlessness of a tiger. Concerning evangelism, the Superintendent stated, "Let us be about bringing to all persons in the Raleigh District a knowledge of Christ. Know your people, and they will work with you." The Rev. James Auman, director of the association of Methodist Colleges, addressed the group concerning the Methodist Colleges.

The District schedule of special days for the remainder of the year include: September 20–Layman's Training Session at the Louisburg Methodist Church; September 27–Christian Education Sunday; October 4–World Wide Communion–Sunday; October 11–Layman's Day; October 26–28–Duke Convocation; November 9–Christian Higher Education Rally at Louisburg College; November 15–College Day; November 22–Thanksgiving Offering for Children; December 8–Commitment Sunday; December 20–Christmas Offering for District work; December 27–Student Superintendent introduced new men who had come to the Raleigh District this year. Other District meetings were scheduled for January 4, and April 5, 1965.

Clinic On Program Planning At Davidson September 14,15

"How does a pastor lead his people to plan the church's program?" and "How does the pastor administer the church's program?" are but two of the many questions to be faced by about fifty Methodist ministers in a two day clinic at the Davidson Methodist Church, Davidson, N. C., Monday and Tuesday, September 14, 15. The pastors will be attending the Clinic on Planning the Program of the Church sponsored by the Western North Carolina Conference Commission on Town and Country Work.

Leader for the Clinic will be Dr. H. Conrad Hover, a Lutheran minister, who is associate executive secretary of the Division of Home Missions of the National Council of Churches. Dr. Hover is a native of South Dakota, has held pastorates in Wisconsin and Chicago.

The pastors will bring their bedding and spend the night in the church. "In this way they will have opportunities for much informal discussion," said Rev. G. R. Stafford, executive secretary of the Conference Commission.

Rev. Paul D. Lowder is the pastor of the Dividson Church.

High Point District Planing Retreat

The second annual Laymans Retreat will be held at Millbrook Farm, southeast of High Point, on highway 62, on Saturday, September 26th.

Registration will start at 1:30 p.m. and workshop sessions will get underway at 2:00 p.m. and will continue until 5:30 p. m.

Harry Bell, District Lay Leader, along with the Associate District Lay Leader, Carter Holbrook, Richard Moore, Henry Jordon II, and D. W. Holt have been assisted in the planning of this Retreat by Bob Parrish, Robert Hauser, Lyles Kearns, Bill Snotherly, Howard Vocannon, Bill Thomas, Don Horne, Lee Sherrill, Mrs. Stanley Baker, and Paul Owen.

Lee Sherrill will be in charge of the workshop on "Evangelism Throughout The Church School" and will have Rev. Randle Dew, staff member of Board of Education in Nashville, Tennessee leading the discussion. This session will be of special interest to Adult Teachers, Members of Commission on Education, and Church School Leaders.

Mrs. Stanley Baker will be in charge of the session "Evangelism Through Missions." Rev. Will Rogers, a returned Missionary from Brazil will lead this discussion.

"Personal Evangelism" will be under the direction of Paul P. Owen, and Dr. Harry Denman, Executive Secretary of Board of Evangelism, Nashville, Tennessee will be the session leader.

Dr. Denman will be the featured speaker for the night session, starting at 7:30 p.m.

Following the workshop session, dinner will be served from 6:00 to 7:00 p.m., following a song session from 7:00 to 7:20 p.m. Dr. Denman's speech will end the workshop.

Two Conferences Organized

Two newly-created annual conferences of the Central Jurisdiction have been organized in special sessions presided over by Bishop Charles F. Golden of the Nashville-Carolina Area.

The North Carolina-Virginia Conference was organized August 11-12 at Bennett College, Greensboro, N. C., and the Tennessee-Kentucky Conference was organized August 18-19 at Gordon Memorial Church Nashville, Tenn.

The new conferences were made necessary by the re-alignment of the Central Jurisdiction annual conference boundaries to coincide with the geographical jurisdictional lines.

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Asbury Memorial Gets New Oragnist-Choir Director

Marvin H. Palmer has been appointed Organist and Choir Director for the Asbury Memorial Methodist Church, Asheville. The new director is a native of Asheville. He studied music under Mrs. Arlo Deweese, Mrs. Blanche Loftain Fay, and Miss Alice Wadsworth. From 1949 to 1951 he was active in the Music Department of Lee H. Edwards High School, during which time he was also Organist for the Asheville Sub-District of the Methodist Youth Fellowship, and organist at Asbury church from 1950-56.

Mr. Palmer was Organist–Choir Director for the Edgerton Memorial Methodist Church in Selma, N. C. from 1956 to 1964. During this time he also served as Substitute Organist and Instructor in pipe organ at the first Presbyterian Church in Smithfield, N. C.

A member of the National Fellowship of Methodist Musicians, Mr. Palmer was Or–



MARVIN H. PALMER

ganist and Director of several performances of "The Messiah" by G. F. Handel, and the 'Christian Oratorio" by Saint–Saens while in Smithfield and Selma.

The Palmers returned to Asheville in June to make their permanent residence. Mrs. Palmer is the former Brenda Joyce Hayes of Bentonville, N. C., and the Palmers have one child, Myra Joyce, 15 months old.

In addition to his musical activity, Mr. Palmer is a Registered Medical Technologist, a certified Laboratory Supervisor, and Certified Instructor in Medical Technology. Palmer is employed by Buncombe County as Laboratory Director of the Buncombe County Health Department, where his appointment was announced by H. W. Stevens, M.D., County Health Officer, on July 1.

Methodist Builders Club Aids Church Building

The Methodist Builders Club of the Western North Carolina Conference has given three church extension projects $5,000 each from its final call for funds of the 1963–64 church year, the Rev. A. Glenn Lackey has announced.

The Rev. Mr. Lackey, director of Conference church extension, and interim superintendent of the Charlote District, said the money aided these projects:

A four acre purchase of land in East Salisbury, a half mile east of the city, where the Salisbury District Mission Society will establish a congregation.

The Mars Hill Methodist Church, established five years ago in a house on the main street, with the funds to aid construction of more adequate facilities to carry on the church program.

A three–and–a–half acre site just east of Forest City where a large residential area is developing, and where the Marion Mission Society has plans for a future congregation.

The Conference Builders Club, supported by 12 of the Conference's 13 districts, has raised $352,267 for church extension in its first three years. Membership now totals 7,014.

Approximately half of the monies received remain at Conference headquarters in Statesville for Conferecne-wide church extension projects. The remainder is returned to the 12 districts on the basis of contributions from that district for district church projects.

Since the Builders Club was organized September of 1961, 32 Conference congregations have been aided, started or planned by way of land purchases.

Members are asked to pledge five dollars or more each time a call for funds is made to aid a church extension project. About three calls for funds are made each year.

The Conference will observe the beginning of the fouth year of the Builders Club with a church-wide Enrollment Sunday, Sept. 20.

So successful has been the program that the West Virginia Conference plans to organize a Builders Club this year.

The Rev. Mr. Lackey will meet with West Virginia Conference officials Sept. 13 and 14 at Cedar Lake Youth Camp, about 10 miles from Charleston, W. Va., to go over the plans. Attending from the West Virginia Conference will be Bishop Fred G. Holloway, his district superintendents and representatives from the districts.

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Part of the Group of Laymen Attending Conference Lay Retreat at Louisburg College

Shown above is the picture of the group taken at Louisburg College on the week-end of August 22-23 attending the North Carolina Conference Laymens' Retreat. 325 attended the two day session during which the theme of **Evangelism Our Witness,** was emphasized. A genuine spirit of revival was experienced under the dynamic preaching of two of the Conference's Lay Evangelists: Mr. Walter Anderson, Raleigh District Lay Leader and Mr. Robert Rose Goldsboro District Lay Leader. Several discussion groups were offered to give instruction in the various areas of lay evangelistic work. The program was under the direction of Roy L. Turnage, Conference Lay Leader.

A full back page ad gives attention to the District Training Session For Local Officers to be held throughout the Conference on September 20 and September 27. This is the second year such a training session has been offered the laymen on the district level covering the whole Conference. Over 1000 local lay officers were reached in the series of training sessions last year. With two new districts added to the list this year an even greater number is expected to be reached.

This year in addition to the regular training sessions offered to Church Lay Leaders, Methodist Men Officers, and Official Board Chairman; a fourth one dealing with the responsibilities of the local Commission On Membership and Evangelism will be offered to the members of this important Commission.

The Conference Board of Evangelism and the Conference Board of Lay Activities are working hand in hand this year on the whole Church level in promoting **Spiritual Renewal** throughout the North Carolina Conference.

CAROLINA BRIEFS

¶ Homecoming services will be held at Carson's Chapel on the Pisgah Charge, North Wilkesboro District, Sunday, September 27. Bob Dowda, a Duke student will be the speaker. Rev. P. E. Bingham is the pastor.

¶ Mill Creek church on the Warrensville charge will observe Homecoming day Sunday, September 20. A revival will begin at the evening service with Rev. E. F. Kale as the guest preacher. Rev. Cecil C. Bell is pastor of Warrensville charge.

¶ Mrs. Peggy Horn, wife of Rev. Kenneth Horn, pastor of Stony Point Church, is the author of two articles published in "Workers With Youth." "Starting Point" is found in the July issue, and "Involve Those Seniors" is in the April issue.

¶ Rev. John K. Miller of Statesville, N. C., will be guest preacher in Rivival Services at Catawba Methodist Church, September 27 through October 1, at 7:30 p.m. John C. Vernon is the pastor. Cottage prayer services will precede the series of services.

¶ Annual Homecoming will be observed at Mount Bethel Church, Bahama, October 4th. All friends, including former members and pastors are cordially invited to join the congregation in Church School, Morning Worship and the Picnic Lunch. Rev. Ralph H. Lewis is the pastor.

¶ Live Oak church on the Bladen charge will observe Homecoming day Sunday, Septmber 27. Windsor church on the same charge will observe Homecoming October 4. Rivival services will begin at Windsor church in the evening of the 27th with Rev. Bobby Tyson as the preacher. Rev. T. R. McKay is the pastor.

¶ "Albright Hall" a new dormitory at Queens College in Charlotte has been named for Miss Thelma Albright, daughter of Rev. and Mrs. W. T. Albright, of Greensboro. Mr. Albright, who is 93 years old, is a retired member of the Western North Carolina Conference. Miss Albright who is a graduate of Greensboro College has served as a member of the Queens College faculty for some twenty-five years.

¶ Revival plans are being made at Bethpage Church, Kannapolis, for the week, September 27 through October 1, with the Rev. Dr. Walter J. Miller of Central Church Asheville as guest Minister. Special Music and singing will be led by Mr. Sam Allred of Greensboro. The Pastor wishes to invite friends of Dr. Miller from the Salisbury and Concord areas to attend these services. The Service will begin at 7:30 p.m. nightly.

¶ The children of Rev. and Mrs. W. A. Rollins of Lincolnton are planning for a Fiftieth wedding anniversary celebration for their parents to be held Sunday, the twentieth of September from three until six o'clock at First Methodist Church in Lincolnton. Friends are invited. Mr. Rollins is a retired member of the Western North Carolina Conference, and during his ministry acquired the reputation of being one of the most dynamic and influential preachers of the conference.

¶ Salisbury District held a conference on evangelism last Friday, Saturday, and Sunday. Sessions, which began at 6:00 p.m. Friday, closed with the sermon at 9:45 Sunday evening. The sermon was by Dr. Howard Whitaker, of Winchester, Ky., who is a member of the Kentucky Conference. The Sessions were held in Hotel Concord, and consisting of workshops, duscissions, sharing, and preaching.

¶ Branson Methodist Church, Durham, will observe its annual Homecoming Sunday, September 27, at 11:00 a.m. The Reverend E. C. Crawford, a former pastor, will bring the message. Special music will be rendered by the choir under the direction of Mrs. W. C. Roberts, organist. Former pastors, members, and friends are invited. Folllowing the service dinner will be served in the basement of the church. Reverend Matt. R. Gardner is pastor.

¶ Rosemary Methodist Church, Roanoke Rapids, will observe Homecoming Sunday, September 20. Rev. C. E. Woodruff, pastor of the Mackeys and the Pleasant Grove Methodist Church in Mackys, N. C., will be guest speakers at the eleven o'clock worship service. A picnic dinner will be held following the service. Rev. G. W. Crutchfield, pastor, extends an invitation to friends, former pastors and members to attend this service.

¶ Newlyn Street Methodist Church, Greensboro, observed annual homecoming last Sunday with Rev. Don Ellis, associate at West Market Street Church bringing the message at 11:00 a.m. Picnic lunch was served following the worship service. At 1:30 a song service was held. At 7:30 revival service began with Rev. Mr. Ellis as the preacher for the week. Services are being held each evening through Saturday, Rev. George B. Culbreth is the pastor.

¶ A dedication service is scheduled at The Bethesda Methodist Church, Albemarle District, for Sept. 20, 1964, 3:00 p.m. The speaker of the hour will be The Rev. A. Glenn Lackey. Dr. W. Jackson Huneycutt, District Supt., Rev. I. L. Sharpe, and former pastors, Dr. B. C. Russell and Rev. E. S. Cook will take part in the dedication service also. The public has a cordial invitation to attend this service. The membership and the pastor are expecting to make much progress in God's Kingdom as they are dedicating the church wholly to the service of the Lord. The pastor is Burvin L. Baucom.

¶ High Point College is beginning another first this year with a convocation held in the Memorial Auditorium on Friday, September 11, at 10:00 a.m. Dr. Alvin Robert Keppel, executive director of the Piedmont University Center at Winston-Salem, was the guest speaker. Dr. Keppel has worked with young people in the field of education for nearly a half century, having been a high school teacher, principal, and a college president. He served as president of Catawba College several years before becoming the director of the Piedmont University Center. Dr. Harold Conrad, Dean of academic planning, officiated at the convocation.

¶ Bonds Grove Church of the Pleasant Grove charge in Union County, is holding revival services this week with Rev. T. A. Plyler associate of Central Church, Monroe, as the preacher. Rev. John F. Edwards is the pastor.

¶ Mr. Seavy A. Carroll, missionary to Southern Rhodesia for the past five years, now on furlough, was the guest speaker at Hay Street Church, Fayetteville last Sunday morning. Mr. Carroll is a member of Hay Street Church, of which Dr. C. D. Barclift is pastor.

¶ Mt. Carmel Church, near Monroe, observed Homecoming last Sunday, with the pastor, Rev. Haywood Hyatt bringing the message. Lunch was served following the worship hour. A musical program was presented in the afternoon. At 7:30 Monday evening revival services began with Rev. C. C. Phillips, pastor of Westford Church, Concord, as the visiting preacher.

¶ Commonwealth Church, Charlotte, will observe Homecoming Day Sunday, October 4 at the 11:00 o'clock worship service. A covered dish dinner will be shared at 1:00 o'clock, and a memorial service will follow and dedication of memorial windows and altar in recognition of 10 year members. A series of Spiritual Enrichment services will begin at the evening service to run through Friday night. Rev. Asmond L. Maxwell is the pastor.

¶ Perfect Attendance was achieved by the following members of the Central Methodist School Mt. Airy during the past year: Mark Wilson, Linda Davis, Karla Kirkman, Kay Powell, Susan Callaway, Mary Lockhart, Bill Miller, Jack Wilson, Jimmy Cox, Miriam Lockhart, Howell Woltz, Beth George, Phil George, and Elliott Woltz. Those missing no more than two Sundays and making the Honor Roll are: Pat George, Buster Cox, Kathy Powell, John Vaughn, Carolyn Callaway, Tim Callaway, Louise Woltz. Rev. Frank Smathers is the pastor.

¶ The Reeds Methodist Church in the Thomasville District celebrated their annual homecoming day Sunday August 30 with the Rev. Dr. W. Jackson Huneycutt, Supt. of the Albemarle District, bringing an inspiring message. Following the message the congregation made a "March to the Cross" bringing their offerings to the altar to pay off the building debt. All but $75.00 of this debt was thus paid off with this amount being cleared Sunday Sept. 6 leaving the church debt free. This inspiring service not only cleared the debt but brought the congregation closer to God. Rev. William C. Clark is the pastor.

¶ Trinity Methodist Church, Raleigh, N. C., has just completed a very successful Youth Activities Week. Three other churches was invited to bring their MYF group to share in the activities and the average was 70 people each night. The theme this year was "Seek Ye" in the Home, School, Church, in Social Activities and in Politics. The young people wrote and presented a skit for the parents, had panel discussions, guest speakers, and had a beautiful candlelight banquet and Communion Service. When a lot is given, a lot is gained and this was certainly found to be true from the Youth Activities Week. Miss Beverly Hiller is Youth Director.

¶ Revival services will be held at the Cliffside Methodist Church, Marion District, beginning September 27. Rev. C. B. Barr, pastor of the Pleasant Grove Church, will be the visiting preacher. Rev. F. Doyle Freeman is the pastor.

¶ Cokesbury Methodist church, 2630 Sharon-Amity Road, Charlotte, will observe homecoming day Sunday, September 20 at the 11:00 o'clock worship service:. Picnic dinner will follow at 12:15. Rev. Jack Kaylor is the pastor.

¶ The Salem Methedist Church of Oxford Circuit will hold its annual Homecoming service on Sunday, September 27 at 11:00 a.m. All former friends and members are codially invited. Dinner will be served on the grounds. Rev. R. L. Ossman is pastor.

¶ Homecoming services for the Cooleemee Methodist cnurch will be held Sunday, September 20. Dr. W. A. Jenkins, former pastor of the Cooleemee church, will preach at the morning worship service. All friends and former pastors of the church are invited to attend ths service. Rev. Joe T. Melton is the pastor.

¶ The Franklinville Methodist Church of the High Point District will observe its annual Homecoming day on September 20. A former pastor, the Rev. Ernest Page, now at Pleasant Grove Methodist Church, Charlotte District, will be the speaker at the morning worship hour. A picnic dinner will be served on the lawn following the service of worship. All former pastors, members and friends are invited. Rev. W. R. Bustle is the pastor.

¶ The 140th Anniversary Homecoming will be observed at Weddington Methodist Church in Albemarle District on Sunday September 27, 1964. Rev. Johnnie Hawkins, a former member will be the guest minister, at the morning service. Dinner will be served on the grounds and an afternoon service including special singing with various groups, a brief history of the Church and a memorial service. Weddington was organized in October 1824 with 23 charter members, and was named for Mr. Reuben Weddington, grandson of the original donor of the land, who left the church a great sum of land. All former members, pastors and friends are invited to attend this event and take part in this special day.

¶ There will be a special homecoming service held at the historic Eden Methodist Church, West Halifax Charge, six miles northwest of Enfield, on Sunadv, October 4. The morning worship service will begin at eleven o'clock and will be followed bv a picnic dinner to be held on the grounds adiacent to the church. A week of special religious services will be held each evening, October 5–9 The Reverend Harold Stanlev is the minister of Eden Church. Eden Church is one of North Carolina's oldest Methodist Churches, dating back to pre–Revoluntary days when it was organized as a chapel of the Anglican faith. It was one of several congregations that became affiliated with the Methodist Protestant denomination in the closing years of the 1820's. Former ministers, members and friends of the church are invited to attend the homecoming service.

World-wide Communion Set

Methodists will join with millions of their fellow Christians around the globe October 4 in observance of World–wide Communion Sunday.

Theme for this year's observance is taken from I Corinthians—"Because there is one bread. . . ."

"The observance of World–wide Communion Sunday makes it possible for each individual to share in the unity of the church and to bear personal testimony to the fact that in 'Christ there is no East or West, in Him no South or North'," said Rev. Dr. Elliott L. Fisher, general secretary of the church's national Commission on Promotion and Cultivation.

In addition to sharing spiritual oneness with other Chistians, Methodists will share their money with others through contributions to the Fellowship of Suffering and Service.

"This offering makes possible a ministry to our men and women in the service of their country," Dr. Fisher said, "and it provides also a helping and healing hand anywhere in the world where tragedy strikes or human need is evident.

Changes In Address

The following changes should be made in the addresses in the 1964 Western North Carolina Conference Journal:

1. Traveling Preachers: W. D. Argo, 1033 E. 36th St., Charlotte, N. C. 28205 (omitted in printing); Charles P. Bowles, Box 608, Winston–Salem, N. C.; R. M. Clinard, Box 251, Albemarle, N. C.; C. W. Faulkner, Jr., 2453 Blackmon Drive, Decatur, Ga.; T. J. Howard, Route 4, Box 73H, Morganton, N. C.; A. G. Perkins, 504 Engleside Street. Monroe, N. C. (omitted in printing); J. R. Petree, Route 2, Asheboro, N. C.; W. B. Davis (deceased); W. K. Goodson (elected to episcopacy); W. R. Bailey (transferred to another Conference).

2. Probationers: James W. Fowler, III, Box 400, Drew University, Madison, N. J.; J. C. Lane, Box 464, Clyde, N. C.

3. Approved Supply: J. D. Cartner, 719 S. Franklin Road, Mount Airy, N. C.; S. A. Ivey, 203 Shade Rest Road, Morganton, N. C.; W. R. Ormond, Bor 36, Gilkey, N. C.

4. Supply Pastors: A. G. Jones, 37 E. Main st., Brevard, N. C.

Correction

A list of officers of the Board of Evangelism of the North Carolina Conference printed in the Advocate September 10 included some errors. We took the list from material we received, but evidently some names and positions were arranged improperly. The correct list is as follows:

President—Rev. Paul C. Browning.

Vice-President—Rev. Kimsey King.

Secretary—Rev. Alison Simonton.

Officers of the Board of Trustees of the Board of Evangelism, Inc., are:

President. Rev. Clyde Boggs.

Vice-President—Rev. Kimsey King.

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Bishop Garber Leads Ground-Breaking For St. Paul Church

Bishop Paul N. Garber of the Raleigh Area preached at Saint Paul Methodist Church, Goldsboro, September 6 at 11:00 a. m. and led in the ground-breaking ceremonies for the new education and fellowship hall buildings. Others taking part in the ground-breaking were Rev. A. L. Chaplin, associate pastor; Mr. M. B. Andrews, Jr., Lay Leader; Mr. Harry Howard, Chairman of Official Board; Mr. Ray Armstrong, Chairman of Board of Trustees; Mrs. Donald Bell, President Woman's Society of Christian Service; Mr. L. O. Hollingsworth, Co-Chairman of Campaign Committee; Mr. W. F. Taylor, Chairman Special Gifts Committee; Mr. William Boyer, Chairman of Building Committee; Mr. V. S. Lucas, Chairman of Commission on Education; Mr. Wilton Ward, Church School Superintendent; Mr. Paul Couch, President Methodist Youth Fellowship, Mr. Harvey L. Davis, Jr., President Methodist Men; Mr. James W. Allison, Co-Chairman Commission on Stewardship; Dr. Paul Bennett, Jr., Crusade Committee; Mr. W. Robert Johnson, Pastoral Relations. Rev. Graham S. Eubank is pastor of St. Paul Church.

Minister's Father Dies

Funeral services were held Monday, September 7, for Samuel Duncan McMillan, Sr., at the Center Methodist Church in Mullins, S. C. Mr. McMillan was residing in Clio, S. C., at the time of his death. A Civil Engineer with the A.C.L. railroad for over forty years, he was formerly a member of the official board of First Methodist Church, Sebring, Fla.; Trinity Methodist church, Wilmington, N. C.; and the Swaim Methodist church, Jacksonville, Fla. He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Alice Smith McMillan of Clio, S. C., one son, Rev. S .D. McMillan, Jr., of Fayetteville, and two grandchildren. Officiating at the funeral service were Rev. John Risher Brabham, pastor of the Trinity Methodist church in Clio, and Rev. Donald R. Britt, pastor of the Center Methodist church.

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EDITORIALS

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What A Marvelous Privilege

It is not uncommon to hear in these ultra-modern days someone raising a question or casting an unfavorable reflection against the church and the cause of religion. That is especially true of those who are not devoted to religious interests, and who seem to look to temporal and material matters for their security. So it is not too alarming to know that people who have little or no understanding of religion and the church are inclined to be critical.

On the other hand, it is refreshing to mingle with people to whom religion means everything; people who have committed themselves to God and look to Him for guidance, and receive through fellowship with him in the church or elsewhere the unshakable conviction that He is near and that He cares and that He can be depended upon. These are they who through experience, not heresay, can speak with authority on the subject. They are the group represented by Job in the long ago when he said "I had heard of thee by the hearing of the ear, but now mine eye seeth thee." Or as it has been interpreted, "I had heard of thee by heresay, but now I have discovered thee for myself."

It was our privilege a few nights ago to visit the evangelistic crusade being held on a city-wide, county-wide basis in Burlington, at which Dr. Leighton Ford of the Billy Graham team was the preacher. The large Walter Williams High School auditorium where the services were being held was filled to capacity for the very first service on Thursday evening. This auditorium holds twenty-five hundred to three thousand persons. At the close of the sermon some sixty or seventy persons responded to the invitation to come forward making a profession of faith or renewing a profession already made. The choir representing the various churches of the city and county numbered some two to three hundred voices. Mr. Ford's sermon, while most helpful and inspiring, was not outstanding. It was evident that the Holy Spirit was moving among the people and they were conscious of and responsive to such an influence. In fact the preacher emphasized that he was not inviting them to himself, but to Christ. He was asking them to commit themselves, not to him, but to Christ and the Christian way of life.

As we worshipped and were a part of this great congregation we could not help feel "Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity!" What a high privilege we have to belong to the household of faith and to be numbered in the family of our God! This is the supreme privlege anyone can enjoy!

THEME FOR THE WEEK

"How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of him that bringeth good tidings, that publisheth peace; that bringeth good tidings of good, that publisheth salvation; that saith unto Zion, Thy God reigneth!"
Isaiah 52:7

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LETTERS

Editor N. C. Christian Advocate:

Every Lord's day countless millions of communicants in Christian churches the world around attest by hymn, prayer and creed the declaration by the Apostle Peter that "there is none other name under heaven given among men whereby we must be saved." Peter and his fellow Apostles had been arrested, then arraigned before high ecclesiastical authorities, soon after the first miracle following the birth of the Christian church. (See Acts 4:12). The name, of course, was that of the Head of the Church—Jesus Christ the only begotten Son of God. (John 3:16).

It is generally agreed, we believe, that the most difficult mission field in all the world is that among those who claim Mohammed as the Prophet of God or Allah, whom all men everywhere should accept and follow. On the island of Cypress there is a tragic, heartbreaking situation—the President of Cypress is also an archbishop in one of the three great branches of the Christian religion. Turkish Cypriots, followers of Mohammed, are very much in the minority, only one-fourth of the total population. What hope is there now that there will ever be a breakthrough in the vast Islamic world with the Gospel of our Lord, before all tribes, peoples and nations, East and West, see Him coming in clouds with great power and glory?

That time may be nearer than we think, judged not only by the deepening moral and spiritual darkness overspreading the whole earth, but also by a gradual narrowing of the perimeter toward the Middle East, where history's most awful battle will be fought on the plains of Armageddon.

The state of affairs on Cypress is enough to make the angels in Heaven weep.

A. D. Closson

Weaverville, N. C.

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Dear Friends and Loved Ones,

This is vacation time at the last part of July here at the orphanage, and over 120 of our 155 children are passing their vacations with relatives or church families. After a week of "rest" for the remaining youngsters, we will have a vacation Bible School led by young ladies from the Methodist Institution in São Paulo, working with the local church. The counselors are doing more reading and studying of their individual children, plus taking advantage of a little more free time to participate in a painting class, etc. We are hoping that a number of counselors will be able to visit some of the homes of the children who are having more problems—which is often the home of an uncle or aunt or grandfather or where an unwed mother works.

June and I and the children are enjoying lots of company, for many missionaries visit during these times of vacation. The Bud Martin's are here now from Brazilian, the D. A. Riley's visited from São Paulo, the Brady Tyson's, and our Brazilian friend's, Maria and Clemente, should arrive today together with a short visit of Francis Bowden, who is working with the Social Action Department of the Brazilian Methodist Church. Our children are playing with their children, we have fine workers here who open their extra bedroom doors to help us out plus the fact that we will have some of the folk stay in the infirmary of the orphanage, etc.

We had a wonderful revival at our little church and here at the orphanage with Bill Garrison preaching some fine sermons and using his wonderful talent as a chalk artist to illustrate the life of Christ. Nancy was able to come with Bill (they'll be back in N. C. on furlough next year) and we really felt blessed by their company. We averaged over 150 a night at the little 36 member church and 10 persons made decisions for Christ. And the revival is continuing, for Sunday we had 88 at Sunday School and 100 at evening worship, and when I gave the invitation 5 more made the "first step" (that's what you say in Portuguese) in coming forward to accept Jesus Christ as Savior. So in August I'll be teaching a membership class of 15 youth and adults and we now have about 35 here at the orphanage in membership classes of groups of 5-7. Pray for these folks in membership classes, and for June and I in dividing our time between the orphanage and church so that these folk will really have the pastoral care that they need.

Keep our youngsters here in your prayers. Two little girls already have left us this year . . .their mother was a widow unable to work as a maid and keep the children with her . . .she is now happily remarried and her new husband is accepting these daughters with a good deal of love. Three others have left the orphanage in less favorable circumstances . . . one perhaps will be used as "bait" as his unwed mother begs, the others taken out by their father (the mother apparently abandoned the children) in circumstances that the pastor of the father thinks are very pessimistic. And then there are those who need more love and care than an orphanage of 155 children can give them, but who have no place to go.

June and I hope to get off with the children and visit the former director, Ed Tims', in Campos and visit part of the state of Espírito Santos next week . . . We feel very much the need to get away for a week of vacation and refreshment. Saw the "Hummingbird Man"—in Santa Teresa. (National Geographic, Jan. 1963)

May **God richly bless you in your part in His mission** there as you pray for our part in His mission here.

Our love in Christ

George, June, Norma, David and Margaret June

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Appointment

Bishop Earl G. Hunt has confirmed the transfer of William R. Bailey to the New York Central Conference and the appointment of J. Parks Todd, Jr., to the Brookstown Charge.

Frank B. Jordan, *Supt.*,
Winston-Salem District

Methodist Builders Club Moves Into Fourth Year Of Operation

The Methodist Builders Club of the Western North Carolina Conference will move into its fourth year of serving the expansion goals of 268,000 Methodists when Builders Club Sunday is observed Sept. 20 in the Conference's 1.150 churches.

"We have reached the place in church extension where we can begin to make some real long–range planning," said the Rev. A. Glenn Lackey, Conference director of church extension and interim superintend--ent of the Charlotte District.

Bishop Earl G. Hunt, Jr., who presides over the Charlotte Methodist Area, is an enthusiastic supporter of the Builders Club.

"I support the Methodist Builders Club of the Western North Carolina Conference and have asked Brother Lackey to enroll me as a member not only because it is my privilege to do so as resident Bishop of the Charlotte Area," he said, "but also and more personally because I know from my own pastoral experience how utterly invalu–able this project can be in spreading the message of Methodism and building the Kingdom of God's dear Son in the midst of our challenging territory. Let us all help as much as we can, and let us do it gladly and with sure confidence that our efforts here will bear blessed fruit."

The Builders Club now contains more than 7,000 members—men and women, young people, church school classes, and other church organizations—who have pledged to pay five dollars each time a call for funds is made.

Usually three calls for contributions are made each year, each call presenting the cause of three to four Conference projects of buying property for future development of a congregation, or aiding a new congre–gation to get into its first building.

Thus far 32 such projects have been aided from the money which remains at Conference headquarters in Statesville. The other half of monies contributed goes back to the 12 participating districts of the Con–ference on the basis of money given.

During the 1963–64 year, builders Club members gave $118,349. It came from the districts in these amounts:

Albemarle, $6,967; Asheville, $8,239; Gastonia, $12,544; Greensboro, 19,974; High Point, $10.497; Marion, $7,985; North Wilkesboro, $5,062; Salisbury, $9,292; Statesville, $10.660; Thomasville, $6,495; Waynesville, $3,825; and Winston–Salem, $16.806.

The Rev. Mr. Lackey said he feels a goal of 10,000 members for the Builders Club will be reached this year. He praised the leadership in the field of church exten–sion of the local church directors of the Builders Club, clergymen and interested laymen.

He called attention to the "invaluable help which has been rendered in promoting the Builders Club" by the district directors of missions.

He said it is important to Methodists of Western North Carolina that the Builders Club leap forward. "It is now easy to tell the population trends in many communities in western North Carolina," the Rev. Mr. Lackey said. "If we wait until schools and homes are developed in growing areas, we will pay three to four times the cost of the land today."

He gave the example of a piece of land which some years ago was selling for $200 an acre. Now it is housing development and the Methodist Church recently inquired as to the cost of a four acre site in the devel–opment for construction of a church. The

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Here are leaders of the Conference Board of Missions who are promoting the Methodist Builders Club of the Western North Carolina Conference. Seated (from left) are these district missions secretaries, the Rev. Fletcher Andrews, the Rev. John Carper, the Rev. James Armstrong, the Rev. Earle Haire and the Rev. G. W. Bumgarner; and standing (from left) the Rev. A. Glenn Lackey, Conference director of church extension; and district directors ————————,the Rev. Ray Moss, the Rev. Harley Williams, the Rev. James Bellamy, the Rev. Roger Tucker and the Rev. George P. Robinson; also the Rev. Horace McSwain, executive secretary for the Conference Board of Missions, and the Rev. Rollin Gibbs, Conference director of fund crusades.



Bishop Earl G. Hunt, Jr. (right), who pre–sides over the Charlotte Methodist Area, hands the Rev. A. Glenn Lackey his signed Builders Club membership card. The Rev. Mr. Lackey is director of Conference church extension.



The congregation of St. Timothy Methodist Church in Lexington is pictured outside its new church, which was aided with $5,005 of Builders Club funds.



Here is the West Irving Park Methodist Church of Greensboro under construction. The Builders Club aided this congregation with $5,768.

Crucifixion

TEXT "...There they curcified him . . ."
Luke 23:33

Jesus came into the world to die for sinners. So, Crucifixion became the second great doctrine considered at the National Convocation of Methodist Youth at Purdue University the week of July 27-31. Here is a dismal story of an unjust murder over against the beauty of the Incarnation. Why should the Cross be the major symbol of our faith?

In his sermon on the Crucifixion Bishop James S. Thomas presented an excellent outline, which I shall use as a framework to weave in other ways in which the Crucifixion was brought out.

I. First of all, human blindness led Jesus to the Cross. Men are morally blind by nature. That is why poets, philosphers, and saints are so rare. Sometimes we sing the spiritual, "Sweet little Jesus Boy, we didn't know who you was." Men killed Him because they could not see. In our time we are still suffering from the same blindness that forced Socrates to drink the hemlock, that persecuted and stoned the Hebrew prophets, and that crucified Jesus. "And many years later," pointed out Bishop Thomas, "men, looking back on these events, cry out, "Excuse us, Lord, we couldn't see." The Crucifixion came at the hands of many who were not criminals but who were trying to do the right "according to their lights." In modern times slavery, oppressed labor, and the killing of six million persons came at the hands of men who believed that they were doing right.

Man's light is limited. That truth explains why he can watch many persons killed on television without flinching. Jerusalem could not see its own doom, though Jesus warned the people, "Behold, your house is forsaken and desolate." Pilate listened to the voice of the people as he gave Jesus over to be crucified.

This blindness was the heart of the problem of Simon, the teen-ager in the morning dramas. He felt self-sufficient. He had resented his parents. They had not permitted him to have his own automobile. One night he was carelessly driving the car in which his parents were riding. There was a sudden accident, and his parents were killed. Simon felt guilty, but he could not see any answers for himself in the message of love proclaimed by the Church.

The **Roundtable** material studied in preparation for Purdue puts the blindness of man this way: "It is . . . a demonstration of man's loyalty to selfishness and pride . ." Selfish, proud men executed the incarnate love of God. That man would make such a choice between the Son and sin reveals just how blind man is.

II. Further, we see the depth of God's love amid undeniable evil.

Although there was much moral blindness in the crucifixion, there was also intentional evil. Many knew what they were doing as they got rid of Jesus. Caiaphas, the high priest in Jesus' trail, was one of these. Jesus revealed the emptiness of their religion, and they were indignant that they were exposed as fakes. Yes, planned evil is also part of the Crucifixion.

But the Crufixion is contemporary, as Bishop Thomas indicated. The trial and Crucifixion scenes from the play **Christ in The Concrete City** were enacted on Wednesday morning. In a very vivid, dramatic way these actors almost made us feel as if we were there. They mocked Jesus and scornd Him. They called for His Crucifixion. Then these choral readers turned the condemnation and execution of Jesus back upon us by saying that the sins of cowardice, spiritual pride, brutality, and the blind following of the blind are not reserved for the past but are "split-level sins. . . of Main Street and Fifth Avenue."

A thread of evil runs through our culture. It is too simple a view of evil to say that everyone ought to think good thoughts and love everybody. We have become clevwith our sins, so that ghettos are turned into statistics, alcohol hides behind clever advertising, women drink champagne all night on television but do not get drunk, adults blame the youth for delinquency, and the youth call the parents irresponsible. We hate the good that reveals the evil in us. For example, many youth dislike the "A" student who shows up the lazy "C" student. In many ways we crucify the good in our midst. If Jesus were here, many of us would join in His Crucifixion. These would cry, "Crucify Him! He is in my way!"

But God is full of love and mercy. A loving God has given Himself for unloving man. God endures the fruits of an unloving world to show what love is. Those who have been bound to selfishness and pride can be freed to enjoy a life of love.

This love is not a sentimental, sickening love. It is love that comes at great sacrifice. This love gives itself for the good of others. James Mayfield describes it like this: "It is love that will even be hung naked on a cross and tortured to death." When this type love enters our lives, we can love God with all our hearts, and our neighbors as ourselves. "For God so loved the world that he gave his only son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life." It is wonderful to know that we have a God who is involved in this good-evil struggle and whose love is triumphant in it. God's redemptive love is seen in the story of Jonah, which was also enacted in one of the plays by Scarritt College Players. When the people of Nineveh heard God's Word preached to them, they repented and were forgiven. Jonah could not understand why they should not be punished for their sins anyway. However, God does away with punishment when men repent, for He is a God of pity. The question which He asked Jonah rings through the ages, "And should not I? Nineveh, that great city, in which there are more than a hundred and twenty thousand persons who do not know their right hand from their left, and also much catle?"

III. Also, the Crucifixion shows us the way to involvement in the suffering of our world.

This truth was brought out clearly in the morning dramas about Simon and Cathy. The theatrical device of bringing scenes from a number of plays into the experiences of Simon and Cathy in a warehouse of the Goodwill Industries was cleverly done. The characters Simon and Cathy themselves became an audience to these scenes. The impact of these plays changed these two selfish teen-agers. I have already mentioned **Christ in the Concrete City.** At the point where the heavy Cross is placed upon Jesus' back to be borne to Calvary and where He stumbles and can go no further, the onlookers mix pretended sympathy with mockery. This response becomes too much for Simon; and he breaks into the play by asking, "Why don't you carry it, you hypocrites?" Here it seems that the Gospel begins to break through to Simon. The officers compel not Simon of Cyene, but our Simon, the teen-ager, to carry Jesus' Cross.

Uniust deaths are not confined to Jesus' Crucifixion. A very moving scene from the play **Billy Budd** shows a more modern unfair execution. Billy Budd is a seaman who has been mercilessly harassed by the captain. In the earlier part of that play on one occasion the captain asked Billy Budd a question, because he stuttered, the words did not come out. According to the law failure to reply was insubordination and subject to the death penalty. For some reason that was not clear to Billy Budd and his superior officer engaged in a fight in which Budd killed the officer. Apparently this was justifiable homicide, though the details were not plain. The scene from the play is introduced when officers are called in to serve as a court. Their choice lies between obeying their consciences and setting Billy Budd free or follow the letter of the law and giving him the death penalty. In the name of their country and the law they declared Billy Budd guilty and condemn to die by hanging. So he is led away to an unjust death.

As Simon watches Jesus and Billy Budd die, both innocently, he figures that the safest course is to stay out of trouble and away from the people in trouble. Simon tells Cathy: " . ..That's the finish of man's story, Cat. Nothing. Because no matter how hard we try to make life count, it still always adds up to . . . zero!"

In the same drama that day another character is introduced — Joppa, a buddy of Simon's. A fight in which a boy is killed has taken place outside a drugstore. Because Joppa is nearby, he is blamed; and the police seek him. Joppa fearing for his life, flees into the warehouse seeking refuge; but the police catch him and take him to jail for questioning. When the real test comes, Simon cannot act according to his philosophy of non-involvement. He tries to defend Joppa and gets hurt himself. Simon learns that the innocent suffer as well as the guilty and that we must become involved in the suffering of the world as Jesus did.

Jesus challenged His followers this way: "If any man would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me." To follow Jesus, then, requires our own cross-bearing, our own self-crucifixion. The three kings of the East in Masefield's **The Coming of Christ** represents power, wealth, and wisdom. Each wonders how his own particular kingdom will continue after his passing, for each is at the world's height in acquisition of his particular life's goal. The answer comes to them as they take their gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh to the Baby Jesus. They surrender their power, wealth, and wisdom to Him in the hope that in this newborn Baby their greatest dreams and ambitions will be filled. In so doing they are satisfied. We too seek to build our kingdoms. Dare we crucify self to the extent that we can lay our life's treasures at His feet and be satisfied?

One challenge is crucifixion of ideas and customs that are harmful to the cause of Jesus Christ. I attended a panel discussion in the All Nations Lounge, where delegates had the opportunity to meet natives of other lands and missionaries. On this particular night the discussion centered on how people of other lands view the racial crisis in our country. In the period of questions



and comments one missionary to India for many years arose to say that whenever there is some racial outbreak in America, the news is quickly received in places like India, where it is given front-page coverage. One of the most difficult questions that this missionary has to answer focuses around our justification of some of our racial practices in a supposedly Christian land. Those who are truly concerned about the spread of the Gospel to other lands must grapple with the problem of the image that we in America have. We must crucify some of our personal prejudices and preferences if our Christian influence is to be fruitful in other lands.

In his sermon on the Crucifixion Bishop Thomas told about a doctor who with all his medical training left behind all the advantages of living in our country to go out to participate in the suffering of the world. Dietrich Bonhoeffer, a devout German Christian who died at the hands of the Nazis, once said that our suffering is the cross of the Christian life. Unless we participate in the suffering of the world, we shall not experience the full Christian life. If the Cross alone is the end, then it is of no value. The Good News is that the crucified do rise again. "This is the victory that overcometh the world, even our faith."

ROBERT S. PULLMAN, *Wanchese.*

Bishop Garber Congratulates Dr. M. O. Fletcher

Dr. Maynard Fletcher of Washington, N. C., who was recently honored by the Washington Collegiate Institute alumni association for his services as head of WCI when it operated here, has received the following treasured penned letter from Paul N. Garber, Methodist Bishop of Raleigh:

My Dear Brother Fletcher

I wish so much that I could be with you on your fiftieth anniversary of your coming to Washington, North Carolina Methodism. You have rendered and are rendering a monumental service to thousands of us. I join with your many other friends and colleagues in thanking our Heavenly Father for your life and ministry. You have been a blessing to all of us. I cherish your friendship and I hope to see you soon.

Fraternally
PAUL N. GARBER

Methodist Builders Club

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price was now $25,000 for the four acres.

The Rev. Mr. Lackey urged more established congregations to get into the national Methodist Church's new "N–1" program. Approved during the 1964 General Conference, this plan calls for couples from established churches to leave those churches and spend a year helping to develop new congregations, or to bolster faltering chruches.

He also said Methodist churches ought never to move. "Many times the community has changed and the large number of members have moved from the church. Here the Methodist Church needs to move in as a Conference and say, 'This is a Methodist church, and we are going to stay here and serve the people here'."

He also cautioned about a congregation "pulling out of a community where the situation doesn't look too promising." He said the "N–1" program could aid many of these problems.

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Missions Training Workshop Held In Charlotte

Western North Carolina Methodists, already leading world Methodism in the number of missionaries serving from the Conference overseas and in the U. S., will be asked to increase this effort during the 1964–65 Conference year.

The 13 district secretaries of missions work in the Conference met in Charlotte Sept. 8 and 9 for the annual training workshop, under the direction of Dr. Horace McSwain of Statesville, Conference executive secretary of missions, and Dr. J. Clay Madison of Charlotte, president of the Conference Board of Missions.

These district missions leaders, through a series of district missions rallies and workshops, will seek greater financial support for the national Methodist Board of Missions so more men and women can be sent into this area of Christian service.

Also, churches will be asked to involve themselves in a more personal contact with the 56 men and women who are serving from the Western North Caroilna Conference in overseas and U. S. missions work.

Finally, the Methodists will be asked to involve themselves in greater numbers than ever before in the annual church–wide schools of missions—local church studies of particular mission areas, which this year will be the Methodist work among Spanish Americans.

Three missionaries of the Conference, the Rev. Ed Hackney of India, the Rev. Bill Bingham of Brazil and the Rev. David Swain of Japan spoke to the district missions secretaries.

Dr. McSwain said 20 fewer missionaries were sent into the work during 1964–65 than in the previous year because national Methodist missions funds are low. He said this occured despite a need overseas and in the U. S. for at least 500 more missionaries to adequately carry on the Methodist missions program.

"One of our urgent needs, for which we do have adequate money, is for short term missionaries," Dr. McSwain said. There are young men and women who sign for either three years of service overseas, or two years of service in the U. S.

He said each year the national Board of Missions asks for 100 such persons and only about 50 respond. Dr. McSwain said a reason could be "in the fact we've made missions work sound too soft, easy, appealing and romantic. The Peace Corps didn't make it sound too easy and this challenge of sacrifice has drawn thousands."

The Western North Carolina Conference this year has sent six young people into this short term service, again leading Methodism in this area.

Regular missionaries for The Methodist Church serve five year terms, with a year of furlough for study and missions promotion after each term.

The district missions secretaries were brought up to date on the rebuilding of Alaska Methodist University, heavily damaged during the Good Friday earthquake this year; the work of missionary Jack Smith in Hawaii; the development of the Hinton Memorial Rural Life Center at Hayesville; the new program at the Cherokee Methodist Center, and the work of Conference clergymen and laymen among Latin American Methodists.

There was also discussion of the use of missionaries returning on furlough in local church and district programs during 1964–65, and Dr. McSwain presented figures which show the Conference among the leaders in various departments of national mission financial support.

The Rev. A. Glenn Lackey of Charlotte, interim superintendent of the Charlotte District and Conference director of church extension, spoke of the expansion of Methodism in western North Carolina and called attention to Sept. 20 as Builders Club Sunday.

The Conference's District Missionary secretaries include:

Albemarle, the Rev. Harley Williams of Monroe; Asheville, the Rev. R. T. Houts, Jr., of Asheville; Charlotte, the Rev. James Armstrong of Paw Creek; Gastonia, the Rev. G. W. Bumgarner of Lincolnton; Greensboro, the Rev. Roger Tucker of Greensboro; High Point, the Rev. Ray Moss of High Point.

Marion, the Rev. Earle Haire of Valdese; North Wilkesboro, the Rev. James E. McNeely, Jr., of Boonville; Salisbury, the Rev. George P. Robinson of Salisbury; Statesville, the Rev. John Carper of Lenoir; Thomasville, the Rev. Fletcher Andrews of Lexington; Waynesville, the Rev. James Bellamy of Lake Junaluska; and Winston–Salem, the Rev. Jerry D. Murray of Winston–Salem.

Wives of the district missions secretaries were guests of the Conference Board of Missions for the two–day meeting.

Bishop Hunt's Schedule

Sept. 20 Bishop Hunt will preach for the 11 a. m. worship service at Cokesbury Methodist Church in Charlotte, and then participate in the homecoming festivities which will follow. The Rev. Jack Kaylor is pastor.

Sept. 22 and 23 the bishop will go to Louisville, Ky., for a meeting of the national Methodist Board of Education. Since 1956 the bishop has been a member of the Dept. of Ministerial Education of the General Board of Education.

Sept. 24 Bishop Hunt will give invocation for the 40th anniversary testimonial dinner of Duke Endowment, scheduled for the tenth anniversary of Aldersgate Methodist Church, Shelby, preaching the sermon for the 11 a.m. service. The Rev. George W. Thompson is pastor.

The bishop, his wife, son and mother are now settled in the episcopal residence at 2020 Roswell Ave., Charlotte.

Bishop Hunt is the former president of Methodist–related Emory and Henry College in Emory, Va., a position he held for eight years until his election as a bishop of The Methodist Church during the July 8–12 quadrennial meeting of the Southeastern Methodist Jurisdiction at Lake Junaluska.

He was assigned to the Charlotte Area to succeed Bishop Nolan B. Harmon, who retired at the Jurisdictional meeting to become editor of the Dictionary of Methodism and to teach at the Candler School of Theology, Emory University.

Gamewell Methodist Church Picnic At Camp Carolwood

Excitment was running high in church school Sunday morning at Gamewell Methodist! The boys and girls knew their parents had been busy preparing over–stuffed picnic baskets, which were waiting in the automobiles, along with the bathing suits. As soon as Rev. Mr. Ellerbe gave benediction, approximately 82 members left for Camp Carolwood, the Methodist Camp in Buffalo, to enjoy together a picnic lunch and swimming in the beautiful pool on the camp grounds.

For the past several years, the picnic, which is an annual affair for the church, has been enjoyed at picnic areas in the mountains, however, this year, Camp Carolwood was the chosen site for the outing. The development of Camp Carolwood is a great asset to the Statesville District for the Methodist Conference. In addition to the picnic shelter, the large swimming pool and dressing rooms, there are two cottages for boys and two for girls, an assembly hall with a well–equipped kitchen, and connected to the assembly hall building, a wing with 16 cots. There is also a camping area, which has been used this summer by many camping groups, and a caretaker's house. The camp was named for Dr. Elwood Carroll, former District Superintendent of the Statesville District, who was one of the founders of the camp and who contributed long hours of planning and labor in getting the camp developed. In the planning at present is an outdoor chapel, which is going to be erected in the memory of Rev. Julian Holmes, who was one of the founders of the camp also.

The folks from Gamewell Methodist Church enjoyed the camp facilities very much, and are looking forward to more activities at Camp Carolwood, with more good food, fellowship and fun.

Ardmore Fills Vacancies

Beginning with September 1, vacancies in positions on the employed staff at Ardmore Church in Winston–Salem were filled as follows:

Mr. David L. Myers assumed the responsibilities of Educational Assistant, and Mrs. George Corby those of Organist and Director of Music.

For the past four years, Mr. Myers has been Educational Assistant at the Belmont Park Church in Charlotte, and he comes to Ardmore Church to take over duties formerly those of Miss Susan Lutz, who resigned July 1, following four years as Educational Assistant.

Mrs. Corby, a resident of Winston–Salem, has recently completed nine years as Organist and Music Director at Memorial Church in Thomasville. At Ardmore Church she succeeds the Reverend Richard Bloesch, who resigned June 15 to return to school for further graduate study.

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Carr Methodist Church, Durham will hold a "week-end revival" Thursday, October 1, through Sunday evening, October 4. The pastor, Rev. W. A. Seawell will do the preaching.

'he Gospel Goes to The 'eople On Film

By Beverly Chain

(Editor's Note: This report on film evangelism as a ieans of communicating the Christian message in Asia, frica and Latin America is written by a former Methdist missionary to Brazil. Miss Chain of Ohio, is now nterpretation and Services for RAVEMCCO (the Rajio, Visual Education and Mass Communications Comittee of the National Council of Churches.) The Methdist Church, through its Board of Missions, supports ie programof Christian mass communications around ie world with both personnel—missionary and national -and with funds.)

The use of Biblical films to communicate he Gospel to the people of Asia and Africa s one of the oldest forms of the audio-visu- l ministry of the church. The cost for this ind of mass evangelism is relatively low fter the initial investments in projectors, ilms, a mobile van and driver. Results vhere follow-up has been done are good.

The most comprehensive report on film vangelism over the last 15 years comes rom Korea. Nightly in six areas of South Korea, crowds gather to see and hear the nessage of Christ through the film medium. During 1963 some 551,000 persons heard the Gospel in this way.

Korea began operating its first mobile van in the Taegu area in 1961. A second nit began showings in the Seoul area in 954. A third was put into the Wonju area n 1957. Number four started work in Chungu in 1961. A fifth was added for the Soonchon area in 1962, and in 1963 number six began operations in Pusan. Before 1951 film evangelists carried their equipment via ox cart or bus.

For the most part, the film evangelism program of any country follows the pattern of a "one night stand." A religious film, an entertainment or educational film s shown to draw a crowd to hear preaching service which follows. While this is not the recommended method of film evangelism, when accompanied by appropriate follow-up it has had results.

A better approach to the problem has been to use one or two religious films, well chosen presented, provide the total message. Tracts are often distributed and these meetings, some with the name and address of the pastor of a local church. On occasion, persons interested in learning more about Christianity are asked to stay after the film show, talk with a pastor and fill out a card. These cards are then turned over to local churches so that they may do the follow-up. Sometimes Bibles or Bible portions are sold. The countries which have mobile vans such as Korea, Burma, Philippines, and some in Africa may periodically repeat their visits to a village.

In the crowded colony of **Hong Kong,** film evangelism is carried on in the various institutions, prisons, orphanages, schools, even the roof tops of large settlements. In the last 10 years, there have been 7,901 showings or an average of two every day. An estimated 1,069,000 persons have seen these films, which graphically set before the viewer the life and teachings of Christ. Over the past few years, Hong Kong films have been shared with Taiwan. The audio-visual department there reports that in the last year and a half 219 showings were scheduled, and films were seen by almost 100,000 people.

In the **Philippines,** film evangelism is done on a denominational basis, with the Christian council's audio-visual department supplying the films. Over the last five years, the United Church of Christ in the Philippines reports the following results: 1,624,650 persons saw the Biblical films; 46,316 indicated a decision to follow Christ; 2,434 after further instruction were baptized; 5,835 Bibles were purchased. This is a phenominal record, and might have been higher, except for a decrease and sometimes total lack of follow-up on the last two years.



Fayetteville District Directors pause with the Reverend Barney Davidson, District Superintendent, during the Fayetteville District Set-Up Meeting held at Haymount Church, Fayetteville, September 8. They are, from left, front row: Reverend Mr. Davidson; The Reverend M. W. Maness, Town and Country Work; The Reverend Al Simonton, Evangelism; The Reverend Frank Grill, Gifts and Wills; The Reverend Paul Scott, Social Concerns; The Reverend T. R. Jenkins, Higher Education. Back row: The Reverend N. B. Hill, Missions; The Reverend Wallace Kirby, Church School Work; The Reverend A. G. Tyson, Publishing Interests; The Reverend Odell Walker, TRAFCO. Photo by Charles McAdams, District Director for the NORTH CAROLINA CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE and Methodist Information.

CARAVS, the cooperative audio-visual department in **India,** does not itself carry on a program of film evangelism, but supplies films to the various denominations and institutions in the country. Many of these have a recorded, synchronized narration in Hindu. During the three year period 1960-1962, CARAVS reports that 3,305 showings of their films were made to total audiences of 1,500,000 persons, at least 30% of them non-Christian.

AVACO in **Japan** provides a similar service to denominations. There are almost 200 films and some 1,100 filmstrips in the AVA CO central library in Tokyo and its branches in Nigata, Osaka, Nagoya and Hiroshima. Seventy of these films originally produced in the United States or Great Britian, have been given well-recorded, synchronized sound-tracks in Japanese. Thus when Christ speaks on the screen, the viewers hear His words in their own language. Films thus prepared are much more effective.

The library has also featured a film "package program," which has made it easy for even the inexperienced to present his audience with a complete Christian message. In the film package, two or three short films or a feature film and a short film are rented together. One film prepares the audience for the message to life here and now. AVACO reports that each year films are borrowed about 1,300 times and filmstrips about 4,000 times.

As has been mentioned, over the last 15 years the Biblical films used have come from the Western World. The language problem has been solved by live naration in the proper language or by well produced, magnastriped soundtracks. This is no longer adequate, nor is it enough to go on showing only Biblical films.

The time has come when films relating the Gospel to the life of the people are desperately needed. Such films cannot be Western importantions. They must be made in Asia, Africa and Latin America in the culture and idiom of the people to whom they will communicate. Isolated efforts in this field have been attempted by some audio-visual centers.

Among them: India produced "the Transformed Life," story of Zacheus. Brazil produced "The Daggar" and "Aninhina." Burma aided in the production of "The Golden Gift." Korea has done a few newsreel type productions. All of the centers contributed to the East Asia Christian conference films, "Witnesses Together."

The foregoing represents the pattern of the past and the present. If we may predict, here is what the future will be like. As television stations and recievers spread, they are likely to become the channels of "film evangelism," and mobile vans in sophisticated areas will decline in use. Films will no longer be rented or purchased chiefly from the West, but produced locally or regionally. Libraries will remain and grow, but they will be stocking more educational films rather than chiefly evangelistic films, and persons will need to be trained to use films in a somewhat different context.

Follow-up will be increasingly recognized as the most important aspect of the total communications program. Seminary students and pastors may be especially trained for this work. Departments to deal specfically with follow-up will be organized either as part of the audio-visual departments or evangelism departments of the national Christian councils. There will be research and experiments to discover the best forms of follow-up and increasing cooperation with literature, art and other committees in the design and distribution of follow-up materials.

Missions Board To Re-Organize

The Methodist Board of Missions, the largest board of the 10,235,000 member Methodist Church, will begin operations for the 1964–68 quadrennium at its organizational meeting September 14–18 at the Sherman House in Chicago, Ill.

Though the 144–member Board of Missions organizes anew every four years the organizational meeting this year is considered more significant than usual, because the board will be working for the first time under a new structure. The pattern of administration and promotion of Methodist mission work around the world, as it has existed since 1940, was drastically revamped by the 1964 General Conference.

One of the board's major tasks will be to elect an executive staff of more than 125 persons. It will be a new type of staff, including, for the first time in the board's history, a single general secretary for the entire board. Heretofore, there have been four general secretaries of equal rank, one for each four divisions.

In addition, an entirely new slate of officers will be elected for the 1964–68 quardennium. They include a president of the board and presidents of each of four major units of the board—World Division, National Division, Woman's Division, and Joint Commission on Education and Cultivaton.

The top staff executives of the board, in addition to the general secretary who will be the chief administrative officer of the board, are four associate general secretaries, one or each of the four major units, and a single treasurer for the board. According to church law, two of the top positions must be held bv women, and 40 per cent of all staff executives must be women. Consideration must also be given to staff members from overseas, and all selections must be without regard to race.

One of the major structural changes in the board has a direct affect on staff positions. No longer will tere be two administrators for a particular mission field, one for the World Division and one for the Woman's Division. The new structure merges the formerlv separate overseas mission work of the general church and Methodist women, so that now there will be only one overseas unit, the World Division with one administrator for each mission field.

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God Put It There

Breathe deeply, O my soul, of fragrant purity from God,
As I hold this gardenia in my hand; though in the sod
It grew to blossom forth and give to me this fragrance rare,
I know that more than common soil produced it—God is there.

I wonder how He puts such sweetness in the things that bloom—
The fragrance that we find in roses, and the sweet perfume
Of lovely lilies, daffodils, and hyacinths, and such;
I guess 'twill stay a mystery—we can't explain it much.

—Ernest C. Durham

Miss Wilkin To Teach At Methodist College

The appointment of Sara Ann Wilkin as Instructor in Bible at Methodist College, Fayetteville, has been announced by Dr. L. Stacy Weaver, president of the college.

Miss Wilkin, a native of Colquitt, Georgia, will assume her duties this month coinciding with the beginning of the college's new academic year.

She received the Bachelor of Arts degree from Valdosta State College, the Bachelor of Divinity degree from the Candler School of Theology of Emory University and will receive the Doctor of Philosophy degree in Religion from Emory University in 1965.

For the past eight years Miss Wilkin has been part-time research associate for the International Greek New Testament Project. In connection with this project she spent four months in Europe examining Greek manuscripts of the New estament.

In addition to her qualifications in the field of Religion and her experience in the Internatonal Greek New Testament Project, Miss Wilkin has a reading knowledge of German, French, Greek, Hebrew, and Aramaic.

Training Day For WSCS

Training Day for the local WSCS in Wharton Trinity Methodist Church was held Monday evening September 7, at 8:00 o'clock.

Mrs. John Leggett, president led the meeting, and presented the youth secretary, Mrs. D. Lester Latham, who will guide the officer's training summoned "To a New Age."

Conference wide convocation of adult workers with youth will be held September 11–13 at N. C. Wesleyan College, Rocky Mount. The subject "Youth—Their World, Dreams, Faith, Gospel" was sponsored by the N. C. Conference Methodist Board of Education for the benefit of all youth officers and teachers in church schools district and conference. Dr. Leo Rippy of Scarritt College, Tenn., nationally known Christian educator was the main resource leader.

Mrs. Guilford Leggett led the children's additional session during September at 6:30 p.m. each Sunday evening at Wharton Church. Mrs. John Leggett is MYF counselor, and Mrs. A. G. Williams is hostess and program leader for WSCS.

Bishop Paul N. Garber to Head Bicentennial Celebration 1966

Bishop Paul Neff Garber of Raleigh, N.C. has been named chairman of the General Committee of The Methodist Church's Bi-Centennial Celebration in 1966.

Announcement of his election was made September 2 by Bishop T. Otto Nall of Minneapolis, Minn., president of the Association of Methodist Historical Societies.

Bishop Garber, who is vice-president of the executive committee of the Association, was chosen to head the bicentennial committee at a recent meeting of the executive committee in Stockton, Calif. Oher members of the General Committee, chairmen and members of its subcommittees will be announced later by Bishop Nall.

The plan for celebrating in 1966 the 200th anniversary of the founding of the first Methodist societies in America was adopted by the 1964 General Conference in Pittsburgh. It calls for historical sermons in all Methodist churches the first Sunday in January, 1966, and similar sermons or addresses at each annual conference in 1966. It also involves the preparation of a historical booklet, a filmstrip and a Methodist guidebook with maps for use in the churches.

A nation-wide meeting in connection with the bicentennial has been planned in Baltimore for April 21-24, 1966. The program will feature Methodist historical papers and addresses.

Bishop Garber announced that efforts will be made to enlist the cooperation of every agency of The Methodist Church in making the bicentennial celebration significant and meaningful.

"We want this bicentennial celebration to make an outstanding impact for good on the entire Methodist Church," Bishop Garber said.

The Rev. Dr. Albea Godbold of Lake Junaluska, N. C., is executive secretary of the Association of Methodist Historical Societies.

Activities On Randleman Circuit

This has been an active summer for the people in the Methodist Churches on the Randleman Circuit. Reggie Johnson, a Duke Endowment worker, has been working in the churches for five weeks, and during this time much work has been done.

The last week of July, forty-three youth and eleven adults attended a week of camping at Lake Junaluska. A Youth Activity Week was observed for the Worthville community at the Worthville Methodist Church. The Juniors from the churches attended the High Point District Camp. A costume party was held for the youth on Friday night, August 21, in the Worthville Community building. A religious survey was made in each church and community.

During the last Annual Conference, Lee Roy Hunt was appointed as an Associate Minister to the Randleman Circuit. He has been doing a very effective work.

The churches that compose the Randleman Circuit are: Level Cross, New Salem, and Worthville.

Cameron Dodson is the pastor of the Randleman Circuit. He expresses his thanks to all the fine laymen who have worked faithfully in all the activities of the summer.



CHILDREN'S PAGE

By Mary Gardner

Smoke In The Hills

Sitting on the edge of a stream, watching the tiny minnows, Mary wiggled her toes up and down to get the soft mud off her foot. Then she got up, wiped her feet on the grass, and looked about.

But Mary did not see anyone, for Mary was a little mountain girl who lived far away from other boys and girls. She had a little brother, Chuck, just about her age, but that day he was not with her.

"Wondering what's over across those hills where I see smoke coming above the trees," Mary thought. No sooner did she thought come than she started in the direction from which the smoke came. She walked and walked, part of the time chasing butterflies, stopped to smell wild flowers, and tasting the berries she found on the bushes which crept along the tiny ridges. For several hours she played along the hills, having such a good time that she did not realize how far she had gone.

After a little while she heard voices. She bent her head to one side and listened. Sure enough there were voices—voices of children. Mary did not know whether to run away or to see who was making all the noises. You see, Mary had never seen many children together. She peeked out from behind a tree. Then she ventured a little further, and some of the children saw her.

"Ohhhh, look, here's a new girl!" they shouted to two women who were cooking over a fire. Turning from their cooking, the women saw Mary, and one of them went to her, smiling, as she asked, "What is your name and how did you get here?" Mary was so surprised that she did not know what to do; and when the other woman offered her some food she was so excited that she couldn't think.

"What a lot of brothers and sisters!" Mary exclaimed. Looking up at one of the women, she asked, "Are these all your children?" Then everyone laughed, for there were many children in that group.

"No, no. Mercy no!" one of the women explained. "I am Miss Long and this is Miss Howell, and we are teachers in the school and in the Sunday school." Then she told Mary all about Sunday school, for Mary was not old enough to go to day school.

"Wouldn't you like to come to Sunday school?" Miss Howell asked, and she promised to tell Mary stories about the Bible and to teach her songs.

When Mary told Miss Howell where she lived, "Why how did you get clear over here?" the teacher inquired. Mary explained that she had seen the smoke and had come to satisfy her curiosity, only she didn't use such big words. She just said, "And so I came to see what it was all about."

Miss Long promised to take Mary home, because it would soon be dark, and to ask if Mary could come to Sunday school.

"And can my brother come to Sunday school, too?" Mary asked.

"Of course," the teacher said, and all the boys and girls shouted, "Yes! Yes!" As Mary and Miss Long started off, all the children called to Mary that they would see her in Sunday school the next Sunday.

When Mary and the teacher reached Mary's home, they found Mary's mother very worried, fearing that Mary had been lost; but when she saw the pretty teacher she was happy. Chuck was happy, too. Then, Mary's mother prepared some supper and the teacher asked her if the children might come to Sunday school. When Miss Long promised to stop for the children each Sunday, Mary's mother said they might go.

After Miss Long had gone, Mary looked at Chuck. Chuck looked at Mary, and Mary said, "Just think, Chuck. we're going to have other boys and girls to talk to and play with and we're going to hear all kind of stories. There's another pretty lady, too."

But Chuck, who had never seen all the children having good times together, said, "I'll bet you're playing a joke on me, Mary." Then they both laughed, but the next Sunday Chuck found out that it wasn't a joke. After that first Sunday Chuck and Mary went to Sunday school every Sunday—but Miss Long didn't have to go for them for Mary's father and mother went, too.

And all this happened because Mary saw some smoke above the tree tops beyond her mountain home.

—V. L. Boden

True Or False

Put a T by each sentence that is right, and F by each that is wrong.

1. The Pharisees wanted Jesus to heal the man with the withered hand, so they might accuse Him
2. Jesus refused to heal the man because of this .....
3. Jesus said to the man with the withered hand, "Stand forth." .....

You can read the story of the man with the withered hand in Mark 3:1-5.

Match These

Match the first four unfinished sentences below with the last four ending sentences:

1. On the Sabbath Jesus went to
2. There was a man there
3. Jesus said unto this man
4. The man's hand

was restored whole.
"Stretch forth thine hand."
with a withered hand.
The synagogue.

The Song Of Being Busy

If you were busy being kind,
Before you knew it, you would find
You'd soon forget to think 'twas true
That someone was unkind to you.

—Aurthor Unknown

A Morning Prayer

Dear God, thank You for this new day,
Please help me do those things
Which will be helpful
At home and in school today. Amen.

Bible Quiz

1—Who is the oldest man in the Bible?
2—Who is the strongest man in the Bible?
3—Who is the wisest man in the Bible?
4—Who was called "The Shepherd King?"
5—What boy was brought up by a priest in a temple?

Answers to Last Week's Questions

1—At Ephesus (Acts 19:27)
2—Samuel (I Samuel 2:18)
3—Jesus (Luke 2:46)
4—The lame man healed by Peter (Acts 3:6)
5—Soloman (I Kinks 5, 6)

Just For Fun

The telephone rang in the school office, and the principal picked up the phone. A squeaky voice said:

"I'm calling for Jimmy Jones and he won't be at school today. He's sick."

"That's all right," the principal replied. "Thank you for calling, and may I ask who is speaking, please?"

There was a moment's hesitation before the squeaky voice replied: "This is my mother."

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A small boy was seated on the rear seat of a school bus beside a pretty little girl. He was aglow as he whispered, "Helen, you're the only girl I've ever loved."

"Hump," snorted the little girl. "That's all I ever get—beginners.

Woman's Activities

Winston-Salem District Leads

Mrs. John C. Wright

The Winston–Salem District Woman's Society of Christian Service leads the Western North Carolina Conference in per capita giving. Mrs. G. E. Brown, district president, made this announcement at the recent meeting of the executive committee.

Mrs. Brown stated that the women of her district had an average of $7.66 per capita. The national average for last year was $6.98, according to *The Methodist Woman* magazine. Both totals are for the year 1963–64.

The Winston–Salem District also leads in the number of societies reported for last year. They have 86 societies in the district.

Four Workshops on Purpose and Program were held early this month. Their schedule was: Sept. 2, Pisgah Methodist Church; Sept. 5, Central Methodist Church, Mt. Airy; Sept. 8, Mt. Tabor Church; Sept. 10, Rural Hall Methodist Church.

Mrs. M. G. Piland, district vice–president, planned the programs, using the theme, "Summoned to a New Age." She arranged the agenda so that it would include worship, structural changes, purpose, goals, program and personal commitment.

Mrs. Dan Drummond presented the meditation and the study of Genesis. Others on the program were Mrs. Herbert Chambers, Mrs. Howard Jemison and Mrs. Alton Jackson.

Thomasville District Workshop

The women of the Thomasville District Woman's Society had a Workshop on Purpose and Program on Sunday, September 13th at First Methodist Church, Lexington, from 2 to 5 p.m.

Mrs. Arnold Kirk, district president, said to her local presidents, "It is being conducted differently this year in a new effort to strengthen our work and a new approach to effectiveness. It is a great opportunity for learning and for new awareness of our duties."

Mrs. Kirk set the goals for the local societies in saying, "I challenge you and your societies to join me in working toward these goals: To grow in knowledge and experience of God as revealed in Jesus Christ; to grow in understanding of our Christian commitment and spiritual power; to increase in knowledge of needs of the world; to share in witness, service and outreach of the church."

Albemarle District Workshop

The women of the Albemarle District planned their Workshop for Sept. 15th at Central Methodist Church, Monroe. Mrs. James H. Clark, Lilesville, district vice–president, was in charge of the day's session.

Mrs. Henry Smith, district president, stressed the importance of the cooperation of every officer in making a success of any project undertaken by the district. She said they should set a goal that this year will be the best that the Albemarle district have ever had.

She announced that the Woman's Society planning to have its meetings in different parts of the district, the Quiet Day in Anson County, the Workshop in Union County and the annual district meeting in Stanley County.

Note Bend

Those who send news to the chairman of Public Relations for use in the North Carolina Christian Advocate are reminded that any item should be sent as soon as possible to the editor.

All news stories should be in the hands of the editor at least two weeks prior to the meeting, and three weeks in advance, if at all possible.

It takes times for all materials to get into print. The copy for any issue of the Advocate is prepared by the editor of Women's News ten days in advance of the time the Advocate comes off the press. The mail takes extra days—three days should be allowed for a letter to reach its destination. All communications should state clearly what, when, where and who is involved in the program or story.

This is MOST important. News that is too old ceases to be news, except to those who participated in the event. District meetings, workshops, feature stories, all should be dealt with as quickly as possible. So often, women suddenly remember the day before a meeting occurs that no news has been sent to the Conference Chairman of Public Relations.

It would make the said editor very happy to have news while it is warm.

What each society does is important. How that society does it is interesting—someone might like to copy a certain method or procedure.

EVERY district ought to have news in the Advocate. EVERY department of work in the Woman's Society is of great value. LET US HEAR FROM YOU!

N. C. Conference

Mrs. H. W. Doub

A Day On Campus

On September 24, 1964 from ten a.m. to 2:30 p.m., there will be held at Fairmont Methodist Church in Raleigh, N. C. "A Day On Campus."

This meeting is being held in cooperation with the North Carolina Conference Secretary for Campus Ministry and the Raleigh District Secretary and the Raleigh Wesley Foundation. The primary purpose of this meeting is to more fully acquai our Woman's Society leaders with t Methodist Student Movement by havi campus ministers to discuss some of t goals and purposes that it is seeking achieve. In addition, the task of the Secre tary for Campus Ministry will be considere so that it will be better understood. A local W. S. C. S. Presidents and Secre taries for Campus Ministry are invited s that they can travel and work together t carry out more enthusiastically the ministr to the young people in local churches.

A lunch will be served at the church fo one dollar per person. All who plan to at tend will please return the enclosed car for reservations.

Mrs. Edgar Fisher of Greenville, N. C is Secretary for Campus Ministry for th North Carolina Woman's Society and ha had a great deal to do with the plannin for this meeting. Her keen interest in everything concerning our youth activities i greatly appreciated by the entire conference and we owe her a big debt of gratitude.

Sanford District Sub–District Meetings

Mrs. J. S. Hiatt, Jr., Sanford District President, has sent out the following announcement: "The Sanford District Program (with skits, model programs reviews o mission studies) which will be given a each Sub–district Fall Meeting, A WORKSHOP, it is called: There will be NO FALL SEMINAR but this workshop will take its place—at each Sub–district Meeting. This program of necessity will be a little longer but we feel that every minute will be well spent.

Dates set are:

October 18—Lee Sub–district at Center Church, Sanford

October 20—Richmond Sub–distirct at Jones Chapel, Norman

October 22—Moore Sub–distirct at Aberdeen, Page Memorial

October 28—Montgomery Sub–district (to be announced)

November 5—Walter Peele Sub–distirct (to be announced)

All meetings will be held from 10 a.m.–2 p.m. with the exception of Lee Sub–distirct which will be from 2 p.m.– 5 p.m.

Every woman in the church is urged to attend, especially the officers and secretaries of lines of work.

Wilmington District

Plans for the district workshop were made at the August 27 meeting of the executive committee of the Wilmington District, Woman's Sociey of Christian Service. The meeting was held at the home of Mrs. W. L. Hickmon in Wilmington at 10 a.m. with Mrs. A. E. Goldfinch presiding.

The district workshop will be devoted to Program and Purpose and is scheduled for September 17 at Wesley Memorial Church in Wilmington. Registration will begin at 9 a.m. Lunch will be served for one dollar per person.

The executive committee also discussed plans for the sub–district meetings. There will be no special speakers but a continuation of the workshop in training program and purpose.

The schedule includes: Bladen, Oct. 13, Singletary; Brunswick, Oct. 11, Camp; Burgaw, Oct. 20; Columbus, Oct. 16, Bolton; New Hanover, Oct. 23, Grace; All meetings

ill begin at 9:30 a.m. except the Bruns–ick sub–district, which will convene at :30 p.m.

Mrs. E. L. Smith announced a meeting be held at Fairmont Church in Raleigh eptember 24 from 10 a.m. until 2:30 p.m. learn about the Wesley Foundation. She rged attendance, as a Wesley Foundation being promoted for Wilmington College.

Local societies will be given the op–ortunity to make a contribution to missions onoring Miss Ida Hankins when a candle burned in her honor at the annual con–erence by the Wilmington District.

Mrs. James G. Thomas gave a short de–otion on the many ways God speaks to s, and stressed the importance of listening God. She read from Samuel.

—Mrs. Leslie S. Thompson

Methodists In Europe Meet

Methodist chaplains and laymen among he U. S. armed forces in Europe will par–icipate Oct. 26–30 in their fourth annual etreat, at Berchtesgaden, Germany. A ishop, educator, church executives and con–erence lay leaders will be among the peakers.

Each of the previous Berchtesgaden re–reats some 40 chaplains and nearly 200 aymen from across Europe, under spon–orship of the denomination's Commission n Chaplain and Board of Lay Activities. The aim is inspiration, fellowship and train–ng in Christian beliefs.

Principal speaker, at each evening's wor–ship service, will be Bishop Walter C. Gum of Richmond, Va., Area and vice president of the Commission on Chaplains.

The laymen's sessions will concern Christian beliefs, older youth-young adult work, prayer, "Christian faith and national interest," Methodism in Christian history, stewardship and "planning for life." The laymen also plan prayer group meetings each night.

One Night Revivals Across The Thomasville District

Dr. Ford Philpot and a portion of his Evangelistic Team from Lexington, Ky., visited the Thomasville District on September 4, 5, and 6. These services reached across the entire District on a Sub-district level, and a conservative count would be that in all the engagements at least 2500 people were privileged to hear the very personal testimony of Dr. Philpot. It was a real blessing to our District, and it is felt that we shall reap the fruits of the laborers far into the future.

H. T. Penry, Jr.,
District Secretary of Evangelism

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New Methodist Church Opened At Oakboro

On Sunday afternoon, September 6, 1964, the newest Methodist Church in Stanly County was formally opened for Worship, the Locust Methodist Church. This church is located in the western portion of the County, in its fastest growing section.

Those taking part in this formal worship service were Dr. W. J. Honeycutt, Albemarle District superintendent, Rev. A. Glenn Lackey, Director of Church Extension, and the pastor, Rev. I. L. Sharpe. Special music was by the Oakboro Methodist choir.

This church was organized in 1959, under the leadership of Rev. Paul Townsend, superintendent of the Salisbury district. The Board of Mission bought a four–acre lot, and then a disbanded Primative Baptist church was moved, intact, and placed on the lot. Sunday school rooms were provided in the basement of the church. Dr. Henry H. Shissler of Pfeiffer College, was appointed as the first pastor. Then at Conference–time, Rev. John Petty was sent as the next pastor, dividing time with the Oakboro Methodist church. After two years, Rev. Richard Bowman was appointed as the third pastor of this church. In 1962, Rev. I. L. Sharpe was appointed to the Locust–Oakboro Charge. And it has been under his leadership that a new building program was begun, and has now been completed.

A Historical Sketch

Over the years, several attempts have been made to establish a Methodist church in the Locust Community. Records are scanty, but just before the turn of this Century, the Conference Journal reports that Sunday school was held in the local school house, and that Worship services were being held there from time to time. Later Sunday school and worship services were held in the Locust Presbyterian church. Reports are that a lot was bought near the center of the community, upon which to build a church. But the church was never built on it. Some years later it was sold. Since Methodists were few and far between, a decision was made to disband the idea of building a Methodist church in the Locust Community. In 1959, with an upsurge of interest and growth in this Community, the idea that it was now possible to have a Methodist church there was revived.

In the summer of 1963, the Stanly County Mission Society was contacted and it immediately became interested in sponsoring a re–building program at the Locust Methodist church. Rev. Glenn Lackey was invited to meet with the pastor and the small congregation. Dr. Wilson said Nesbitt of the Duke Foundation was contacted, and assurance was given that Duke would aid in this building program. An architect was secured. Plans were drawn, and in a few weeks the contract was let and the building was on the way.

The cost of the new building, including furnishings, is about $35,000.00. The old building was completely renovated, and an educational building was erected at the front. The down stairs was converted into a fellowship hall and kitchen. There are eight class–rooms, restrooms, automatic oil furnace, and storage room.

With a membership of fifty and a lot of enthusiasm, followed by a complete religious census of the entire community, it can be safely said that the people called Methodist are permanently established in Western Stanly County.

Pfeiffer College Loses Friend

A memorial service for the late Allen Surratt, Rockwell, was held in the Pfeiffer College Chapel Sunday, September 13, during the eleven o'clock worship service.

Mr. Surratt, a patron of the college, friend to numerous Pfeiffer students, and advisor to the campus Canterbury Club, died Monday, September 7, in a Salisbury Hospital. Funeral services were conducted Wednesday in Albemarle from Christ Episcopal Church

A memorial address was given by Dr. Hoyt Bowen, Chairman of the College's Division of Languages and Literature. The sermon was given by Dr. Roger Kusche of the Department of Religion and Philosophy.

The Denton hosiery manufacturer and his wife were frequent visitors to the college, having special interest in the cultural and religious affairs of the campus. Mr. Surratt was a "silent partner" in many campus dramatic and musical programs, served as a member of the college's Religious Life Committee, and was a friend to numbers of individual students.

As an advisor to Episcopal students in their Canterbury Club, he and Mrs. Surratt provided transportation on Sunday for students desiring to attend Episcopal services in Albemarle, 12 miles away. Their home in Rockwell was "a North Carolina home" for many out–of–state Pfeiffer students.

His death brought expression of sympathy from College President J. Lem Stokes, from faculty members, and from many individual students.

Sunday School Lesson

For September 27

By Raymond A. Smith
Head, Department of Religious Education
Greensboro College

"The Saving Deeds of the Lord"

Background Scripture: I Samuel 12; Hebrews 11

Lesson Scripture: I Samuel 12:6-15

We come to the final lesson of the quarter, the general subject of which has been "Early Hebrew History." We have seen the Hebrew people emerge from slavery under the inspired leadership of Moses. We have followed them through their wanderings in the wilderness, an experience filled with physical sufferings and spiritual backslidings. Then we observe them as they made their way into the land of Canaan, forming a confederacy of tribes and governed by military leaders whom we have come to know as "judges." We have noted their successes and failures and, finally, their determination to forsake their tribal confederacy in favor of a monarchy.

In this lesson we have the farewell address of Samuel, last judge and first prophet, king–maker and king–breaker. We have seen how this same Samuel found it difficult to surrender the idea of the tribal government in favor of kingly leadership, but went along with it because it appeared to be the will of God. He began his speech with a challenge to the people of Israel to name a single instance where he had misused his power to take what did not rightfully belong to him. The people acclaimed him above reproach.

Following his defense of his administration as judge and leader, Samuel then turned to the higher theme which is found throughout the Bible, that of the revelation of God through mighty acts in the scene of human history. First, Samuel reminded them of the exodus from Egypt. This event overshadows all other in the sermons of the prophets and in ritual for temple worship, in the Psalms and in other places in the Old Testament. Samuel then reminds them that through the power of the Lord they had been able to conquer the various nations that opposed their entrance into the Promised Land.

However, we must note that in Samuel's recital of the "saving acts of the Lord" he did not fail to remind the people of their frequent failures to be faithful to their God. But, in spite of their repeated backslidings, God had continued his "steadfast love" and support of them. Here we glimpse the beginnings of the doctrine of grace. When the minister pronounces the benediction and prays for "grace of our Lord Jesus Christ" to be upon the congregation what does he mean? He means to pray that God's continuing love and mercy, though undeserved by the church which is still a sinful group of people, may continue to abide in the church and among individual members who are in it.

Finally Samuel urged upon people *and king alike* the duty of faithfulness. Later on in Hebrew history we see how Nathan, a prophet, went boldly into the presence of King David and told him that he ought to be ashamed of himself for the way he was living. This reprimanding of a king could have occured only in a country where there was general acceptance of the Divine Law on the part of both the ruler and the ruled.

In the background Scripture it is suggested that we read and study the 11th chapter of Hebrews in connection with this lesson. This is one of the finest statements in the Bible dealing with God's mighty acts through certain outstanding individuals. But there is an important difference between this chapter and most of the Old Testament. It is an illustration of the point often is made that, whereas the Old Testament promises prosperity, the New promises adversity. The towering heroes of the faith mentioned in this chapter in Hebrews came to their reward through "peril toil and pain." There is an echo here of the doctrine of the "Suffering Servants," mentioned in Isaiah and fulfilled by Christ on his cross. There is the further thought that the community of the faithful is *one* in history, and the sufferings and the sacrifices of the martyrs will go for nought unless the present generation completes their record by unselfish and devoted service. This chapter reminds us, too, that if the Church is truly to be "the body of Christ" it must be, like Him, *suffering body*. De we measure up?

District Workshops Scheduled In Western N. C. Conference

The district workshops, in the Western North Carolina Conference with directors of children's, youth and junior high work in charge, are scheduled as follows. These workshops are sponsored by the Conference Board of Education:

Albemarle Distirct, Sept. 29, Central Methodist Church, Albemarle, 7:30–9:30 p.m.

Charlotte District, Oct. 11, First Methodist Church, Charlotte, 2:30–4:30 p.m.

Gastonia District, Nov. 1, First Methodist Church, Gastonia, 2:30–4:30 p.m.

Greensboro District, Oct. 11, Main Street Methodist Church, Reidsville, 3–5 p.m., and Oct. 18, Centenary Methodist Church, Winston–Salem, 3–5 p.m.

High Point District, Oct. 26, Wesley Memorial Methodist Church, High Point, 7–9 p.m., and Oct. 27, Central Methodist Church, Asheboro, 7–9 p.m.

Marion District, Oct. 18, First Methodist Church, Marion, 3:30–5:30 p.m.

North Wilkesboro District, Oct. 4, Wilkesboro Methodist Church, Wilkesboro, 4–5 p.m.

Salisbury District, Sept. 27, Trinity Methodist Church, Kannapolis, 2:30–5 p.m.

Statesville District, Sept. 29, Broad Street Methodist Church, Statesville, 7:30–9:30 p.m., and Oct. 1, Methodist Church, Hickory 7:30–9:30 p.m.

Thomasville District, Nov. 8, First Methodist Church, Lexington, 2:30–4:30 p.m.

Waynesville District, Oct. 6, First Methodist Church, Waynesville, 7:30–9:30 p.m., Oct. 8, Andrews Methodist Church, Andrews, 7:30–9:30 p.m., Oct. 9, First Methodist Church, Franklin, 7:30–9:30 p.m.

Winston–Salem District, Nov. 5, Ardmore Methodist Church, Winston–Salem, 7:30–9:30 p.m., and Nov. 12, Central Methodist Church, Mount Airy, 7:30–9:30 p.m.

Faculty And Staff Changes At Louisburg College

New faculty and staff for the 1964–196 academic year at Louisburg College ar announced by President Cecil W. Robbins

Rev. Wade Goldston, director of Tow and Country Work professor of religio from 1954 to 1962, has returned to th campus as chaplain and director of religious life.

Earl Martin, Louisburg, will teach part-time in the Math Department. He holds th A.B. from Wake Forest and the M.A. fron UNC, Chapel Hill.

James P. Henson, Forest City, who taugh part–time last year, will teach full time i the Business Department.

W. R. Rose, Henderson, an alumnus will teach biology. He holds the B. S. fron Wake Forest and the M.S. from UNC-Chapel Hill. For the past two years he ha been employed by the Florida State Boar of Health.

John Wilbur Smith of Princeton will direct the program of recreation and teach i the Physical Education Department. He holds the B.S. degree in recreation and physical education from the N. C. State.

Miss Gertrude Wenzel of Durham will teach French and German. A native of Ludwigshafen, Germany, she holds the B. A. degree from Elon College and the M.A. from Duke University. In addition, she has had additional study at Heidelberg and Munich. For the past two years she has been teaching at Elon College.

Umphrey Lee has returned after a leave of absence for work on the Ph.D. degree and is head of the English Department.

Staff changes and additions include David E. Daniel, who began his work on June 1 as Director of College Relations, and his secretary, Mrs. Frank McFarland, Louisburg. Thomas A. Patterson has been named Dean of Students with Mrs. Gladys Bailey of Louisburg appointed as adviser to girls and house counselor and Mrs. Agnes Rose of Henderson, house counselor in Wright Dorm. Mrs. Alma Ellis of Henderson will serve as house counselor for Main and Davis Dorms. Mrs. Sally Versteeg, Louisburg, has been appointed as assistant to the Director of Dramatics.

Greenville District WSCS Holds Executive Meeting

The Woman's Society of Christian Service of Methodist churches had its new Greenville District first executive meeting in Jarvis Memorial church in Greenville.

The president, Mrs. D. H. Edman of Grifton presided and introduecd district officers recently appointed by Mrs. Lemuel Dawson of Snow Hill, chairman. Others included Mrs. John C. Hood, Jr., of Kinston, vice president; Mrs. J. C. Hooten R–2 Grifton, secretary; Mrs. J. C. Stanton of Kinston, treasurer.

All lines of the work was brought before those attending the district meeting. The district superintendent, Rev. W. R. Stevens spoke of the expectation in the woman s work in the district and told of plans for the district superintendent's home in Greenville.

Mrs. Stanley Potter of Kinston gave the morning devotionals.

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GREENVILLE	SAINT JAMES	GREENVILLE
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2:00 - REGISTRATION
2:30 - 3:00 DEVOTIONAL AND ORIENTATION
3:00 - 4:15 TRAINING SESSION
4:15 - 4:30 BREAK
4:30 - 5:00 MESSAGE FROM THE DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT
5:00 - 5:30 FELLOWSHIP AND REFRESHMENTS

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Mrs. Ella Hester Is Honored as She Completes 31 Years of Perfect Church School Attendance

A record of perfect attendance rarely equaled has been achieved by Mrs. Ella Hester, of Raleigh. A member of Edenton Street Methodist Church's Alma Wynne Edgerton Bible Class, the mother of 6, grandmother of 11 and great-grandmother of 7, Mrs. Hester has attained her record of 31 years' perfect church school attendance, even when indisposed or out of the city.

The 75-member Alma Wynne Edgerton Bible Class was organized in 1918 or 1919 by its namesake,, the late Alma Wynne Edgerton, mother of Mr. N. E. Edgerton, a member of the Methodist Board of Publication. Mrs. Earl W. Brian and Mrs. Forrest D. Hedden are the teachers, and Mrs. Myrtle Banks is currently serving as the class president. Shown with Mrs. Hester, and holding the long string of attendance pins, is Dr. T. Marvin Vick, pastor of Edenton Street Church; at extreme right is Mr. C. A. Dillon, long time superintendent of the Church School; at extreme left is Rev. H. A. Phillips, Jr., associate pastor; and next to Mrs. Hester is Mrs. Earl Bryan, teacher.

CAROLINA BRIEFS

¶ The Young Adult Retreat for the North Carolina Conference will be held at Camp Don Lee September 25–27.

¶ Trinity Methodist Church of Jacksonville, N. C., plans a laymen's Revival October 4–8. Rev. John T. Maides is pastor of the church.

¶ Dr. Carl J. Sanders, pastor of Centenary Church, Richmond, Va., will preach in revival services at Chestnut Street Church, Lumberton, November 15–20. Rev. R. C. Mooney is the pastor.

¶ Glenwood Methodist Church of Greensboro will have a spaghetti supper sponsored by the senior High MYF on Saturday evening, September 26, 5:30–7:30. It will be served in the Fellowship Hall.

¶ Rev. Grover Graham, retired member of the Western North Carolina Conference preached last Sunday morning at First Methodist Church, Elkin. Rev. Courtney B. Ross is the pastor. Mr. Graham has many relatives in the Elkin Church.

¶ Revival services are being held this week at Sandy Ridge Methodist Church of the Friendship charge in Statesville District, of which Rev. John S. Oakley is pastor. The visiting preacher is Rev. June P. Greene, who is former pastor.

¶ Blackburn's Chapel Methodist Church in Todd, North Carolina has made plans for Homecoming Day to be observed Sunday, September 27, 1964 at the church. Special services have been planned, and a picnic dinner will be shared by everyone. All former members, former pastors, and friends are invited. Rev. Kenneth R. Eller is pastor.

¶ Revival services will be conducted at Comonwealth Church, Charlotte, Beginning October 4 and running through the 9th. Singing will be led by Mr. George Torrence, and the visiting preacher will be Rev. J. B. Golden, pastor of St. Luke Church, Hickory. Rev. A. L. Maxwell is the pastor.

¶ Homecoming services are scheduled to be held at First Methodist Church, Havelock, next Sunday, September 27. Rev. Chester D. Brown, pastor of West Burlington Methodist Church, will be the speaker. Mr. Brown is a former pastor of the Havelock church. Rev. W. W. Sherman is the present pastor.

¶ Laymen's Day service will be observed at First Methodist Church, Wilson on October 18. Mr. Roy Turnage, Conference Lay Leader, will be the speaker at both the 8:45 and 11:00 a.m. services. The men's chorus will render special music for the occasion. Rev. Charles S. Hubbard is pastor of the church.

¶ Calvary Church, of Snow Hill, will observe Fellowship Day next Sunday, September 27, with Rev. W. R. Stevens, superintendent of the Greenville District as speaker at the 11:00 o'clock service. A Fellowship Day picnic dinner will be served in the local National Guard Armory following the service. Rev. F. Owen Fitzgerald, Jr. is the pastor.

¶ We regret to learn of the passing of Rev. Charles R. Olson, associate pastor of the Stumpy Point-Mann's Harbor-East Lake Charge in the Elizabeth City District. Mr. Olson retired from the full-time pastorate at the conference last June.

¶ Last week, September 6–11, revival services were held at Blackburn's Chapel Methodist Church on the Todd Charge. Rev. Haire from Advance, North Carolina was the guest speaker. This revival was of great spiritual value to the church and community. Rev. Kenneth R. Eller is the pastor.

¶ Rev. and Mrs. Elton L. Strickland announce the birth of a son, Mark Kerr Strickland, born September 11. Mr. Strickland is pastor of Clover Hill Methodist church, Route 1, Casar, N. C., in the Gastonia District. Mrs. Strickland is the former Sue Patricia Bowen, of Belmont, N. C. This is their first child.

¶ Flat Rock Methodist Church of the Vance charge, Raleigh District, held Homecoming services last Sunday with Rev. W. W. Sherman, a former pastor, who is at present pastor of First Methodist Church, Havelock, as the speaker. Rev. J. M. Benfield is pastor of Flat Rock. A picnic dinner was served following the worship service.

¶ Tabernacle Church of Townsville will hold its annual homecoming service October 11. The Rev. H. L. Rogers, a former pastor of the church, will be guest speaker at the 11:00 o'clock service. All former pastors, members and friends are cordially invited. Dinner will be served on the church grounds following the morning service.

¶ Miss Mariana Nicks, daughter of Rev. and Mrs. Robert L. Nicks of Wilmington, has been named an alumni scholar at the University of North Carolina at Greensboro for the 1964-65 session. Miss Nicks is the granddaughter of the late Rev. S. F. Nicks, beloved member of the North Carolina Conference, and Mrs. Nicks, who lives at Hillsboro.

¶ High Point district laymen's retreat will be held Saturday, September 26, beginning at 6:30 p.m. at Millbrook Farm on Highway 62, and continuing into the evening. Dr. Harry Denman of the General Board of Evangelism will be the principle speaker. Others participating will be Rev. Randle Dew, staff member of the General Board of Education; and Rev. Will Rogers, returned missionary from Brazil. Mr. Harry Bell, District Lay Leader, will be in charge of the retreat.

¶ Homecoming services will be observed at Creedmoor Methodist Church on Sunday, September 27. Dr. Thomas Collins, President of North Carolina Wesleyan College at Rocky Mount, will deliver the sermon at the eleven o'clock service. This will be followed by a picnic lunch which will be served on the church yard immediately after the service. Rev. J. C. Alexander, Jr., pastor of Creedmoor Methodist Church, joins the members of his congregation in extending a cordial invitation to all former members and friends of the church to attend this Homecoming service.

¶ The address of Rev. W. E. Rufty, Retired, is 123 Cedar Street, Concord, North Carolina.

¶ Bishop Charles F. Golden, head of the Nashville–North Carolina Area of the Methodist church's Central Jurisdiction, spoke at Bennett College last Sunday. Bishop Golden spoke on "God's Unending Love."

¶ Tabernacle Church, Robbins, is this week holding revival services with Rev. H. B. Jones, pastor of the Northwood Church, in Jacksonville, N. C., as the preacher. Rev. W. A. Crow is the pastor at Robbins.

¶ The Stovall Methodist Church of the Oxford Circuit will hold its revival services from October 1 through October 4. Rev. P. D. Midgett, a former pastor, will be the preacher on October 1, 2, and 3 with the services scheduled at 8:00 p. m. The pastor, Rev. R. L. Ossman, will conclude the services on Sunday, October 4 with a homecoming service and dinner to follow.

¶ High Point College has broken another enrollment record for the fall term of 1964 with 1096 students enrolled in the regular college and 451 students enrolled in the evening college, making a grand total of 1547 students. This means an increase of 100 students over last year in the regular college and an increase of 54 in the evening school.

¶ The Annual Homecoming will be held at Archdale Methodist Church Sunday, September 27, 1964. The Reverend O. L. Brown former pastor, will speak at the 11:00 o' clock worship service. A picnic lunch will be enjoyed immediately after the worship service. Former members and pastors are invited to attend. Rev. Ivan A. Stephens, pastor.

¶ Fletcher's Chapel Church, near Durham, will hold homecoming services September 27 at 11:00 a.m. Rev. LaFon C. Vereen will bring the message. Picnic dinner will be served following worship. Construction is to begin immediately on the new Fellowship Hall of the church, which will contain kitchen and additional class rooms, and is to be joined to the rear of the present building. The cost will be around $20,000. Rev. A. M. Williams is the pastor.

¶ Dilworth Church, Charlotte, held a reception last Sunday evening following the evening worship, at which time Bishop Earl G. Hunt preached. The reception was to honor Bishop and Mrs. Earl G. Hunt, Rev. and Mrs. A. Glenn Lackey, new district superintendent of the Charlotte district; Rev. and Mrs. Thomas B. Stockton, the new pastor of the Dilworth church, and Rev. and Mrs. Lindsay F. Strader, associate minister of the church.

¶ The Wilson Area Christian Worker's School is scheduled to be held October 11–15 at First Methodist Church, Wilson. The following courses are being offered: "Working With Younger Children," by Mrs. W. R. Stevens; "Teaching of the Prophets," by Dr. W. F. Stinespring; "Christian Education in the Church," by Dr. W. Arthur Kale; Laboratory Elementary V–VI. by Rev. Wesley Brogan; Senior High Laboratory, by Rev. Conrad Glass, Jr. and Rev. H. H. Hodgin. Rev. James H. Bailey, pastor of West Nash Church is chairman of the board of managers. I. R. Gunn will serve as Dean.

¶ Dr. L. C. Dowdy, president of A & T College, Greensboro, spoke to a group of laymen representing the Virginia–North Carolina area of the Central Jurisdiction last Sunday at St. Matthews Methohdist Church in Greensboro.

¶ Rev. R. M. Hardee, pastor of the Oak View Methodist Church of High Point will be the preacher for homecoming services at Troutman Methodist Church next Sunday September 27 at 11:00 a.m. Mr. Hardee is a former pastor of the church. This marks the 105th anniversary of the founding of the congregation. Rev. G. G. Adams, Jr. is the pastor. Picnic dinner will follow the service.

¶ Dr. Norman G. Dunning, world renowned preacher of London, England, will hold a series of services at Trinity Methodist Church, Greensboro, October 4 through Ocotber 7. He will preach on Sunday, October 4 at 11:00 a.m. and at 7:30 p.m. on the "Foundation of Our Faith." Monday through Thursday he will speak at 10:30 a.m. on "Studies in the Psalms," and at 7:30 p.m. "Great Doctrines of the Faith." Rev. Roy Putnam invites all who can to attend these services.

¶ On Sunday morning the editor drove to Southern Pines where he preached in the beautiful new Southern Pines Methodist church at the 11:00 a.m. service. Rev. A. L. Thompson, the devoted pastor, is doing a fine work and is appreciated by his people. At the close of the sermon Mr. Thompson received five new members into the church. The membership is now 361. The church is growing. The pastor also received seven new subscriptions to the North Carolina Christian Advocate, and there will be others. Mr. Thompson is the district director for the Advocate in the new Sanford District. It was a high privilege to be with Mr. and Mrs. Thompson and their son for the bountiful and tasty luncheon in the new parsonage. Southern Pines Church is set for a period of growth in the years ahead.

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Reports Successful Revival

We have closed the most wonderful revival here in Park Methodist Church, Christianburg, Va., that we have had in twenty–five years. They were converted from near eighty on down to youth. Since the revival the offerings have almost doubled and so has the prayer meeting attendance for which we thank God and His servant, The Rev. J. W. Groce of Lake Junaluska, North Carolina, a retired member of the Western North Carolina Conference who was our preacher for the revival. He was assisted by his accomplished musician wife at the piano. She is a rare pianist of exceptional talent. Our church will never cease thanking God for the good work they did here.

R. Odell Brown, *pastor*

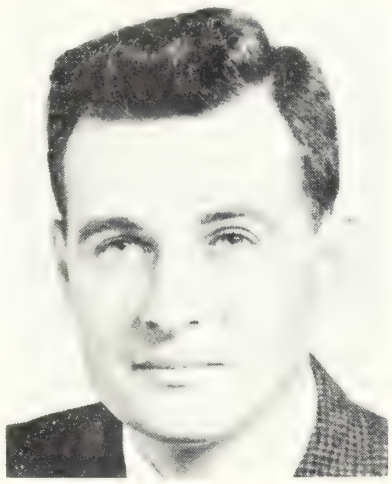
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Two of the 30 persons named by President Johnson to receive the 1964 medal of Freedom are Methodist—Rep. Carl Vinson, Milledgeville, Ga., and Miss Leontyne Price.

Minister's Son Becomes Brevard College Dean

Dr. Braxton J. Harris, who recently began his duties as Dean of Brevard College, comes from a background that is rich in Methodist heritage.

The son of a Methodist minister, Dr. Harris has been an active layman. His decision to give his best efforts on behalf of Brevard College is one through which he will be able to serve the Methodist Church more effectively.



Dr. Braxton J. Harris

A 1949 A.B. graduate of Lenoir–Rhyne College, Dr. Harris received the M.A. from Appalachian State Teacher's College and the E.D.D. degree from Indiana University.

Following the work for his doctorate, Dr. Harris returned to Appalachian State, where he served in a variety of capacities. He began by supervising student teaching; later, he taught psychology, education, and sociology. He was given the responsibility of directing registration activities, and he served as a freshman counselor. His last position with Appalachian State was that of Assistant Registrar.

Dr. Harris' father, now–retired W. Reid Harris, attended Rutherford College and graduated from Weaver College in 1917. (These two institutions later merged with Brevard Institute to form what is now Brevard College.) Rev. Mr. Harris completed his education at Trinity College.

A member of the Western North Carolina Conference for many years, Rev. Mr. Harris retired in 1958 after serving his last appointment at Stoneville Methodist Church.

The elder Harrises now reside at 190 23rd Street, N. W., in Hickory, North Carolina.

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Giving to World Service of The Methodist Church in the first two months of the new fiscal year is up more than 20 per cent over the same period a year ago—almost exactly the amount of the increase approved by General Conference. According to Rev. Don A. Cooke, general treasurer of the church, $676,411.27 was received for World Service in June and July of this year compared with $560,107.80 of a year ago. Most other general funds of the church are up, also.

Director of Development For Scarritt College

Charles R. Allen, formerly Director of Development, Alaska Methodist University, Anchorage, has become Director of Development of Scarritt College, Nashville, Tenn. effective September 1.

Mr. Allen is a native of Ogden, Utah. He graduated from Kansas Wesleyan University with the Bachelor of Arts degree and from Xavier University, Cincinnati, with the Master of Education degree in Communication Arts.

Upon completion of his formal education, he became Director of Development at Kansas Wesleyan University, a position he held from 1958 to 1962. He served with the 47th Infantry Regiment of the U. S. Army in Germany 1953-55.

At Scarritt, Mr. Allen will help the college in its 75th anniversary program designed to raise $5 million for new buildings and endowments.

Scarritt is a senior college and graduate school which gives advance preparation to lay men and women for full-time church vocations. It is owned by the Methodist Church and has trained a large number of foreign missionaries, deaconesses, and directors of Christian education as well as church and community workers.

This fall's enrollment is a repeat of last year's record high of 180 students. This does not include students from Vanderbilt University and Peabody College who take courses at Scarritt through the University Center cooperative plan.

Education Directors To Meet

The Biennial meeting of the Directors of Christian Education in North Carolina will meet at Edenton Street Methodist Church, Raleigh, November 2-4. The workshop theme will be "The Nature and Mission of the Church."

The resource leader for the workshop will be Dr. Howard Grimes, Professor of Christian Education at Perkins School of Theology, Southern Methodist University, Dallas, Texas.

All ministers of education, directors of Christian education, and educational assistants are members of this state-wide association and are urged to attend the meeting at Raleigh. The group works in cooperation with the Boards of Education of the North Carolina and the Western North Carolina Conferences.

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EDITORIALS

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"Miss America" Of 1965

For many years Americans have held a pageant at Atlantic City each year at which time a young lady has been chosen as "Miss America." Usually representatives are present from each of the fifty states, and they vie with each other in talent, poise, and personality for the coveted honor. Each of them receives recognition and profits in a material way as well as in a cultural and social manner. The one chosen as Miss America, however travels for a year all over the Unites States and around the world as the designated representative of young people in this country.

This office has been occupied by many fine young women who have brought to it a dignity that has been an inspiration to all. If at any time we are inclined to think that young people have "gone to the dogs" or that character is no longer an appreciated attribute to the younger set, we should be able to overcome that unworthy attitude as we watch and learn of these worthy representatives of the younger group. North Carolina has been honored by having one of its fine young people chosen to this high position in 1963 when Miss Maria Beale Fletcher, of Asheville was crowned and reigned for a year as "Miss America." She spent the year in travel, and through her fine personality and character brought lasting honor to this state.

"Miss America" this year, chosen at Atlantic City September 12, is Miss Vonda Kay Van Dyke, Phoenix, Arizona. She is a lovely lass who, along with other talents, is an accomplished ventriloquist. In her question and answer test just before the selection was announced, she displayed her intelligence and good judgment when she answered the question as to why she carried her Bible with her wherever she went, by saying "My Bible is not regarded as a good-luck charm. My religion is a matter of faith. I believe in God, and trust Him. I pray, even tonight that His will may be done."

In this statement she reflects the religious influence that has been exercised through the home and church, and finds expression in her own experience.

As long as America produces young people with such ideals translated into personal character we feel that our future is secure. Upon their shoulders will rest the destiny of the nation and of the world. Parents and churches should see to it that faith in eternal values and adherence to spiritual principles occupy top priority in their homes and in the lives of their children. May God richly bless and keep our young people strong and true.

It is interesting to note that Miss Van Dyke was also chosen by her fellow contestants as "Miss Congeniality," indicating that she is a most friendly and winsome person. To be granted both awards in the same pageant is no small distinction.

On the same day she was chosen Miss America the Billy Graham Evangelistic Association received from her a contribution toward the work which holds an important place in her life. At his service in the Greater Omaha-Council Bluffs crusade on Sunday afternoon, said to be the largest in the history of the stadium, Mr. Graham asked the congregation to pray for the new Miss America, observing that she could influence thousands of youngsters during the coming year.

THEME FOR THE WEEK

..."Lord who shall abide in thy tabernacle? Who shall dwell in thy holy hill? He that walketh uprightly, and worketh righteousness, and speaketh the truth in his heart. He that backbiteth not with his tongue, nor doeth evil to his neighbor, nor taketh up a reproach against his neighbor. In whose eyes a vile person is contemned; but he honoreth them that fear the Lord. He that sweareth to his own hurt, and changeth not. He that putteth not out his money to usury, nor taketh reward against the innocent. He that doeth these things shall never be moved."—Psalm 15.

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European Meetings Planned

Three prominent laymen will join the general secretary of the church's national Board of Lay Activities this fall in conducting a series of retreats and workshops for members of Methodist churches in Europe.

Assisting Dr. Robert G. Mayfield, head of the Board of Lay Activities which has its office here, will be Thomas B. Clay, Buffalo, N. Y., Roy J. Grogan, Weatherford, Texas, and R. S. Doenges, Denver, Colo.

The trio will leave New York October 14 and return November 4. In addition to the retreats and workshops for European Methodists the three will participate in a retreat at Berchtesgaden, Germany, for Methodist members of the armed forces in Europe.

Weekend retreats will be held for Swedish laymen October 17–18 in Gothenburg, Sweden, and for Swiss laymen October 31–November 1 in Zurich. Evening meetings with groups of laymen are planned in Copenhagen, Denmark; Oslo, Norway; Berlin, Germany; Frankfurt, Germany; and Munich, Germany.

LETTERS

Dear Mr. Starnes:

The Commission on Christian Social Concerns of Rehobeth Methodist Church has become **truly** concerned with the apathetic complacency of many Christians towards the widespread and automatically tolerated distribution of beverage alcohol and pornographic literature.

It is the strong belief of these people as dedicated disciples of Christ that the time is now, **not tomorrow**, but now, for Christians to stand up and be counted on this issue. With that in mind, they have taken the following action which they encourage churches and churchmen throughout the Christian world to emulate:

1. They have made a survey of grocery stores, curb markets, and restaurants located within a few miles of Rehobeth Methodist Church. They will publish a list of all stablishments which do not sell or serve alcoholic beverages and which do not sell pornographic literature. This list will be distributed to the entire church membership. They will be encouraged as Methodists and as Christians to follow the lead of their Saviour and to patronize these merchants exclusivelly. This list will also to be made available to other interested persons in the community.

2. They will contact and vigorously encourage the approximately fifteen other churches within the area to take similar steps.

They will be happy to correspond with other Methodist Churches in North Carolina who are working on programs of this kind or who would like further details from them. For information, please contact Mrs. W. W. Hutchinson, Chairman, Commission on Christian Social Concerns of Rehobeth Methodist Church, 416 W. Vandalia Road, Greensboro, N. C.

E. Clay Hodgin,
Charge Lay Leader of Rehobeth Methodist Church.

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Dear Mr. Starnes;

I am very sorry that I made such a big mistake in my letter of July 30th. I want to apologize and correct this mistake. It was when I said that the R. S. V. had taken these words out of the Bible. Rom. 8:28—"To them that are the called according to his purpose."

No the R. S. V. did not take these words out. They are taken out of the "Aramaic Bible." The authorized Bible of the Church of the East, by George M.Lamsa, printed in the United States of America, by A. J. Holman Co., Philadelphia. This Bible has been in circulation in America since 1933. The sixth edition which was printed in 1957 was given to me by a friend.

I want to thank W. Kenneth Clark for his response to my letter. He said that the last part of the Lord's Prayer, "For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the Glory forever," has been omitted from some versions of the Bible since 1881. Yes I have noticed this too, and the Catholic's leave these words off when they say The Lord's Prayer.

I was very glad to read the message by D. D. Richardson "The Bible." In his message he wrote these very true words. "If we believe in **Christ** or call ourselves Christians then we should uphold the Bible that gives **Him** first place, that holds the sacredness of God's word, and in unique language to fit all ages.

We need to hold, reverence and advocate the use of the King James Version of the Bible."

I like to look in the Webster Dictionary and get a clear defintion of certain words, because it is when we catch the true mean-

ing of a word that we learn to really appreciate them. So I want to give the clear definition of three words that Mr. Richardson used. The words are, Hold, Reverence, and Advocate.

Hold— The act or fact of guarding, possessing, keeping in custody, etc.

Reverence— A feeling or attitude of deep respect, love, and awe, as for something sacred.

Advocate—A person who pleads another's cause.

Mr. Rchardson goes on to say, "We are too fast and foolish, so it is not best to have the Bible worded for our time. The Bible is the record of a chosen people, the lineage of Jesus Christ. The Bible is God's word written and expressed in terms of that day. Late versions have changed even words and meanings they wished to express. We must go back to the Bible days, not bring the Bible down to ours.

The King James Version comes the nearest to meeting the demands of reason and reliability we expect of the scripture, it holds the words and ways that speak to every age."

Yes, some of the new Revised Versions of the Bible have changed the Holy Scripture so much, we really do need to guard and keep a deep attitude or respect and love for our King James Version of the Bible.

I agree with Mr. Richardson when he said, "As long as we take substitutes, we keep getting further away from the standard of our goal. It seems the more learned we become the less Spirit we possess. We must go bring the Bible down to ours.

W. Kenneth Clark did say that the R. S. V. has "taken out" the passage in Luke 24:3 "Found not the body of Jesus Christ." He stated that this was a slip. Also Luke 24:6 "He is not here, but has risen" is out.

May I give a few more words and verses of the Holy scripture that R. S. V. has made a slip and left them out. Matt. 9:13—"To repentance" is left out. Matt 13:51—"Jesus is left out at the beginning of this verse and "Lord" is left out of the close. Matt. 16:3—"O ye hypocrites" is left out. Matt. 17:21—The verse is left out. Matt 18:11—The verse is left out. Matt. 20:16—"Many called but few chosen" is left out. Matt. 20:22—"And to be baptized with the baptism that I am to be baptized with" is left out. Matt. 21:44—The complete verse is left out. Matt. 23:14—The complete verse is left out. Matt 27:35—"That it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the prophets" is left out. Mark 1:14—"The gospel of the kingdom is out. Mark 2:17—"repentance is left out. Mark 6:11—"Verily I say unto you, It shall be more tolerable for Sodom and Gomorrah in the days of judgement, than for that City" is left out. Mark 6:16—"From the dead" is left out. Mark 6:33—"Him" changed to them. Mark 7:16—The complete verse is left out. Mark 9:44—The verse is left out. Mark 9:46—The verse is left out. Mark 9:49—"Every sacrifice shall be salted with salt" Is left out. Mark 10:21—"Take up the cross" is left out. Mark 10:24—"For them that trust in riches" is left out. Mark 11:10—"The name of the Lord" is left out. Mark 11:36—"Spoken of by David the prophet" is left out. Luke 1:28—"Blessed art thou among women" is left out. Luke 2:43—"And gospel and His mother knew it not." These words are changed to His parents knew it not." Luke 4:4—"but by every word fo God" is left out.

There are many more important words of God that are left out, too many to give a list of, but anyone that wishes to learn more about the Bible can compare the New Versions along with our King James Version and when you see the changes, I know you will want to guard and keep in a deep respect of love in your heart the words of God in our King James Version of the Bible for the sake of our children and the future.

How can we truthfully sing "Faith of our Fathers Living Still."

They would not accept a substitute for the Bible.

Sincerely,
Mrs. R. K. Cormac



GREENVILLE DISTRICT PASTOR'S SET UP MEETING

Among those participating in the Greenville District Methodist Minister's initial set-up meeting were Rev. Bill Quick, pastor of the host St. James Church, Rev. Kenneth Sexton of Bethel, Rev. Norwood Jones of Fuquay, the Rev. Willis Stevens, district superintendent and Dr. C. P. Morris of Raleigh.

Greenville District Holds Set-Up Meeting

The Greenville District pastors and families of the Methodist Church met Friday night September 11 at Saint James Methodist Church. Some one hundred persons were present for a set-up meeting for the pastors and their wives in a social, business and inspirational session.

Following a family picnic, the pastors and wives met separately to discuss the work of The Methodist Church in the six-county area embraced by the District.

The Rev. Willis R. Stevens, district superintendent, presided at the ministers meeting and Mrs. Stevens presided at the session with the wives.

Several ministers spoke on the different aspects of the church's work including Dr. C. P. Morris, the executive secretary of the Board of Education of the North Carolina Annual Conference. Dr. Morris emphasized that September has been designated as Christian Education month to coincide with the introduction of the new curriculum, "Christian Studies for Methodist Children."

The Rev. Norwood L. Jones, secretary of the North Carolina Conference Brotherhood and chairman of the Board of Pensions of the Conference, spoke regarding the work of his agencies. He cited the Jarvis Memorial Church as having some 30 lay members of the Brotherhood, more than any church in the North Carolina Annual Conference. The Brotherhood is an organization which pays a lump sum benefit to the family of a deceaesed member at the time of minister's death.

Other pastors who presented their work included The Rev. Robert McKenzie, Kinston, Missions, the Rev. T. J. Whithead, Washington, Christian Higher Education and the Rev. Kenneth Sexton, Bethel, Evangelism. The first round of quarterly conferences for the 38 charges in the district was announced by Mr. Stevens. Other district-wide meetings as scheduled for the fall were also announced including the District Layman's meeting at St. James Church on September 20.

The Rev. Kenneth Sexton of Bethel, secretary of evangelism for the district, closed the meeting with a brief inspirational message.



Centennial Observance Begins

The Methodist Church is observing this year the centennial of its organized church extension movement, and the man who has written the principal anniversary message was only two years old when the Methodist Church extension program began 100 years ago (in 1864).

In his message for the centennial, "The Call to Church Extension," 102-year-old Bishop Herbert Welch of New York writes:

"Being asked in this centennial year for a word concerning Church Extension, I comply with joy. I cannot play the part of a father introducing his child, for I was two years old when this lusty baby appeared upon the Methodist scene."

Bishop Welch's message is the keynote for the church extension centennial observance, which is being sponsored by the Division of National Missions of the Methodist Board of Missions. The division is calling for observance of the centennial in all of Methodism's 39,000 local churches and has set several goals for Methodist Church expansion during the 1964-68 quadrennium, including the starting of 400 new congregations a year and the raising of $28.000,-000 in loan funds for building programs.

Bethesda to Hold Harvest Day And Homecoming

Bethesda Methodist Church located in Robeson County announces its annual Harvest Day and Homecoming weekend for the first weekend in October, Saturday and Sunday, October 3 and 4.

Anticipation in the sale of hundreds of tickets for the delicious barbecue is resulting in plans to barbecue more pigs than customary. Many tickets have been purchased by friends in neighboring towns already. The Methodist Men's Club—now entering its third year—is sponsoring the Harvest Day sale of tickets this year under the capable direction of Mr. Wendell Britt, chairman of the Harvest Day committee. The barbecuing committee is headed by Thomas Leggett who has probable title to "Barbecue King," having served in this capacity so well for a number of years.

Following the big dinner, items will be auctioned to the highest bidder. Last year many delicious cakes were sold along with a variety of other items during the auction sale.

Sunday, October 4, will be the homecoming service at the Church. The Reverend D. W. Charlton, former pastor (1951–1952), will be the guest minister for the morning service of worship. All former members and members living in other areas are invited to both of these events. There will not be a dinner on the grounds on homecoming day since the previous day of feasting. Everyone is welcome to explore Bethesda's new educational building, in which lovely new oyster-colored drapes have just been hung.

Conference Board Of Pensions Reorganizes For Quadrennium

A Bethel layman and a Fuquay Springs minister have been elected to serve as new officers for the Board of Pensions of The Methodist Church, North Carolina Conference.

Clifton W. Everette, a Bethel attorney and active Methodist layman, succeeds Harold Staton as chairman of the Board of Pensions for the 1964–68 quardennium. The Rev. Norwood L. Jones, pastor of the Fuquay Springs Methodist Church, succeeds the Rev. Willis R. Stevens, Greenville District superintendent, as the secretary. This position is the only in the North Carolina Annual Conference which does not come under a limited tenure rule therefore the Rev. Mr. Jones will serve indefinitely. Mr. Stevens resigned when appointed to the cabinet by Bishop Paul N. Garber of Raleigh.

In other actions by the Board of Pensions, the Rev. W. C. Wilson of Durham was named to the Board replacing the Rev. R. L. Crossno and Mr. N. E. Edgerton of Raleigh replaces Mr. Edmund S. Mann of Washington.

Appointments to other boards included John M. Dozier as the representative of the Board of Pensions to the Methodist Foundation, Inc. and Willis Smith, Jr. of Raleigh to the Commission on Intra-Jurisdictional Relations of the North Carolin Annual Conference.

Rev. James A. Auman Director Of College Development

The Rev. James A. Auman, Randolph County native, has assumed his position as the executive director of the Association of Methodist Colleges of The North Carolina Annual Conference.

Mr. Auman, whose office is located in the Methodist Building in Raleigh, was



Rev. James A. Auman

previously the pastor of the Garner Methodist Church.

He will represent the three Methodist Colleges in the North Carolina Annual Conference of The Methodist Church: Louisburg College, Methodist College, Fayetteville and North Carolina Wesleyan College at Rocky Mount. His primary responsibility will be in the area of development, financial promotion and recruitment.

A graduate of High Point College and the Duke Divinity School, he has served pastorates at Stem, Four Oaks, Fayetteville, Hertford and Garner. For a number of years he has been associated with the work of Higher Education. From 1956–60 he was a member of the Conference Commission on Christian Higher Education and from 1956–64 he served on the Board of Education of the North Carolina Conference as district director of Youth Work and General Church School work.

He was also chairman of the Perquimans County College Development Campaign in 1959. For two years he served as area chairman of the Duke Loyalty Fund and was president of the Alumni Association of High Point College for the N. C. Conference in 1962–63.

Active in other areas of the conference, Mr. Auman has served as a trustee of the Methodist Home For Children in Raleigh since 1962 has served as secretary of the Executive Committee.

He has traveled extensively having served as counselor of the North Carolina Methodist Youth Caravan to Europe in 1958 and again in 1960 circling the globe on a Christian World Seminar visiting college campuses in Alaska, Japan, Hong Kong, Calcutta, Berlin, London, Beriut and Jerusalem. He is married to the former Mildred Whitener of Shelby.

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Yes, I believe in divine healing, but it cost a trip to see a neighbor first and beg pardon, or pay a debt. —W.E.I.

Activities At Trinity Church, Red Springs

Dr. Morris L. Husted, of the Hebron Methodist Church, Roper, will be song-leader for a series of revival services in the Trinity Methodist Church, Red Springs during the week of October 11–16. The pastor, Reverend Robert F. Moore, will preach each evening. A series of cottage prayer services have been planned for the week prior to the revival, climaxed with a prayer service in the church on Friday evening, October 9.

Trinity Church sponsored a reception for the faculty and Methodists of the newly opened Vardell Hall, formerly Flora McDonald College, of Red Springs. The new school is non-denominational, but a number of the students are Methodists, and this has made necessary the forming of additional church school classes and the reorganization of the MYF in the local church.

The annual homecoming service of the Trinity Methodist Church, Red Springs will be held on Sunday, October 25. This is the 75th anniversary, and special emphasis will be placed upon this. A financial campaign always accompanies the homecoming celebration, and this year the goal is $7500, raising $100 for each year the church has been opened in Red Springs. Earl Townsend, lay leader, is chairman of the campaign this year.

Revival At Pleasant Grove Methodist Church

Revival Services will begin Sunday Evening Sept. 27 and continue through Oct. 2 at 7:30 p.m. at the Pleasant Grove Methodist Church of the Thomasville District. Rev. Bobby Joe Dennis from the Bethlehem Methodist Church of the Greensboro District will assist the pastor, Rev. Herbert T. Penry, Jr. Rev. Mr. Dennis was pastor of the Bethel Methodist Church in Thomasville until this past Conference Year. Mr. Donald Swain and Mrs. O. L. Veach Director's of the music of the Church will be responsible for the inspirational Hymn Singing each evening. We solicit your prayers, and would welcome your presence.

—Herbert Penry

Louisburg Sets Alumni Day

Alumni Day at Louisburg College is set for Saturday, October 10, according to an announcement made by Floyd Ammons of Fayetteville, acting president.

Robert John Versteeg, head of the Department of Drama at the college, an author, playwright, drama critic and teacher, will be the guest speaker at 5 p.m. in the College Auditorium, East Campus.

Following dinner, the Alumni Association will hold a short business meeting in the Main Building Auditorium, followed by a special muscial program featuring students and alumni. At 8:30 a dance will be held in the Benjamin N. Duke College Union with music by the Sophistocates of Raleigh.

Class reunion will feature each five-year class beginning with 1899 and including 1964.



Left to Right: Dr. T. B. Hough, District Superintendent of the Burlington District; Rev. C. Freeman Heath, Executive Director of the Conference Board of Evangelism; Rev. H. L. Watson, pastor First Methodist Church, Graham; and Group Leader; Rev. A. P. Hill, Jr., District Secretary and Group Leader; Rev. H. M. McLamb, pastor Davis Street Methodist Church and group leader.

Burlington Evangelistic

The Burlington Pastors' Retreat on Evangelism met at First Methodist Church, Mebane on Saturday, September 12 from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. with 44 of the 47 ministers in attendance. The District Superintendent, Dr. T. B. Hough called attention to the high privilege of the pastor in witnessing to the saving power of his Christ. He said "We are in but one business, and that is the full ministry of the practical Gospel of our Lord. We cannot afford to lose life's finest opportunities by spending ourselves on trifles and incidentals. Under the leading of the Holy Spirit, we must do the best we can with what we have."

Rev. A. P. Hill, District Secretary of Evangelism, outlined the purpose of the retreat as follows: "(1) As pastors we must be men of prayer, concern, and passion, not only for the lost of our community, or the congregation which we serve, but too often we forget each other—so the Pastors' Retreat is to remind us of the importance of these things, but most important our fellowship with one another.

"(2) It is felt that together, with a oneness in unity in Christ, we the pastors of The Methodist Church may be used by God, as the Circuit Riders before us who fanned the flames of evangelism into the fire of Revivial.

"(3) Many pastors of The Methodist Church today believe it can happen again.

"(4) Without any program to follow, with no promotion, we want to spend the next one and one-half hours together, praying and talking about the real nature of our callings."

Rev. C. Freeman Heath, Conference Executive Director of Evangelism, closed the retreat after a brief message by calling the group to the altar in a service of dedication.

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Book Reviews

Religion With Revelation

(Boston: Christopher Publishig House, 1963, pp. 323).
Reviewed by: Mack B. Stokes, Associate Dean and Parker Professor of Systematic Theology, Candler School of Theology, Emory University

The intriguing title of this book was probably selected to indicate the author's opposition to Julian Huxley's views as expressed in his RELIGION WITHOUT REVELATIONS.

The most important fact about the book is that it was written by a pastor who, amid varied duties, has taken the time to reflect seriously on difficult theological works. He shows a studied acquaintance with significant trends of thought. He boldly attacks when the ocassion demands it. And he deals continuously with theological topics of utmost importance for today. As an example, I would cite his account of the relations between reason and revelation. He makes an earnest effort to give proper recognition both to the unique realm of revelation and to human reason.

If it were asked whether or not he was offered any distinctive resolutions of age-old Theological issues, the answer would have to be in the negative. Definitive theological works are rare indeed. But Mr. Tilley has shown an unusual interest in reflecting on theological issues. And it is well worth a reader's time to see how he enters upon his task. His comments on the Incarnation and history have real meat. He has a clear sense of the unique dimension of the religion of the Incarnation. Now and then there are sentences worth quoting. "Science sees God at work in nature, and religion sees Him work in redemption." "Christian eschatology is realized in the persons whom God has redeemed."

It is unfortunate that a number of elemental errors were not detected prior to publication. The translation from paragraph to paragraph leave much to be desired. And there is the need for greater clarificaton of ideas. More careful thought in defining terms would have added to the value of the book.

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Grace Sufficient The Story Of Helen Kim As Told By Herself

Edited by J. Manning Potts

This is the story of Helen Kim who, with faith and prayer, fought for the emancipation and higher education of Korean women, and who expanded Ewha University to become the world's largest university for women. It is also the story of a Christian woman whose forceful personality, unceasing actively and warm heart made her internationally known.

As a delegate to the United Nations, World Council of Churches, Red Cross and many other organizations, she has been in the front lines of world events. Her story is a record of contemporary Korean life and history.

Dr. J. Manning Potts, who has known the author for many years and has an honorary degree from Ewha University of Seoul, Korea, has edited the book with insight and understanding.

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Those taking part as leaders were (Left to Right) Rev. Tracey Maness, Rev. E. R. Porter, Dr. M. W. Lawrence, Rev. Robert Poulk, pastor of Salem Church, and Rev. Christian White. One of the leaders left before the picture was taken.

Goldsboro Pastors' Retreat

Thirty pastors of the Goldsboro District met at the Salem Methodist Church, just outside of Goldsboro, in a two-hour retreat on Evangelism September 4 at 2:00 p.m. Rev. Tracey Maness, District Secretary of Evangelism, presided. Dr. M. W. Lawrence, District Superintendent, in his devotional stated that pastors have many meetings on a district and conference level. Many are away from their churches helping other ministers in revivals. He said that he knew how easy it was to put off the most important, difficult task and do the easy things. He called upon those present to spend themselves in the work of their ministry, to guard their time and put first things first. Rev. Tracey Maness gave the purpose of the retreat and divided the pastors into groups, which met with their leaders in a period of prayer, sharing and discussion. Rev. C. Freeman Heath, Conference Executive Director of Evangelism closed the session with a brief talk and prayer of dedication.

Fairview Methodists Hold First Service In Education Building

Sunday September 6, 1964 was a happy day at Fairview Church in the Thomasville District when the congregation held their first worship service and church school classes in the new Educational Building which was recently completed.

206 members were present for the Church School and remained for the opening service in the Fellowship Hall which will serve as the Sanctuary until the Educational Building is completely free of debt, and plans can be made to start on the new Sanctuary. The old Sanctuary and Church School rooms will be torn down to make way for the new structure.

The Educational Building includes 13 class rooms, a large kitchen, a fellowship hall that will seat 300, several large closets, pastor's study, 3 rest rooms (one for junior children), two storage rooms and a porch that covers the length of the building. Electric Heat is installed.

The Reverend Furman A. Wright was pastor at the time the Educational Building was started. Rev. Herb. Jamieson is the present pastor. This building comes out of a total effort of the congregation and the cost will run well over $65,000 including furniture and landscaping.

Methodist Youth Convocation

By Rev. R. S. Pullman
Pastor Bethany Methodist Church, Wanchese, N. C.

(A report on the National Convocation of Methodist Youth held at Purdue University)

Resurrection

Text: ". . . I am the resurrection and the life. . . " John 11:25

Modern art does not ordinarily appeal to me. However, I found most interesting the exhibit of predominantly modern art at the National Convocation of Methodist Youth. One conformation that I liked was called "Five Spikes for the Wounds." It was a cross that had been cleverly constructed by welding the five metallic spikes like those that pierced the hands and feet of Jesus. Hence, those nails formed that symbol which has stood at the heart of the Christian faith.

Though the Son of God was unjustly crucified and was laid in the tomb of Joseph of Arimathea, He did not remain there. The angel told the woman who came to Jesus' tomb early on Sunday after the Crucifixion, "He is not here; for he has risen, as he said." The message about the Resurrection of Jesus as presented to those who attended the convocation at Purdue University says something very special about God and about us.

1. God has made alive His Son and has conquered sin and death. Love incarnate was nailed to the Cross that first Good Friday. The forces of evil seemingly held sway in the universe. The choir sang on Thursday night the prelude by Johann Sebastian Bach: ". . . . Death did gain the day and lead in triumph us away, henceforth to dwell with him imprisoned."

However, God's will prevailed. In his sermon on the Resurrection Bishop James Thomas inquired, "Is it asking too much to say Jesus Christ is alive more than we ever dare to believe?" Then he answered, "That is the assertion of the New Testament." It is the outworking of God's love in spite of man's evil.

Because Jesus Christ is alive, our faith is rooted and grounded in a Person, not in disembodied ideals, though sometimes we give over our lives to ideals. E. C. Solwell was quoted as saying that "we Christians are like rootless Christmas trees," or again "like cut flowers," to use Elton Trueblood's phrase. That is, we like to be honest but not go back to the roots of honesty. However, all the ideas of a Christian are in a Person. The Christ event is what gives meaning to Christianity. As the choral readers assure us in **Christ in the Concrete City,** Jesus goes before us "into Galilee Street."

When Jesus was raised from the dead, God was declaring that He was insisting upon being Himself, not what man wants Him to be. He triumphed over evil. The prelude just quoted continued in the second stanza, "All his might Death must forego, for now he's nought but idle show; his sting is lost forever. Hallelujah." Therefore, we have the hope that in the midst of unrighteousness the right will prevail. "Love and freedom always have a resurrection day," affirmed Bishop Thomas.

"Truth, crushed to earth, shall rise again." Though it often seems to be on the scaffold, Truth will triumph. No man on fire for God is kept imprisoned in spirit.

The contnued drama **Simon and Cathy** bespeaks the despair of man in scenes which we were shown of the Crucifixion of Jesus, of the ruthless murder of the prisoner in **Hello Out There,** and of the funeral of Emily from **Our Town.** Cathy sums it all up when she asks, "What's the use—if everything good is killed?" The answer comes in what God does in the Resurection. Bishop Thomas in the evening sermon answers Cathy's question and perhaps yours and mine when he declares, "Here (in the Resurrection) is a living witness that love cannot be killed and closed up in a tomb."

This triumph of God over evil is well stated by James Mayfield: "The Resurrection proclaims that God is not defeated God—the Creator, the Sustainer of the universe, the power of love, our Father—has not been defeated by the Crucifixion. The unloving world has done its most. It has taken the incarnate Son of God and tortured him to death. But instead of being defeated by the cross, God has transformed the cross into the ultimate victory."

II. Not only does the Resurrection aver something special about God, but it also declares truth about us. Colossians has the idea. "If then you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above . ." Christians are resurrected people. We do not have to wait for physical death before resurrection occurs. The New Testament proclaims that a believer dies to the life of sin and is resurrected to a new life in Christ. Paul said to the Colossians also, ". . .You have put off the old nature with its practices and have put on the new nature, which is being renewed in knowledge after the image of its creator." There is death for the old way and life for the new.

But this resurrection of self does not always come easy. That is, it is very difficult for many of us to believe that the Christian way is the most meaningful and purposeful life. In our pride we have persuaded ourselves that man's schemes for attaining the abundant life are the best. We try a variety of means—innocent pleasure, gross sensuality, acquisition of money and property, popularity, power in business and politics, knowledge, trust in personal opinions. But trust in Jesus Christ as the way of life? Incredible! The reason that multitudes are not saved right now is that they are afraid to dare believe that God's course through Jesus Christ will satisfy life's deepest longings. The believing is not always easy. When the shepherds of **The Coming of Christ** found real joy in the newborn Saviour, life for them was still a struggle. They told Simon, the teenager who had the easy answer in the morning drama **Simon and Cathy:**

"It's a constant battle, I tell you."
"The trustng."
"The sharing."
"The giving."
"The responsibility."

Specifically, the Resurrection frees one from the grip of selfishness and pride. He has the power to dedicate himself to the new life of love.

In fact, he can become an agent of redeeming love. Not only is one a "new creation" reconciled to Christ; but also, as Paul wrote to the Corinthians, he is given "the ministry of reconciliation." So he becomes an ambassador for Christ. How two people can affect this redeeming love is vividly dramatized in the commercial movie **David and Lisa,** which proved very popular at the convocation. Those who find revulsive any kind of commercial movie would be happy to know that there was no drinking in it. The story is enacted in a very simple setting. Though the movie has shortcomings, I recommend it to persons who are mature, when it comes to local theaters. It is about two young persons who are emotionally disturbed. David is a brilliant boy who has been driven into a psychotic fear of death as a result of an unhappy relationship with his parents. Lisa, a schizophrenic, can communicate with the world as Lisa only through rhymes. When David comes to a home for emotionally disturbed youth, he becomes interested in Lisa's case, because he has read extensively in psychiatric literature. By means of his patient love and understanding David breaks through this shell that has enclosed Lisa's life and consequently enables her to accept herself as Lisa. In the meantime, Lisa's becoming enamored of David helps him to see that someone really cares for him. He too has a defense mechanism; he is afraid for anyone to touch him, because that represents to him a threat upon his life. In his search for Lisa, who runs away from this special home, his shell is also broken; and David begins to find himself. After the movie one person commented that he wished that this commercial film had been produced by the church. Here is a great message for Christians. We must help persons right here in our community to be freed from self. Their resurrection from self very likely will not come until we express genuine love, concern, and sympathetic understanding.

This resurrection from self to a life of love was also clearly witnessed in the attitude of Billy Budd whose trial was portrayed before Simon and Cathy. He was condemned to death for what some would call a justifiable homicide. In similar circumstances many a person would have become bitter and would have turned against God and man. However, like Socrates, Billy Budd accepted the penalty of the unjust law without complaint because that had become the decision of the majority rule in the land that he loved. He went to his execution like a man. Off stage just at the point of hanging he is heard to cry out in forgiveness, "God bless the captain"—the one who had carried out his execution.

Moreover, the growing Christian is resurrected from self over and over again. A new convert does not become a mature Christian overnight. Unchristian habits, attitudes, ideas, and deeds are crucified day by day and week by week. The experiences at Purdue sought to bring about this growth in all who went.

I like the word one member in my discussion group gave as an evaluaton of the week's experience, namely, **expansion.** Expansion it was. Our concept of the Christian faith broadened. One MYF'er who went to Purdue said this about the convocation's impact: "I've begun to see a little bit of what it means to "be myself, to be true to myself, and to be more than myself'."

Can we love the unlovely? We were challenged by the mere presence of Joachim Probst, who had several paintings in the art exhibit. Though an avowed atheist, he paints religious subjects. Delegates had an opportunity one day to ask him questions. I listened in for a while that evening, and some of his very frank answers were nonconformist for a number of persons present. One individual made the keen observation that his non-Christian replies had evoked unloving responses from the audience. Though his philosophy had basically nothing to offer me, that question-answer period was a real challenge to any Christian to be loving toward one who appears strange and unlovely. Do we possess enough Christlikeness to reveal redemptive love in situations like that?

Is love ever lost? Christian love would be worth the effort if it were for no other reason than that it gives the satisfaction of having done what is right. Another scene presented in the morning drama came from Saroyen's **Hello Out There.** A jail cook named Emily expresses genuine love for and acceptance of a transient who was jailed on a trumped-up charge of rape. Emily knows her town well enough to feel that he will be killed without a fair trial.

In spite of his almost certain death she loves him just the same. Her fears are realized; for the outraged husband of the supposed victim enters the unattended jail, shoots, and kills the man. Cathy, who has been looking on, cannot quite understand why Emily would love a man under such circumstances. Yet, genuine love is worth even the suffering that may accompany it; for love is God's will for life. True love is the outgrowth of the resurrection of self. Here Cathy begins to find release from the grave of self. Mr. Bishop, the chaplain, tells Cathy, "We ourselves can feel our own release from the grave of self; we can actually experience the victory that liberates our soul."

The Resurrection of Jesus Christ says the same to you and to me. The Resurrection declares that you and I can be raised from the grave of self into life that is new, purposeful, abundant, loving, and endless.

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Homecoming At Providence

Providence Methodist Church of the Cool Springs Charge of Statesville, Rt. 4 will have its Annual Homecoming Sept. 27, at the 11 o'clock hour. Also a special feature will be the dedication of the New Educational building.

Rev. Cecil Hefner, the District Supt. will deliver the message and will also have the dedication service.

Providence Methodist Church was organized in 1814. The first building was an arbor built where the present church stands. A few years later a log house was built across the road and served as a church and school.

The earliest pastor we have any record of is the Rev. Cordon, a circuit rider. In 1839 a frame building with a gallery for slaves was built.

In 1886 a new church was built; Rev. Bagley was pastor at this time.

In 1932 under the leadership of Rev. D. A. Oakley, the present church was begun.

In 1960–61 The educational building was started under the leadership of Rev. E. D. Cantor, Jr. at the approximate cost of $40.000. This indebtness was paid off in 1964. Rev. Herman Billings, the present pastor; Mr. Thomas N. Crawford chairman of the building committee; Mrs. Jimming Holland, Secretary and Treasurer.

All former pastors and friends are invited to attend with dinner served at the church.

Candidates Have Methodist Ties

Several Methodists have figured at times this year in U. S. presidential projections. Now, final party selections have left two persons with Methodist connections in the race for Vice President.

Senator Hubert H. Humphrey, Democratic candidate for the No. 2 position, is an affiliate member of Chevy Chase Methodist Church at the edge of Washington, although his regular church membership is with a Congregational church in Minneapolis. He and Mrs. Humphrey took the affiliate relationship in 1955, according to the Rev. Dr. Clifford H. Richmond, pastor, and they and their family have been quite regular in attendance.

A retired Methodist minister, the Rev. Mark R. Shaw of Melrose, Mass., is the vice presidental candidate for the National Prohibition Party. Mr. Shaw has long been active in peace and temperance movements.

Brevard College Begins Fall Semester

Brevard College officially began its new school year with the Faculty–staff–Student Conference, which was held September 9 through September 12.

Various phases of the college program were discussed by administrative officials



Dr. James G. Huggin

of the institution, and new plans were projected for the future growth and improvement of the college.

Inspirational speaker for the work conference was Dr. James G. Huggin, minister of the Wesley Memorial Methodist Church in High Point.

On Sunday, September 13, freshmen arrived on campus to begin a program of testing and orientation. They were joined by the Sophomores for Wednesday's registration, and regular classes began on Thursday.

The formal Faculty–Student Convocation on September 16 was addressed by the Rev. James McLarty, brother of President McLarthy, and a charter member of the Brevard College Board of Trustees. His topic was "Knowledge Explosion."

The capacity enrollment for the 1964–65 school term includes, in addition to the usual large percentage of North Carolina students, many young people from out–of state. There are also students representing Hawaii, Japan, Germany, and Cuba.

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When I Am Gone

When I have lived and passed away,
I hope my friends can only say
That I have lived a life of cheer,
With love for every one I've met;
And then my friends will not forget
The help I gave when I was here.

Well, anyhow, I truly know
That I have tried real love to show,
And tried my very best to give;
If now and then I've made a friend,
I'm thankful as I near the end,
And glad I've had these years to live.

—Ernest C. Durham

In Memorium

JOHN LUCIAN PACE

Bob Drew, Pastor

On September 8 in the Scotland Memorial hospital, Laurinburg, John Lucian Pace died after a short illness. Thus quickly passed one of Maxton's well known and best loved citizens, a leading member of St. Paul's Methodist church, member of the Mormax Club, and connected with civic organizations for the improvement of his town and community. He was very active in the Methodist Men's Club, ever interested in the program of his church in which he had held the most responsible positions doing many acts to further the causes of Christian work in the church which he loved so well. For many years he was a steward and was connected with organizatons for the betterment of manakind.

John Pace was born in Chatham County and frequently visited in his native county, for he was acquainted with a host of people whom he loved; consequently he was much beloved. He leaves a wife, Alice, and several brothers and one sister, Miss Nettie Pace, of Maxton. Moreover he leaves many friends, both white and black, for his abiding interest touched many facets of life, and he made happier and better by his associations. He will long be missed by a wide circle of friends, by his church, and by the ones whom he quietly aided along the way. He was voted as Chief Citizen because of his popularity and many services to his fellow men, which services were often performed secretly and with loving care. As a jovial friend and a helpful citizen, and a worker in the Lord's vineyard he will long be missed by his church and his large number of friends in Maxton and among the hosts who loved and admired this good friend aided in all phases of life's activities.

Perhaps no other layman in the North Carolina Conference was known by as many of the preachers. His was a familiar face at Annual Conference and was held in high esteem by Bishops, District Superintendents, preachers and laymen thoughout his conference.

Breakthru' Has New Format

A new format has been adopted for six new BREAKTHRU children's TV programs, currently being completed by the Methodist Television, Radio and Film Commission (TRAFCO).

The 30–minute programs will continue to include both drama and discussion, but there will be a new approach used in the children's conversation selection when they are released to TV stations by Jan. 1, 1965. The first 13 BREAKHRU programs already have been televised in all geographic areas of the United States. Designed for children 9–12 year old, BREAKTHRU is Methodist produced, but presented nationally by the National Council of Churches.

In the new shows, the conversation segments will follow a courtroom motif. There will be a team of three challengers and a team of three defenders. A jury of eight children decides which team does the best job. A friend of the court, Ernest Dixon, staff member of the Division of the Local Church, Methodist Board of Education, helps focus the children's ideas at the end of the program. The judge—or referee—is Billy Brown, a 12–year–old twin from First Methodist Church, Park Ridge, Ill.

Missionary To Korea To Serve On Asbury Seminary Faculty

Dr. Charles D. Stokes, Methodist missionary on furlough from Korea will serve as visiting professor of Christian Missions at Asbury Theological Seminary during the Fall Quarter. He will replace Dr. John T. Seamands who will be on sabbatical leave.

Dr. and Mrs. Stokes, under appointment by the Board of Missions of the Methodist Church, went to Korea in 1940, but due



Dr. Charles D. Stokes

to harrassment from Korean nationals, they withdrew from Korea as did the majority of the missionaries of the various denominations serving in the country at that time.

In 1941 they were appointed as missionaries to China and were sent to California to attend a special Chinese language school. However, due to conditions following the outbreak of World War II they returned to North Carolina where Dr. Stokes served as a pastor.

Upon completion of two years of pastoral ministry, the door to missionary service in the orient opened once more. They went to New Haven, Conn., in the fall of 1946, where Mrs. Stokes spent the school year in Korean language study and Dr. Stokes wrote his dissertation in completion of the requirements for the Ph.D. degree at Yale University Graduate School.

In November of 1947 they sailed again for Korea where they took up residence in the town of Wonju. Language study was interspersed with work in the local Methodist Church and with the churces in two outlying districts. When the Korean War broke out in June of 1950 and the North Korean Communists quickly overran the area in which they were working, they were evacuated to Japan.

Dr. Stokes recalls, "After securing living quarters for my family in Karuizawa, Japan, I returned to Korea to work in the capital city of Seoul. But in December of 1950, when it became clear that civilians would be evacuated from Seoul, I was assigned to the southern city of Pusan to help find quarters for refugees who were streaming into that city in large numbers. There was no civilian train service in those days, no public transportation of any kind. The sight of refugees in the cold of winter clinging to railroad flat cars and gondolas loaded with military equipment, or walking southward with babies strapped to their backs and their weary muscles straining also to carry the heavy bundles of their most-needed possessions—well, these are memories of those days I can never forget."

He continued, "I spent two years in Korea without my family, working with refugees and helping with the rehabilitations of churches which had been damaged or destroyed, or whose congregation had become scattered. In the meantime, my wife and daughter Carol moved to Osaka, Japan, where my wife taught English for one year at Osaka Girl's High School—a Christian institution."

Their furlough came due in 1952 and the year was spent largely in deputation work, with headquarters in Greensboro, N. C.

Upon returning to Korea they were charged with the establishment of a Bible school in Taejon. The school was opened early in 1954 and later, by decision of the three Annual Conferences of the Korean Methodist Church it became a full-fledged theological seminary for the training of rural ministers and church workers.

Dr. Stokes said, "Since the beginning I have been not only the registered Founder of the School (a legal position which in Korean law carries considerable responsibility), but I have also been associated with the Korean presidents in administration and in teaching. The school has an enrollment of about 150 students, and the graduates, both men and women, are scattered throughout all of South Korea, giving their lives in the ministry to the rural people of their country."

Since 1960 he has also been assigned to work with the Korean director of the Pastors' Retreat Center in the city of Taejon, but serving the entire Korean Methodist Church.

Mrs. Stokes, formerly Arlene Amstutz, in addition to teaching English in Taejon Methodist Seminary and teaching part time in the Korea Christian Academy (school for children of missionaries) has engaged in evangelistic work among women in the prison located in Taejon. Quite a few have received pardons and early release as their lives have demonstrated that they were changed persons.

In Korea their daughter attended Korea Christian Academy, located in Taejon. Carol is now a sophomore at Jessamine County High School and Jean is in the fifth grade at Wilmore Public School.

Dr. Stokes received the A.B. degree from Asbury College; the B.D. degree from Asbury Theological Seminary and the Ph.D. degree from Yale University Graduate School.



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Prohibition The Christian's Platform

You hear it on every hand that Prohibition was a failure. There never was a bigger lie. All the failure was in the lack of the enforcement, officers and courts to do their duty.

In 1916, the federal debt was one billion 200 million dollars. At the close of the First World War, 1919, the federal debt was 25 and one half billion. By the end of 1930, Prohibition years—1920–1930—this debt had been reduced to sixteen billion, 200 million. During Prohibition years, 1920–1930, there was not a single federal deficit, besides the federal debt reduced from 25 and one half billion to sixteen billion, 200 million. Since the repeal of Prohibition, the U. S. has gone in debt up to 312 billion, paid not one dollar on the debt, and had a federal budget deficit almost every year, if not every year, and the interest on this debt is ten billion a year.

For every one dollar the U. S. receives as revenue from the liquor traffic, it costs $7.50, out of taxpayers' pockets, to pay for the crime liquor causes. Not to mention broken homes, drunkards, heartaches and sorrow which drinking causes. If the twelve billion spent for liquor in the U. S. put into other business channels there would be over 300,000 more jobs for people, and President Johnson's "War on Poverty" would not be needed.

One definition of the devil is, he is a deceiver. If the liquor business is not the devil's business, I am badly fooled. It is not a Christian business, never has been and never will be, and when one votes to legalize it, he votes with the wrong crowd, believe it or not, and if you do not believe it now, you will later.

W. A. Swift
Monteagle, Tenn.

Men To Study Ministry

Methodist Men clubs and similar groups across the Church will be utilizing a new, correlated set of program materials this fall as they begin a year-long emphasis on "Men and the Ministry."

Introduction of the annual theme and the related materials—hailing as an entirely new concept in program helps—was announced here by Dr. Robert G. Mayfield, general secretary of The Methodist Church's national Board of Lay Activities.

"Men and the Ministry" was chosen for 1964–65 because of its significant importance to the church at this particular time, Dr. Mayfield said.

To explore the many aspects of this topic, 12 monthy programs have been developed and written by men qualified in their repective fields. Suggested methods for presentation and ideas for related activities are included at the end of each program.

Correlated with the programs themselves and presented on a quarterly basis are four complete program kits. Part I is "Methodism's Ministry of the Laity." Featured in the kits are specially-recorded inspirational messages from various individuals known throughout the church and filmstrips consisting of 25 color photographs, each individually distinctive.



By Mary Gardner

A New Friend

Right next door to David's house was a big red house. Nobody lived in the red house. It seemed to say, "I am lonely."

One day when David came home from school, somebody was living in the red house! There was a bicycle near the garage. "Oh, My." thought David, "there must be a boy."

"Mother," he called, "Someone is living in the red house. I think there is a little boy.

"As soon as I drink my milk," said David, "I am going to visit him."

Mother gave David his milk. Then she gave him some cakes. They were shaped with three corners. They were called Haman cakes. Some were filled with poppy seeds and honey; some with dates and prunes.

David did not eat all the cake his mother gave him. He wrapped two in a napkin and put them in his pocket.

He walked over to the red house and rang the bell. A lady opened the door.

"Hello," said David. "I am David and I live next door. Have you a little boy?"

"How do you do, David," said the lady. "I am Mrs. Stern. Please come in. I have a little boy but he is sick."

David followed her upstairs into a large room. All around the room were shelves. On the shelves were many books and toys. Near the window on a sofa lay a small boy. David felt sorry for the little boy.

"Some one has come to see you, Stanley," said the lady. "His name is David."

Stanley sat up. "To see me?" he asked.

"Yes," said David, "I live next door."

David played a long time with Stanley. First they played lotto and checkers. Then they played "Holy Land Travel Game."

After a while it grew dark. "I must go home now," said David.

David picked up his coat. He put his hand in his pocket. "Oh," he said "I almost forgot. I brought you a present. I hope they are not broken."

He took out the napkin with the Haman cakes. One of them had a corner missing. The other was all right. "My mother baked these cakes. We send them to all our friends in Ourim. Mother calls that the 'Shalach Monos'."

"What does that mean?" asked Stanley.

"It's Hebrew. I think it means sending gifts to your friends and to the poor. I hope you like cakes."

"They smell good. Thank you for them," said Stanley." "I will save them for supper. Will you come to see me tomorrow? I will be waiting."

"I will try to come tomorrow," said David.

—Mamie G. Gamoran

God's Candles

Through my window at night I see
The sky all sprinkled with stars.
Some of them have strange sounding
names,
Like Venus, Saturn, and Mars.
There is a great dipper, and North Star,
To travel by, they say,
And Millions of teeny weeny stars
That make the milky way.
Sometimes the clouds are very dark
And hide the stars from view,
But they still shine behind the clouds
Just as they always do.
My dad knows all about the stars,
Their names and places all,
They've been up there a long, long time,
Ever since he was small.
Mom says the stars are God's candles,
When I ask her what they are,
But the stars are much more wonderful,
Than any candle by far.

—Viola Braswell

A Prayer Of Thanksgiving For The Bible

Many boys and girls throughout our nation have recently received their own copies of the Bible-gifts from their church schools. As you learn to use, enjoy, and appreciate the Bible, perhaps you will want to pray this "Prayer of Thanksgiving for The Bible:"

Thank you, Father, for the Bible. Thank you for speaking to the hearts of people like us in olden times and inspiring them to write down Your story.

Thank You for the wise men and psalmists and prophets, for Matthew and Mark and Luke and John, and for Paul, the great apostle. Thank You for the beautiful stories of Jesus and the record of His words.

Thank You for guiding by Your Spirit those who wrote and those who preserved and those who bring us the Bible today. Thank You, Father, for living in a book for living in the whole universe and for living in our own hearts. We want to live with You. Amen.

Bible Quiz

1—What are the first three words in the Bible?
First Things in the Bible
2—What was the first thing God ever made?
3—Who was the first man to live in a tent?
4—What were the first clothes mentioned in the Bible made of?
5—Who was the first hunter in the Bible?

Answers to Last Week's Questions

1—Methuselah
2—Samson
3—Soloman
4—David
5—Samuel

Just For Fun

The litle four-year-old daughter of a minister was put to bed early one night because she had a cold. As her mother was about to leave her she said:

"Mother, I want to see my daddy."

"No, dear," her mother replied," Daddy is busy and must not be disturbed."

Again the little girl made the request and again she was denied. Then she said solemnly; "Mother, I'm a sick woman and I want to see my minister."

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Jimmy was left handed and offered his left hand when a caller wanted to shake hands with him. Later his father criticized his conduct and told him that he should try to do things the right way, which is the right hand.

Jimmy thought for a while, and then he said, "But Daddy, it can't be wrong; that's the way God does everything. He has to, because the Bible says that Jesus is sitting on his right hand."

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Roseanne returned home from Sunday School where the children in the primary department had been singing, "Every day with Jesus is sweeter than the day before." "Mother," she said, "What was wrong with the day before?"

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Mother: "I don't think the man upstairs likes Johnny to play on his drum.
Father: "Why?"
Mother: "Well, this afternoon he gave Johnny a knife and asked him if he knew what was inside the drum."

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"I wish you could see our new house. The picture window brings the outdoors right into the living room."

"Yeah? Well, we do the same thing, but with the children's shoes."

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"Why don't you want to play Indian with Grandpa?"

"It not fun 'cause he's already scalped."

Woman's Activities

Wesleyan Service Guild To Establish Scholarship Fund

Mrs. H. W. Doub

A long cherished dream of the North Carolina Conference Wesleyan Service Guild has begun to be realized. At a called meeting of the Conference Guild Committee held recently in Fayetteville, N. C., the idea was presented.

Mrs. C. H. Boyd, Conference Wesleyan Service Guild Secretary explained this opportunity to all present and the Committee voted to establish an Annual Scholarship Fund, by asking each member of the Wesleyan Service Guild to contribute one dollar in September of each year, beginning September 1964. This motion was made by Mrs. Lena Gray, active Guild worker, from Rocky Mount District and was carried. This is above the regular giving of the Wesleyan Service Guild members and will go through the regular channel of giving and goes in the October 25th financial report and be disignated as "Scholarship Fund."

The first student to receive the scholarship is Miss Betty Chang, from Taichung, Taiwan, presently in her senior year at North Carolina Wesleyan in Rocky Mount. (see letter below). All of those who attended the Annual Meeting of the Guild held in Washington last March will recall that Miss Chang spoke to the group briefly.

Mrs. Boyd says the Guild will continue to pay the support of Miss Martha Schlanbach, Worker in the Pembroke Area. She also announces that all of the District Guilds are organized and ready to move forward. The following are serving as District Guild Secretaries—

Burlington—Miss Sarah Kunz, of Burlington

Greenville—Miss Rosalie Holmes, of Snow Hill

Sanford—Mrs. H. Pat Nixon, former Burlington Secretary but now Sanford District Secretary, of Sanford.

The Conference is most grateful to Dr. Collins for the letter below—

TO: THE MEMBERS OF WESLEYAN SG
Dear Friends:

Upon the request of Mrs. Lena Gray, Rocky Mount, N. C., I am writing on behalf of Miss Betty Chang.

Miss Chang is from Taichung, Taiwan (Free China) and will be a senior at Wesleyan in the fall. She is a young woman of fine character and ability. Sincerity, devotion, responsibility, and cooperativeness are a few of her fine attributes.

Before coming to Wesleyan she was graduated from Providence English College, a junior college in Taichung. Her work there was thoroughly satisfactory. A very active member of The Methodist Church in Taichung, she became interested in North Carolina Wesleyan College through the church and three of our Methodist missionaries for whom she served as secretary. After many months of correspondence and governmental procedures Miss Chang was permitted to leave her country and travel to the United States for the purpose of continuing her education.

At Wesleyan Miss Chang is very active in student affairs. To help sustain herself while in college she works part-time in the cafeteria, admissions office, and anywhere else that she is needed. Even with the part-time work her scholastic record is far above average.

Miss Chang, a fine Christian girl and a real asset to Wesleyan, plans to graduate at the end of the Spring Semester, 1965 and then begin to study for the master's degree at Scarritt College for Christian Workers in Nashville, Tennessee. Her ultimate goal is to return to Taiwan where she will do social work among her own people or work in the field of Christian education.

Sincerely,
Thomas A. Collins, president

W. N. C. Conference

Mrs. John C. Wright

New Church and Community Workers In North Buncombe-Madison Area

Miss Sarah McCain of Winder, Ga. arrived in Weaverville on Sept. 4th to begin her duties as Church and Community Worker for the North Buncombe and Madison County area.

She will make her home in Weaverville and will serve 17 Methodist churches in the northern part of Buncombe county and all of those in Madison county. It is all mountainous area nestled between the Blue Ridge mountain and the French Broad river that curves its way through the valleys at the foot of the mountains.

Her first visit was to the Weaverville Methodist Church for the Sunday worship services. She was introduced to the congregation by the Rev. L. B. Laye, pastor. Then she began her visitation program, calling on key people of the different communities in her territory. She feels that one of her interesting groups will be the Methodist students at Mars Hill College, Mars Hill, N. C. Monday found her at the meeting of the Woman's Society of Christian Service and making plans to attend the District Workshop on Purpose and Program. So she is off to a good start.

Miss McCain is a graduate of Young Harris College, Young Harris, Ga. and received her B.S. degree in elementary education from the University of Georgia at Athens, Ga. in 1962. For the past three years she has been a member of the faculty of the Jefferson High School at Jefferson, Ga. as a teacher of English.

During her school years she was a 4-H president, active in Future Homemakers of America and other clubs. In her Church she was a teacher in the primary department of the Church School and in Vacation Church School and counselor in the Methodist Youth Fellowship. Young people are very dear to her heart.

During the summer months of 1964 she worked in the Scott's Run Settlement House in Osage, West Virginia.

Two days after she arrived the staff of the North Buncombe-Madison County Group Ministry met to make plans for the coming months. For them and for Miss McCain, this is pioneer work.They have never had a church and Community Worker and she has never done this type of work before. All are filled with visions of what can be done to improve church programs in all departments of work, to cooperate with all community agencies seeking to build a better community and to deepen the spiritual life of the people who live in the region.

Just now Miss McCain is striving to learn the people, to study their needs and their wants and plan how best to help them help themselves. She is doing this by making visits to leaders in each Church and community.

There are seven ministers in the group,



Miss Sarah McCain



Miss Rosemary Shireman

Rev. L. B. Laye, Weaverville; Rev. Sidney Barnes, Weaverville circuit; Rev. Durwood Hofler, Mars Hill; Rev. W. C. Clark, Marshall; Rev. Harry Russell Sellers, Jr., Hot Springs; Rev. John Wesley Cole, Stocksville; and Rev. Enock Ball, Barnardsville.

The seventeen churches in the area are Weaverville; Alexander's Chapel, Clark's Chapel, South Fork and Pleasant Grove on the Weaverville Circuit; Mars Hill, Bright Hope and Laurel on one circuit; Marshall and Walnut; Hot Springs, Antioch and Fairview in a circuit; Barnardsville, Pleasant Garden and Mountain Valley on a circuit.

Dr. Garland Stafford of Statesville is the executive secretary of Town and Counrty Work in the Western North Carolina Conference and Mrs. Orell Linberger of Statesville is secretary of Town and Country Work in the Woman's Society of Christian Service of the Conference.

Miss Shireman to Work at Cherokee

Miss Rosemary Shireman of New Salisbury, Ind. began work as a Church and Community Worker at the Cherokee Methodist Center at Cherokee early this month.

She will have charge of a kindergarten and day care center for the children of the community. This pre-school project started on September 9th.

Miss Shireman is a U. S.-2 and she says of her work, "I am very sure few of us who are in the U. S.-2 program have an opportunity to serve in such beautiful surroundings."

She joins Miss Vera Falls, deaconess, who has been church and community worker at Cherokee for the past few years.

Miss Sireman is a graduate of Evansville College at Evansville, Ind. with a major in elementary education. So outstanding was she that she was listed in the 1964 "Who's Who In American Colleges and Universities." She was chosen as Campus Leader at her college for her senior year. She was president of the Student Christian Association and Psi Omega, an honorary dramatics group.

One of her main interests centers in the field of music. She was a member of the college glee club and was soloist in her church choir.

During the past summer she took special training as a short-term missionary at Scarritt College for Christian Workers in Nashville, Tenn.

Miss Shireman brings many talents to her new work. This day care center and kindergarten at Cherokee is a new project—one which Methodist women all over Western North Carolina will watch with interest. She says, "I am so glad to become introduced to you!" But WE are the fortunate ones to become introduced to HER.

Albemarle Distirct Workshop

The Albemarle District Workshop on Purpose and Program was held at the Central Methodist Church, Monroe, on Sept. 15th. The district includes Anson, Stanly and Union Counties.

In order to introduce the new changes being made in Woman's Society work a program on, "The Methodist Woman Charm School" was presented. Mrs. Henry Smith, district president led a playlet, "The Methodist Woman Gets a New Outlook." The cast included Mrs. Harley Williams as "Mrs. Methodist Woman's Society," Mrs. James Clark as 'Chief Operator" and five officers as "Specialists." These officers were Mrs. George M. Smith, missionary education, Mrs. Preston Burns, Christian social relations, Mrs. Fred T. Lisk, spiritual life, Mrs. Ward Laney, program materials, and Mrs. Henry Deane, promotion.

Clinics were held for each line of work. After lunch there was an open forum for discussion of special needs to local societies.

President Impressed By Wide Bible Distribution

President Lyndon B. Johnson will serve as Honorary Chairman of the annual Worldwide Bible Reading program of the American Bible Society, it was announced today by Everett Smith, Society president. Also on the sponsoring committee are the three living former presidents, Herbert Hoover, Harry S. Truman and Dwight D. Eisenhower.

In his letter of acceptance, made public President Johnson said:

"I am glad to accept your invitation to be Honorary Chairman of the 21st annual Worldwide Bible Reading, sponsored by the American Bible Society in the one hundred thirty-one countries in which the American churches project their missionary endeavor."

"That you are able to furnish the Scriptures in the language of the people of so many countries is indeed impressive. The Bible in any language enriches and stabilizes it and makes it a more potent instrument of literary and cultural expression. Of more significance, however, is the fact that it gives to conscience and social concern in these countries a common vocabulary of moral expression furnishing a standard of conduct by which tyranny can be brought to judgment, and gives to the weary, the oppressed, and the heavy laden an articulation of rights which can plead before the bar of world conscience. I hope that while we properly share this Book with other nations we will read it at home and keep its truth and vision clear in our own beloved country."

The Worldwide Bible Reading program, in which millions of persons in 131 nations participate each year, is intended to unite Christians everywhere by the reading of identical, pre-selected Scripture passages each day between Thanksgiving Day and Christmas. Often referred to as the "world's largest Bible reading class," the program had its origin during World War II, when a lonely Marine on Guadalcanal wrote his family asking that they maintain their ties by such identical and simultaneous readings.

The Society was asked to provide the passages and, believing that other servicemen might want to follow the Marine's example, printed reading lists on bookmarks and distributed them to armed forces chaplains overseas. Thus, a spiritual bond proposed by a single serviceman, grew to worldwide proportions.

This year, 14,000,000 bookmarks in many languages and Braille systems will be distrbiuted.

Single copies of the bookmark which lists the readings are sent without charge to those writing the American Bible Society, 450 Park Avenue, New York, N. Y. 10022.

Mrs. Ralph Ward To Fill Speaking Engagements

Mrs. Ralph A. Ward widow of the late Bishop Ralph A. Ward serving as a missionary of The Methodist Church in China will speak at New Hope Methodist Church, Shattalon Drive, Winston-Salem, N. C. October 9, 7:30 sponsored by the Woman's Society of Christian Service and Wesleyan Service Guild. All churches in and around Winston-Salem, are invited to attend. Saturday October 10, and Sunday morning October 11, she will be in Greensboro, Sunday afternoon and night she will be in High Point, Monday in Elkin and Tuesday in Asheboro.

Mrs. Ward, then Miss Katherine Boeye went to China in 1925. In 1948 she and Bishop Ralph A. Ward were married and they served together at various places in China until his death in 1958. Since that time she has remained in China except when on furlough. She will return to Hong Kong in the spring of 1965 for a short term.

The Church Of Today

I feel our churches are not positive nor sincere enough. Too much is allowed that hurts the Cause of Christ. Instead of the church taking the world out of us, it has opened its doors and is taking the world into the church, seemingly compromising rather than coverting. The church should be a separate unit from the world. It represents God when in its proper field.

The church should not bow to the state. The church must be superior and first or the state will not be fair nor adequate. The state, (Government) can no longer keep the people from war or death, as the means of force will only destroy mankind in this atomic era, and to think the churches have endorsed war, especially world wars I and II, and both were unnecessary and destructive. The Church should express and emphasize more faith and trust in God.

The churches seem to be stressing the social side of life too much. . . it is the spiritual we so much need. A church that isn't strong enough to separate us from the world ways is not always witness for right.

The church allows members to remain on the roll that are not active, many that are not clean. All we do is condemn ourselves, corrupt the church when we belong unless we are consecrated to the Christ way and live it. The church cannot survive nor suffice unless it is cleaned up and becomes a true light and witness for Jesus Christ, the founder and protector of the Christian Church.

I do not mean every individual, nor each individual church comes under this case of citation; nor can any claim as great a degree of perfection as should be at this date nearly 2,000 years after Christ.

America and the world are lost unless there is a great awakening, true repenting, and restoring the rightful place of our Lord and Master. His house must be made a place of prayer and Preparing for more faithful witnessing to right, peace, and a better understanding among man; for true appreciation of life, and hope for a greater field of action in eternity.

D. D. Richardson,
West End, North Carolina

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A committee of four laymen and three ministers has been named by the South Carolina Annual Conference to study operations of the National Council of Churches.

Sunday School Lesson

For October 4

By Raymond A. Smith
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Greensboro College

The Pastoral Epistles

Background Scripture: 1 and 2 Timothy and Titus

Lesson Scripture: 1 Timothy 1:1–11; 2 Timothy 1:1–2; Titus 1:1–4

With this Sunday's lesson we begin a new quarter during which we shall be considering four books of the New Testament, 1 and 2 Timothy, Titus and Philemon. The first three of the books mentioned have come to be known as "The Pastoral Epistles." They differ from the letters addressed to particular churches (for example, the one in Galatia or at Corinth) in that they are concerned with the sort of problems that might arise in *any* church, or group of churches. They differ in another important respect also, in that they deal largely with the qualities needed and responsibilities of church leaders.

An urgent problem at the time of the writing of these documents was the clarifying and standardizing of the faith; consequently, we find that one of the main responsibilities of the church leaders was (in the words of Morton Enslin in "Bible Guide No. 18, Abingdon Press, $1.00): To guard the deposit, the faith which had arisen to oppose the God–given truth and to lure Christians from the path of rectitude and the true gospel which alone can ensure that men will renounce irreligious and worldly passions; to live sober upright and godly lives in this world. By their own sobriety, integrity and orthodoxy, Timothy and Titus are to seek to set proper examples. The reader will find the book from which this quotation is taken an excellent guide for the lessons this quarter (available from the Methodist Publishing House).

It will be seen that the problems dealt with in the pastoral epistles are the problems of established churches with a well–defined faith, a fact that would indicate that they are among the latest writings in the New Testament. By this time, also, the Church was beginning to depend upon *elected* leaders, whereas in its very earliest days depended, to a large extent, upon wandering prophets who commended themselves to congregations by their ability to "speaek in tongues" and to make a strongly emotional appeal to their hearers.

Some of the Christians of the 2nd century had been deeply affected by certain pagan types of thought patterns which were completely out of harmony with such well established beliefs as (1) the authority of the Old Testament and (2) the humanity of Jesus. One of these teachers was a wealthy ship owner named Marcion. He was a Christian who came to Rome in the first half of the 2nd century and exercised a powerful influence there. His influence continued until he was finally expelled from the church at Rome. But "Marcionite" churches were found in certain places in the Roman world for several centuries after his death.

Now why are we giving so much space to this man? For one reason, he stimulated the church to begin making its own official lists of books that should go into the New Testament (Marcion had taught that the Old Testament should be discarded altogether and a few books of his own selection should make up the New Testament). In the second place, it is thought that some of the passages in 1 and 2 Timothy and Titus (as well as 1 John) were written as a direct reply to this Marcionite teaching. We shall consider this more at length in the lessons that follow.

In closing we might mention several places where valuable helps may be found for this quarter's study. The Interpreters Bible, pages 343–55, vol. 11, is probably the best source. Also the Interpreter's Bible Dictionary, vol. "K–Q," pages 668–674 gives a fine short summary of their message. In the Abingdon Commentary, pages 1274–1279 also contain much worth–while material.

Among the questions that may be raised for discussion during the course of this study might be the following: (1) Where does one find an authoritative statement of Methodist beliefs? The answer is in the first page of the Discipline where the Articles of Religion are listed. Another question might be this: "When has any member of the class heard of any minister that has been discontinued from service because of false beliefs."





Open House was held at the New Parsonge of the North Morganton Methodist Church, Morganton, N. C. Sunday, September thirteenth, with members of the W. S. C. S. serving as hostesses. The guests were welcomed by Mrs. Robert Williams and Mrs. Forest Farr. Miss Trudy Thompson directed the guests throughout the house and Mrs. Lucy Norman said farewell to the guests as they left. In the receiving line to greet the guests were Mrs. R. J. Shepherd, president of the W. S. C. S., Mr. Johnston Williams, chairman of the Official Board, and Rev. and Mrs. N. L. Oliver and daughter Martha Anne. The parsonage contains three bedrooms, study, living room, dining room, family room and kitchen, two bathrooms, a full basement, and two car carport. The parsonage is located at 702 Holly Place in the Laurel Hill Development in Morganton. The total cost of the parsonage, furnishings, and land is approximately thirty thousand dollars. A contract has been let to the C. A. Laws Stained Glass Studios to install stained glass windows in the sanctuary of the church. In addition to the windows, the sanctuary will be redecorated and a new carpet will be put down. This congregation is to be highly commended for its progressiveness and responsiveness.

Methodist Board Of Publications Holds Regular Meeting

The Methodist Board of Publication met in its regular quarterly meeting Thursday, September 10, in the Advocate office. Dr. Wilson O. Weldon, president, presided. Others present were: Mr. N. E. Edgerton, vice–president; Rev. O. Kelly Ingram, Secretary; Mr. W. B. Hall, Mr. L. W. Routh, Mr. T. C. Hoyle, Jr., Mr. Carl C. Wooten, Dr. H. G. Allen, and Rev. Barney L. Davidson.

Three committees which had been appointed at an earlier meeting gave reports of their findings and recommendations. The editor gave a report of the operation, which showed the Board to be in good financial condition. A number of matters were discussed and acted upon, among which was the decision to discontinue carrying advertisements of insurance companies not licensed in the state of North Carolina. This had been discussed earlier, and while there are many publications, including other conference Advocates, Together Magazine, and other church periodicals which carry these ads, the Board felt it best to adopt this policy at present, and so voted unanimously.

It is hoped that before the next meeting in November there will be a goodly increase in subscriptions. Letters have been sent to pastors asking their suport to keep the subscription list at a reasonable figure. Many expressions of appreciation for the Advocate and the work it is doing have been received. Pastors are agents, and the publication must depend upon them to see that it is properly circulated in their congregations.

Following the business meeting members of the Board enjoyed a luncheon together.

The Bible And Science

Barrett Wilson

Is there a major conflict between the Bible and science? Many young people today are perplexed over this question and many adults are uneasy. The feeling is widespread especially in intellectual circles that if one honestly accepts the findings of science, then he must necessarily abandon his belief in the Bible as the inspired Word of God.

Youth Being Exposed To Attacks On The Bible

We are living in an unbelieving world which grows increasingly atheistic and more and more ignorant of and hostile to the truths of Holy Scripture. When a young person leaves the security of a Christian home to enter college he will be exposed in some degree to the "world" that has already made up its mind that the Bible is not a divine book. In some cases, he will have Christian teachers who know the Bible and Science and who realize that there is no major conflct between them. On the other hand, he may be exposed to attacks on the Bible either directly or indirectly the guise of philosophy or science. He may be taught that Darwin's "Origin of Species" and the recent discoveries in astronomy and geology not only prove the Bible to be hopelessly out-of-date, but give ample reason for doubt as to the existence of God.

The Bible Is Not A Book of Science

We miss the point when we try to make a science book out of the Scripture. Though the Bible is not a book of science, it does contain God's revealed truth manifested to man, according to His divine purpose and man's capacity at the time to understand and receive it. God speaks to man according to his capacity and willingness to understand! In the greatest reverence, let's put it this way. It is not hard to imagine the shock on the face of earliest man if God had chosen to speak to him in the language of modern science: "The second law of thermodynamics, or the law of entropy, proves that the universe could not have existed from all eternity." Instead early man as he listened heard these words: "In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth."

Many Great Scientists Are Not Atheists Or Agnostics

Before swallowing hook, line, and sinker the atheistic materialism philosophy that poisons the atmosphere today, the thinking young person should hear from some real scientists who are not agnostics or atheists. Far from it! One of the world's greatest physicists, Lord Kelvin, said: "If you think strongly enough, you will be forced by science to believe in God." I wish every young person whose faith has been shaken because of attacks on the Bible would read the book, "The Evidence of God In An Expanded Universe (Ed., John Mommsma, G. P. Putnam's Sons, N. Y., 1958). In this book 40 American men of science gi e their answer to the question, "It There A God." Their respect for the Scripture and reverence for God the Creator, "who has revealed Himself uniquely and supremely in His Son, Jesus Christ," is inspiring. Let me share with you something from this book.

The Conflict Between Genesis I And Science

A mathematician and astronomer at the University of California was asked to teach a Sunday school class of Chinese students, studying at the college under government sponsorship. They had asked the minister of this scientist to form this class, saying frankly that they did not want to become Christians, but wanted to learn something about Christianity. Before going into the New Testament, they all decided to begin with Genesis and study it in depth. They spent the entire winter on Genesis I. The students were disciplined and bright. They worked hard, even to the extent of taking assignments to the college library and handing in papers. At the end of the winter, the pastor invited this scientist to his office and told him that the whole group had come to him and wished to become Christians. "It had been proven to them, they had said, that the Bible was the inspired Word of God, and they were convinced that their books of religion were not."

How Science Validates Genesis I

Science deals with theories and speculations as well as with facts. It is interesting how science recent scientific research has served to validate Genesis I. Take verse one, for example: "In the beginning God." Fifty years ago scientists believed that the universe had always existed and that it would always exist. They did not see how matter could have been created out of nothing. Then atomic energy was discovered: tiny, invisible atoms. Now they know that mass can be changed into energy and energy into mass. The universe does have a beginning! Scientists, furthermore, have "fingerprinted' the universe through the use of a spectroscope which tells them elements make up all created matter and how long these elements have been formed. They have discovered that the age of meteorites, the earth, the moon, the sun, our galaxy, and the age of the known universe all goes back to nearly the same time—6 billion years ago! In the beginning GOD!

Developments of Science and Genesis

"And the earth was without form, and void; and darkness was upon the face of the deep! In 1910 science thought that the solar system was disc-shaped; GENESIS SAYS IT WAS WITHOUT FORM, SHAPELESS. Science thought of the solar system as made up of a dense gas, GENESIS SAYS ITS WAS VOID AND RARE. They thought that the solar system, being very hot, gave off tremendous amounts of light; GENESIS SAYS IT WAS DARK. Scientists had no explanation for these contradictions between their theories and the Bible. The 100 inch telescope was built. Scientists began asking the question, "Is there anything in the far distant heavens without form, rare and dark? They were aware of dark spots in the sky which they had thought were vacant spaces in outer space. Dr. E. P. Hubble turned the 100 inch telescope on these holes in outer space and proved to the world that they were not holes at all, but DARK NEBULAS, EXTREMELY RARE-OF THIN COMPOSITION AND THEIR SHAPES WERE AS VARIED AS THE SUMMER SKY. The contradiction was solved! The second verse of Genesis refers to dark nebula. The question remains, HOW DID MOSES, A MERE MAN, KNOW THAT A DARK NEBULA EXISTED THOUSANDS OF YEARS BEFORE SCIENCE DISCOVERED THE FIRST ONE? AND HOW DID HE KNOW THE EARTH CAME FROM ONE?

No Major Conflict Between Genesis! AND SCIENCE

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Other truths in Genesis I are validated by scientific research. The order of creation given in this chapter and the order of appearance of life upon the earth is just as science has discovered it—plant life, fish, fowl, mamals, and man, And if someone is raising the question of the "days" of Genesis, let us not forget that centuries before modern science, a great student of Biblical interpretation, St. Augustine, interpreted the "days" as a period of time!

Signs Of A Return To Reverence For God

For many great scientists today there is no major conflict between the Bible and science. Science reveals the Hand of God while the Bible reveals the Heart of God. There does seem to be a growing reverence for God among many scientists today. It is the kind of awe and respect which a famous Danish astronomer of the 17th Century displayed. He used to put on his full court dress-gold, buttons, laces and velvet—every time he went into his abservatory to study the heavens through his big telescope. "I do this," he said to a friend, "out of respect to the Great Creator of all the wonders I see in the heavens."

George Washington Carver is a marvelous example of the combination of a scientific mind and a great faith, along with respect for the Bible. You will recall his amazing discoveries with the lowly peanut from which among other things he derived a 5 course luncheon. One of his favorite texts reads: "I will lift up mine eyes unto the hills from whence cometh my help." He explained it, "Now this doesn't mean just to look at the hills without seeing anything. It means to search. He took it to mean that I should try to see with every method at my command-with chemistry, with physics as well as with my eyes. And by so doing, the help came."

For this great scientist, at the back of all manifestation was one Cause, one Creator. The seeker after truth did little "but draw aside the veil and think God's thoughts after Him." Carver's faith and humility is seen when he said: "I discovered nothing in my laboratory. If I come here of myself I am lost. But I can do all thngs through Christ. I am God's servant, His agent, for here God and I are alone. I am just the instrument through which He speaks, and I would be able to do more if I were to stay in closer touch with him. With my prayers I mix my labors, and sometimes God is pleased to bless the results." There are many teachers of science in our high schools and college who have this attitude. Let's encourage them. We need more like them.

If you are a young person whose faith has been shaken by attacks on the Bible under the cloak of science, my advice to you is to really search the Scriptures and science and find out the truth for yourself.

"In the beginning God was creating the heavens and the earth. And the world was wthout form or light. Through the boundless spaces, separate and solitary, there wandered tiny electric particles. And there was chaos and night.

And God said, Let there be planets. And it came to pass that one great sun in its course swept near another. With irresistible power it drew forth from the other a great tidal wave; and from this wave great jets spurted forth, and tore themselves away, and started on their separate orbits around their sun. And planets were born, and the earth planted. And it was evening and morning . . ."

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St. Paul's Methodist Church in Dallas, Texas, has completed Methodist West Park Apartments, Inc., with housing for 172 families. Financed through the Federal Housing Administration, Methodist West Park Apartments, Inc., provides three-bedrooms units for $19.75 per week and two-bedroom apartments for $17.75.

The Melba Coston Memorial Scholarship Fund

The Melba Coston Memorial Scholarship Fund is a project of the Forsyth Sub–district of the Winston–Salem District of he Methodist Church. This year seven students from Winston–Salem and Forsyth County are receiving a total of $1500 in scholar–ships from this fund. The students and the colleges which they are attending are:

Pfeiffer College: Mary Almedia McGuire, Terry W. Swicegood, Roger Briles, Janice Johnson, Jerry Shackleford.

High Point College: Sandra Tate.

Duke University: Larry Tice.

Among other requirements the individual must be a Methodist from the Forsyth County area and must have been active in his own MYF and attending a church-relat–ed school with the intent of entering full time Christian service upon graduation from the school and in the course of his choice—whether it be the ministry, Christian Edu–cation, the missionary field, church music, etc. Money is raised by cake sales, car washes and other similar type projects.

Since the scholarship fund was begun back in the middle thirties, something over $50,000 has been raised and awarded as scholarships for young people going into the Christian ministry. The recipient of the scholarship aid must serve at least two years of Christian service upon completion of his college work or the funds which have been awarded shall become a loan rather than a grant. Should a student drop out of school rather than finish college and go into a church–related vocation, then funds re–ceived by him also become a loan rather than a grant—depending upon the discre–tion of the Scholarship Committee and the circumstances under which the individual was forced to drop out of school.

The usual grant amounts to $200 a year; however, depending on the circumstances and the funds available, larger scholarships are frequently awarded. For instance we have one this year of $300. Quite a number of ministers now serving in the Western North Carolina Conference and a number of directors of Christian Education have re–ceived substantial support from this fund.

It is planned this year for the fund–raising to take place during the month of October which is a change from prior years in which the fund drive has been held usually during September. Funds are raised on a competitive basis among the various churches in each of the three divisions of the sub–district and further competition between the three sub–districts of the MYF in Forsyth County.

Practically every Methodist Church in Forsyth County participating in the Schol–arship Fund has had one or more scholar–ships awarded to its young people.

OPPORTUNITIES

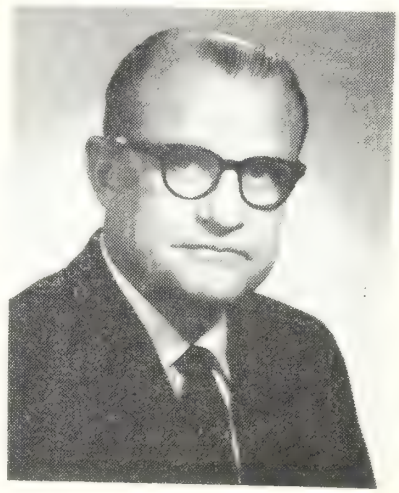
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WANTED—Full-time director of Christian Education. Centenary Methodist Church, 2300 Friendly Road, Greensboro, N. C.

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Dr. Robert E. Goodrich In Asheboro Evangelistic Services

A series of evangelistic services at Cen–tral Church in Asheboro will begin on Sun–day night, September 27th at 8:00 p.m., and continue each evening thereafter through Thursday, October 1st, at 7:30 p.m. and each morning, Monday through Thurs–day, at 10:00 a.m. Dr. Robert E. Goodrich, Jr., who is in his eighteenth year as pastor of the First Methodist Church of Dallas, Texas, will be the guest preacher, and Dr.



Dr. Robert E. Goodrich

Richard Brewer, head of the Department of Music at Pfeifer College, will direct the music.

Dr. Goodrich has delivered the sermons in six different series of radio broadcasts over the Protestant Hour network from coast to coast, the last series preceding the current series, which broadcasts are heard over radio stations throughout the state on Sundays, and furthermore, Dr. Richard Brewer, the director of the Pfeiffer Col–lege Concert Choir is being heard in the present series of Protestant Hour broadcasts.

Dr. Goodrich is chairman of the Jurisdic–tional Council of the South Central Juris–diction of the Methodist Church; Chairman of the Conference Council of the North Texas Conference of the Methodist Church; Chairman of the North Texas Conference Board of Christian Social Concerns; Chair–man of the Jurisdictional Television, Radio and Film Commission; Member of the Exe–cutive Committee of the General Television, Radio and Film Commission of the Meth–odist Church; member of the Board of Trustee of Southwestern University, Cen–tenary College. the Dallas Methodist Hos–pital, the Methodist Children's Home in Waco, and of St. Paul's Theological Semi–nary, Kansas City. Some of the books he has written are: "What's It All About?" (1955) and "Reach for the Sky" (1960), two books of sermons published by the Fleming H. Revell Company; "Lift Up Your Heart," (1961), was published by Tidings; "On the Other Side of Sorrow," (1962), and "Look at the Burning Bushes," published by Abington (1964).

The public is invited to attend these evangelistic services. Rev. N. Carson Wil–liams, Jr., is pastor of Central Church.

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It took Leonardo da Vinci about two years to paint "The Last Supper."

Pine Woods MYF'ers Enjoy 3-Day Retreat

The Pine Woods MYF held a retreat at Sheppard Mountain Methodist Camp in the High Poist District Friday through Sunday Sept. 11–13.

Twelve MYF'ers and their pastor and his wife, as chaperons, left from Pine Woods Methodist Church at 5 p.m. Friday. For some MYF'ers this was their first camping experience. The program and meals were planned in advance and carried out by the campers. The high spot of the retreat was the MYF Fund pledge service on Saturday night. Mrs. Raeford Brinkley, secretary of Youth Work of the Pine Woods WSCS led the pledge service. She improvised an altar in the outdoor Church on the mountainside and had a world globe, an open Bible, the cross, and a rose bud with lighted candles behind each item.

Each MYF'er and the counselors knelt before the altar and prayed and laid their pledge for the MYFund on it. A good many parents and friends came to the camp on Saturday night for the service. After singing several hymns, the group climbed the moun–tainside to the main camp singing, "We Are Climbing Jacob's Ladder." Then the group gathered around the campfire and toasted Marshmellows.

The group broke camp early Sunday morning in time to return to Church and Church School. Those attending were: Linda Hedrick, Mintie Sue Stone, Linda Jones, Sheilah Stone, Julia Bowers, Gloria Veach, Susan Jamieson, Mike Jones, Barbara Jamie–son, Delalee Jamieson, Randy Berrier and Herb. Jamieson. MYF'ers coming in on Saturday afternoon were: Gayle Brinkley, Nancy Brinkley, Herb Jamieson, Jr. Jim Jamieson of U. S. Navy, Jean Gray, Helen Gray, and Robert Gray.

For recreation, the group had a Nature Scavenger Hunt, hiked the mountain nature trails, played softball and volleyball, and enjoyed a watermelon feast high up on a mountain lookout spot.

Commission On Worship To Hold Planning Retreat

The Commission on Worship of the North Caroilna Annual Conference of The Methodist Church will have a planning re–treat October 16–17 at Camp Chestnut Ridge near Efland.

Dr. John J. Rudin, professor in the area of worship in the Duke Divinity School, and Dr. Thomas Langford, undergraduate professor at Duke in the Department of Religion, will serve as resource persons for the retreat.

Dr. Rudin will speak on the purposes of the Commission and the use of the ritual for the sacraments of the Lord's Supper and Baptism and the reception of new members.

Dr. Langford will speak on the "Church as the Worshipping Community."

Members of the commission, ministerial and lay, will attend from the eleven dis–tricts of the North Carolina Annual Confer–ence.

Planning for the quadrennium and for the seminars on the revised ritual of the Methodist Church within the N. C. Annual Conference has also been set for the retreat.

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All Christians Join in World-Wide Fellowship

"Because there is one bread . . ."

These significant words from I Corinthians will be the Methodist theme for World-wide Communion Sunday to be observed October 4—the first Sunday of the month.

It is lifted up and interpreted in the printed materials contained in a packet sent to each Methodist minister. The poster, which is one of the printed pieces, projects the thought: "As we drink the Cup and eat the Bread, we sense our oneness in Christ. And as we give, we express our oneness with our fellows."

The sense of unity that Communion brings is heightened each year on this date as all churches, regardless of their normal schedule for serving the Sacrament, make an effort to observe Holy Communion. It is estimated that there are nearly one billion Christians throughout the world, and of these millions—notwithstanding man-made curtains and walls—will come to the Lord's table in his own way on this special day.

Oneness with their fellow men is set in action by Methodists through their contributions to the Fellowship of Suffering and Service offering which is received on World-wide Communion Sunday. Both tradition and action of the General Conference provide for this kind of sharing with persons in special need. One-half of each gift will go to the work of overseas relief, and the other half is divided equally between the two agencies serving men and women who are with the armed forces.

Much of the work of the Methodist Committee for Overseas Relief is a co-operative work. Poverty stricken farmers in northern Japan are given livestock and training by the Church World Service demonstration farm serving one small area. Or it may be a Church World Service amputee center in Korea which becomes so well known that the government sends its patients and doctors there to learn the methods.

This is a significant kind of co-operation because the Church has learned through experience that divided efforts in attacking human need are dissipated.

An increasing emphasis also has been placed on rehabilitation of refugees and disaster victims. In the past 24 years MCOR has received and administered more than $20 million for food, clothing, blankets, medicines, hospitalization, and temporary housing.



The 1964 World-wide Communion Sunday poster.

Half of that portion of the World-wide Communion Sunday offering which is allocated to agencies ministering to those in military service goes to the Commission on Camp Activities. These funds make it possible for churches near military establishments to provide a "home church away from home" for Methodists and others in all branches of the service. Typical of Methodist churches carrying on this program is First Methodist Church, Plattsburgh, N. Y., where more than one hundred families connected with a nearby Air Force base are attending the church regularly and entering into its various activities.

The remaining quarter of the offering goes to the Commission on Chaplains which undergirds the work of 650 Methodist Ministers who serve as chaplains with the armed forces in hospitals, in correctional institutions, and in industry.

Also, the commission serves as liaison between the other agencies of the church and the chaplains and their Sunday schools at military bases.

The armed froces Sunday school faces a turnover of teachers and pupils of one-third to one-half yearly, sometimes higher. This calls for some symbol of continuity other than through the teacher or the class. As a result, the Unified Protestant Curriculum was prepared so that when pupils move from one base to another they may have an opportunity to continue studying the same materials.

Recently a team of Sunday school specialists from several denominations, including Methodists, visited Navy Sunday schools in Europe and conducted training workshops for teachers and prospective teachers in the Sunday school. It also prepared recommendations for future development and improvement of the Sunday school on each base, plus a report of a similar nature to the Chief of Chaplains regarding the development of Navy Sunday schools.

Methodist chaplains minister to more than a million Methodists, civilians and military, who live and work beyond the reach of the local church.

"One Bread" materials—the poster, leaflet, and offering envelope—may be obtained without cost from the Commission on Promotion and Cultivation of The Methodist Church, 1200 Davis St., Evanston, Ill., 60201.

CAROLINA BRIEFS

¶ St. James Church, Greenville, is this week holding its fall revival with Dr. J. V. Early, pastor of First Methodist Church, Rockingham, preaching. Rev. William K. Quick is the pastor of St. James.

¶ Rev. and Mrs. Robert L. Baldridge, of the Glenwood Church in Rockingham, announce the birth of Mary Ruth on Saturday, September 12. The Baldridges have two other children, Susan who is 8 and Mark who is 6.

¶ Rev. Barrett Wilson and family have moved into the new parsonage for the Highland Methodist Church of Hickory. An open house will be held within the next few days, as soon as they get properly settled.

¶ Rev. Allen C. Lee was the preacher for the Homecoming Day festivities at the Farmville Methodist Church on Sunday, September 27th. Mr. Lee is a former pastor of the Farmville Church. Rev. Wayne G. Wegwart is the present pastor.

¶ Rev. Earl K. Gibson, pastor of the Methodist church in Glen Alpine is preaching in revival services this week at the Marshville Methodist church. Services are being held Sunday through Friday nights, at 7:30. The pastor of the church, is Rev. Raymond L. Wilkinson.

¶ Homecoming will be observed at the Glenwood Church, in Rockingham, on Sunday, October 11. Glenwood is celebrating her 20th birthday this year. Speaker for the Homecoming service will be the pastor, Rev. Robert L. Baldridge. All services in October will be broadcast over WAYN, Rockingham.

¶ Stephen's Memorial Church on the Todd Charge held revival services last week September 13–18. The Reverend Bobby W. Moody, pastor of Center Grove Methodist Church, was the guest preacher for the week. These services were a great spiritual help to the church. Rev. Kenneth R. Eller is the pastor.

¶ Rev. and Mrs. Robert H. Stamey have moved into the new parsonage for the Hawthorne Lane Church in Charlotte, located at 4818 Hardwicke Road in Randolph Park. Open house will be held later. This marks the completion of another phase of the renovation and development program of the Hawthorne Lane Church.

¶ Bethlehem Methodist Church on highway 70 between Valdese and Drexel will observe homecoming services October 4 at 11:00 a.m. Picinc luncheon will be served following the service. Rev. J. Max Brandon, retired, who is a former pastor of the church will be the preacher for the occasion. Rev. Wayne Reece Smith is the pastor.

¶ The District Workshop for the Woman's Society of Christian Service for the Charlotte District will be held October 1 at First Methodist Church Mt. Holly. The meeting will begin with registration at 9:15 and will close at 12:30 with dedication Service led by the Conference President Mrs. Leslie Barnhardt. Mrs. Ernest Page is Chairman.

¶ Homecoming day was observed at Bethlehem Methodist Church on the Stokes–Forsyth Charge last Sunday, September 27th. The church is located on Pine Hall Road, two and a half miles outside of Walkertown. Rev. Cletes Pope is the pastor.

¶ Live Oak Church of the Bladen Charge held homecoming services last Sunday with picnic luncheon following the services, and began revival services in the evening with Rev. Bobby Tyson of Burlington as guest preacher. Rev. T. R. McKay is pastor of the Bladen charge.

¶ The academic year began at Bennett College last week with an enrollment of 584 students. Mrs. Mary Eady, registrar, said this figure would be increased this week with the registration of a number of students being permitted to register late, including two from Southern Rhodesia.

¶ The Hallsboro Methodist Church will hold their Fall Revival Services the week of October 11–16, 1964 with The Reverend A. D. Byrd, Jr. as the Evangelist of the week. Services will begin each Evening at 7:30 o'clock. The public is cordially invited to attend. C. B. Hicks is pastor.

¶ Dr. Willa B. Player, president of Bennett College, was in Evanston, Ill., Friday where she addressed the board of the Women's Division of Christian Service of the Methodist Church. The occasion was a retreat for the newly organized board. Dr. Player spoke on "What Our Institutions Can Do in the War Against Poverty."

¶ Pfeiffer College will be one of the first Southern colleges to play host to the American Choreographers' Company which will present a ballet program on Friday, October 2 at 8:15 p.m. College officials have extended an invitation to area citizens to attend this performance. It will be staged in the college gymnasium.

¶ Revival services began at Stallings Methodist church last Sunday, September 27, at 7:30 p.m. Services are being held each night through Thursday night at the same hour. Rev. Harold Simpson, pastor of Wesley Heights Methodist church, Charlotte, is the guest minister. The public is cordially invited. Rev. A. B. Bruton is the pastor.

¶ The Annual Homecoming service for The Hallsboro Methodist Church will be held Sunday October 18, 1964. Mr. B. F. Kendall of Kipling, North Carolina will be guest speaker at the 11:00 o'clock worship service. The Church extends a cordial invitation to all former pastors, former members, and friends to attend. Picnic dinner on the church grounds at the close of the worship service. C. B. Hicks is pastor.

¶ Culbreth Memorial Church of Fayetteville will hold homecoming services Sunday, October 11, with Rev. Walter E. Smith, who was the first pastor, as the preacher. Following the service dinner will be served on the church lawn. Rev. Gilbert W. Beeson, Jr. is the pastor. Revival services will be held at the church October 25–30 with Dr. J. V. Early of Rockingham as the preacher.

¶ Brevard College has begun its academic year with 417 students. Dr. Emmett K. McLarty also begins his eighth year as president of Brevard College.

¶ Cliffside Methodist Church, Marion District is holding revival services this week with Rev. C. B. Barr, pastor of the Pleasant Grove Church, as the visiting preacher. Rev. Doyle Freeman is the pastor.

¶ Rev. Bill Bigham, missionary to South America, who is on furlough, preached last Sunday at the Bessemer Methodist Church in Greensboro. This is Mr. Bigham's home church. It was Homecoming Day.

¶ Dr. H. G. Allen of Statesville was the preacher for the morning service last Sunday at Taylorsville Methodist Church of which Rev. L. P. Jacks is the pastor. Dr. Allen spoke on "The Abundant Life."

¶ Dr. Lowell B. Hazzard, professor at Wesley Theological Seminary, Washington, D. C., was the preacher for both morning services last Sunday at Wesley Memorial Church, High Point, of which Dr. James G. Huggin is pastor.

¶ Rev. James A. Auman, the new director of the Methodist College Foundation of the North Carolina Conference, will preach next Sunday at the Davis Street Church, Burlington. Rev. Howard M. McLamb is the pastor.

¶ Dr. W. Arthur Kale, chairman of the department of Christian Education in the Duke Divinity School, preached at Memorial Methodist Church, Thomasville, last Sunday morning. Rev. Melton E. Harbin is the pastor.

¶ Homecoming services will be held next Sunday at the Parkers Methodist church near Raeford, of which Rev. Clay Morgan is the pastor. The Advocate Editor will preach and a picnic dinner will be served following the worship service.

¶ The Greater Greensboro area Training school is being conducted this week at West Market Street Methodist Church. The school opened Sunday evening with some 800 in attendance. It will run through Friday evening.

¶ Rev. Chester D. Brown, pastor of West Burlington Methodist Church, preached in Homecoming services last Sunday at First Methodist Church, Havelock, of which Rev. W. W. Sherman is pastor. Mr. Brown is a former pastor of the church.

¶ Revival services will be held at the Brogden Methodist Church, Goldsboro District, on October 11 through 16. Dr. H. L. Harrell, pastor of the New Hope Methodist Church, will be guest speaker. Special music will be provided each evening by visiting choirs from Goldsboro area churches.

¶ Central Methodist Church, Albemarle, is sponsoring William Larry Sink, of Winston-Salem as its missionary. He is serving in a new social center and church work in Constantine, Algeria. The center has a program of evangelistic, pastoral, education, social, and medical ministry, and provides care for hundreds of people, many of them jobless, sick and illiterate, following the seven years war in Algeria. He covets the prayers of the people for his work.

¶ Dr. Jerome D. Frank, M.D., noted psychiatrist of Johns Hopkins University, will speak at a supper meeting at West Market Street Church in Greensboro next Friday, October 2, at 5:30 p.m. Reservation for the dinner must be made by Wednesday morning. The price is $1.50.

¶ "I wish to take this means of thanking my many friends for their visits, cards, letters and gifts to me during my recent stay in Duke Hospital. I am feeling much better and have returned to my home at 2910 W. Lake Shore Dr., Wilmington, N. C."—Leslie L. Parrish

¶ The Hermon Methodist Church of the Oxford Circuit will hold its annual Homecoming service on Sunday, Oct. 11 at 11 a.m. The pastor, Rev. R. L. Ossman, will preach. All former members and friends are cordially invited. Dinner will be served on the church grounds.

¶ Sarecta Methodist church in the Wilmington district will observe homecoming next Sunday with Rev. Howard M. McLamb of Burlington as the visiting preacher. Mr. McLamb was District Superintendent of the Goldsboro district when Sarecta church was organized a few years ago. Rev. R. G. Spence is now the pastor of Sarecta.

¶ The Statesville area training school will be held at Broad Street church, Statesville, October 11–15. Courses and teachers are as follows: "Working With Younger Children"—Mrs. Senah Pulliam; "Working With Elementary Boys and Girls"—Mrs. Edward Jervey; "Working With Elementary Boys and Girls" (grades 4–6)—Mrs. G. G. Adams; "Observation Junior High Laboratory Section"—Rev. Thomas S. Lee, Jr.; "The Methodist Youth Fellowship"—Mrs. Thomas H. White; "Use of the Bible In Adult Groups"—Rev. Courtney B. Ross; "The Work of the Commission on Christian Social Concerns"—Rev. Brunson Wallace.

¶ Kilgo Methodist Church, Charlotte is planning a fall revival which includes four week–ends with a different preacher each Sunday. The purpose is spiritual enrichment for the whole church and to offer each Sunday evening an opportunity for deeper commitment. On October 4, Rev. Cecil Heckard, superintendent of the Gastonia District, will be the preacher; October 11, Rev. Roy E. Bell, pastor of Central Church, Concord; October 18, Rev. Cecil Hefner, superintendent of the Statesville District; October 25, Dr. Ralph H. Taylor, superintendent of the High Point District. Rev. Kenneth D. Crouse is the pastor of Kilgo Church.

¶ Dr. Thomas A. Collins, President of N. C. Wesleyan College in Rocky Mount, will be guest speaker at the Brogden Methodist Church, Goldsboro District, on Sunday, October 11, when College Day will be observed by the church. Dr. Collins, who was executive director of the Conference Board of Missions at the time the Brodgen Church was organized, was instrumental in getting the church started and assisted in the selection of an area for the present church building. The church now as a membership of 161. Rev. P. C. Yelverten is the present pastor. Brodgen Methodist is one of the Ten Dollar Club churches of the conference.

¶ The Mount Olive Sub–District MYF will meet Sunday October 4th at 2:30 p.m. in the Bethel (on Bethel–Rones charge) Methodist Church. All MYF'ers in the Mount Oliver Sub–District are urged to attend this first meeting of the year. The sub–district was organized in August at a meeting in Mt. Olive.

¶ The Christian Workers School for the Sanford area will be held at Steele Street church, Sanford, October 4–7. Courses include: "Teaching Children" by Mrs. Mildred Auman of Raleigh; "Understanding Youth" by Rev. Robert Bame of Hertford; "How to Teach in Church School" by Rev. Cliff Shoaf of Edenton; and "Christian Worship" by Rev. Bruce Pate of Norlina. Churches participating are Broadway, Center–Cameron, Goldston Circuit, (Goldston, Asbury, Bethlehem); Jonesboro Heights, Morris Chapel–Lemon Springs, Poplar Springs, Trinity, and Steele Street.

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Bishop Hunt's October Schedule

Bishop Earl G. Hunt, Jr., who presides over the Charlotte Methodist Area, will face a heavy schedule during October.

It will open in Charlotte Oct. 2 when he will be keynote speaker for the meeting of the Board of Hospitals and Homes, Western North Carolina Conference. The meeting is scheduled in the Methodist Home.

Oct. 4, at 3 p.m., he will be honored guest in First Church, Marion, for a reception by the Marion District. Oct. 5–7 he will attend an Orientation Conference for new bishops of The Methodist Church in Gatlinburg, Tenn.

Charlotte's clergymen of all denominations will hear bishop Hunt for the first time Oct. 13 when he addresses the Charlotte–Mecklenburg Ministers Association in Myers Park Baptist Church at 12:30 p.m.

Oct. 14 Bishop Hunt will be guest speaker for a 7 p.m. dinner meeting of the Methodist Men of the North Wilkesboro District in First Church, North Wilkesboro.

Oct. 18 the bishop will go to Boone for a 3 p.m. dedication of the new Methodist Student Center at Appalachian State Teachers College. That morning he will preach in Boone Methodist Church where the Rev. Richard J. Crowder is pastor.

Oct. 19 the bishop will be a speaker on a High Point District Missions Rally program at 7:30 p.m. in First Church. The next day he will be with Dr. Ralph Taylor in the High Point District. Dr. Taylor is High Point District superintendent.

Oct. 21, Bishop Hunt will meet the group of ministers taking the Oct. 20–22 annual Orientation Tour of Conference–related institutions. He will meet the clergymen during their stopover at the Methodist Home, Charlotte.

Bishop Hunt will meet with his Western North Carolina Conference cabinet Oct. 22 and 23 in the Methodist Building in Statesville.

On Oct. 25 Bishop Hunt will be in First Church, Gastonia, where there will be a reception for the clergymen and wives of the Gastonia District.

Oct. 27 Bishop Hunt will deliver a 4 p.m. address during the Oct. 26–28 Gray Lecture at the Western North Carolina–North Carolina Conference Pastors School in Duke University Divinity School.

Indonesian Methodists Become Autonomous

The Methodists of Indonesia (Sumatra) have become the first Methodist body in 34 years to separate organically from the parent Methodist Church in America and form their own independent, self–governing church.

This they did August 3–9 in the city of Medan, when the autonomous Methodist Church of Indonesia came into being. It comprises the former Sumatra Annual Conference of The Methodist Church and takes in the 22,109 Methodists in the country of Indonesia.

By proceeding to become autonomous in line with permission granted by the General Conference, Methodisms highest law–making body, the Indonesian Methodists are the first Methodist body to separate organically from the parent Methodist Church in America since 1930 when Methodist Churches, in Mexico, Brazil, and Korea became separate and autonomous Methodist Churches and have continued so since. The churches in all four countries are the result of American Methodist missionary work.

Laymen's Day Set

Methodists pastors across the nation will take a seat in the pew October 11 as the church marks its annual Laymen's Day.

"Able to Stand" is the theme for this year's observance, the first to be held on the second Sunday in October. The new date was announced by the 1964 General Conference.

"Laymen's Day has unusual significance to Methodists because of the historical position of our church in Protestantism," said William B. McPherson, who heads the Section of Leadership Development and Communications in the church's national Board of Lay Activities.

"We stand in pulpits not because we can do a better job than our pastor, but to give living proof that his preaching is fruitful!"

In addition to laymen who will occupy the pulpit on October 11, many will participate as worship leaders and share in the morning worship in other ways.

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EDITORIALS

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Looking At Ourselves

All of us are aware that the so-called civil rights question and the racial crisis will be used if possible by political candidates in this election year. There is merit in these programs, for most of us are anxious to do the right thing about these and other problems that confront us. But some of us are not yet firmly convinced that parties and candidates are as thoroughly interested in the solution of these matters as they are in using them to secure votes for themselves. Much progress has been made, and there is yet room for much more to be made.

There is a tendency, however, for some sections of the country to assume a "holier-than-thou" attitude and look down the nose at other sections. It is understandable how Mississippians, Alabamians, Georgians, North and South Carolinians, and others who are involved are inclined to resent having groups of hot-heads from another sections of the country sent into their states to take over the reigns and "show them how to do it," when these same people have more problems in their areas than they find in the south. If there is a tendency to doubt this, let them read the daily press concerning the school boycotts, sit-ins, protests against segregation, and riots, which are rampant in those states. This is not to say that all is well in the south by any means, for we know it is not. But it to call attention to the fact that we are not the only sinners in this connection as is evidenced by conditions elsewhere. We regret it is so, but we must face the facts.

It is our belief that more progress could be made in handling racial matters, civil rights problems, and other vexatious conditions if "foreign" elements would stay out and leave them to the local people. We should be aware of the fact that Christian influence and agencies are at work in the south as well as elsewhere. We are not at all in sympathy with "civil disobedience" programs. It is our belief that all of us should be law-biding citizens. Our section of the country has never, so far as we know, sent its citizens into other sections of the nation to correct their social or racial practices. We assume they are quite capable of taking care of that themselves. We were not even sympathetic with the "march on Washington." There are other and better ways of handling these matters.

We have just read an article by an agency which we shall not name, for to do so would prejudice the cause, in which it is stated: "The long years of a divided society—black and white—have nurtured deep strains of hostility and mistrust. These have occasionally erupted into disorder, but to use past disorders or the fear of future ones to deny—or even delay—civil rights to whole groups merely perpetuates the divisions of that society. There is no room for bitterness, excesses of fanaticism or the condemnation of any part of the nation or any group of its people."

This is a good time for all of us to realize that we are one people, in one nation, with common interests, and that all of us should apply the principle of doing unto others as we would have them do unto us. The pot must not call the kettle black. We all have weaknesses and we all have qualities of potential strength. Our deepest concern should be to overcome the weak points and cultivate the strong ones. That applies to all individuals and to all sections of the country. "Divided we fall; united we stand."

THEME FOR THE WEEK

"And Abram said unto Lot, Let there be no strife, I pray thee, between me and thee, and between my herdmen and thy herdmen; for we be brethren."—Gen. 13:8.

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LETTERS

To The Editor:

Enclosed you will find check for Advocate renewal. I like this paper. I believe that more Methodists should be readers of this. I also believe that a segment of the Church organization is passing the "buck" not actvely soliciting for same.

I also believe that more attention should be noted to activities and accomplishments of the gone days. You cannot have a future without having a past. I believe this should and would be an incenetive to higher and better things in life.

Harvey Morphed

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My dear Brother Starnes:

I write to say a word of commendation to the brethren of the Western North Carolina Conference in behalf of Dr. J. Ralph Jolly, who has now assumed his duties as the President of Greensboro College. I had the opportunity of meeting Raplh Jolly once or twice before he left Alabama to move to North Carolina. I met him first when I was here in June speaking at the North Alabama Annual Conference. One of the ways of finding out what kind of a man other men are is to see how they stand among their colleagues. Ralph Jolly enjoys the great respect and the deep affection of hundreds of people in the North Alabama Conference. They were saddened with the news that he was leaving their midst. He and Mrs. Jolly are long-time Methodists and come from great and devoted Methodist families here in Alabama. I wish that he were here with us. He isn't—and if he isn't— I would rather he would be in Western North Carolina than anywhere else I know. I simply write to commend them to the love and the affection of Western North Carolian Methodism.

Sincerely and fraternally,
W. Kenneth Goodson
Birmingham, Alabama

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Sir:

Why should the sponsor of the Conference on Methodist Movement which meets in Lincoln, Nebraska, Dec. 28- Jan. 2 limit its program to "the political order, race, and Latin America?" When 3,500 Methodist youth assemble together to consider their role in the Methodist church, why should the program be unbalanced in its presentation? In our world today change is taking place in every form of our society, and revolutions are occuring in every sector of our society. We need to bring youth face to face with the world as it is, and try to fit the Gospel message to these changes. It seems very unwise that the leaders of our Methodist youth would limit the program of the Conference on Methodist Movement to a few isolated events and take the situation out of its perpective. Instead, why not offer these youth a Christian challenge in every sector of our society with Christ's Gospel as the solution. I'm afraid if the program goes on as scheduled, our young people will come away more confused than ever. If by chance the young people come away with a pool to pay the cost of trials because of demonstrations, then God have mercy on the Methodist church.

Rev. Charles J. Tilley
Halifax, Va.

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Love Is The Answer

To the editor;

I am a negro who never clamored for civil rights, knowing this that the law is not made for a righteous man, but for the lawless, and disobedient. Now that the bill is law, where do we go from here? With demonstrations getting out of hand in many parts of our great country, its evident that stringent laws of men have not the answer to the perplexing problems of our day. Yet there is cause for rejoicing that love, which is of God, for God is love, is the answer. It was He who in love spared not His Son, but delivered Him up for us all. Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends.

No matter how many enforcers of the law, how much money is spent, what talk by our legislators, what good intentions, or even how many may lay down their lives for such; its all in vain unless the law of love reigns in the heart. "Though I give my body to be burned, and have not loved, it profiteth me nothing." Many waters cannot quench love, neither can the floods drown it.

The love told out in the message of Calvary, where the Lord Jesus Christ gave Himself for our sins, that He might deliver us from this present evil age according to the will of God. Love that beareth, believeth, hopeth, and endureth all things, which never faileth is the answer.

Many make the issue skin, but the real issue is sin, and its the cause of broken lives, homes, and (history in making) a broken nation. Only Jesus Christ, God's Beloved Son who came into the world to save sinners, and His love prevailing in the hearts of people of every race and color will end the hatred so prevalent. Its not so much what party, but rather what Person, for apart from Him there is no hope.

Prayerfully submitted
Samuel Dalton
1331 West Evans Ave., Denver, Colorado

Charlotte District Ministers Retreat Hears Bishop Hunt

America no longer has laws nor conscience against pornographic literature, Bishop Earl G. Hunt, Jr., told the Charlotte Methodist District clergymen during a Sept. 21–22 retreat, and the influence of such literature on our young people can be seen in wire story reports of holiday riots.

The bishop was keynote speaker for the Charlotte District Ministers' Retreat at Camp Stewart, near Charlotte, which also featured speakers on various topics.

Bishop Hunt, who presides over the Charlotte Methodist Area, told the ministers they should concentrate their work among the youth and young adults, while not neglecting other age groups.

"Young people today are in greater trouble than ever before," the bishop said. "They are the most baffled, most mixed-up crowd their generation has ever known."

"Almost everything that happens in society, I feel, happens first on a university or college campus, then filters down into society," said Bishop Hunt, who is the former president of Emory and Henry College.

"All this slick pornographic literature which is being dumped into our society, and distributed through our news stands and our drug stores, is an innovation of our times."

"We used to have laws against it," he said. "More important, we used to have a conscience against it. We seem to have neither now."

"This type of thing is shaping the minds of our young people," he said. "If you want to get an idea of the new thoughts confronting young people from this literature, just read the wire reports following a holiday."

Turning to young adults, he said, "No group is facing more insistent and diabolical pressures than the young married group. Unless the Church can guide this group into a religious experience, the Church has lost its greatest opportunity to prepare for the immediate future."

Bishop Hunt warned the clergymen they must have acceptable answers for new development in this rapidly-changing 20th Century.

"You will have to be prepared for something which hasn't broken on the surface yet. There is coming a new and terrible revival of the conflict between religion and science. This hasn't been heard from for some years."

"I have been told by prominent scientists," Bishop Hunt said, "that science is on the threshold of discovering life. It will happen in our lifetime. Religion must be prepared to deal with this development."

"The real way to deal with it," he said, "is to convince people of the incredible difference between making a living cell and the making of a living soul."

"Suppose," the bishop said, intelligent life is discovered elsewhere in the universe. Are you ready to answer the questions the Sunday after this happens?" "We have no new hymns to take in the space age. We are living in a day of incredibly sudden developments."

The bishop urged the clergymen to "stand unequivocally for the right. There comes a time when we've got to level with people—tell them who they are and what God wants them to do."

The best way to do this, and maintain the support of the congregation, Bishop Hunt said, is "to live with the people through their Gethsemanes, and preach to them always with fidelity and with love." If you do this, the Bishop said, "you can become a prophet in your pulpit and still have the support of those who disagree with you."

The Charlotte District Minister's Retreat was in charge of the Rev. A. Glenn Lackey, interim superintendent of the Charlotte District. Others who appeared on the program included:

Dr. Philip L. Shore, Jr., who spoke on "The Pulpit Witness;" the Rev. J. Charles Reichard, who spoke on "The Personal Witness;" the Rev. E. L. Moore, who spoke on "Small Groups;" the Rev. Aubert M. Smith, who spoke on "Family Evangelism."

The Rev. Paul D. Lowder, who spoke on "Concepts of Worship;" and there was a sermon by the Rev. D. Moody Nifong, and a devotional message by the Rev. Mr. Lackey.

The Rev. C. Jerome Huneycutt was moderator of a panel which discussed "Overcoming Barriers to Christianity." Other members of the panel were the Rev. Tom B. Stockton, Dr. J. Clay Madison, the Rev. John L. McWhorter and the Rev. F. Don Beaty.

The ministers received the Sacrament of Holy Communion the night of the first day.



METHODIST COLLEGE ORIENTATION—David Altman, president of the Methodist College Student Government Association, calls attention to a copy of the new Student Handbook during his welcome to the freshman and transfer students at an orientation session. Approximately 275 new students participated in the college's orientation activities from September 13–16.

Music Workshop October 9-10 At Myers Park Church

A Music–Worship Institutie will be held by the Western North Carolina Methodist Conference Oct. 9 and 10 in Myers Park Methodist Church.

The event is being sponsored by the Conference's Commission on Worship and the Music Division of the Board of Education.

Three outstanding individuals in the area of worship and religious music will lead the institute. they are:

The Rev. V. Earle Copes of Nashville, Tenn., editor of "Music Ministry," who is also an outstanding organist and a member of the Hymnal Committee of The Methodist Church.

Donald Plott, head of the Music Dept. of Davidson College, director of the Davidson Male Chorus and the Charlotte Singers.

Ray Branton, director of music at Centenary Methodist Church of Winston–Salem.

Clergy and musicians of the Conference have been invited to participate in these classes:

"The Revised Methodist Hymnal" and "Organ Techniques," to be taught by the "Rev. Mr. Copes; Children and Youth Choirs," to be taught by Mr. Branton; and "Church Choir and Choral Techniques," to be taught by Mr. Plott.

Following a 6:45 p.m. dinner Oct. 9, Mr. Copes will present an organ recital.

The Commission on Worship will hold its fall meeting at 3 p.m. Oct 9, prior to the 4:30 opening of the institute. The Rev. James B. McLarty of Black Mountain is chairman of the Commission.

Walter H. Ball, director of music for Myers Park Methodist Church, will be host. He is conference chairman of the national Fellowship of Methodist Musicians (NAFOMM). Registration deadline is Oct. 7.

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Methodist Youth Convocation

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(A report on the National Convocation of Methodist Youth held at Purdue University)

The Holy Spirit

"And they were filled with the Holy Spirit. . . ." Acts 2:4

The final doctrine considered at the National Convocation of Methodist Youth at Purdue University was that of the Holy Spirit. Before Jesus left the earthy existence, He promised that He would send the Holy Spirit to dwell in the hearts of His followers.

The events at Purdue underscored four important facts about the Holy Spirit.

I. The first is that anyone without an awareness of the Holy Spirit's presence has a hollow, empty life. Unfortunately there are many persons who live this way. The Gospel has a message for those who do not know the life of the Spirit. The New Testament seeks to make them aware of their meaningless, lost condition. This kind of life was manifested in several experiences of that week.

As you have gathered by now, much of the communication of the Gospel at Purdue came through drama. The Scarritt College Players' second play, **The Last Word,** is an excellent revelation of the loss of purpose by those who have no God. There are only two players, a couple named Augenblicks, who are waiting in a bar for the end of the world. The report has come that a thermonuclear blast will go off in thirty minutes; with that explosion the world will end. The problem is how to spend one's last thirty minutes. "Say something," Mrs. Augenblick implores of her husband; but he has nothing to say. Their lives have been completely secular and materialistic. So, in a time of emergency they do not know God, upon whom they may call. Her concern is whether she is dressed properly for the end. On the other hand, he obviously has never considered anything seriously, because he treats the whole crisis as a joke, just as many people handle grave issues. When both try to pray, their prayers go like this: "Save us, United Nations. Save us, Mr. Roosevelt."

How would you and I act if we had only a half-hour to live? Has life been so wasted in trivialities that we would leave it completely bereft of hope? Or would we already know God so intimately that we would feel His Spirit quite near us? There are many persons whose lives are just as spent, empty, and meaningless as the Augenblicks'. Someone asked Joachim Probst, the atheistic artist who was a guest of the convocation because his paintings were in the art exhibit, what he does when he is not painting. His answer was, "I think of committing suicide." That was an appropriate answer. The person who does not walk in the Spirit is filled with despair. He has nothing for which to live. So why would he not be preoccupied with ending life? Bishop James Thomas in one sermon told us about a university sociologist who tried to prove that there is no God. This sociologist had faced the cruel world stoically. For his funeral he requested no hymns and no prayer—just poems. Bishop Thomas wondered what kind of poem would be appropriate for such a godless life. Then he suggested,

Sunset and evening star. And after that the dark!

Period. Or try Shakespeare:

To-morrow, and to-morrow, and to-morrow,
Creeps in this petty pace from day to day
To the last syllable of recorded time;
And all our yesterdays have lighted fools
The way of dusty death.

Period. This life void of the Holy Spirit is like these words from Lance Webb:

Unsatisfied and hollow still, my soul is empty of real joy and peace. I have tried to fill this hollowness with mere artificial things that leave me still empty and bereft. . .

II. Enough for the vain life. Let us turn to the person who is filled with the Holy Spirit.

He realizes that each moment is precious. That truth is vividly underscored in one scene from **Our Town.** Emily Gibbs has died and has entered the spirit world. In the background these spirits of ones whom she had known in her earthly existence carry on a conversation about life's meaning. Emily longs to return to her former life. Her wish is granted, and she chooses to relive her twelfth birthday. Onto the stage come her mother, father, and brother. She sees some of the personalities whom she knew when she was twelve and the sights around the house that bring back fond memories. She again receives the gifts that were presented to her on that birthday. Going back into life brings a wistfulness and a sadness that cause her to request the regress to her place among the dead. Here Emily exclaims that she did not realize that life was so precious while she was passing through it. This insight is profound. How true it is of us! We do not receive full measure from each of our moments. For example, we perceive this truth when loved ones begin dying. We realize that we did not enjoy fully each minute with them while they were with us. But it is too late then to call back those moments. When our lives are filled with the Spirit, we seek to make each instant count for the Lord. Hence, we ought to pray, "So teach us to number our days, that we may apply our hearts unto wisdom."

III. If we seek to live each second fully, then we become dedicated to the life of the Spirit. The Lord needs committed disciples now.

One of the most inspiring statements that I heard at Purdue came out of my discussion group. One girl in it, Rita Kneer, is a member of the Methodist Youth Fellowship of First Methodist Church, Ann Arbor, Michigan—a fabulous MYF from what I understand. This MYF is the one that was chosen to produce for our Board of Education **Deepest Root,** an unrehearsed film of an MYF planning retreat. This MYF has a spirit of love whereby any member can express himself freely and can find himself accepted in Christian love by the group. Their work is planned by a cabinet of twenty-five members. The cabinet dedicate themselves only to their school studies and to their church work. They keep going a constant program for the youth at the church. Rita, who has served on the cabinet three years, said that she spends her time at the church after school during the week and practically all week end. When asked which she would do if she had an important church meeting to attend and also a big paper to prepare for school, she replied that she would do both. She would go to the church meeting and then stay up until 4 a.m., if necessary, to get her school work. For me it was worth the trip to Purdue to hear a young person say that in order to be sure the Lord's work is done, she would stay up until 4 a.m., if necessary, to complete her school assignments. I wish that we could get that kind of dedication from our young people. I felt that many of the youth who went to Purdue are very serious about life. Many of them are earnestly grappling with the problems that face teenagers. Our church will be in good hands as they eventually take over the leadership.

The consecration must be long term. In the Vocations Lounge we saw a movie called **The Square,** which discussed the motivations in choosing one's life's work. Many persons are attracted to employment that is glamorized by high salaries and a multitude of fringe benefits pleasant surroundings, long vacations, and varied insurance plans. However, the boy who got the epithet "square" in this film saw through this materialistic appeal of many job offers. Instead he was seeking a full-time occupation that gave him the real inner satisfaction that he was serving God and man and thus making his life count for something enduring. In this lounge a number of young people had interviews concerning full-time Christian vocations. They were seeking to know how they could best dedicate their entire lives to God's will.

IV. The person filled with the Spirit soon discovers this kind of life finds it greatest realization in the Christian community. God instituted the Church because He planned that Christianity at its best is lived in fellowship. At one point in the morning drama Cathy declares that she does not need anybody to help her. Then she sees that Emily, the jail cook whose boy friend was ruthlessly killed, has something to share in that she finds that, in spite of her sweetheart's murder, loving him even a short time is worth it. So Cathy begins to see her need of others. Simon then comes back to the warehouse and declares, "A lot of people have come into my life, a wind . . .helping me to get a new breath." Here both Simon and Cathy enter upon an understanding of life in a new dimension. They need other persons and each other, and through it all the Holy Spirit works to perfect God's plan in their lives.

Those who are filled with the Holy Spirit learn to adopt members of the community as they are. Just as soon as we arrived at Purdue, we realized that there were people present from all parts of the country. Our different accents were quickly noticeable. One girl from Oregon in the first night's supper line told me that she had thought that the Southern accent is a pretense; but because she had already talked with several Southerners, she was beginning to believe that it is genuine. We accepted other brogues good-naturedly. In a jovial way the Northerners teased us for saying "You all;" and we laughed at their "You guys." For many youth this was the first time that they had been in a group where colored persons participated in everything just as the white. One lad on my bus had never lodged with a colored boy. When he first discovered that he was to room with a Negro, he was bothered; but very quickly he liked his colored friend and was no longer disturbed. We soon began to accept other persons as people. We did not let their section of country or their accent or their color of skin come between us as friends.

Then, those who are filled with the Spirit share their blessings. On the last morning a scene from a play which I could not identify was shown wherein three men in three different prison cells were awaiting execution. The father of one prisoner brought his son a basket of bread and wine. While awaiting death, the one with the food and drink could have been selfish; but he divided with the other prisoners, one of whom seemed to need more than the others. In order to share they began to take turns with the drink. The prisoner with the basket of nourishment gave up his third so that the one worst off might have a double portion. In like spirit, we must share sacrificially in the community of believers.

Finally, the life of the Spirit leads to genuine fellowship. The delegates on my bus developed a real oneness in the three days that we rode fourteen hundred miles together. We became a close-knit bond as we joked with each other, told about our communities and churches, sang, and ate together. I saw several of them at the Conference Youth Rally shortly afterwards, and each time that we who had

ridden that bus met we rejoiced to see each other. One girl referred to the ones who had been on our bus as her "family." Some persons maintain that one cannot be a Christian and have a good time. I disagree with that view. I tell you that we had a most enjoyable time. going to and from West Lafayette, Indiana. The group that I have described is an example of the Christian community. We shared life for a week in a true spirit of Christian love. The same principal held in my discussion group. There we felt free to express ourselves because we accepted each other as persons. We had a kinship of Christian love though my group had come from all over the United States except the Far West.

God became flesh as Jesus. The Incarnation continues in the community of believers. The spirit of love that we had for each other in those groups of young people is the outgrowth of the presence of the Holy Spirit.

Between the plays by the Scarritt College Players one Charles Hooper, a performer, sang folk songs related to these dramas' themes. One song points out that though a clown is on stage, "the man in the town," that is, the spectator, is the real player. each of us becomes "the man in the town," for we act out life before God and our fellow man. Only a person filled with the Holy Spirit can act his part well in life's drama. How good is your performance and mine?

A Chair for Bishop Francis Asbury

"Bring a chair for Bishop Asbury" might have been the oft-repeated request on the lips of a Methodist on the bishop's arrival at churches, chapel and homes as he labored among men. The pioneer bishop passed from the American scene almost one century and a half ago, but there remain some tangible evidences of his life and work, other than The Methodist Church in our land.

A chair especially made for and used by the bishop is in possession of Asbury Memorial Church i.. Asheville; another is located at Asbury Theological Seminary, Wilmore, Kentucky; another is to be found at Lovely Lane Methodist Church in Baltimore, the headquarter's city of early American Methodism. There is a goodly depository of artifacts relating to Asbury, as well as other early notable Methodists at the historic St. George's Church Museum in Philadelphia, including Asbury's Bible, glasses and razor. Others are to be found at historic St. John's Church in New York City. Efforts continue to be made to secure other artifacts connected with the venerable leader for preservation.

The purpose of this composition is to suggest to my fellow Methodists to seek out and view artifacts pertaining to our Methodist heritage in summer months when traveling to other states and cities. Finding and viewing some of these is no small adventure and is well worth the effort. Many of our members may wish to make this a means of beginning their continuing observance of the Celebration of the Bicentennial of the Beginning of American Methodism. The colorful lives, the enduring work and numerous sacrificies of early leaders is made more meaningful by our so doing. Our own lives will be rendered the fuller and made more appreciative of the efforts and contributions of others for the great church of which we are a part.

—Grady L. Carroll



Seated—left to right Mrs. Glenn E. Laskey, Ruston, La., president of the Woman's Division and vice–president of the Board; Bishop Roy H. Short. Standing, left to right—Bishop W. Ralph Ward of the Syracuse Area, president of the National Division and a vice–president of the Board; Bishop Kenneth W. Copeland of the Nebraska Area, president of the Joint Commissionon on Education and Cultivation and a vice–president of the Board; Bishop Charles F. Golden of the Nashville–Carolina Area, chairman of the Joint Committee on Missionary Personnel, and Bishop Lloyd C. Wicke of the New York Area, president of the World Division and vice–president of the Board.

Bishop Roy H. Short Is New President Board of Missions

The Methodist Board of Missions, the largest board of the 10,235,000–member Methodist Church, elected national officers for the next four years at its organizational meeting for the 1964–68 quadrennium.

Bishop Roy H. Short of the Louisville (Ky.) Area was elected unanimously as president of the 144–member Board, which conducts the missionary work of The Methodist Church in the United States and 48 countries overseas. He succeeds Bishop Richard C. Raines of the Indiana Area.

Other top officers of the board are:

Mrs. Glenn E. Laskey, Ruston, La., president of the Woman's Division and a vice–president of the board;

Bishop Lloyd C. Wicke of the New York Area, president of the World Division and a vice–president of the board;

Bishop W. Ralph Ward of the Syacuse (N. Y.) Area, president of the National Division and a vice–president of the board;

Bishop Kenneth W. Copeland of the Nebraska Area, president of the Joint Commission on Education and Cultivation.

As president of the Woman's Division, Mrs. Laskey is head of women's work in The Methodist Church and the top official of the national Methodist women's organization, the Woman's Society of Christian Service.

Mrs. Porter Brown, New York and Salina, Kans., is the first woman ever to head a national board agency of The Methodist Church and one of the few such women in Protestantism. She was elected general secretary of the Methodist Board of Missions.

Elected by the board with Mrs. Brown were 111 other staff executives, including a treasurer and four associate general secretaries.

In addition to Mrs. Brown, the top executive leadership elected by the Board recently includes:

Dr. H. Conwell Snoke, Philadelphia, Pa., treasurer;

The Rev. Dr. Edward Carothers, White Plains, N. Y., associate general secretary of the National Division.

The Rev. Dr. Tracey K. Jones, Jr., New York and Montclair, N. J., associate general secretary of the World Division;

Miss Dorothy McConnell, New York, associate general secretary of the Woman's Division;

The Rev. Dr. Gerald L. Clapsaddle, New York and Riverside, N. J., associate general secretary of the Joint Commission on Education and Cultivation.

All of the six top executives elected by the board, except Dr. Carothers, have been serving with the board in different capacities for varying lengths of time.

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Sorrow God's Master Teacher

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In Gethsemanes of sorrow I've learned that sorrow is God's Master Teacher. The deepest sorrow known in my 93 years was over my wife. With a brilliant mind she was honor graduate of her college class. Then a teacher in high school for two years. Our courtship was reading together the New Testament in Spanish—a lovely memory. Then for 45 years she was a wonderful pastor's wife, teacher, leader and mother of four, 3 sons and a daughter.

Then a slowly-deepening tragedy set in: hardening arteries began starving the brain of its blood supply, the mind dwarfing. The most tragic day of my life was when I became certain that, though she walked at my side, I'd walk the rest of the way alone. One never-to-be-forgotten spring morning, I walked alone to the post office in Wake Forest, N. C., my heart breaking. The worst ingredient of my sorrow, perhaps, was its Gethsemane loneliness. For my most intimate friend didn't know anything to say about mental sickness; thank God, by now people are learning better; that mental sickness is just sickness. As I came out of the post office desperately, tragically alone, the young wife of a seminary professor—wonderful person! whom I had little more than met, startled me with the most wonderul sentence ever spoken to me on earth: "Mr. Morgan, I heard about your wife, and I'M SO SORRY!" And with with a look and tone of sympathy and sorrow that set my heart to singing all day long, and yet rings in my heart as the finest thing ever spoken to me in my 93 years. For it left me sure that someone REALLY CARED DEEPLY! And it gave me the title for what some called the "best article you ever wrote:" "The Key That Opens Hearts.' She used it, and she opened mine!

I've tried to thank her, but I did it all so inadequately. I'm sure I'll do it better in heaven! If only other people had known how!

For three years—with her body—she continued to walk at my side, doing her feeble utmost to be docile and to please me, giving me rarely the hesitating pat or kiss, precious as the token of her hesitating love.

Then came the day when the State Hospital shut its door, she on the inside, I outside—and so a year or so . . since then, heaven for her, and for me the confidence that her once-brilliant mind is fully restored, and with a heavenly quality beyond all I ever knew. And in what contrast to the night of our 50th marriage anniversary. When she sat smiling and looking pretty as numerous guests spoke to her, but not knowing what it was all about.

Already sorrow had taught me that money and things have little value. An ex-congressman, noble Christian friend, offered to write my will. Half my little estate I gave to Christian Causes. My great wealthy business adviser was frankly displeased; "You haven't retained even a scant security." But I find joy in the certain assurance that a few thousand will go on doing good "in perpetuity. Sorrow had taught me more than my business adviser could know.

And still my lonely sorrow is teaching me—even shut in from the world in a home for the aging—at 93 Sept. 23, on the historic Roanoke, its waters ever flowing past, as time widens into eternity, and I rejoice that sorrow has been ever a wonderful teacher. I urge, don't be afraid of it!

First African Bishops Elected

Methodist history was made in Africa August 27–September 4 as 54 delegates to the quadrennial Africa Central Conference of The Methodist Church elected four bishops to lead 134,767 Methodists in five countries during the next four years.

Two of the bishops are Africans—the first African bishops in the 131-year history of Methodist work in Africa. The other two are white, one an American—Bishop Ralph E. Dodge of Terrill, Iowa—and the other a European missionary. All will serve for four-year terms.

The bishops elected by the Africa Central Conference and the countries to which they are assigned:

Bishop Dodge, assigned to Southern Rhodesia. He was re-elected, having been first elected in 1956 to head the Salisbury Area, which at that time included Mozambique, Angola and South Africa as well as Southern Rhodesia. The Rhodesia Methodist Conference is now the only one in Bishop Dodge's area.

The Rev. Escrivao Zunguze, a leading African minister in Mozambique, assigned to Mozambique and South Africa Methodist Conference.

The Rev. John Wesley Shungu, a leading African minister from the Central Congo, assigned to the Congo. His area includes both the Central and Southern Congo Methodist Conferences.

The Rev. Harry P. Andreassen, a missionary to Angola from Norway (hometown: Trondheim), assigned to Angola. The Angola Methodist Conference is the only one in his area. At 41, he is the youngest Methodist bishop elected so far this year.

Asheville District Ministers And Wives In Meeting

The Methodist ministers and their wives from the Asheville District met at Candler September 18 for a District Workshop at the Montmorenci Methodist Church. Separate sessions were conducted for the wives and the ministers beginning at 4:00 p.m.

The ministers spent their afternoon discussing ways and means of strengthening their ministry during the Fall and Advent Season. Dr. Embree H. Blackard, Asheville District Superintendent, led the Workshop, assisted by the District Directors. Valuable suggestions concerning the observance of World Wide Communion Sunday, Thanksgiving, Advent, and other emphases were made by the various ministers present.

The ministers' wives group concerned themselves in their opening session with the subject of prayer. Mrs. Joshua Cambles of the Trinity Episcopal Church, Asheville, made a helpful contribution on "The Call to Concern to Consider Prayer."

The two groups came together at 6:00 in the Fellowship Hall for a delicious meal and folk singing, led by Rev. E. R. Lanier of the Avery's Creek-Sardis Charge. Rev. June P. Greene, Host Pastor, brought words of greeting.

The final two hours of the Workshop featured these talks in the wives' section: "The Personal Devotional Life of the Ministers" by Mrs. Vernon Hall; "The Social Aspects in the Life of the Ministers' Wife," Mrs. John Jordan. Mrs. Walter Miller spoke on "The Importance of a Close Family Life Within the Parsonage" and Mrs. H. Glenn Lanier discussed the topic, "How Much Should the the Ministers' Wife Become Involved in the Parish?"

The ministers spent the evening session discussing the year's missions emphasis, Lenten preaching, and stewardship plans.

Rev. Robert T. Young Pastor of the Skyland Methodist Church, is President of the District Ministers and Mrs. Young is President of the wives' group.

World Service Giving Climbs

Giving to World Service in The Methodist Church during the summer quarter of the fiscal year passed the $1.5 million mark, according to figures released by the Rev. Dr. Don A. Cooke, general treasurer.

The $1,540,041.61 recorded for this key general church fund in June, July, and August is a 6.68 per cent increase over the same period a year ago, Dr. Cooke said. It is, however, below the 20 per cent increase in World Service askings voted by General Conference for the 1964–68 quadrennium.

Giving to four other general funds increased, also, while six funds showed a decrease.

Two new entries on the first quarter report this year—the Alaska earthquake appeal and the temporary general aid fund set up to faciliate transfer of the Central (Negro) Jurisdiction churches, pastors, and members to the geographical jurisdictions.

A total of $154,386.94 was received for the earthquake fund during the quarter and $17,399.04 for the temporary general aid fund.





acts And Figures On Iethodist Statistics

Membership of The Methodist Church the United States is now an official 10,–)4,184.

The new figure announced September 2 by the Rev. Dr. Don A. Cooke, general cretary of the church's Council on World ervice and Finance, is a gain of 69,198 in the past year, or less than one per cent. n addition to the 10,304,184 full mem–ers, there are 1,812,493 preparatory mem–ers (baptized children) on local church olls.

A total of $615,483,263 was contribu–d to all church causes in the fiscal year nding May 31, 1964, an increase of $11,–30,936. There are 38,908 organized hurches.

These figures and other statistics for the enomination were compiled in the depart–ent of statistics of the Council on World ervice and Finance. Douglas Crozier is irector of the department and editor of ne General Minute, the church's compre–ensive statitical summary, to be published ter this autumn.

Statistics compiled by Crozier have been ollected from the denomination's 97 an–ual (regional) conferences in the United tates, most of which hold their sessions nd submit their report during the summer nonths. The figures do not include church's work in overseas countries, except for partial igures from Cuba Methodism which is upervised by the bishop of Florida pending stablishment of an autonomous Cuba Methodist Church.

There are now 28,988 fully–ordained ministers in The Methodist Church, an ncrease of 291 over a year ago, and 6,762 upply pastors. There are 246 women under ppointment by bishops a decrease of 28.

Participation in local church educational ctivities showed a decline in church school membership and Sunday attendance. There were 6,768,170 persons enrolled with an verage Sunday attendance of 3,676,717— a decrease of 69,294 in enrollment and 8,332 in average attendance.

Other highlights of the report released include:

Estimated value of church buildings, equipment, and land—$3,520,780,289, an increase of $171,556,449.

Estimated value of parsonage, furniture, and land—$400,491,575, an increase of $17,811,946.

Paid pastors and associates—$110,299,–651, an increase of $1,674,938.

Paid for building and improvements—$100,036,781, a decrease of $267,389.

Total Benevolent giving, $98,322,915, an increase of $2,069,285.

STATISTICAL REVIEW OF THE METHODIST CHURCH — 1964

Church Membership	
Total Full Members Reported Last Year	10,206,289
Received This Year on Profession of Faith or Restored	316,826
Received by Transfer from Other Methodist Churches	279,852
Received from Other Denominations	92,655
Removed by Transfer to Other Methodist Churches	256,083
Removed by Quarterly Conference Action or Withdrawn	181,232
Removed by Transfer to Other Denominations	76,151
Removed by Death	106,960
Total Lay Members	10,275,196
Ministers	28,988
Total Full Members	10,304,184
Infants Presented by Parents or Guardians for Baptism	167,947
All Others: Children, Youth, Adults	145,283
Preparatory Members Now on Roll (Baptized Children)	1,812,493
Church Schools	
Total Officers, Teachers, Other Leaders	672,443
Total Children (0-11 years) in Entire Church School	2,607,402
Total Youth (12-21 years) in Entire Church School	1,388,378
Total Adults (22 and older) in Entire Church School	2,099,947
Total Church School Membership	6,768,170
Average Attendance at Sunday School (All Ages)	3,676,717
Average Attendance Methodist Sunday Evening Fellowship (All Ages)	618,253
Average Attendance additional Sessions of Children	448,966
Average Attendance MYF Sunday Evening Meetings	525,773
Av. Att. of Adults in Church School Meetings Other Than Sunday School	346,806
Nursery Home Members	300,186
Youth Home and Extension Members	83,064
Adult Home Extension Members	186,226
Number of Church Schools on Charge	37,455
Methodist Pupils and Constituents in Vacation Church Schools	1,524,177
Church School Members Joining the Church on Profession of Faith	198,925
Number of Classes or Groups Using or Not Using Approved Methodist Lesson Materials ..... Yes	267,575
No	42,247
Church School Offering for World Service and Conference Benevolences	$ 3,804,308
Woman's Society of Christian Service	
Number of Societies (Not Guilds, Groups or Circles)	30,721
Membership (Including Wesleyan Service Guilds)	1,698,939
Amount Paid for Local Church and Community Work	$ 16,936,853
Methodist Men Clubs	
Number of Chartered Clubs	10,496
Membership	388,995
Miscelalaneous	
Number of TOGETHER Subscriptionc	704,676
Number of Organized Churches	38,908
Property and Other Assets	
Estimated Value of Church Buildings, Equipment, and Land	$3,520,780,289
Estimated Value of Parsonages, Furniture, and Land	400,491,575
Estimate Value of Other Property (Including Cash-Bonds)	404,772,198
Indebtedness on Buildings, Equipment, and Parsonages	456,151,782
Indebtedness on Current Expenses	1,482,622

Financial Report

General Expenditures	
Paid on Principal and Interest on Old Indebtedness, Loans Mortagages, etc.	$ 84,527,208
Paid for Buildings and Improvements (Not including loans, mortgages, etc)	100,036,781
Paid Other Current Expenses, Incidentals, etc.	149,377,932
Paid for Church School Lesson Materials, Supplies, Administration, etc.	21,533,101
Ministerial Support	
Salary: (a) Pd. Pastor	$ 104,951,374
(b) Pd. Associate Pastors	5,348,277
Paid Pastor and Associates	110,299,651
Travel and Expense Funds	12,940,022
District Superintendents' Fund	6,943,095
Episcopal Fund	2,186,854
Conference Claimants' Fund	19,235,908
Minimum Salary Fund	2,602,572
Total Ministerial Support	154,208,102
Connectional Funds	
General Administration Fund	1,013,111
Jurisdictional, Area, Conference, and District Administration Funds	5,597,948
Interdenominational Cooperation Fund	835,542
Total Connectional Funds	7,476,924
Benevolences	
World Service and Conference Benevolences	$ 31,086,855
World Service Special Gifts	766,862
General Advance Specials	9,855,777
One Great Hour of Sharing	661,795
Fellowship of Suffering and Service	870,296
Television-Radio Ministry Fund	236,135
Methodist Student Day	271,360
Methodist Youth Fund	960,952
Race Relations Sunday	489,151
Operational Expenses: College, Universities, Seminaries	7,061,057
Operational Expenses: Wesley Foundations	1,106,674
Capital Expenditures: Colleges, Universities, Seminaries, Wesley Foundation	3,946,957
Hospitals	1,133,997
Homes for Children, Youth, and the Aged	5,366,803
Conference Advance Specials	9,245,575
Church School Rally Day	598,676
W. S. C. S. (Including W. S. G.) Cash Sent to District or Conf. Treasurers	12,732,600
All Other Benevolences	11,931,393
Total Benevolences	98,322,915
GRAND TOTAL	$ 615,483,263

Homecoming And Revival At Union Grove Church

Homecoming was held and revival servi–ces began at Union Grove Methodist Church, Statesville District last Sunday, September 27. The Rev. Robert M. Poulk, pastor of Salem Methodist Church, Goldsboro, North Carolina was the visiting evangelist for the Homecoming service on Sunday morning and also for the annual fall revival at Union Grove which began on Sunday night the 27th of September and will run through Friday night the 2nd of October.

With the preparation and foundations for the revival being laid by prayer and meditations, the church is expecting great things to take place in the hearts and minds of the congregation.

Rev. Mr. Poulk was instrumental in leading the pastor into the ministry for Christ, and not only is he looking forward to a great homecoming, but also to the work of the Holy Spirit in the church. Rev. Lewis C. Gibbs is pastor of Union Grove Methodist Church.

Activities At North Carolina Wesleyan College

President Thomas A. Collins preached at Wallace Methodist Church recently. He gave the Church School Rally Day message at First Methodist Church, Rocky Mount. He spoke on College Progress to the Rocky Mount Kiwanis Club the week of opening activities.

Dean Jack W. Moore was guest minister recently for First Presbyterian Church, Rocky Mount, and for St. James Methodist Curch, Tarboro.

Reverend William Howard, Jr., pastor of Trinity Methodist Church of Durham, was guest preacher for the opening worship convocation for the college. He preached on the subject "Comfortably and Thoroughly In Debt" to more than 500 persons, Sunday, September 20, 1964.

565 students registered for the new year at Wesleyan College. This included approximately 250 freshmen and 315 returning students. 427 are resident students and the remainder are commuting students.

Professor Ralph James, new Philosophy and Religion teacher at Wesleyan, has served as interim pastor of Marvin Methodist Church during the summer months. He will assume his full time teaching position this month.

Dr. C. Edwin Harwood, Professor of English, recently addressed the Rocky Mount Optimist Club, and he spoke on "Modern North Carolina Poets" to the Rocky Mount Book Club.

Wesleyan was host to more than 75 participants in the Conference Convocation of Adult Workers with Youth. Leaders of this workshop were Dr. Leo Rippy, Jr. and Reverend J. Conrad Glass, Jr. President Collins preached the morning worship sermon on Sunday, September 13.

Laymen Told Role

Methodist laymen are challenged to help keep the church from "standing on the curb while the parade of life marches past," annual conference lay leaders from across the nation were told in Chicago September 12 as they met for their annual workshop.

"Laymen are expected by God to be his witness in the world," the Rev. G. Ross Freeman of Atlanta, Ga., said. Dr. Freeman is on the faculty of Candler School of Theology at Emory University.

"A layman too often considers himself a maintenance man in the institution of the church. We have overlooked the necessity of each believer becoming a priest."

Asserting that the church is to be "a training camp for the soldiers of Christ," Dr. Freeman urged laymen to be "real revolutionaries—not card carrying, but torch-bearing."

A four-point program was suggested:

The setting up of an "intensive nationwide campaign to teach our people the nature of the church and of the kingdom of God;"

The devising of "ways to toughen the intellectual fiber and strengthen the foundations of our men;"

The development of ways to deepen the spiritual life of our church;" and

The leading of "our men into the thrill of discovering that they have a mission and God will help them fulfill it."



Four Boy Scouts of Troop 208 recently received the God and Country Award at the morning worship service at Mount Pleasant Methodist Church, Greensboro. This Troop is sponsored by the Methodist Men of the Church. The boys are: Charles Lee Bigham, son of Mr and Mrs. C. G. Bigham; John Charles Broadway, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Broadway; Eugene Everett Dean, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Dean; and Curtis Roland Kennedy, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Kennedy. Their pastor, Rev. J. C. Grose, Jr., worked with the boys over a year as they completely fulfilled all the requirements of the God and Country Program. More than 4,000 Methodist Boy Scouts receive this important award each year. E. E. Dean is the Scout Master of Troop 208, which has been one of the leading troops in the area for a number of years. Left to right: John Broadway, Eugene Dean, Rev. J. C. Grose, Jr., Charles Bigham, Curtis Kennedy, Jr.

Landis Church To Hold Special Programs

During the month of October at First Methodist Church in Landis, N. C. we are going to have four special night services. We are calling them, "Four Sunday Nights For Our Heavenly Father." Four different guest ministers will be speaking. On October 4th. The Reverend George Robinson of Milford Hills Methodist Church, Salisbury District will speak. On October 11th. The Reverend Lloyd Hunsucker of West Irving Park, Greensboro, Oct. 18th. The Reverend W. David Argo of Spencer Memorial in Charlotte and October 25th, The Rev. Howard Allred of Epworth Methodist Church, Concord.

On October 11th at the 11:00 a.m. Service, the church will observe Homecoming. Guest Speaker will be The Reverend Lloyd Hunsucker, pastor of West Irving Park Methodist Church, Greensboro. Rev. Mr. Hunsucker served this church, from 1955 to 1958. All the congregation will meet at the Landis Pavilian at 1:00 for a lunch. All former pastors and friends of the church are invited.

—Hubert A. Brown

Governor Sanford Is Given Fellowship By Yale University

North Carolina's Governor Terry Sanford along with Henry R. Luce, the founder of Time Magazine, will be Chubb Fellows at Yale University during the 1964–65 academic year, it has been announced.

Governor Sanford will spend five days on the campus beginning Nov. 16, visiting classes and attending informal meetings with students and faculty members. Mr. Luce's five days will begin April 19.

Several leaders in public life are brought to Yale each year under the Chubb Fellowship program. Other Chubb Fellows are expected to be named later.

Bishop Holloway Re-Elected

Bishop Fred G. Holloway, Charleston, W Va., has been re-elected president of t national Board of Hospitals and Homes The Methodist Church to serve for t 1964–68 quadrennium.

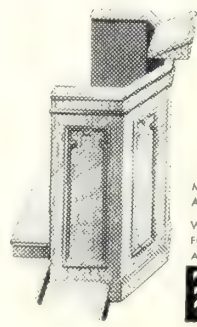
Bishop Holloway's election to a secon term as head of the Evanston, Ill.,-base board came at the organizational meetin in Chicago September 14.

In addition to electing Bishop Hollowa the board named other officers, re-electe Dr. Olin E. Oeschger of Evanston, Ill., general secretary, named seven new mem bers-at-large of the board, and approve a set of "principles and guidlines for Meth odist groups in planning programs an services for mentally retarded persons."

Bishop Ralph Duncan, Johnson Cit Tenn., secretary; and the Rev. B. W. Seli Chicago, treasurer.

In a report to the board, Dr. Oeschge traced activities in various fields and calle for a "closer relationship between the churc and her health and welfare agencies" in th future.

"The full support and involvement of th church is needed in order that these agen cies may truly represent Methodist concer and the love of Christ." the general secre tary said.



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By Mary Gardner

The Unfriendly Man

One day Jesus was teaching His disciples to be kind and forgiving. He didn't want His followers to be the kind of men who would say, "If you hurt me, I will hurt you." That was not Jesus' way of behaving toward those who injured Him.

Our Lord told the disciples a story about a king who was very, very rich, one day learned about one of his servants who owed him thousands of dollars.The king was very angry, for this man had spent all of the money. There was no chance of getting it back again. So the king ordered that the dishonest servant and his wife and family were to be sold as slaves.

"Please forgive me!" the man begged the king. He knew that slaves lived a terrible life, and that they could even be beaten and killed. "If you will forgive me," the dishonest man said, "and have patience, I will pay you back all I owe."

The king was a kind man. He felt sorry for his servant. "I will forgive you," he said, "and you don't need to pay me back the money you have taken. I freely forgive you."

The servant went away very happy. But soon the dishonest servant met a man who owed him some money. It was only a little money, but he shouted at the man, "Pay me what you owe me, you rascal!" Then he took the man by the throat and shook him.

The poor man said to the king's servant, "Please forgive me!" but he would not do it. Instead he sent him off to prison.

The king learned what his unfriendly servant had done, and this time he was really angry. "You bad man," he exclaimed! I forgave you a lot of money, but you would not forgive him even a little money!" Then he ordered the bad man to be punished. He was put in prison.

If we want God to forgive us, then we must be willing to forgive those who have wronged us.

You may read this story in Matthew 18:21-35

Randy's Birthday Present

Randy was crying when he went into his Sunday school room. "Why are you crying, Randy," his teacher asked.

"Because Spot is home alone."

"Who is Spot?" asked the teacher.

"My dog," said Randy. "I got him for my birthday."

"What does he look like, Randy?"

"He's little and white. He has a big spot on his side. I wanted to bring him to Sunday school."

"But Spot wouldn't like Sunday school, Randy," the teacher said, "We come to Sunday school to learn about God. We sing about God, too. Can Spot sing, Randy?"

"No! Spot can't sing," Randy said.

"Then he wouldn't like it when we all sing. He would have to be quiet," the teacher said. "You see, Randy, boys and girls come to Sunday school to sing about God."

Randy stopped crying. The teacher went away. Soon Randy forgot all about Spot. Then the teacher said, "Who has a birthday?" Randy thought about Spot again. He began to cry.

"Why are you crying, Randy?" the teacher asked.

"Because Spot is home all alone," he said.

"Who is Spot," the teacher asked.

"My dog! I got him for my birthday," Randy said.

"Oh, Randy has a birthday," the teacher said. "Come, Randy, put your pennies in our birthday bank."

"I wanted to bring Spot to Sunday school. "Randy," the teacher said, "How could Spot bring his money and give it for God? He has no money."

Randy thought about that and stopped crying. Soon Randy's mother and father came for him.

"Did you have a nice story, Randy," his mother asked?

"Yes," said Randy. "It's a good thing Spot didn't come."

"He wouldn't like the story because he would have to sit still," Randy's father said.

"But I like the story," said Randy. "I like to go to God's house to learn about God, even if Spot can't come."

Ellen M. Trimmer in The Little Soldier.

Can You Fill In The Blanks?

1. Peter asked Jesus how often he should ..... his brother.
2. Jesus said to him, "Until ... times ..."
3. "So likewise shall My Heavenly ..... do also unto ....., if you from you hearts forgive not every one his brother their trespasses."

God Loves Us All

I look at my hands and my two good feet,
And I'm grateful to God above
For making me strong and giving me health,
And blessing me through His love.
I pray for the people with withered hands,
Or with bodies so weak and so ill;
God bless us all-the weak and the strong,—
And help us to do His will.

—Author Unknown

A Prayer

Forgive me, O God, for all the things I do that hurt other people. Forgive me for the times I try to get what I want without thinking about what other people need and want. Help me always to treat other people in the way I want to be treated. I ask this in the name of Jesus who taught that we can always count on Your love and forgiveness.

Amen.

Bible Quiz

1—Who Baptized Jesus and where?
2—What is a disciple?
3—How many special disciples did Jesus have?
4—How long did he train these men to carry on his work?
5—How old did Jesus live to be?

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Answers to Last Week's Questions

1—In The Beginning. (Genesis 1:3a)
2—Light (Genesis 1:3a)
3—Jabel (Genesis 4:20)
4—Fig leaves (Genesis 3:7)
5—Nimrod (Genesis 10:9)

Just For Fun

Teacher: "What is the half of eight, Frank?
Frank: "Which way, teacher?"
Teacher: "What do you mean?"
Frank: "On top or sidewise?"
Teacher: "What difference does it make?"
Frank: "Well, the top half of eight is zero, but the half of eight sidewise is three."

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Billy: "Mom, you had better take this toaster back to the store."
Mom: "Why?"
Billy: "It won't even do marshmallows."

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Seven-year-old Suzanne asked her father: "Why doesn't Tommy talk?"

"He can't," replied the father. "Babies as small as he never do."

"Oh, yes, they do," Suzanne assured him. "Why at Sunday school last week the teacher told us that Job cursed the day he was born."

Woman's Activities

A Call To Prayer and Self-Denial

Mrs. John C. Wright

"Prayer is eternal.

A prayer is an ever–widening ring of power dropped in a placid pool.

A prayer travels on, finally touching the shore to become a part of the power that can heal and change lives.

A Call to Prayer is an expectation of meeting the Master.

Answering a Call to Prayer is serving the Master."

So says *The Methodist Woman* in its introduction to the 1964 service in observance of the Call to Prayer and Self–Denial. All local units of the Woman's Society of Christian Service cherish this service during the last week in October as a time of "meeting the Master."

Plans should be made with great care and with much prayer. The place of the worship service should be prepared lovingly. Those who take part in the program should approach the service with reverent minds and hearts. Everything connected with the service belongs to the Master.

The offerings and sacrificial gifts will be used to repair and remodel buildings in the United States. "Better facilities will make possible improved and expanded services to those reached by Mission projects," says *The Methodist Woman*. Overseas the gifts will be used for pensions for full–time national workers in Christian service, in India, Japan, the Philippines and Korea.

Every Methodist church needs a serivce like this. EVERY Methodist woman needs to attend such a worship service and participate in its beauty.

Mrs. Barnhardt Speaks in Gastonia

Mrs. Leslie Barnhardt of Charlotte, president of the Woman's Society of Christian Service of the Western North Carolina Conference, was guest speaker at a luncheon meeting of the Woman's Society of First Methodist Church, Gastonia, on Sept. 14th.

She chose as her topic, "The Changing World in Which We Live Today," stating in part, "What can we, as members of the Woman's Society, do to meet the needs with which we are confronted? We must be educated and informed. We must grow in knowledge and experience of God. We must grow in understanding and spiritual power, increase our knowledge of needs in the world. We must share in witness, service and outreach of the Church. We must help enlist workers and secure funds for the fulfillment of our responsibility in the mission of the Church at home and overseas."

Mrs. Barnhardt was introduced by Mrs. Charles W. Gunter. The meditation was given by Mrs. Richard McPhail. Both are of Gastonia.

100 women attended the meeting.

North Wilkesboro Plans Workshops

Plans for four Subdistrict workshops on, "Purpose and Program," sponsored by the District Woman's Society, were made at the District Executive Committee meeting held at Elk Shoals Camp early this summer.

All four meetings will be held from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. They are as follows:

Ashe Subdistrict, Oct. 6, at Blackburn Chapel, Todd; Alleghany–Surry–Yadkin, Oct. 8, at Grassy Creek Church, near Elkin; Alexander–Wilkes, Oct. 13, First Methodist Church, Taylorsville; Avery–Watauga, Oct. 15, Banner Elk Church, Banner Elk.

Mrs. John White of Moravian Falls, new district president, was is charge of the session to plan the workshops. The Rev. Kenneth Horn presented a resume of the 1964 summer program of the Elk Shoals Camp.

In September Mrs. White entertained the members of the district executive committee at a luncheon at her home near Moravian Falls. The plans for the subdistrict workshops were completed. Mrs. Fred Hobson, Yadkinville, district secretary of missionary education, presented ideas to develop the theme of "Purpose and planning." The program will feature new challenges and opportunities for Christian Service, using the program book, "Summoned to a New Age."

—Mrs. D. Frank Welch, CPR
North Wilkesboro Dist. W. S. C. S.

Marion District News

Mrs. Edmund Blanton, president of the Woman's Society of Christian Service of the Marion District, spoke on the changes in the organization of the Woman's Society at the district workshop on, "Purpose and Program" held at First Methodist Church, Marion, on August 29.

Mrs. Fletcher Nelson, district secretary of missionary education, discussed techniques of conducting mission study courses. Those attending were divided into three workshops. Mrs. Claude McClure, Spruce Pine, led the group in studying, "The Responsibility of the Program Committee." Mrs. I. S. Michalove was leader for, "Use of the Program Book," and Mrs. John Tinkler, "The Use of Study Books and All Related Materials."

Mrs. Vernia Bowan, district secretary of spiritual life, presented the meditation and the Rev. Charles Shannon, district superintendent, was in charge of a service of dedication.

N. C. Conference

Mrs. H. W. Doub

Raleigh District

Plans for the three subdistrict Workshops on Program and Purpose, scheduled for the Raleigh District Woman's Society of Christian Service, were disclosed at a meeting of the District's Executive Committee, in session on September 17 at the Edenton Street Methodist Church, Raleigh.

The program for each of the subdistricts, the Raleigh, Vance–Warren, and Louisburg will be coordinated into the regular fall educational seminars and officers training, according to announcement by Mrs. W. J. Brogden, district vice president. The meeting will be held at the Westover Methodist Church, Raleigh; the Norlina Metodist Church, and Louisburg Methodist Church on Ocotber 7, 14, and 15, respectively.

Also highlighting the agenda for the meeting were an opening meditation, by Mrs. Frank Daniels: A discussion of the new purpose of the WSCS, the changed terminology and the society's tools for 1964–68, led by Mrs. John Crawford, district president, and reports of officers and committee chairmen.

New members of the committee introduced included Mrs. W. J. Brogden, Raleigh; Mrs. W. C. Hackler, Raleigh education and services; Mrs. Willis May, Louisburg, Missionary personnel; Mrs. Frank Daniels, Raleigh, Spiritual Life cultivation; Miss Addie Jones, Raleigh, secretary Wesleyan Service Guild, and Miss Blanche Penny, Raleigh, subdistrict leader.

Special guests were the Rev. N. W. Grant, district superintendent and Miss Louise Kesler, newly appointed worker for an ensuing Methodist sponsored inter–city mission in Northeast Raleigh.

—Mary Gardner

Plans For Other Districts

Miss Camille Staton, Conference Vice–president calls attention to the fact that some of our districts are having Fall Workshops at a district meeting while others are having this training in their Sub–district Meetings. Two Districts announced their meetings in this column two weeks ago and others have been held before information will reach you. Please note carefully when your respective dates are coming up.

Burlington District — September 29 — Alamance–Gamewell Sub–district at Graham Methodist Church, Graham.
October 8,—Siler City and South Alamance Sub–districts, Belmont Methodist Church, R. F. D., Burlington.
Durham District — October 15, — Carr Church, Durham
Elizabeth City District—September 22—First Methodist Church, Elizabeth City
Fayetteville District—October 6—Harnett Sub–district, Divine Street Methodist Church, Dunn
October 13, Hoke–Cumberland Sub–districts—Cokesbury Church, Stedman
October 15, Robeson Sub–district—Trinity Church, Fairmont
Goldsboro District—October 6—St. Paul Methodist Church, Goldsboro
Greenville District—October 13—Belhaven Sub–district, Fairfield
October 15, Greenville Sub–district—Avden
October 22—Snow Hill Sub–district—Maury
Washington Sub–district — (To be announced)
New Bern District—(to be announeed)
Raleigh District—(see above article)
Rocky Mount District—October 8th—First Church, Rocky Mount.
Sanford District—See N. C. Christian ADVOCATE September 18th Edition
Wilmington District—See N. C. Christian ADVOCATE September 18th Edition

Old Centenary Church Records Revealed In Cornerstone Box

Centenary Methodist Church Greensboro, relocated about three years ago, and sold the old church building. Recently the building was torn down, and the cornerstone box was opened. While the contents were badly damaged, it did contain a number of interesting articles, including copies of the North Carolina Christian Advocate, Bible, and editions of the newspapers published at that time in Greensboro which were the Greensboro Telegram and the Greensboro Daily Record. Also a publication for young people, known as the Epworth Era, dated September 1, 1904 the year the church was built. A copy of the Western North Carolina Conference Journal for 1903 as well as rolls listing the church and Sunday school membership of the time, church officers, membership of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, and the Young People's Society, and national, state, and municipal officers.

The pastor, Rev. Roger W. Tucker, carried the items to the parsonage and spread them out on a table to dry and for people to view. Present members of the church who were present at the laying of the cornerstone included Mr. W. G. Simpson, Mrs. T. A. Glascock, Sr., Mrs. L. L. Glascock, Sr., Mrs. R. G. Rives, Sr., Mrs. C. B. Wilkerson, Sr., Mrs. S. R. Jordan, and Miss Ethel McNairy.

According to the records, Rev. J. R. Scroggs was presiding elder, and Rev. Ira Erwin was the pastor at the time the cornerstone was laid. The membership of the church at the time was 350. The old church was located on Arlington Street. The new Centenary is located on Friendly Road, and has about 850 members.

Albemarle District Workshop On Evangelism For Ministers

The ministers of the Albemarle District held a meeting at Central Methodist Church in Monroe on Monday, September 14, beginning at 10:00 a.m. with the District Superintendent, Dr. W. Jackson Huneycutt, presiding.

The beginning portion of the meeting involved the election of officers. Upon the nomination of a nominating committee, the following officers were elected:

President: C. Harley Dickson
Vice–President: A. G. Perkins
Secretary–Treasurer: W. H. Faggart

Following the election of officers, the general business of the district was discussed with the various reports made.

The meeting was then turned over to the special guest, The Rev. Cecil L. Heckard, District Superintendent of the Gastonia District, who led the entire group in a workshop on Evangelism. The workshop involved presentation by Mr. Heckard, discussion groups, and a report by the District Director of Evangelism, Glenn R. McCulley, and discussion as to the procedures of the district in the total area of evangelism for the entire year.

Midway through the workshop, the group of ministers was fed an excellent meal in Pfeiffer Hall; the meal was arranged by Church and was free of charge.

Church Union Asked

A bishop of The Methodist Church, addressing a recent meeting of the bishops of the Evangelical United Brethren Church, called for union of the two bodies "so that we can confront the world using all the powers that are ours."

Bishop T. Otto Nall of the Minnesota Area was a featured speaker at the EUB Board of Bishops meeting, recently.

In a series of three addresses dealing with several topics, Bishop Nall had this to say about the proposed Methodist–EUB merger:

"When two churches such as ours are essentially one in origin, in belief, in spirit and in purpose, we would do well, it seems to me, to be one in organization, so that we can confront the world using all the powers that are ours."

Bishop Nall expressed his personal disappointment that the 1964 Methodist General Conference in Pittsburgh "did not think through the problems of the merger on which many of us had our hearts set."

"Obviously, the proposal faults, recognized by the commissioners on both sides," Bishop Nall said. "The tendency to lump constitutional and legislative matters together was a weakness in the legal instrument, but surely not a weakness in the fundamental purpose to achieve unity."

The Methodist bishop said he was sure "we can find ways to sort out these matters so that the administrative side of the work is not made rigid and inflexible by being frozen in a constitution."

Missions Service Begun

Teachers, social workers, a nurse, rural church–and–community specialists, a houseparent for a children's home, and a man trained in business are among 25 young persons who will begin two years of special–term missionary service this fall for The Methodist Church.

The 20 women and five men comprise the 1964 group of "U. S.–2's," young churchmen who will serve Methodism in its missionary outreach in the United States in a variety of ways. All will work in institutions, agencies, and programs of the National Division of the Methodist Board of Missions.

The 25 U. S.–2's represent a slightly smaller group than last year, when there were 27, but are larger than the average annual U. S.–2 group in the past decade. As usual, the U.S.–2's come from throughout America—representing 19 states, from New Hampshire to California. The type of mission work they will do varies with their skills and the needs of the places where they will serve.

"Miss America" A Methodist

Vonda Kay Van Dyke, named "Miss America" September 12, is an active member of Central Methodist Church in Phoenix, Ariz.

The daughter of Dr. and Mrs. A. B. Van Dyke, the new "Miss America" has participated in the Central Church youth division, taught in the senior high church school department the past summer, has sung in the choir, and, according to officials of the church "helped where she is needed."

Rev. Jack C. Smith On Program At Granite Quarry Church

The Rev. Jack Courteney Smith spoke and showed movies and slides concerning his work in Kahukee, Hawaii to the congregation of Shiloh Methodist Church in Granite Quarry, N. C. on Sunday, September 20. Kahukee is on the island of Oahu. Rev. Mr. Smith serves a congregation of 100 members including Japanese, Filipino, Korean and Caucasian background. He has served this congregation since 1959. Before going to Hawaii, Mr. Smith served as pastor of Churches in Concord and Misenhiemer, North Carolina.

The program at Shiloh was under the direction of the Commission on Missions. Shiloh helps with the work of Rev. Mr. Smith through the National Mission Special.



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Sunday School Lesson

For October 11

By Raymond A. Smith
Head, Department of Religious Education
Greensboro College

Why Jesus Came

Background Scripture: I Timothy 1:12 through 2:15

Lesson Scripture: I Timothy 1:12–17; 2:1–7

From now until December 13 we shall be studying a unit entitled "Instructions for Christian Living." The aim of these lessons is to help us see how the authority of leaders in the Ancient Church depended upon their consecration to the will of God for them, and the world in which they lived.

In the first passage of Scripture (I Timothy 1:12–17) called into the service of Christ. As Phillips' translation expresses it: "I am deeply grateful to Jesus Christ for trusting me enough to appoint me His minister, despite the fact that I had previously blasphemed His name, persecuted his church and damaged his cause."

St. Paul is presented in these verses as a sort of "Exhibit A" of what the grace of God can do for a man. Someone has defined as grace as "God's love in action." This over–flowing and active love of God, as seen in the life of the apostle, may be illustrated by noticing the verbs used in this passage. First, "he has given me Strength" (verse 12). Any minister, parent, teacher, or church leader who has been faced with the problems that arise in carrying out his calling will know how many times his heart cries for the strength needed to meet many crises that arise. Then, too, Paul "received mercy" because, as he thought, he had "acted ignorantly" and "in unbelief." How many times have all of us wished we might be able to live our lives over again so that we might correct those actions done either through igorance or through lack of faith! However, the past cannot be undone. We must, like the apostle, try to compensate for our past mistakes by an even greater degree of devotion to the cause of Christ in the future.

"The grace of our Lord overflowed for me" (verse 14) shows how the apostle was conscious of the benefits that came, undeserved, into his life. Willard Sperry defined grace in these terms: "Grace is the name we give to the goodness we have not earned and perhaps morally do not ever deserve." So we can say that the grace of our Lord overflows for all of us: "Christ came into the world of sinners and I am the foremost of sinners" (verse 15). Any study we make of the lives of the saints will show that the greater they are the less claim they make for any deserved tributes of goodness. In verse 17 there is one of those spontaneous outbursts of praise which often mark the writings of the New Testament. This used to be characteristic of the people called Methosists, but is rarely heard in these times. We seem to think it quite proper, however, to break out into praise over a new car, a fine house or a good shot on the golf course. A British writer once wrote a book entitled "The Lost Radiance of the Christian Religion." What has happened to it in your life and in mine?

We turn now to consider the material in the second part of our lesson Scripture, I Timothy 2:1–7. In these directions for the ordering of services of worship the young pastors are told not to forget to pray publicly for those in authority. How appropriate this is for our time! All of us have read repeatedly that decisions made by high government officials can mean survival or destruction for most of the human race. With the coming of weapons capable of unimaginable destruction, we need to be sure those who control them are God–fearing and humanity–loving men.

Notice also that verse 4 emphasizes that God desires the salvation of *all* men. By the term "salvation" is not meant simply survival of the soul in another world; rather, it means that all men are to be rightly related to God and to their fellow–men in this world, now. By contrast, the lost man is one who is out of harmony with God and his fellowmen, "without God and without hope in the world."

A good way to close your class session would be to use a prayer for "those in authority." Such a prayer is the following one which can be found in the back of your Methodist hymnal at page 516:

"O God who art the Hope of all the ends of the earth, remember us in love, and guide us by thy infinite wisdom. Most heartily we beseech thee to grant Thy blessing upon Thy servants, the President of the United States, and the Governor of this state and all others in authority. Imbue them with the spirit of wisdom, goodness and truth; and so rule their hearts and bless their endeavors, that law and order justice and peace, may everywhere prevail, to the honor of Thy Holy Name, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Methodism Growing In Cuba

Methodist membership in Cuba now stands at 8,744, according to a report received by Bishop James W. Henley of the Florida Area.

Bishop Henley, who has episcopal visitorial responsibility for Cuba, was unable to get his papers cleared in time to attend the annual sessions of the Cuba Conference.

The church in Cuba has been granted permission to become autonomous during the next four years when the necessary formalities have been completed.

Meanwhile, Bishop Henley has received a report from the Rev. Dr. Angel Fuster of Santa Clara, a district superintendent who represents the bishop in his absence.

"The Annual Conference was really inspiring, particularly for its fraternal spirit," Dr. Fuster said in his report.

"Once more was evident the love and gratitude of the church toward our Mother Church, whose missionaries both men and women, and officials we keep in our hearts with love and prayer," Dr. Fuster added.

He reported that Cuban Methohdists had paid $47,900 in nine months "over and above regular payments" in support of the church to substitute for contributions of the General Board of Missions.

A new budget of $131,280 was adopted for the complete support of the work in Cuba.

Eight ministers, including three women—the first in the history of the Conference—were admitted into full connection. The Conference roll now includes 22 clergical members, 11 preachers on trial, and 13 ministerial students in the seminary.

Greensboro District Holds Missionary Rally

Some three hundred and fifty ministers and laymen gathered Wednesday evening, September 23 at Muir's Chapel Methodist Church for the Greensboro District Mission Rally and business meeting of the District Mission Society. Ladies of Muir's Chapel church served a delicious and tasty meal at 6:30.

Bishop Earl G. Hunt was the principal speaker. Appearing on the rogram also were Rev. Ed Hackney missionary to India; Dr. Horace McSwain, Executive Conference Missionary Secretary, Rev. A. Glenn Lackey, Director of Church Extension who is also Superintendent of the Charlotte District. Dr. J. Garland Winkler, Greensboro District superintendent, presided over the business meeting of the society, and Rev. Marion Workman gave the report of the executive committee. Rev. Roger W. Tucker, district missionary secretary, presided over the mission program. Mr. Harvey Smith, district director of Church Extension, gave a report and appealed for stronger support for the cause. The district hopes to have at least fifteen hundred members of the Builders Club. Mr. Hal Fields, gave the treasurer's report of the district board.

Bishop Hunt who was introduced by Dr. Garland Winkler, brought a most timely and inspiring message as the conclusion of the program, in which he lifted up the cause of Church extension in the district and conference and the cause of missions around the world.

Layden Memorial Church In Homecoming Services

The Reverend Fred T. Gilley, who recently went to the Virginia Conference returned to his former pastorate at Layden Memorial Methodist Church, Raleigh, on September 27, and preached at the 11:00 a.m. Homecoming Day service.

Mr. Gilley is now minister of Oakland Methodist Church in Dry Fork Virginia. He served Layden Memorial from 1961 until the Annual Conference in June of 1964.

The Reverend Ed Osteen, the present minister, is the fifth minister to serve Layden. He served 5 years on the Rocky Point Methodist Charge in Pender County and then spent three years as a United States Army Chaplain. He has just returned from a year's tour in Korea and has returned to local church pastorate.

This church, located at 2607 South Wilmington in Raleigh, held its first service on November 13, 1955 and ground was broken on November 2, 1958 for the present building. This marks the ninth anniversary of the congregation.

Mr. Marvin Murray, Stewardship and Finance Commission Chairman presented highlights of the 1963–64 church year. A roll call of all members was made by Mr. L. C. Mitchell, the church lay leader. Mrs. Sannie Dean honored all of the charter members present. Words of welcome were given by the Official Board Chairman, Mr. Vance Clayton.

Dinner was served around noon on the picnic facilities built by the Methodist Men."

ven New Faculty Members Methodist College

he 1964–65 academic year at Meth– t College begins with an addition of 11 faculty members

he college now has 40 members of the hing faculty.

he new faculty members include the owing:

Dr. Francis J. Merchant, Professor of glish and Area Chairman of Languages Literature. He holds the B.S. degree in man from Brooklyn College, the M.S. ree in German Education from the Col– e of the City of New York and the Ph.D. ree in English from New York Universi– He has taught at Texas Southern Uni– sity, Wisconsin State College, New Mexi– Highland University and others. He is author of a number of books and is rently experimenting with new methods teaching English.

Kenneth Proctor, Instructor in English. holds the A.B., B.S. and M.A. degrees n East Carolina College.

Dr. Barbara Gabel, Associate Professor English. She holds the A.B. degree from kinson College, the M.A. degree from body College and the Ph.D. degree from University of North Carolina. She is nember of Phi Beta Kappa and is listed *Who's Who in the South and South– st* and the *Directory of American Schol–*. She has taught at Arkansas State Col– e, Alabama State College for Women, llins College, U. N. C. and Stetson iversity.

Sara Ann Wilkin, Instructor in Bible. e received the B.A. degree from ldosta State College, the B.D. degree m the Candler School of Theology of ory University and will receive the Ph.D. gree in religion from Emory University 1965. For the past 8 years she has been rt–time research associate for the Inter– tional Greek New Testament Project.

Dr. Gloria B. Merchant, Associate Pro– sor of History and Dean of Women. e holds the B.M. and M.M degrees from icago Musical College, the M.A. degree m New Mexico Highland University and e Ph.D. degree from the University of wa.

Robert B. Ambrose, Instructor in Mathe– atics. He holds the B.S. degree from Jack– nville University and the M.A.T. degree mathematics from Duke University.

Dr. Edward B. Billingsly, Assistant ofessor of History and Area Chairman of cial Science. He holds the B.S. degree m the U. S. Naval Academy, the M.A. gree from Northwestern University and e Ph.D. degree from the University of rth Carolina.

Donald R. Kloe, Assistant Professor of anish. He holds the A.B. degree in Span– n from the College of William and Mary d the M.A. degree in Spanish from the niversity of North Carolina.

Dr. Christopher M. Ryan, Professor of conomics and Business Administration. He lds the B.S. degree from the College of e City of New York and the M.A. and n.D. degrees from New York University.

Philip J. Crutchfield, Assistant Professor Biology. He received the B.S. degree om Guilford College and is a candidate r the Ph.D. degree at the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill. He has served as research associate at U. N. C.

William VanWygaarden, Instructor in Physics. He is a native of Holland and re– ceived the B.S. degree in Honours Physics from McMaster University. Canada and the M.S. degree in Experimental Nuclear Physics from the University of Manitoba.

Homecoming To Be Held At Saint Matthew's Methodist Church

The Rev. Edgar R. Shuller was guest minister for the homecoming services held last Sunday, September 27, at the Saint Matthew's Methodist Church, Fayetteville. His topic was "The Church of Tomorrow."

Mr. Shuller is a native of Arkansas and a graduate of Hendrix College, Conway, Ark. and the Duke Divinity School. Mr. Shuller who is now serving the Laurel Hill Methodist Church was pastor of the Saint Matthew's Methodist Church 1961–1963.

Dinner was served on the grounds fol– lowing the morning worship service.

The Saint Matthew's Methodist Church was organized in 1956 under the leader– ship of Rev. G. Robert McKenzie, Jr. Mr. John E. Meckling was the first Chairman of the Official Board and Mr. W. Perry Smith was the first Church School Superin– tendent.

The Rev. David L. Moe was pastor of the St. Matthew's Methodist Church for the four year period 1957–1961 and during his ministry the present sanctuary was built with the help of the Ten Dollar Club, the Duke Endowment, the Hay Street Meth– odist Church, and the Division of National Missions of the Methodist Board of Mis– sions.

The Rev. Sam D. McMillan, Jr. came to the Saint Matthew's Charge in June of 1963 and continues to serve as Pastor.

In a rapidly growing transit commu– nity, the church membership has grown to 260 since organizing with 29 members on Nov. 18, 1956.

Quadrennial Materials Prepared

The first materials prepared for use by local churches in the 1964–68 quadrennial emphasis have been released for distribution through district superintendents of The Methodist Church.

Prepared by the Commission on Promo– tion and Cultivation, the "Starter Kit" pro– vides what the Rev. Dr. Elliott L. Fisher, general secretary of the commission, terms "basic documents of information and inspi– ration." The Commission on Promotion and Cultivation was given the responsibility of promoting the emphasis by the General Conference.

Included in the kit is a statement con– cerning the program by Dr. Fisher; the plan of the emphasis adopted by the Gen– eral Conference; statements on the program and by the Rev Dr. Eugene L. Smith, New York, Bishop Eugene Slater, San Antonio, Texas, and the Rev. Dr. Ben F. Lehmberg, Colorado Springs, Colo.; and an outline of the quadrennial theme study book by Bish– op Roy H. Short of Louisville, Ky., *One Witness in One World.*

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From the Kentucky hills to a successful sales career, through the valley of shadow of the white-collar drunk to an "accidental" prayer and testimony session—this is the life of Ford Philpot, Explained here in his dis– tinct approach to evangelism which has made him one of America's leading evangelists. FLEMING H. REVELL COMPANY, West– wood, New Jersey.

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PRAYERS FOR WOMEN'S MEETINGS, $2.50 128 pages, FLEMING H. REVELL COM– PANY, Westwood, New Jersey.

KINGSBURY WALLACE.

Miss Wallace is a well-known free lance writer. She has served as a college Dean of Women; on the editorial staff of Encyclopedia Americana, and is author of several previous books.

This is a selection of original prayers pre– pared especially for use by women. The broad subject area covered in this book of prayers touches women's concerns in every walk of life and serves as a stimulant in the selection of topics for prayer. They are ideal for use as written, and also serve as inspira– tion in the formulation of one's own prayers.

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TARBELL'S TEACHER'S GUIDE $2.95. 384 pages. publication date: October 5. By Frank S. Mead.

The Author: Frank S. Mead, one of the outstanding names in interdenominational religious education, author of **March of Elev– en Men** and editor of **A Handbook of De– nominations.**

Teachers of all denominations acclaim this book in teaching as their most valuable re– source in teaching preparation. Its pertinent illustrations, challenging teaching suggestions, and easy-to-follow lesson outlines make pre– paration a pleasure and inspiration. FLEMING H. REVELL COMPANY, Westwood, New Jersey.

Grace Church, Clinton To Hold Revival Services

Revival services will be held at the Grace Methodist Church in Clinton, N. C., Sunday night through Friday night, October 4–9, 7:30 p.m. nightly.

The Rev. Dewey Tyson, pastor of the Calvary Methodist Church in Durham, N. C., will be the guest minister.

Intensive preparation is being carried out for the revival. Cottage prayer meetings are being held each week; the women will have prayer services at the church each day during the week preceding the revival week at 7:30 a.m. and 6:10 p.m., the men of the church will hold a prayer break– fast at the church each morning during the week prior to the revival and an intensive week of visitation evangelism is planned for the week before the revival.

The local church choir, the First Meth– odist Church Choir of Clinton, the Youth Choir of Hopewell Methodist Church and the Men's Chorus of the Warsaw Method– ist Church will provide special music during the week. Rev. W. C. Teachey is the pastor of Grace Church.

Greensboro College Professor Edits Book On Music

Dr. John H. Long of Greensboro college has edited a book, "Music on the English Renaissance Stage," which will be published next spring by the University of Florida Press. Dr. Long is professor of English at GC.

The book is a collection of original scholarly papers designed to present a survey of the use of music in English drama from the Medieval mystery cycles to the Cavalier drama of the 17th Century. The work is international in that papers have been contributed by outstanding scholars of music and literature from Australia, Canada England, and also the United States.

"The significance of the book," Dr. Long said, "derives from the nature of the early English drama which frequently combined as integral parts the sister arts of music and poetry as well as the art of drama and scenic design.

"A better understanding of the plays might be gained by the collaboration of musicians, musicologists, and literary scholars," he added, "than by completely independent studies."

Dr. Long, who has a bachelor's degree in journalism and his master's and doctorate degrees in English, is the author of two books on the use of music in the comedies of Shakespeare.

WNC Conference Leads In Support Of Alaska University

The Western North Carolina Conference led all conferences in Methodism in the support of the Alaska Methodist University for the 1960–64 quadrennium with total gifts of $74,605.00. The Virginia Conference was second with $68,440.00 and the Florida conference was third with $51,481.00.

The Western North Carolina and Virginia Conferences have been the two leading conferences in Methodism in the support of Alaska Methodist University since the beginning of this program in the early 1950's.

In giving to the Alaska Earthquake Appeal, the Western North Carolina Conference was fifth with $39,263.00. The Florida Conference was first with $52,275.00. The Southern California–Arizona Conference was second with $50,814.00. The Ohio Conference was third with $46,631.00 and the Northeast Ohio Conference was fourth with $39,269.00.

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Some 300 youth from across Brazil attended the sixth General Congress of Methodist Youth in that country this summer.



MY PRAYER

Lord, be thou my guide—
The night is dark, the wind is chill outside,
The path that leads me home
I dare not tread alone,
So walk thou by my side—
Let me clasp my hand in thine
As I go on my way;
Then I shall have no need to fear
For night will turn to day—
Then help me Lord to understand
As I live from day to day,
That I must hold another's hand
Or he may loose his way—
And when we gather around Thy throne
On that Great Judgement Day;
May my Master say, "Well Done,"
For this, I humbly pray—

Amen.

—Louise Parker Stephenson
Garysburg, N. C.

Pleasant Grove Church Honors Senior Citizens

A rather unique affair is becoming a tradition at the Pleasant Grove Methodist Church on Route 3, Thomasville. Each year for the past several years the Senior Citizens of the Church and community have been honored with a dinner served by the WSCS and a special service following in the sanctuary.

On Sunday, September 20, 1964, approximately forty Senior Citizens gathered for this affair and truly everyone present received a blessing. After the evening meal, the group assembled in the sanctuary where a special service was planned in the way of personal testimony by the Senior Citizens; special singing of the old hymns by various members of the Church as well as the Men's Chorus. Dr. C. E. Rozelle of Winston–Salem brought the evening message.

Rev. and Mrs. C. E. Ridge were among the guests for the evening, Rev. Mr. Ridge being a former pastor.

Truly, the honoring of the Senior Citizens at Pleasant Grove is becoming one of the highlights of the Church year. Rev. H. T. Penry, Jr. is the pastor.

Vatican Observes Listed

Methodist observers at the Second Vatican Council's third session have been announced by the Rev. Dr. Lee F. Tuttle of Lake Junaluska, N. C. and New York, secretary of the Worldl Methodist Council.

Vatican II reconvened in its third session on Sept. 14 in Rome. It is expected to continue for several months.

Dr. Tuttle explained that Methodist observers will have three seats at the Council at all times but will serve in "rotating teams" because it is not possible for most observers to remain for lengthy periods of time.

The Rev. Harold Roberts of Richmond College, Surrey, England, past president of the World Methodist Council, will again represent British Methodism.

Two American theoligians—Dean Walter G. Muelder of Boston University School of Theology and Professor Albert C. Outler of Perkins School of Theology, Southern Methodist University, Dallas, Texas—will be the other Methodist observers as the session begins in Rome.

Laymen Elect Pettit

Dr. Clare N. Pettit, Parlier, Calif., is new president of the General Board of Activities of The Methodist Church for 1964–68 quadrennium.

Selection of the California public sc educator came as the board met in Ch go September 10–11 to organize and plans for the next four years.

In addition to election of Dr. Pettit, board members chose a full slate of o officers, re–elected ten staff membe headed by Dr. Robert G. Mayfield as G eral Secretary—, added an additional member, and agreed to put particular phasis in coming months on the devel ment of the theological basis for stewa ship and other phases of lay participatio the church.

Dr. Pettit, the new president, has bee member of the General Board of Lay Act ities for several years and has just comple six years as lay leader of the Californ Nevada Conference. He succeeds R. Hc ard Berg of Melbourne, Fla., as presid of the board.

Elected vice–president of the board Roy Black, Nettleton, Miss., a merch and member of the Mississippi legislatu Recording secretary is W. Carl Walt West Orange, N. J., a retired indust engineer and staff member of Religion American Life.

W. Rolf Brown, Evanston, Ill., was elected treasurer of the board, a post has held for some 20 years. Brown serv also, business manager of the board's hea quarters in the Methodist Building in Eva ton.

Joining the staff about January 1, 19 will be Rex Davenport, Oklahoma Ci Okla. Davenport, currently vice presid of the Security Church Finance Organiz tion, was named an associate director Stewardship and Finance and will ha special responsibilities in conference–wi and local church stewardship projects whi include capital funds as a subordinate pa

Dr. Mayfield, in his report to the boa introduced the theme that ran throu much of the business, when he said:

"We need to give careful considerati to upgrading the theological content of stewardship program.

"During the present quadrennium must set up a study committee on the the logy of stewardship and bring in some the best theologians of the church to par cipate in such a study."

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Simpson V. Mtambanegwe, a Crusa Scholar of The Methodist Church, has b come the fourth African to practice law Southern Rhodesia.

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The New Bell Tower At Methodist College

The original architect's projection for the central mall of the Methodist College campus pictured an impressively designed bell tower, located in the center of the mall.

From the beginning stages of campus development many people looked forward to the day when the structure would send its shadow across the pathway of the campus.

During the spring of 1964 what was once a dream began to emerge as a reality—the bell tower began to take form. Students and faculty watched with interest and anticipation as it went up section by section.

The 95-foot structure with the illuminated cross in the top and amplification for the carillon was completed during the summer and becomes one of the most significant and inspirational landmarks on the campus.

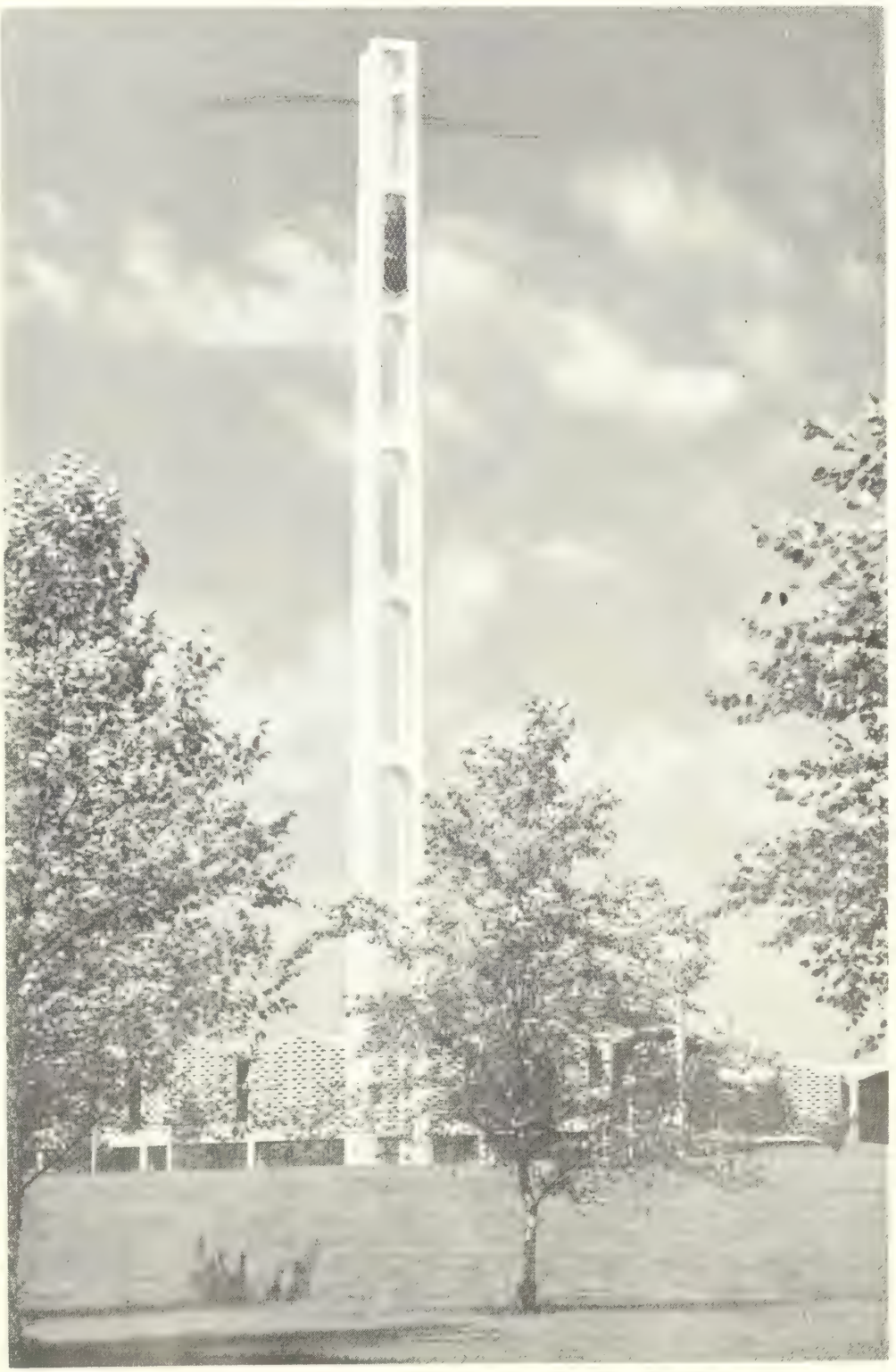
The cross in the top of the bell tower is a constant reminder of the centrality of Christ in the total program of the college and that Christian higher education, which is basically the search for truth, must ultimately end in Christ who said, "I am the way, the truth, and the life."

"Thy cross is lifted o'er us;
We journey in its light:
The crown awaits the conquest;
Lead on, O God of might."

As hymns of the church, played from the carillon, float out over the campus at various times of the day, one is reminded of another bit of progress in the effort to create and maintain a Christian atmosphere on this new church-supported college campus.

The Bell tower is the gift of Mr. and Mrs. Wilson F. Yarborough, Sr., of Fayetteville. The carillon was given by Halbert M. Jones and Mrs. Mary Jones McCoy of Laurinburg, and Dr. James A. Jones of Richmond, Virginia, in honor of their parents, Mr. and Mr. James A. Jones of Laurinburg.

—Photo by Charles McAdams



CAROLINA BRIEFS

¶ The Rev. Dr. Charles L.Calkins retired September 30 as general secretary of the General Board of Pensions of The Methodist Church. He is succeeded by the Rev. Claire C. Hoyt.

¶ Spiritual Life Enrichment Week is being held this week at Commonwealth Church, Charlotte, of which Rev. A. L. Maxwell is pastor. The visiting preacher is Rev. J. B. Golden, of Hickory. Commonwealth is observing its 18th anniversary.

¶ Asbury Methodist Church, Durham, will hold Homecoming services Sunday, October 11. Rev. Mark W. Lawrence, a former pastor, will bring the homecoming message at 11:00 a.m. Rev. Sidney Boone is the pastor.

¶ Pee Dee Methodist Church in Rockingham, N. C. will hold revival services October 11-23. Rev. W. P. Hodge, pastor of Victory Church, Fayetteville, will be the visiting preacher. Rev. M. W. Warren is the pastor of Pee Dee Church.

¶ Rev. H. L. Rogers, a former pastor, will preach at Homecoming services at Tabernacle Methodist Church at Townsville in Vance County Sunday, October 11. A picnic dinner will be served following the service. Rev. Julian Weisner is the pastor.

¶ Methodist, Baptist, Presbyterian, and Episcopal churches of Laurinburg are this week engaged in union revival services. The services are being held at First Methodist Church, of which Rev. Dermont J. Reid is pastor, and the preacher is Dr. Carlyle Marney, pastor of Myers Park Baptist Church of Charlotte.

¶ The Annual Homecoming Day Services will be held at Cokesbury Methodist Church, Stedman Sunday Oct. 11, 1964. Sunday School will assemble at 9:45 a.m. The Morning Worship Service will be at 11:00. Rev. Jack M. Hunter, the pastor, will deliver the message. A picnic dinner will be served following the worship service. All former pastors, members and friends are invited to attend.

¶ A reception honoring Bishop and Mrs. Paul N. Garber and Rev. and Mrs. N. W. Grant will be held at Edenton Street Methodist Church, Raleigh, October 9, from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. Everyone is cordially invited. Bishop Garber has recently taken up residence in Raleigh as the hub of the new Raleigh Area. Rev. Mr. Grant is the new district superintendent of the Raleigh District.

¶ Dr. M. Wilson Nesbitt, Director of the work of the rural church department at Duke Divinity School was the speaker last Thursday evening at a Rural Church Night program at Middleburg in Vance county. The program was sponsored by the Ruritan club. Churches participating were Flat Rock, Cokesbury, Middleburg, and Drewry Methodist; and Young Memorial and Brookston Presbyterian; and Middleburg Baptists. Special invitations were also issued to other churches in the area to participate.

¶ Homecoming Day was observed Sunday, September 27 at Farmville Methodist Church. Rev. Allen C. Lee of Wilmington was the preacher for the service. Mr. Lee is a former pastor of the church. Dinner was served following the service and a period of fellowship was enjoyed. Rev. Wayne G. Wegwart is the pastor.

¶ Rev. H. L. Davis of Littleton preached and baptized the infant son of Rev. and Mrs. J. D. Aycock at the morning worship service in West End on Sunday, September 27. Mr. Aycock is one of the "preacher son's" of Rev. Mr. Davis. He entered the ministry while Mr. Davis was pastor of the Littleton Charge. It was a special honor for them to have him baptize their son, John Charles. Mr. Aycock is pastor of the West End Methodist Church.

¶ West Irving Park Methodist Church Greensboro, has moved into the new church building recently completed. It is a lovely building and the congregation is highly pleased with their surroundings. This is a new church organized about three years ago. It is in a fine residential section and is growing rapidly. Dr. J. Garland Winkler, District Superintendent preached last Sunday morning and conducted the cornerstone laying exercise. Rev. Lloyd G. Hunsucker is the pastor.

¶ Cold Springs Methodist Church, Route 4, Concord will have Mission Emphasis Sunday on Sunday, October 11, at 11:00 o'clock a.m. The speaker for this service will be a former pastor, Rev. Jack Smith, Missionary to Hawaii. Rev. Mr. Smith served the Cold Springs church from 1955 to 1959, and has been Missionary to Hawaii from that time and is now on furlough. The pastor, Rev. Giles O. Bowman, and the members of Cold Springs Church cordially invite the public to attend this special service.

¶ Dr. Walt Holcomb will attend the National Conference on Christian Social Concerns, October 8–14, Washington, D. C. Enroute, Dr. Holcomb will stop off in Richmond, Virginia, and hold a "One–Night Revival" at Centenary Methodist Church, Dr. Carl J. Sanders, pastor, on October 11 at 8:00 p.m. It was in Richmond, sixty–nine years ago that he began his evangelistic career at Laurel Street Methodist Church, which spread to all other leading Methodist churches, with the exception of Centenary Methodist Church, where he will preach when he returns to Richmond.

¶ The Webb Avenue Methodist Church in Burlington will observe its annual homecoming with the eleven o'clock Service of Worship on October 11. Dr. Earl P. Crow, Jr., who was one time associated with the church as a Youth Worker, and who is now a member of the faculty of High Point College, will be the guest speaker. Following the morning worship, baskets will be spread in the Fellowship Hall for a meal together. The pastor, Rev. Grady L. Kinley, and the church members join in inviting all former pastors, members, and friends of the church to attend the homecoming.

¶ Laymen's day services will be observed in the Salem Methodist Church, Greenville District, this coming Sunday, October 11. Mr. Ernest Smith, a prominent layman from New Bern will preach at the morning service. The Youth Choir of the church will bring the special music. Rev. John R. Blue is the pastor.

¶ The annual homecoming service for the Belgrade Methodist Church will be held Sunday, October 11, The Rev. P. C. Yelverton, a former pastor, will bring the message. The church extends a cordial invitation to all former pastors, former members, and friends to attend. Picnic dinner on the church grounds at the close of the worship service.

¶ Homecoming Day will be observed at East Rockingham Methodist Church October 8th. The Reverend J. A. McIntyre of Gray Court, S. C., a former resident of East Rockingham will deliver the morning sermon. All former pastors, members and friends are cordially invited to come and enjoy the occasion. Rev. I. J. Strawbridge is pastor.

¶ Mount Sylvan Methodist Church in the Durham District will be celebrating its 79th Anniversary on Homecoming Day, October 11th. Church School will begin at 10:00 a.m. and the Morning Worship Service at 11:00 a.m. Dinner on the grounds will follow the Worship Hour. Members, former members and ministers, and friends of Mt. Sylvan are invited and urged to attend. The present pastor of Mt. Sylvan is Douglas L. Byrd.

¶ Tabernacle Methodist Church will hold homecoming services on Sunday, October 18, at 11:30 a.m. The Rev. John Maides of Jacksonville will be the preacher. Following the service dinner will be served on the church lawn. Revival services will be held at the church October 19-23 at 7:30 p.m. with the Rev. Mr. Maides preaching. The church extends an invitation to all to share in this week of spiritual renewal. The Rev. Fred Lutz, Jr., is pastor of the Balgrade–Tabernacle Charge.

¶ Wesley Memorial Church, High Point, had as the speaker for the Layman's Sunday Evening Forum last Sunday night Mr. Charles C. Parlin, prominent Methodist Layman and attorney of New York City. A breakfast forum was held on Monday morning at 7:30 in the dining hall of the church, at which time Mr. Robert M. Smith, Conference Lay Leader, of Mount Airy, introduced Mr. Parlin, who spoke on the Jurisdictional structure of the Methodist Church, and more especially on the recent action of the General Conference with regard to the Central Jurisdiction.

¶ Kenly Methodist Church in the Goldsboro District observed Services For Spiritual Renewal last week. The services were held on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday nights. The church is indebted to the Rev. Mr. Charles Mercer, minister of Centenary Methodist Church in Smithfield, for bringing a series of messages on faith, obedience, and the implementation to these into daily living. Three weeks ago the Kenly Methodist Church gave a pounding to the minister and his wife, Mr. and Mrs. James F. Thompson. Jr. in connection with an open house at the parsonage.

¶ Rev. Edward O. Temple, pastor of Doubs Chapel, Elm Grove, and Pleasant Hill churches in Forsyth County, is relinquishing his pastorate to establish a Department of Chaplaincy at Lynchburg General Hospital, Lynchburg, Va. Mr. Temple says he is responding to an inclination he has had since childhood. He and his family are moving to Lynchburg this week to take up the new work.

¶ Trinity Church, Jacksonville, N. C., is holding a laymen's revival this week. Speakers include Mr. Walter Anderson of Raleigh, Director of the SBI, and Raleigh Lay Leader; Mr. Wade Pierce, Lay Leader of Wilmington District; Mr. Bob Allen, Lay Leader of Fayetteville District: Mr. Ernest Smith, Lay Leader of New Bern District; and Mr. Robert Rose, Lay Leader of Goldsboro District. Rev. John T. Maides is the pastor.

¶ The 38th annual homecoming of Asbury Methodist church, located at Ravnham, N. C. on U. S. Highway 301, will be held on Sunday, October 18, with services beginning at 11:15 a.m. Dr. Paul W. Townsend, pastor of the First Methodist church, Newton, N. C., will be the guest speaker. Basket lunches will be spread together. All are urged to partake and to mingle with old and new friends. You and your friends are warmly invited to attend. A. T. McLean, Jr. president; Miss Mabel A. Townsend, program; Mrs. W. Albert McCormick, sec'y.

¶ Revival Services will begin next Sunday, October 11th and continue through Friday, October 16th at the Salem Methodist Church in Anson County. The Rev. David E. Hubbard, former pastor of the church will be the visiting minister. Special music is being arranged for each service. The Salem Church is located just four miles north of Wadesboro, on Hwg. 52, and is on the Ansonville Charge. The Rev. A. Petty is the pastor of the church. Services will begin each evening at 7:30, and the following are among the sermon topics which will be used during the week:"The Absolute Necessity Of The New Birth," "Repentence," 'The Missing Note In The Modern Message." "Americanism." 'Pillars Of Power." "Signs Of Paganism In America Today," "God's Honey Bees."

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¶ Franklin Heights Methodist Church, 719 South Franklin Road, Mount Airy, North Carolina observe Homecoming activities on Sunday, October 11, 1964. The Rev. J. B. Tabor, Jr. of Greensboro, will be guest speaker. Rev. Tabori is a former pastor of the church. Activities include church, school, morning worship, and Lunch in the fellowship hall. You are all welcome. Rev. J. Dwight Cartner is the minister of Franklin Heights. Lewis Woodson is the organist and in charge of music.

¶ Dr. Cecil Robbins of Louisburg College will be guest speaker at the Annual Homecoming Service for Jenking Memorial Methodist Church in Raleigh on October 18, 1964. Picnic style dinner will be served at the church following the eleven o'clock service. All former pastors, former members and friends are invited. Rev. Robert Rudd will be the guest Evangelist for the fall revival beginning on Sunday evening Oct. 18 through 23. The services will begin each evening at 7 o'clock. We covet the prayers of all praying Christians for a revival that will inspire, teach and inform, to the point of dedication. Mrs. Zet Ham Chairman Membership and Evangelism.

Dr. G. Ernest Thomas To Preach At Trinity Church, Raleigh

Dr. G. Ernest Thomas will preach at Trinity Church Raleigh during the week of October 18–23. Dr. Thomas will preach both at the 11 o'clock service and again at 7:45 on Sunday 18th. Monday 19th through



Dr. G. Ernest Thomas

Friday 23rd Dr. Thomas will speak at a breakfast worship service from 7:00–7:35 a.m. and again at 7:45 p.m.

For twelve years Dr. Thomas was Director of Spiritual Life for the General Board of Evangelism. He is now pastor of First Methodist Church, Birmingham, Michigan. He is in great demand throughout the United States for conferences and retreats both for laymen and ministers. Trinity Church feels most fortunate in securing Dr. Thomas for these services. All ministers and their congregations, as well as the public in general are invited to worship with us during the stay of Dr. Thomas. Several of Dr. Thomas' books were placed on sale through the church office on October first and will continue to be available through October.

Christian Education Sunday Observed September 27

It was indeed a heart warming experience, particularly to the pastor, to have the Church School Officers and Teachers of Pee Dee Methodist church, Rockingham, come to the altar, following the message of the hour; Sunday morning, September 27 for a rededication of themselves to God and their task. The high point in the special observance of Christian Education Sunday, however, came, following the Family Night Supper, where the officers and teachers sat at a separate table, in order to give them special recognition. The Methodist Youth Fellowship gave, instead of their regular program, a most interesting and delightful series of testimonies, telling what their teachers meant to them.

No professional orator could have been nearly so eloquently for this occasion as were the youth of the church as they told of the impressions on their lives their various teachers had made.

Mr. and Mrs. D. C. Frye compose the committee for the Family Night Supper. No doubt Sunday's attendance was the largest yet, when the families of the church brought their baskets and enjoyed their supper together.

Following the supper and the Youth Program, Rev. Edward Smith a missionary from Africa Congo, gave a very interesting message and showed pictures of the people with whom he had worked.

Homecoming and Revival At Benton Heights Church

Homecoming services will be observed at Benton Heights Church in Monroe on Sunday October 11th. Rev John Long, a ormer member of the Church will deliver the sermon at the eleven o'clock service. This will be followed by a picnic lunch at 12:45 p.m. Revival services will begin at the evening services at 7 p.m. Rev. Charles Mitchum will be the guest speaker. The Mineral Springs Methodist Church youth Choir will bring special music at this service. Rev. A. S. Perkins, pastor of Benton Heights Church and members of the congregation extends a cordial invitation to all former members and friends to attend these services.

Five Grants For Research

Five Grants for research in a dozen social action areas will be given again in 1965–66 by the Methodist Division of Alcohol Problems and General Welfare.

This will be the fourth year of the awards, for $750 each, to graduate or post-graduate students in universities and seminaries. Deadline for applications is April 1, 1965.

The project research must be in one of the areas assigned to this division of the Board of Christian Social Concerns, including addictions, crime, sex and moral values, mental health, medical care, population problems, public safety, general welfare policy and practice. Several monographs already have resulted from past research projects in this program.

EDITORIALS

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Let Us Keep The Sabbath

"Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy." These words of the ten commandments seem to have lost much of their meaning for many Americans in this generation. As one rides the highways or walks the streets or sometimes notices what goes on in his community it is evident that the spirit of the Sabbath is being violated. Stores are open in many instances, and some even advertise that they remain open on Sunday. Work of various kinds is engaged in—mowing lawns, painting houses, working gardens and the like. This is reflected in the absence from church services of those who are so engaged. Many people wait until Sunday to do their shopping, when they could have done it earlier. Merchants in some cases appeal to the trade to patronize them on Sunday. It all adds up to the fact that the merchant wants to make a dollar and the customers have no concern for spiritual ideals.

Some merchants say they have to open Sunday because of competition. But that is not true. The S. & W. Cafeterias are among the most successful in the entire country, and they do not operate on Sunday, although pressure has suggested that they do so. The founder was the son of a Methodist preacher in the Western North Carolina Conference, and his respect for his father's religion as well as his own religious convictions prevent him from violating this God-given fourth commandment. If our church members would refuse to patronize those who keep open on Sunday the chances are that they would soon close on this day. If it were necessary to keep open it would be different, but there is absolutely no excuse whatever for it. And let us not fool ourselves. When we trade with merchants on Sunday we are encouraging them to keep open, and therefore we are just as guilty as they are for Sabbath violation. The root of the whole matter is selfish greed to make money on the part of the merchant, and flagrant disregard for and lack of respect for the Sabbath day. The Bible forbids it, and yet many people do it. Some day they will realize their mistake, but maybe too late.

We are not saying this is an unpardonable sin, but it is a far cry from the spirit of religion and the ideals cherished by our forefathers. It seems to be a fact that some of us cannot stand prosperity. The more we have the less we magnify our relation to God and the church which he established. When adversity and threatened annihilation comes we humbly seek His mercy and protection, but when it is granted we seem not to realize the source of our help.

Our modern civilization seems to have lost its sense of values. We measure success in terms of what we have that we want, whether it is for our good or not. We are told that our chief duty is to glorify God and to enjoy Him forever, but many of us have reversed the order, and are feeding upon the material and temporal while we impoverish our souls. While all the commandments are being broken by some people, we are thinking primarily of this fourth one at present, for if we properly observe it and reap the rich benefits it offers we shall be less inclined to break the others. In Exodus the twentieth chapter beginning at the eighth verse we read through the eleventh verse: "Remember the Sabbath day to keep it holy. Six days shalt thou labor and do all thy work, but the seventh day is the sabbath of the Lord thy God; in it thou shalt not do any work, thou, nor thy son, nor thy daughter, thy manservant nor thy maidservant, nor thy cattle, nor thy stranger that is within thy gates: For in six days the Lord made the heaven and earth, the sea, and all that in them is, and rested the seventh day: wherefore the Lord blessed the Sabbath day, and hallowed it."

Traditionally this is a day of rest and worship, and if properly observed gives relaxation and strength to those who keep it, and better prepares them for the beginning of a new week. Nothing we can do will contribute more to our well-being or better fit us for our responsibilities than a proper observance of the Sabbath, which includes corporate worship. If we want to live peaceful and poised lives and strengthen our faith in immortality, contributing to our own happiness and that of our homes and families, let us observe in a proper manner the day which the Creator has designed for this purpose. "Forsake not the assembling of yourselves together, as the manner of some is."

THEME FOR THE WEEK

"Moreover, brethren, I declare unto you the gospel which I preached unto you, which also ye have received, and wherein ye stand; by which also ye are saved, if ye keep in memory what I preached unto you, unless ye have believed in vain."
—I Cor. 15:1, 2

LETTERS

Report On Duke Student

Dear Ken:

I finally have found time to send in my report on our Duke Endowment student and his wife who were with us this summer. Bob and Martha Alexander of Kinston and Durham worked with the Boone Methodist Church, Deerfield and Banner Elk churches. We deeply feel that our churches were richly blessed by having these dedicated young people with us this summer.

Some of the highlights of the summer's work were:

A joint Youth Activities Week with the Boone and Deerfield churches conducted by Bob and Martha.

Vacation Bible Schools at the Boone and Deerfield churches. At the Deerfield church Bob was the director of the school. (We recieved reports that this was the best Bible school yet at Deerfied.)

A Vesper service and cook-out for the Methodist college students attending summer school at Lees McRae College. This was sponsored by the Banner Elk Methodist Church.

Filling in on the pastoral duties for the Rev. Richard Crowder and myself while we were on vacation.

Bob and Martha entered into the work with a wonderful spirit conducting worship services at Deerfield and Banner Elk, teaching a Sunday school class, visiting and conducting the MYF program at the Boone Methodist Church during the summer.

They were well received by the people and received many expressions of kindness from the people of the churches.

Mr. Crowder and I feel that we were very fortunate in having these two fine Christian young people with us for the summer.

JOSEPH C. MCMURRAY

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Aboard Cargo Ship M. V. Ru Yung,
September 21, 1964

N. C. Christian Advocate

Dear Fellow-Readers:

Fifteen and a half months ago we spanned the Pacific by plane westward to the Far East. Yesterday we re-entered the western hemisphere as we sailed eastward across the 180th meridian date line at a point near 45 degrees north—half way to the North Pole. Two days ago our air conditioning system switched from cool to warm air. A thick blanket has been added to our bed cover. There are 23 passengers aboard—all Chinese except us and all getting off, except three of us, at Los Angeles or San Pedro, where we dock only long enough to take on a new bunker of oil to proceed via Panama to New York. We disembark at Charleston, S. C. about October 10.

We've been aboard since September 13—41 days, having been ashore some 25 times at two ports in Korea, two in Taewan, Hong Kong, and then back to Kobe and Yokohama, Japan—traveled overland by train between the last two. In every port except two we have visited Methodist churches, institutions, or service-reach projects—the same of other churches, too. We have made photographs and color slide pictures preparatory for later cultivation use on return to North Carolina. At every port of call, as well as in Japan, both native and missionary leaders are effectively witnessing in Christian service through multiple channels of need, this in a wide variety of activities. There is yet an urgent need for the local church near you to personalize its relation to World Service giving, to get to know first hand

the native and missionary personnel, faithful and effective witnesses whose fruitfulness in His vineyard abroad could not continue but for World Service giving underwritten with prayer.

It will take some time after our arrival in North Carolina to get settled in our home at 903 Eugene Street, Greensboro, N. C.—27401. Then we shall be happy to share the experiences of these fifteen months in the Far East with those who may want us to do so.

Our thanks again to many among you who followed us to Japan with prayer and additional support. We appreciate, too, the generous kindness of Brother Starnes and the **Advocate** for repeated publicity.

—J. Doane Stott

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Beaver Dam Church Dedicated

The Beaver Dam Methodist Church on the Pinebluff Charge recently completed their new church plant. It was the first church to be dedicated in the new Sanford District, debt free. Dedication services were held June 28, 1964. The church began its planning about three years ago. With just 12 family units, they realized it was a tremendous undertaking. They were determind it was God's will. Along with Dr. Nesbitt's help the building was begun. The men and the pastor worked on Saturdays. Under the leadership of the pastor, Rev. Julian W. Scott the money was raised. Pledges were made over a three year period.

Beaver Dam Church was first organized in 1858. This is the third building that



New Beaver Dam Church

has been erected since the time it was organized. Beaver Dam church is named after the "Beaver Dam" which the beavers made many years ago. It is one of the oldest churches in this vicinity. It is located at the south side of the Sandhills Wildlife Refuge. Three miles south of Marston training School, approximately six miles from Rockingham. The church now has 58 members, eight have been added in the past year. There is a great possibility for this church. The members and friends are to be commended for their dedication and hard work. The Beaver Dam Church still has prayer meetings every Wednesday night.

During the construction of the church, the minister held three meetings to raise

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PASTORS — DO IT NOW

A Letter Has Been Sent to Each Pastor Asking that The Church Send Five Subscriptions To

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There is not a church in the two conferences but can do this. It is a small thing, and yet added together it would mean that 1144 churches would send 5,720 new subscriptions.

Dear Pastor, please attend to this right now. The MYF or the WSCS or other agency, or someone appointed to do this can do it within a few minutes, and it will mean so much. The people will be better informed and therefore better Christians, and the church will be a better church.

The Advocate belongs to the conferences. It deserves and must have the support of the pastors and laymen to carry on the work of the Church. The Bishops are strongly urging that it go into every home. But we are asking for a minimum of FIVE NEW SUBSCRIPTIONS NOW. If more can be secured, so much better. We will allow MYF or WSCS a commission on those they send at one time with cash to cover.

The original goal was, and still is, FIFTEEN from each charge, but we are asking for FIVE within the next week.

Chestnut Street Church, Lumberton, just sent us 59. The MYF did it Other churches are sending good lists also.

LET US HAVE YOUR FIVE SUBSCRIPTIONS BY RETURN MAIL. DO IT NOW

Public Affairs Conference In Raleigh

The Public Affairs Conference for the North Carolina Council of Women's Organization will be held on October 28, 1964 in the new state Legislative Building, Raleigh, beginning at 9:30 a.m.

Two of the featured speakers on the day's program will be Mrs. Charles Tillett of the United Nations and Dr. Guion Johnson of Chapel Hill. Dr. Rachel Davis of Kinston, chairman, will preside at the conference.

The program is as follows: 9:30 a.m., registration and visiting of exhibits; 10:30–12:30 p.m. in auditorium, national anthem, pledge to the flag, invocation by Rev. William W. Finlator; welcome, Mrs. Harold Dudley, president of N. C. C. W. O.; speaker, Mrs. Tillett, "The Changing Status of Women in the World and in the United States in Particular;" speaker, Dr. Guion Johnson, "A Resume and Evaluation of the Findings of the North Carolina Governor's Commission on Status of Women."

12:30 p.m., panel, topic, "Proposed Needed Legislation for Women." Panelists, Dr. Robert E. Lee, "Existing Legislation and Attitudes of Law Against Women," Hon. Winifred Wells, "Proposed Needed Legislation for Women."

Adjournment at 4 p.m.

The Woman's Society of Christian Service of the Western North Carolina Conference is a member of the N. C. C. W.O. The representative from the Woman's Society are Mrs. Arthur Williams, Greensboro, conference recording secretary, and Mrs. T. Fred Henry, Salisbury, president of the Salisbury District W. S. C. S. The alternates are Mrs. E. L. Murph of Kannapolis, conference secretary of membership cultivation, and Mrs. G. E. Brown, Winston–Salem, president of the Winston–Salem district.

The Public Affairs Conference is open to all interested persons.

Dr. Charles E. Shannon Will Preach In Bethlehem Revival

On Sunday evening, October 11, 1964 Bethlehem Methodist Church between Valdese and Drexel in Marion District will begin its fall revival. While the revival at the church will end on Wednesday evening, it is hoped that the awakening in the hearts of those who attend and in the community will continue indefinitely. Meeting time each evening will be 7:30, and everyone is invited.

Dr. Charles E. Shannon, the new District Superintendent for the Marion District of the Western North Carolina Annual Conference of The Methodist Church will be the guest preacher. Dr. Shannon is beginning his twenty–third year as a Methodist minister and has served churches in Charlotte, Asheville, and Greensboro. He is noted throughout Western North Carolina for his dynamic preaching of the Gospel of Christ. The Church is pleased that he will be able to be with us for our fall revival

There will be special music and an opportunity to sing many old familiar hymns.

The revival will be a high point in the worship of Bethlehem Methodist Church and in the spiritual lives of its members and friends.

—Wayne Reece Smith, *Minister*

Mrs. Porter Brown Elected As New General Secretary Board of Missions

The newly-elected top leader of the Methodist Board of Missions told the Board at its recent meeting that it must face up to some basic questions in its missionary work at home and overseas—questions such as why fundamentalist groups are doing the most effective Protestant work in the inner city, and why many Christian young people are turning to the Peace Corps instead of the mission boards to give service to humanity.

Giving her first address as general secretary of the Board of Missions, Mrs. Porter Brown, New York, covered a wide range of topics of concern to the Board and to the 10,304,184 member Methodist Church as a whole. She spoke at a dinner at the Sherman House, Chicago, Illinois, where the Board was holding its organizational meeting for the 1964-68 quadrennium. Mrs. Brown was elected September 15 as the Board's general secretary. The election makes her the Board's principal administrator and the first woman in history to head a national board or agency of The Methodist Church.

In the address, Mrs. Brown expressed her ideas on some of the major issues and problems confronting the Methodist missionary program in the United States and 48 other countries around the world. Among her ideas:

1. On government and church (specifically mission board) responsibility in meeting human need. 'We should rejoice that the time has come when government is responsible to a far greater degree than in the past for the education, health and welfare of citizens. Where government can and will serve, let it serve. Where there are gaps, let us as churches move in as we can. Our commission is to help the helpless. Maybe the answer is to close some agencies and concentrate our effort on those most greatly needed and that we can maintain decently."

2. On the need for missionaries. "The need today is not for more people on the mission fields as much as it is for people living in today's world, given to loving, skilled service. It may be that a missionary should be making his witness as a teacher in a government school or a doctor in a government hospital. The time is here when missionary-minded congregations should provide laymen to infiltrate as Christians the boards and staffs of institutions now properly in secular hands. By this concept, we would have missionaries in courts of domestic relations, in political conventions, in labor unions, in farm bureaus, in the American Medical Association, the bankers' association, at public hearings and on picket lines. What I am saying is that tomorrow's missionaries must have among them many more laymen, subsidized if need be, to infiltrate the secular world where it lives and moves, not as someone 'going to' but as someone 'living in.'"

3. On the ecumenical movement. "I am not so ecumenical that I am ready to throw out denominations any more than I would be willing to do away with families. I am unwilling to contribute to the building of a monolith that would some day crush us all. But this is neither asked nor expected. We know that denominational effort unrelated to the efforts of other Christians on the foreign field can no longer be justified. What is done must be done in cooperation with other Christian bodies, both at home and overseas."

4. On future mission strategy. "The world is small, communications adequate and fast, and the speed of travel fantastic. There simply cannot be 'home' and 'foreign' missions. There will be the **mission**. I do not doubt that there always will be need for administrative guidance to keep the show on the road, but operational needs will be common to both Leopoldville and Oklahoma City. Social welfare, worldwide, will operate on a common philosophy. The problems of the industrial world and the inner city, the small village and the suburban community will be the same in Malaysia or Bolivia or Kentucky."



MRS. PORTER BROWN

5. On the training of missionaries. "Perhaps we should be emphasizing for reading by future missionaries such books as 'The Waste Makers.' 'The Ugly American' and 'Lord of the Flies,' as well as books written by nationals of other countries on their concerns. Preparation of missionaries should also include seeing some of the new Indian, Japanese and Mexican films or those made by film makers in the countries in which the missionaries are to live. Missionaries should see such American films as 'Dr. Strangelove' and 'The Hustler' and such plays as 'Blues for Mr. Charlie,' even at the expense of reading more theology."

Dealing with the question of the inner city as one of the major challenges confronting Methodist missions, Mrs. Brown said: "I don't believe that I can be challenged if I say that the most effective groups from the standpoint of numbers and activity in the inner city today are the fundamentalist groups. They are the groups making the fastest progress overseas also.

"Why? Could one reason be that people feel more at home in storefront churches than they do in elaborate buildings erected by some mission board? Are we careful enough not to build churches, parsonages and missionary homes, and to equip them with furnishings for beyond what people have or know, so that they cannot identify? This is not to say that there should not be buildings—good buildings—but buildings that proud, self-respecting people can hope to maintain and support themselves."

Turning to a question that has nagged mission administrators—why many Christian young people choose the Peace Corps instead of missionary service, Mrs. Brown said that such young people want to deal operationally with human need. The failure of the church to accept and build upon the base of operational love, or "love in action," gives a clue as to why men and women have gone into the Peace Corps instead of the mission field, she said.

"Such men and women do not care about the static, academic theology in which too many present-day professionals of the church are engrossed," Mrs. Brown said. "They want to be about their Father's business of healing the sick and comforting the afflicted. If you do not believe this, just follow some of us from the staff around to college campuses, to theological seminaries. Listen to university professors, to young scientists and other professional people. They are hungering for some glimmer that the church is operationally aware of the world in which it resides.

"They want to see the church involved in the struggle with today's problems of poverty in our great cities and in our rural areas. They want to see tangible concern for the dope addict and the delinquent. They want to see the church arrayed openly against racial oppression, against industrial and social injustice, against extremists who irresponsibly threaten the peace of the world by peddling hate and suspicion. I repeat that our failure to project this image to the youth is the great reason why they have seen fit increasingly to offer themselves for service outside the church."'

Mrs. Brown called for Christians to move away from idolizing the institutions of the church—its history, its tradition, its saints—"yes we have Protestant saints, Wesley, Luther, Calvin and so forth"—its organizational structure, including the building on the corner with the $40,000 organ, the carpeted floor, the stainless steel kitchen and the lights that dim gradually as we pray and come up to full bright as the preacher says "Amen."

Self-criticism is often therepeutic, she said, adding: "We in the Board of Missions should be fairly healthy, for there is a lot of criticism circulating among us. The only danger that I see in healthy self-criticism is that it could be the surest way to complacency. After beating ourselves, we could take a big breath, pick ourselves up, brush off the dirt and settle back into the same old groove. This would be not only unfortunate; it would be disastrous, for time has run out for the church. What we say now as a Board of Missions must be the voice of this century. Either we will be listened to, or we will quietly fade away."

Albemarle District Ministers Elect Rev. Harley Dickson

The Rev. C. Harley Dickson, pastor of First Methodist Church of Wadesboro, has been elected president of the Albemarle District Methodist Ministers Association.

He was chosen during a Sept. 14 meeting in Central Church, Monroe, which also included a Workshop on Evangelism.

The Rev. A. G. Perkins, pastor of Memorial–Benton Heights, in Monroe, was elected vice–president; and the Rev. W. H. Faggart of Wesley Chapel was elected secretary–treasurer.

Dr. Cecil L. Heckard, superintendent of the Gastonia District and former head of the Board of Evangelism for the Western North Carolina Conference, led the Workshop on Evangelism. The workshop included discussion groups, a talk by Dr. Heckard and a presentation by the Rev. Glenn R. McCulley, Albemarle District director of evangelism, and the Reverend Harley Williams, District Missionary Secretary.

Dr. W. Jackson Huneycutt, superintendent of the Albemarle District, was in charge of the program and business meeting.

School Of Evangelism Held At Pee Dee Methodist Church

A worthwhile and interesting School of Evangelism was held at Pee Dee Methodist Church conducted by the Conference Director of Evangelism, Rev. C. Freeman Heath of Raleigh. The pastor read about Freeman Heath's School of Evangelism in the local church, all in the time limit of a day, but it is quite another thing to have him come and actually do it.

His opening program took in all of the adult classes of the Church School. Here he made the best use of his time in telling of the Church School's place in the evangelistic endeavor.

At the Morning Worship Rev. Mr. Heath gave a spirited message on the text: "And when thou art converted, strengthen thy brethren." Luke 22:32. The afternoon session dealt with the mechanics of evangelism.

Here he gave the committees of successful evangelistic efforts and their function: namely, Prospects and Cultivation: Visitation and Witnessing. The method most often used to find prospects are as follows: Church Attendance check, through the Utility Companies, the Chamber of Commerce, and Church School rolls and Survey plans. The next step, when you find the prospects, invite them, call on them, and cultivate them.

The suggestion of taking new prospects in one's car to the various activities of the church, was a good way to be most effective. The Parish Plan as a means of cultivation, was given. This involves putting a man and wife over a dozen families. The revival, visitation and personal evangelism and the membership class are a few of the methods by which the lost are to be won for Christ.

Brother Heath brought the closing thoughts of the day in a challenging appeal for a witnessing church. Our people were helped and the revival fires were quickened by a great servant of God.

Millard W. Warren, *Pastor*

Homecoming and Revival On Rock Springs Charge

Lebanon Methodist Church on the Rock Springs Charge will observe Homecoming Sunday, October 11. The Rev. A. Glenn Lackey, superintendent of the Charlotte District, will be guest speaker for this service, which will be at 11:00 a.m. A picnic dinner on the church grounds, following the morning service, will be provided for all who attend. The church extends a cordial invitation to former pastors, former members and friends to attend.

Revival services will begin with the night service at 7:30 and continue through Friday night. The Rev. William R. White, pastor of the Shady Grove Charge in the Waynesville District, will be the guest minister for these services.

Webb Chapel Methodist Church on the Rock Springs Charge held revival services last week, September 27—October 2. The Rev. Bryson C. Sweezy, pastor of Monticello Methodist Church of Statesville was the guest minister for these services. The church was greatly inspired by the challenging messages of the guest speaker. Rev. Paul V. Ridenhour is the pastor of Rock Springs Charge.



Above—Dr. Wilson Nesbitt presenting Certificate of Recognition to the Salem Methodist Church and to Mr. James A. Ward, architect. Left to right: Dr. Wilson Nesbitt, representing the Duke Endowment, Carl Lawrence, general contractor, Mr. Ward, Graham Hunt, chairman of the building committee, and the Rev. Robert L. Ossman, pastor.

27 Ministers and Laymen On Evangelistic Mission

Twenty-five Methodist ministers and two Methodist laymen from the United States will spend a month, October 7, to November 5, in South America doing evangelistic work and touring points of interest.

An evangelistic mission will be conducted in Argentina and Uruguay, and the missioners also will visit Panama, Brazil, Chile, and Peru.

The project is sponsored by the Methodist boards of missions and evangelism.

The Rev. Charles D. Whittle is the director and the Rev. Dr. W. D. Lester, assistant director. Both are staff members of the Methodist General Board of Evangelism in Nashville, Tenn.

Mr. Whittle said that in Argentina and Uruguay the missioners will participate in discussions on Christian doctrines and basic Methodist beliefs, train pastors and laymen in personal and evangelistic visitation, and preach in evangelistic services in churches.

Half of the time in Argentina and Uruguay, he said, will be spent in urban areas and half in small towns and rural sections of the interior.

Educator Discusses Social Work

Dr. Nathan Cohen, professor of social welfare at the University of Caliornia at Los Angeles, will speak about social work in America when he is interviewed by NBC News correspondent Elmer Peterson on NBC Radio's "Eternal Light" program Sunday, October 11, 12:30 p.m. EDT.

This will be the fourth in a series of five conversations, "Academic Outlooks", featuring prominent college and university professors. "Eternal Light," an NBC Public Affairs presentation, is produced in cooperation with the Jewish Theological Seminary of America.

Annual Homecoming Held At Salem Methodist Church

The annual Homecoming at the Salem Methodist Church of the Oxford Circuit held special significance for the members and friends of the Church on Sunday, Sept. 27.

Dr. Wilson Nesbitt, Director of the Work of the Rural Church under The Duke Endowment presented a Certificate of Recognition to the Salem Church and to James A. Ward, architect for the Educational Building. The Salem Church was one of three rural churches selected this year under The Randolph E. DuMont Design Program sponsored by the Bishops' Committee on Church Architecture. The selection was based on architectural design and arrangement plans of the Educational Building as a good solution to meet the needs of Salem Church.

The Salem Church dates its beginning in the 1790's but was then known as the Harris Meeting House. A diary kept by Bishop Asbury indicates that he visited this Church on November 8, 1798.

Salem Church itself was not organized until 1828. It remained a one-room church until May 1963. It is known as the Mother of Methodism in the Granville-Vance County area because from it seven other Methodist Churches have been established throughout the years.

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Two staff changes have been announced by the church's General Board of Evangelism. The Rev. Dr. George H. Jones is now director of the Department of Area and Conference Evangelism and the Rev. John McKee acting director of the Department of Methodist Evangelistic Materials. Dr. Jones has been director of the Department of Methodist Evangelistic Materials and Mr. McKee has been a staff member of the department.

Work of Rev. Max Lowdermilk Highlighted In "Together"

The work of Rev. Max Lowdermilk, missionary to Pakistan, is highlighted in part in the pictorial story of TOGETHER MAGAZINE for October 1964. Max and Mary work in close relation with the school in Stuntzbad and in relation to the elementary schools of Khanewal. The Lowdermilks returned to Pakistan on September 26. They had been at home for over a year and Max had done work at Cornell University in the special areas of agricultural and community development and community industries. One of Max's special areas of responsibility is that of the windmill water wells shown for irrigation in the arid climate. Water is the crucial factor in the livelihood of the people and their farming activities. Max is shown in a picture discussing a farm cooperative with the Stuntzbad villagers. These wells are cooperative and thus all the people join hands in providing more water for more food and production of the soil.

Max's responsibility when he returns will continue to be that of agriculture, community development, village industry and evangelism.

The city of Stuntzbad is named for Clyde B. Stuntz to whom the tract of land was given for Christian living in this area. Mr. Stuntz became Bishop of the church in India. He is the father of Dr. Hugh Stuntz, former missionary to South America and president emeritus of Scarritt College, and recently assistant program director at Lake Junaluska.

The Lowdermilks in returning to Pakistan will continue to need the support of Advance Specials of our churches in these important days in Pakistan. (Information on their work is available from the Board of Missions Office, Box 749, Statesville, N. C.

Pfeiffer College Receives $20,000 From Woman's Division

Pfeiffer College this week received a check for $20,000 from the Woman's Division of The Methodist Board of Missions to assist with two major college projects.

$10,000 is for use toward the purchase of a new $43,000 organ for the Henry Pfeiffer Chapel. This is expected to be installed within approximately 24 months.

The second $10,000 is the first payment on a pledge of $50,000 made by Methodist Women to assist in the furnishing of the J. Lem Stokes, II, Student Center.

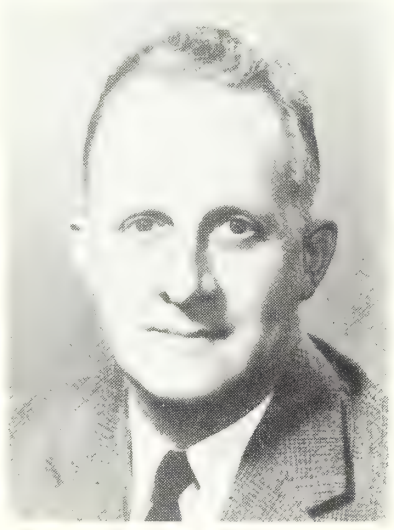
Pfeiffer President Dr. J. Lem Stokes expressed appeciation for the gifts, noting that support from Methodist Women was an important cornerstone in the financial program of the college.

Pfeiffer is related, financially to three agencies of The Methodist Church, The Woman's Division of The Methodist Board of Missions. The Western North Carolina Methodist Conference which confirms trustees, and the Conference Woman's Society of Christian Service. Each group provides financial support annually for the operating budget which in the 1963–64 year exceeded $100,000 for the first time.

Dr. Myron F. Wicke Succeeds Dr. John O. Gross

The Rev. Dr. Myron F. Wicke, Nashville, No. 2 administrative officer of the Division of Higher Education of the Methodist Board of Education, will take the top post of general secretary of the division Jan. 15,, 1965, succeeding the Rev. Dr. John O. Gross, Nashville, who will retire on that date.

Dr. Wicke was elected to his new position by the Board of Education, which met



Dr. Myron Wicke

Sept. 22–23 at the Sheraton Hotel to organize for The Methodist Church's 1964–68 quadrennium.

The division has a relationship to 134 colleges, universities, theological schools, and other schools related to The Methodist Church. It is responsible for work with 193 Wesley Foundations, Methodist Campus ministry units at state and independent colleges and universities, and for work with groups of the Methodist Student Movement at other college and university campuses.

Dr. Wicke, has been associate general secretary of the division since 1960. He was a staff member of the division from 1949 to 1958 and then spent two years as dean of the college of arts and science at Southwestern University, Georgetown, Texas, before returning to the board. He was dean and professor of English at Baldwin–Wallace College, Berea, Ohio, before coming to the board in 1949.

He has a bachelor of arts degree from Baldwin–Wallace and master of arts and doctor of philosophy degrees from Western Reserve University, Cleveland. He also has done post graduate work at Columbia University, the University of Chicago, and Oberlin College, Oberlin, Ohio.

A brother to Methodist Bishop Lloyd C. Wicke, New York City, Dr. Wicke is a native of Cleveland, Ohio.

Dr. Gross, 70, has reached the retirement age for the Division of Higher Education. He came to the Board of Education in 1941. Since 1948, he has been general secretary of the division.

A native of Kentucky, Dr. Gross has been a Methodist minister 48 years. He was at one time president of Union College, Barbourville, Ky., and later president of Simpson College, Indianola, Iowa.

Dr. Gross is a member of the executive committee of the World Methodist Council, and he was the first chairman of the Commission of Christian Higher Education of the National Council of Churches. He is the author of several books.

The Division of Higher Education is one of three divisions of the Board of Education which has its headquarters in Nashville. The others are the Editorial Division and the Division of the Local Church.

The Rev. Dr. Henry M. Bullock was re–elected general secretary of the Editorial Division and the Rev. Dr. Leon M. Adkins, general secretary of the Division of the Local Church.

Faculty Committees To Serve At N. C. Wesleyan College

The Faculty of Carolina Wesleyan College recently completed elections of officers and establishment of committees which will direct the work of the academic year.

With President Thomas A. Collins presiding, Miss Frances Exum was elected as secretary and Dr. Jack Teagarden was elected Faculty Marshal. Dean Jack Moore was elected as chairman of the Admissions Committee and Richard Davis as secretary. The Curriculum and Catalog committee elected Dr. C. Erwin Harwood as chairman and Sam Hall as secretary.

Faculty Studies committee elected Dr. Ralmond Bauer as chairman and Dr. George Cohoe as secretary. The Library committee elected Dr. Jack Teagarden as chairman and James Alsip as secretary. The Policy and Long Range Planning committee elected Dr. Finnie as chairman and Mrs. James Alsip as secretary. The Student Life and Service committee elected Dr. Ed Seidel as chairman and Michael Danoff as secretary.

Other service committees serve the college community with members drawn from the faculty, administration, and student body. The Assembly committee has Dr. Allen Cordts as chairman, the Chapel committee Dr. Thomas A. Collins as chairman, and the Special Events committee has Dr. William Sasser as chairman.

The faculty customarily meets twice a month for business, and on alternate weeks the work of the committee is conducted. The growing faculty of Carolina Wesleyan College now number forty–five persons.

To Judge College Newspapers

Dr. Sam Underwood, chairman of the High Point College English Department, has for the eighth consecutive year been chosen a judge for Columbia Scholastic Press Association.

He will be one of the ten judges who will select the best College and University Newspaper from across the United States. The forty–first annual convention will be held at Columbia University of New York City on March 15 at which time the winners will be announced.

The judging of the College Newspapers are selected on an enrollment basis which classified the institutions as to size. The papers are judged on news, editorials, sports, and pictorial content as well as the objective of their school.

Dr. Underwood has also served for twenty years as a judge in the College Yearbook division.

Dr. Deshler To Conduct Revival At Newport

Dr. G. Byron Deshler will conduct a Spiritual Mission at St. James Methodist Church, Newport, Octobter 18–23 with services daily at 10 a.m. and 7:30 p.m. Rev. Irving E. Cook is pastor at Newport. Director of the Prayer Life Movement, General Board of Evangelism, Nashville, Dr. Deshler was raised as a Quaker, his father being a minister in the Society of Friends. He received his A.B. degree from Whittier College, Whittier, California, and a M.A. degree from the University of California. He took special work at Union Seminary. sh

His first two pastorates were in the Friends Church, Fresno and Bell, California. in 1937 he transferred into the Southern California–Arizona Conference of the Methodist Church, his first two pastorates being in Arizona.

In 1946 he went to the Church Federation of Los Angeles as Director of the Department of Evangelism. In the summer of 1947 he returned to the pastorate in Pasadena, developing an inter–racial church. While serving in Santa Ana, he served part time as Conference Secretary of Evangeilsm for two years.

His last pastorate was in San Gabriel, which he left in June 1961, to become a member of the staff of the General Board of Evangelism. For the past fifteen years. Mr. Deshler has been active in the development of prayer groups. He also served for twelve years as Director of the West Coast Christian Ashram with Dr. E. Stanley Jones. In 1957 he accompanied the late Kirby Page on a Peace Seminar to Northern Europe.

Rev. and Mrs. Deshler reside in Nashville, Tennessee. They have four children, the oldest, David, being a Methodist minister to Tempe, Arizona.

A day of retreat for the ministers of the New Bern District will be conducted by Mr. Deshler on Thursday, Oct. 22. An invitation is extended by the pastor, Irving E. Cook, for all who can to attend and pray for these services.

Waynesville District Holds Laymen's Rally

The Waynesville District Layman's Rally was held at Patton Springs, in Macon County, on Tuesday, September 15,, at 6:30. The meal was served by the men and women of Bethel Methodist Church on the Franklin Circuit which was the host church. One hundred and thirty three laymen were present.

Mr. Erwin Patton, district lay leader presided. The music of the evening was given by Rev. Mark Rose, Franklin Circuit, a solo and four numbers by the members of Cherokee Methodist Church. Rev. Mark Tuttle, district superintendent also spoke and Mr. Bob Sloan owner of The Franklin Press, introduced the speaker, Mr. R. H. Bond, lay leader for two quardennia of the Memphis Annual Conference. He gave a very challenging and inspiring address on his own personal faith and what it means to be a Christian and witness.

—Merrill Perkins
Waynesville, district reporter



North Carolinians attending the Board of Missions meeting in Chicago for organization of the new quadrennium and restructuring of the Board. Left to right, Jasper Smith, Rocky Mount, N. C.; Gordon L. Wilson, Statesville, N. C.; Mrs. Carl King, Statesville, N. C.; Dr. J. E. Garlington, Clinton, N. C.; and Dr. Henry Sprinkle, editor, WORLD OUTLOOK.

Rev. Charles Tinsley Thrift Died In Durham Last Week

Rev. Charles Tinsley Thrift, 85, died in Durham last Wednesday, and was buried Thursday. Funeral services were held from Branson Methodist Church, where Mr. Thrift served as pastor for a number of years. The service was conducted by the pastor, Rev. Matt Gardner, and Rev. L. M. Hall. Burial was in the new Maplewood Cemetery.

Mr. Thrift had a long and useful ministry in the North Carolina Conference. He retired serveral years ago and had made his home in Durham since that time. He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Nell Webb Thrift; two daughters, Mrs. John W. Strutt, of Plymouth, England, and Miss Susie Thrift of the home; one son, Dr. Charles T. Thrift, Jr., President of Florida Southern College, of Lakeland, Fla.; one brother, H. H. Thrift, of Wicomico, Virginia.

Center Church Dedicated

Center Methodist Church (Ball's Creek Charge) Route 2, Catawba, N. C., dedicated its Educational Building on Sunday, September 13th. Reverend Cecil G. Hefner presided, assisted by Rev. W. L. Harkey a former pastor and the present pastor Rev. Bryon Shankle.

Glenn Rudisill, Chairman of the board of education, made the presentation.

The education building was started in September 1959 and completed July 1960. The $40,000 building was debt free January 1964.

The people of Center Church are proud of this building—They are looking forward to building a sanctuary in the near future.

Board of Missions Meeting Attended By N. C. Methodists

Four North Carolina Methodists attended the recent organizational meeting of the Board of Missions of the Methodist Church in Chicago at which time the Board completed the restructing of its organization for its mission to 48 countries of the world. This restructing, planned over several years, is the outgrowth of the rapidly changing world mission of the church and the need to keep the organization structured to meet the opportunities of the day. This is the largest Board of the Methodist church, and it diects the mission work of the church in the United States and 48 other countries of the world.

Those attending from the Western North Carolina conference were Gordon L. Wilson and Mrs. Carl King, both of Statesville. Those attending from the North Caroilna Conference were Jasper Smith, of Rocky Mount, and Dr. J. E. Garlington, of Clinton, N. C.

The Board in its restructing program unified the administrative organization overseas and also organized to reduce duplication of appeals to the church at home. This is the first major overall change in the Board since unification in 1939 when thirteen different organizations of the three branches of Methodism were united in one Board.

These four members will attend a regional meeting with conference mission leaders and other conference representation in Miami, October 12–14.

Gordon Wilson, Mrs. King, and Dr. Garlington were elected to the Board of Missions at a recent meeting of the Southeastern Jurisdiction, and Jasper Smith was elected member–at–large at the meeting of the Board of Missions in Chicago.

District Pastors Retreats Being Held in N. C. Conference

So far nine District Pastors' Retreats have been held in the North Carolina Conference. In each of these retreats the District Superintendent brings the devotional. The pastors are then divided into small groups with a group leader in charge whose purpose is to guide and not monopolize. Each pastor is requested to bring his Bible and be ready to enter into sharing experiences, needs, and to meditate on passages of the Bible related to "Our Call." "Called to What?" "What do I expect to happen under my ministry this year?" and "The Assurance."

After the group meetings the conference Director of Evangelism leads the total group in a service of dedication concluding at the altar.

The Durham District Retreat was held at Aldersgate Methodist Church, Durham, with an attendance of 48; the Goldsboro District Retreat at Salem Church with an attendance of 30; Burlington District at Mebane, 44; Wilmington District at Lake Waccamaw, 43; Fayetteville District at Hope Mills, 38; Elizabeth City District at First Church Elizabeth City, 31; Raleigh District at Louisburg, 40.

The Pastors' Retreats are to be followed by a like retreat of all church leaders in local church directed by the pastor and scheduled between October 4 and 10.

Rev. W. K. Quick To Preach In Bethesda Revival

Bethesda Methodist Church of Robeson County prepares for the annual fall revival with the guest minister being the Reverend William K. Quick of Greenville's Saint James Methodist Church, one of the fastest growing churches of the Conference. The revival will begin Sunday, October 18, at 7:30 and continue through Friday, October 23.

Bethesda feels quite fortunate to have each year outstanding ministers as visiting evangelists. 1962 found Reverend Don Haynes, one of the youngest men ever to be ordained in North Carolina Methodism, speaking during the fall revival. In 1963, Dr. Howard Powell, pastor of Edenton Street Church in Raleigh for fifteen years and a recognized authority on "Prayer," came to Bethesda. This year, Bill Quick—Director Methodist Information and Public Relations; Secretary Conference Committee on In-Service Training and North Carolina Conference Historical Society; Member Louisburg College and Methodist Home for Children Board of Trustees—who recently became the recipient of the Distinguished Alumni Award of Pfeiffer College and named to Outstanding Young Men of America, 1964, will continue this excellent line of distinguished Christian witnesses at Bethesda for Christ and His Church.

The Official Board will make a visit to every non-Christian in the Barnesville community inviting him to the revival. The Church anticipates a full house each night.

A Lay Revival will be held October, 1965. Reverend Paul G. Bunn is pastor of Bethesda!

Pictures Made At Pastors' Retreats

Showing some of the leaders in several District Evangelistic Meetings



Elizabeth City; Dr. R. L. Jerome, district superintendent; Rev. R. F. Bundy, district secretary; Rev. C. P. Womack, pastor, Frst Church, Elizabeth City, and Rev. C. Freeman Heath standing behind him.



Fayetteville District; Rev. F. Odell Walker, pastor, Hope Mills Church; Dr. B. L. Davidson, district superintendent; Rev. Paul C. Browning, president, Conference Board of Evangelism; Rev. C. Freeman Heath; Rev. Alison Simonton, district secretary.



Wilmington District, left to right; Rev. Belton Joyner, Jr., group leader; Rev. C. Freeman Heath; Rev. H. A. Bizzell, pastor Lake Waccamaw Methodist Church; Rev. R. L. Nicks, group leader; Dr. Clyde S. Boggs, district superintendent; Rev. C. B. Hutcherson, district secretary.



Raleigh District, left to right, front row; Dr. N. W. Grant, district superintendent; Dr. James I. Warren, district secretary; group leader, Rev. J. Malloy Owen III; Rev. Paul Carruth. Back row; Rev. Norwood L. Jones, group leader; Rev. C. Freeman Heath, Conference Director of Evangelism, and Rev. K. J. Wilson, pastor of Louisburg Methodist Church.



New Bern District left to right; Rev. I. E. Cook, district secretary; Rev. H. F. Leatherman, pastor, Morehead City First Church and group leader; Rev. C. Freeman Heath, and Dr. R. G. Dawson, district superintendent.

In Memorium

In Memory Of Mrs. Cora Darden
Scriptures Proverbs 31:10–31
Prayer

The Faison Woman's Society of Christian Service mourns the passing of Mrs. Cora Darden on August 14, 1964 a devoted and consecrated member.

She knew and was a part of all the life and work of all her church her home and her community.

The years brought to her as they bring to all losses and grief. These she bore with courage with a triumphant faith. A woman of sterling character high purpose and great faith living a well rounded christian life and loved by all.

Today we wish to pay tribute to her memory. Therefore, be it resolved:

First, that we accept her passing from this life to the life eternal according to the will of God. Second, that we extend to her family our heart felt sympathy. Third, that a copy of these resolutions be sent the family and one recorded in the minutes of the Woman's Society of Christian Service. One in the Christian Advocate.

—Annie Brown
Christian Social Relations

Statesville District Ministers Hold Inspiring Retreat

The Statesville District ministers, including several retired ministers, gathered at Camp Carolwood for a two day meaningful retreat.

The entire program was built around the challenging topic, "The Minister and His Ministry." Those contributing so significantly were Dr. C. E. Rozzelle, Dr. Robert G. Tuttle, Dr. Carl King, Dr. Horace McSwain, Rev. Walter Lee Lanier, Rev. Rollin Gibbs, Rev. Garland Stafford, Rev. Paul Townsend, and Rev. Thad McDonald.

One of the features was a panel "What Is Your Problem," conducted by Rev. G. G. Adams, Jr., Rev. Mike Ellerbe, Rev. John Kale, and Rev. Cecil G. Hefner, District Superintendent.

On the second day of the retreat the ministers had a quiet time, "Alone With God," before beginning the activities. The closing message was brought by the district superintendent.



By Mary Gardner

Jesus, The Good Workman

"You had better hurry if you are going to go with Nathan to find new pasture for his sheep," Mary called across the yard to Jesus working in the carpenter shop.

"I will be finished with the chest before the sun is an hour higher, if all goes well," answered Jesus.

Mary was glad that Jesus was to have a holiday from the workshop. "He is such a good boy," she thought. "He never complains that he must work more than the other boys. Yet with Joseph ill so much of the time, Jesus is doing more and more of the work. I'm so glad that he can take these days off and go out into the country with our friend Nathan."

As Mary prepared the bread for baking her thoughts were still about her son Jesus. "The chest he is making will be the most beautiful chest ever carved in this village. Old Josiah is giving it to his son for a wedding present. Jesus has spent all of his spare time for the last two weeks carving the chest. It is nearly done."

James, Jesus' younger brother, went running into the carpenter shop, calling, "Jesus, Jesus, I can see our friend Nathan coming down the path with his sheep."

There was an exclamation as James went sliding through the door of the shop on the shavings which Jesus had not yet cleaned up. Mary hurried to the door of the shop. Jesus was just picking up the chest that had half fallen to the floor when James had bumped into him.

"Oh James," Mary scolded, "how many times your father has told you not to slide in the workshop. You are sure to break something or hurt yourself."

Jesus was looking over the chest. Suddenly he paused, looked carefully and carried the chest to the door for more light to see by.

There was disappointment in his face as he spoke, "Mother, may James run and tell Nathan I cannot go? There is a small crack in the chest."

"Where, let me see," said James with a guilty look. Jesus held the chest so James could see. "Why that crack is so small you could hardly see it; no one will ever know it is there," James said as Jesus pointed out the very small crack.

"I would know it," said Jesus.

Hymn Story: The God Of Abraham Praise

During this present church school quarter third and fourth grade Methodist boys and girls are discovering ways in which we can know what God is like. They are learning a new hymn about God, "The God of Abraham Praise."

The words of the hymn joyfully proclaim the belief in the one true God who is eternal and who existed before anything else in the world was. The original words were in the jewish manren of speaking and the hymn contained twelve stanzas.

The words of the hymn as we know them were written by Thomas Olivers, one of John Wesley's preachers in England. One evening while visiting a jewish synagogue in London, Mr. Olivers heard someone sing an old jewish melody. He was so delighted with it that he wanted to write a Christian hymn which could be sung to that same tune. When he had written the words as we know them, they were first published in leaflet form. Later they were included in some hymnals. The hymn is a good example of a hymn which has been received from another faith and adapted for Christians. It tells us that our God was the God of Abraham and that we should praise Him.

An interesting story about "The God of Abraham Praise" tells about a minister, Dr. T. M. Eddy, who saw a very old and feeble colored man in Baltimore sawing wood. Feeling that the work was rather hard for such an old man, Dr. Eddy began to approach him, intending to speak a few kind and encouraging words. As he drew near the old man, Dr. Eddy heard him singing softly, "The God of Abraham Praise."

The minister passed on without interrupting the singing, knowing that the old man had a better friend in God than he, the minister, could give him.

The Way I Spend My Money

The way I spend my money
Tells the world what I am.
I can spend it in the sweet shop,
Or can buy a bright red tam.
I can reach around the world,
Food and milk my dimes can buy,
To help hungry little children
Who have not as much as I.

—Author Unknown

A Prayer

Dear God,
I would be helpful all this day,
To those with whom I work and play.
At school, in my own home,
Or on the street
May I be friendly
With all whom I meet.
Each day may I grow
A little more like Jesus.

Amen.

'God is Great God is Good'

Recently a young woman and her two small children, 5 and 4, were on their way to visit the husband and father, stationed at the Mayport, Florida Naval Base. Because of the great destruction of Hurricane Dora, the buses had stopped running into Jacksonville, Fla.

When the bus stopped at Raleigh, the end of the run, the mother called the local Red Cross Chapter. The women at the Red Cross Chapter House took the three in and prepared a lunch for them.

As they sat down to the food the three-year-old folded her hands and murmered: "God is Great-God is good."

Bible Quiz

First Things in the Bible

1—Who was the first shepherd of the Bible?
2—Who was the first farmer of "Tiller of the soil?"
3—Who was the first to play a musical instrument?
4—Who was the first man to buy a piece of land?
5—What is the first bird mentioned in the Bible?

Answers to Last Week's Questions

1—John the Baptist at the River Jordan.
2—A learner and a helper of Jesus.
3—twelve.
4—About three years.
5—About 33 years.

Just For Fun

Bruce: "My mother heard a burglar upstairs last night and when she went up she saw two feet sticking out from under the bed."
Robert: "The burglar's?"
Bruce: "No, my father. He heard the burglar, too."

"And what will you do, my dear little girl when you are as big as your mother?"
"Diet," said the child.

Woman's Activities

Dates Set for District Meetings

Mrs. H. W. Doub

The Executive Committee of The North Carolina Conference Wesleyan Service Guild met at the S and W Cafeteria, Raleigh, N. C. for a luncheon meeting on Saturday, September 26, 1964.

Mrs. C. H. Boyd, Conference Secretary, presided and welcomed everyone. In addition to the regular members present, the following Conference Woman's Society officers were present: Mrs. Sam. A .Dunn, President; Mrs. Harold Mann, Treasurer; Mrs. J. W. Benson, Secretary of Membership and Cultivation; Mrs. L. C. Vereen, Member at Large.

Mrs. Harriet Fralix, Jurisdiction Secretary of Christian Social Relations spoke briefly and urged the study and implementation of the Charter of Racial Policy. Also the observance of United Nations Day and the study of the election issues and urged everyone to vote.

Miss Lillie Smith, former Conference Secretary of Spiritual Life Cultivation, brought greetings and told of her new job of being hostess at Elon College. Her address is Box 1299 and she will appreciate hearing from everyone.

Mrs. Joseph W. Smith, Conference Secretary of Missionary Education and Service gave an evaluation of the sixth Annual Week-end of study, at Methodist College in Fayeteville. This proved to be the largest and most enthusiastic meeting, especially the opening session and the Bible Hour on Sunday.

Miss Louise Clemments, Chairman of the Committee on Nominations, announced that the following would be delegates to the S. E. Jurisdiction Meeting, February 12–14, 1965: Mrs. Lena Gray; Mrs. Rosemary Lemmond, with Miss Carol Sledge, as Alternate.

Miss Lena Gray, Rocky Mount District, announced that she will be glad to take Betty Chang, the first recipent of the Guild Scholarship, recently established, to any Guild Meeting so that all may get to know her.

The following dates for the fall district meetings are:

Burlington—October 11 at Front Street, Burlington at 2:00 p.m. Miss Lucille Donnell. Conference Secretary of Spiritual Life Cultivation, will be the guest speaker. Miss Betty Chang will also be present.

Durham—October 25, at Trinity Church, Durham at 2:30.

Elizabeth City—October 18 at First Methodist Church, Elizabeth City.

Fayetteville District—October 11, Divine Street Church, Dunn at 3:00 p.m. Miss Lucy Grist, Deaconess at Bethlehem Center, Charlotte will be the guest speaker. The program by Mrs. Harriet Fralix on the New Purpose.

Goldsboro District—October 25, in Clinton with Mrs. Lucille Donnell, Conference Spiritual Life Cultivation Secretary, as the guest speaker.

Greenville District—November 1, at Jarvis Memorial, Greenville.

New Bern District—October 25, in Morehead City.

Raleigh District—October 11, at Louisburg, with Mrs. C. H. Boyd as guest speaker on "The New Age."

Rocky Mount District—November 1, (place to be announced).

Sanord District—October 25, at Page Memorial, Aberdeen at 2:00 p.m. Mrs. H. W. Doub, will lead a panel on "The Purpose and Plan for the New Age" assisted by Mrs. Sam A. Dunn, Mrs. H. Pat Nixon and Mrs. C. P. Satterwhite. Miss Betty Chang will also be present.

Wilmington District—October 25, Grace Street Church, Wilmington at 2:30 p.m.

Supply Work

Mrs. T. B. Upchurch,
Conference W. S. C. S. Secretary

In line of Supply Work, we see that "Over-plus of Love" which is one element in the grace of God. It is the work we do after we have done the giving which counts on our pledge. It suggests Jesus' own words and again we refer to it as "the second mile" in giving. Our North Carolina Conference acepted all "askings" from the Jurisdiction and we are happy to say that we met our first quarters quota. We express our loving concern for those in need in our own country as well as overseas.

The Master Calleth For Thee
(Through Supply Work)

Institutions for supplies have need.
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Our Responsibility—you must see
Through supply work "The Master Calleth Thee"

For furniture, films, books, there's a great demand.
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Pledges—an obligation—we must meet.
Supply Work—a privilege—that proves a treat.
To have this joy, we must heed the plea,
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Mrs. C. P. Sattedwhite,
Wesleyan Service Guild Secretary

"HEART STIMULANT" for every Methodist Woman, is to pray DAILY for our project and missionaries.

Let us remember our first responsibility is our pledge to missions—then comes our Supply Work, which is called our "second mile giving" "PLEDGE—an obligation, we must meet— SUPPLY WORK—a privilege—that proves a TREAT."

Supply Work provides needed items for institutions and work of the Woman's Division that cannot be provided through the regular budget. The Guilders respond through their love and concern for others when they hear of these needs.

Please see that all cash for Supply Work is sent through the treasurer of the local Woman's Society of Christian Service. Be sure to mark it "Cash for Supply Work" Read the Handbook on Supply. Work and watch for special announcements in The Methodist Woman.

W. N. C. Conference

Mrs. John C. Wright

United Nations Workshops

Five United Nations Workshops were held in North Carolina the week of Sept 21st in Asheville, Charlotte, Greenville High Point and Raleigh.

Three officials from the United Nations spoke at each workshop. Paul Edwards acting director of UNICEF public information, spoke on the work of this organization around the world. George A. Beebe, of New York City, director of the Institute for International Order, spoke on the total program of the United Nations and the current financial crisis in the world organization Fred Corriher, Jr., trip director for guided tours to the U.N., descrided the program of tours for high school students and showed color slides of recent trips.

Mrs. Roy Anderson, Raleigh, president of the North Carolina division of the U. N. Association, and Mrs. T. S. Newbold, Rocky Mount, state representative on the U. S. Committee for UNICEF, spoke.

These regional workshops were planned to help people become more familiar with the workings of United Nations.

Hundreds of Methodist women from all parts of the state attended the workshops. In Asheville 180 persons from 22 western counties of the state, were present for the morning meeting and the luncheon.

Halloween Observance For UNICEF

Many Methodist churches join in the plan of having a Trick-or-Treat Halloween fun for UNICEF. The young people of the church take small cartons with a UNICEF band on them to homes, asking for donations for the United Nations Children's fund, instead of a trick-or-treat.

After they finish their solicitation they gather at the church for a party and the mothers furnish the goodies.

Last year over $2,000.000 was collected for UNICEF by the children of America. This was used in UNICEF's program of health services, disease control, nutrition,

mily and child welfare, training programs d emergency aid.

October 31st is the magic date. Materials r a UNICEF Halloween may be had by riting U. S. Committee for UNICEF, P. . Box 1618, Church St. Station, New ork, New York 10008.

Methodist women—Now is the time to an for this.

Conference President On World Understanding Team

Mrs. Leslie Barnhardt of Charlotte, presi–nt of the Woman's Society of Christian rvice of the Western North Carolina Con–rence, was chosen as one of 16 women the United States to be on the 1964 orld Understanding Team.

Twenty–eight women will go to New ork in October for ten days of intensive aining for the work that is planned. These omen include 16 women from the United ates, four teams from overseas and eight ith special skills. Those from overseas are sian, Afro–Asian, African and Latin Amer–an.

When they complete their training they ill be divided into teams of fours to con–uct 32 workshops in various cities in the nited States. The 8 women of special ills will serve as workshop coordinators.

This is a project planned by the Woman's ivision of Christian Service, to create a etter understanding of the world and its eople.

North Carolina Methodist women should atch for the workshop nearest them.

Gastonia District Workshop

165 women attended the workshop on urpose and Program of the Gastonia Dis–ict Woman's Society of Christian Service eld at Central Methodist Church, Shelby n Sept. 22nd.

Mrs. Edwin Ford, district president, pre–nted the theme of the day, "The New ge," and read the Purpose of the Woman's ociety.

An informal skit on the changes made is year in Woman's Society work was resented by Mrs. Ray Lowder and Mrs. enry Collins, Jr., both of Lincolnton. The ev. Robert Carter of the hostess church ave the morning meditation.

For the workshops, the women were di–ded into three groups. Mrs. W. T. Medlin Cherryville presented a resume of, "Gen–is, the Beginning of Biblical Drama," Mrs. . Bush of Bellwood Methodist Church led e study about Spanish Americans. Mrs. dwin Ford and Mrs. Naomi Cunningham onducted a workshop on two studies, "The hurch's Mission Among New Nations," nd "The United States Responsibility in a orld Community of New Nations."

The workshop finished its session at 12:30 m.





Shown above are most of the Supply Pastors who take work at Louisburg College. Pictured with them is Miss Sara Foster, who is teaching them church music.

Pastors Need Your Support

Do you have a pastor to whom you can turn in an hour of need? In over 40 years in the ministry, I've discovered that most of those who come to me for counseling or write to me about problems do not have a pastor.

If you have a pastor, do you like him? Do you criticize him?

"How to make a Better Preacher Out of the One You Have" is the title of a thought provoking article sent to me by a correspondent. It was written by R. L. Farrow of Albertville, Alabama, a layman. He writes:

"After 15 years of the closest fellowship with preachers throughout the North Alabama Conference, I believe that I am as qualified to speak on this subject as any country layman would be.

"I'm sure you have heard the remark, 'That old sorry preacher.' But I'll tell you, preachers do not come sorry. We don't have a single sorry preacher in our great Conference, although we do have some preachers who have some sorry ways and habits. Where do preachers get those sorry habits? I'm sure our schools don't teach sorry habits. It is impossible to inherit a habit. Habits are formed. Where did they come from? Our preachers must have caught their habits from association with sorry laymen.

"Regardless of where the bad habits originated, I'll tell you how to correct them, and I'm talking from experience. First, we need to be good laymen. A good layman makes a good preacher; a good preacher makes a good church, and a good church makes God happy.

"Support your preacher with your presence in the church. Don't send your children while you lie in bed until midday, or maybe you and your wife stay at home to entertain a bunch of Sunday loafing kinfolks who ought to be in their own church. I'll tell you how to stop that. First, stop cooking good dinners for them. Ask them to go to church with you, and if they refuse, just tell them to make themselves at home and you will return after services. That will usually get rid of Sunday visitors. Then carry all your family, take part in the service. This is supporting your preacher with your presence.

"Support your preacher with your prayers. Pray, 'Lord, help me to help my preacher to be equal to any preacher. Help me, Lord, to see to it that he has the necessities of life so he can be free from financial worries.' Then try to make that prayer come true.

"Support your preacher with your gifts. Right here is where you get a joy out of giving and learn three lessons: First, God loves a cheerful giver; second, it is more blessed to give than to receive; third, give and it shall be given to you.

"Support your preacher with your service. Do what he asks you to do. Excuses people give for not going to church and supporting it do not seem to hinder them for other things you find them doing and participating in.

"Be loyal to your preacher. Refrain from talking about him. People do not talk to me about my preacher, because I will tell it to the preacher in the presence of the talker. So, you see, I'm not bothered with cheap town talk and cotton patch gossip about my preacher.

"Support your preacher with your presence, your prayers, your gifts, your service. You will be surprised how much he improves."

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Sunday School Lesson

For October 18

By Raymond A. Smith
Head, Department of Religious Education
Greensboro College

Qualifications of Church Officers

Background Scripture: 1 and 2 Timothy and Titus

Lesson Scripture: 1 Timothy 3:1–13

Many and long have been debates regarding the so–called "New Testament Church." What officers did they have? How were they selected? What were their duties and by what names were they designated? Was the office of "bishop" the same as that of 'elder" or "presbyter?" Was the office of "bishop" an Order, separate from elder and deacons, or was it simply an office?

The above questions may be considered important to us, but we find no answer to most of them in our Scripture for today. As the Abingdon Commentary puts it: "His whole intent here is upon *personal equipment;* the requirements dwelt upon here pertain almost exclusively to *matters of conduct and character*. Their teaching and ruling over the church will be influenced most of all by *daily living*, by consistent illustrations of the faith."

Times have changed in the centuries since our lesson was written, but can we say that it is still true that the first requirement of leadership in the church should be unquestioned moral character? Now it is true that one may find people of almost perfect character who have not the gifts of leadership; but we can say also that no matter what qualities of personal attractiveness and charm a church leader may have, he is disqualified if his life does not reflect disciplined living. John Wesley was following these New Testament patterns when he insisted upon high moral standards for the leadership of the early Methodist societies. One sometimes hears nowadays that such standards are "moralistic" or 'legalistic" and ought to be abandoned. If ever we abandon them we may still have a church, but it will be a church without much to offer the world as an example.

As one reads the lesson Scripture for today he may be surprised to find that it seemed necessary to stress the moral qualifications of ministers and other church leaders. However, the moral standards in the Roman Empire left a great deal to be desired. And when moral decay was so widespread that it threatened the very foundation of Roman society the Christians were found to be among the few who could be depended upon to offer the needed character for leadership. So we see that the church in ancient times was "in the world," but not "of the world."

The late Dr. Roy L. Smith (whose lesson comments still are appearing in the International Lesson Annual) had a remarkable gift for short and striking statements of Christian truth. Among his comments on this lesson are the following which are worthy of our consideration and discussion:

"All too many men who offer long prayers at church display short tempers at home, thus defeating their prayers."

"A church official who does not command the moral respect of the community makes a poor representative of Jesus Christ."

"The New Testament does not record any definite plan given by Jesus for organizing the church."

"If 'money—getting' on the part of a preacher is to *disqualify* him, how does it happen at the same interests *qualify* the layman?"

We may conclude with the observation that there is sometimes a difference between *appointed* leaders and *real* leaders. For a leader to be effective he must be *accepted* (not merely tolerated) by the group. To gain this *acceptance* the leader will have, at the same time, to gain their *respect*. According to our lesson Scripture, this needed respect cannot be gained by the mere assertion of authority. There must be something in the life of the leader which inspires respect. That something is unquestioned sincerity and moral character. "Phoney" leaders will never build the true Kingdom of God in the Church.

Pfeiffer College Has Increased Enrollment

Pfeiffer College has enrolled 842 students for the current year.. They come from 18 states and from 65 of North Carolina's 100 counties.

The 1964–65 enrollment represents an increase of 13 students over the past year. Residence students increased by 46 students while there was a decrease of 33 in the number of day or commuting students.

Director of Admissions Kenneth D. Holshouser in making the announcement noted that the college had enrolled 177 day students and 665 residence (dormitory) students.

Holshouser noted that the college received over 1,000 applications from prospective students for the current year. A total of 557 were accepted but 217 withdrew their application after being accepted. After all residence halls were filled, 105 applications were received who would have been accepted had there been space for them in residence halls.

A total of 567 students are enrolled from North Carolina. Counties providing the largest number of students are as follows: Stanley, 96; Rowan, 60; Mecklenburg, 58; Cabarrus, 37; Forsyth, 34; Gaston, 24; Davidson, 19; Irdell, 19; Wake, 17; Montgomery, 14; Guilford, 12; and Catawba, 10.

A total of 275 students from out of state are enrolled including one student each from Brazil, Southern Rhodesia, and Korea. States sending the largest number of students are: New Jersey, 97; Florida, 57; Virginia, 49; South Carolina, 19; Pennsylvania, 15; and New York, 12.

Church affiliations of students are as follows: Methodist, 445; Baptist, 170; Presbyterian, 78; Lutheran, 50; Episcopal, 33; Catholic, 19; United Church of Christ, 10.

Smaller numbers are members of the Congregational, Primitive Baptist, Moravian, Pilgrim Holiness, Christian Science, Quaker, Brethren, Disciples of Christ, Greek Orthodox, and Unitarian churches.

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Arkansas Methodist pastors and laymen are playing a leading role in opposing an attempt to legalize gambling in portions of that state.

Three Duke Faculty Members Represented In Crrent Edition Of 'Best Sermons'

Duke University is represented by three of its best known faculty members in the latest edition of "Best Sermons," the periodic compilation of the "finest examples of profound and spiritual messages" edited by Dr. G. Paul Butler and published by D Van Nostrand Co. of Princeton, N. J.

Sermons by Duke President Douglas M Knight, Dr. James T. Cleland, James B Duke Professor of Preaching and Dean of the Chapel, and Dean Robert E. Cushman of the Divinity School are among the 3 included. They were selected from among some 8,000 Christian sermons delivered from pulpits of dozens of denominations in countries around the world.

Dr. Butler pointed out that this edition of "Best Sermons" is the first to include three faculty members of the same institution It is the second consecutive edition to contain more than one Duke Sermon. Both Deans Cushman and Dean Cleland contributed to the 1962 version, which contained 42 sermons.

Union Theological Seminary of New York is the only other institution ever to have as many as two faculty members' sermons published in a single edition.

Included in Volume IX, the current edition, is the Baccalaureate Sermon Dr. Knight delivered at Lawrence College before he was installed last year as president of Duke Is was based on passages from Milton's "Paradise Lost" and was intended to stimulate new thinking and new ideas about contemporary education.

"Two Marks of a Christian," Dean Cleland's sermon in Volume IX, concerns Christian Life.

As a university teaching–preacher, Dean Cleland has a vitality and a glow in his preaching which "captures the imagination and the heart," Butler says. "The intellectual content of all his sermons makes them stimulating and popular with both students and faculty."

Dean Cushman, a Methodist delegate–observer to the Second Vatican Council sessions both last year and this fall, delivers in his "Blessed Is He That Cometh" the second Easter sermon he has had published in "Best Sermons."

In the 1962 (Vol. VIII) edition, Dean Cushman's "Lift Up Your Hearts" also gave emphasis to his deep understanding of the meaning of Easter as the apex of Christ's life.

Each edition of sermons compiled by Dr. Butler contains topics covered by some of the world's leading clergymen and prominent laymen in such areas as freedom, missions, Christian Life, national life, peace prayer, education, racial problems, theology and science.

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2. **How Long The Night SA,** 16mm. BXW, 30 min. Restricted use only; adult discussion groups only. Builds understanding of problems alcoholics face.
3. **How to Say No** (Moral Maturity) Y, 16 mm. 10 min. In situations involving social pressures, some practical help is given teenagers in how to say "No."
4. **Stop Driving Us Crazy YSA,** 16 mm., color, 12 min. Clever, animated cartoon film with original jazz score spelling out clearly the Christian issues related to driving an automobile.
5. **To Your Health YSA,** 16 mm. color, 11 min. Fast lively cartoon film with concise summary of basic information about alcohol and alcoholism.
6. **Understanding Heart SA,** 16 mm. BXW, 29 min. One of Loretta Young television series. Fine portrayal of do's and don'ts for helping alcoholics.
7. **What About Alcohol Y,** 16 mm. color, 14 min. A group of teenagers in a home discuss why they don't drink.
8. **What You Ought To Want YA,** 16 mm. BXW, 14 min. Bishop G. Bromley Oxnam is addressing a group of young people on the subject, "How do you tell right from wrong?"
9. **Workshop For Peace YSA,** 16 mm. BXW, 29 min. This film takes you on a guided tour of the United Nations.
10. **You and the UN YSA,** 16 mm. BXW, 13½ min. Attempts to bring about understanding of man's interest in a peaceful world and how the United Nations contributes to this goal.
11. **Where Fortune Smiles YSA,** 16 mm. Color, 30 min. Film on gambling.
12. **Moment To Act, SA,** 16 mm. BXW, 30 min. Experiences of a returning mental patient. Local church setting.
13. **Christianity and Communism SA,** 16 mm. BXW, 27 min. Seminar on Communism.
14. **Overture SH, OY, YA, A,** 16 mm. BXW, 9 min. UN efforts to aid recovery and reconstruction.

B. FILMSTRIPS

1. **Filmstrip for the Commission on Christian Social Concerns YSA,** 35 mm. Color filmstrip. w/Record. **Designed to help local churches organize and put into action a Commission on Christian Social Concerns.**
2. **How Free Are You? YSA,** 35 mm. Color w/record. Shows crutches people make for themselves through drinking, gambling, using narcotics and reading obscene literature.
3. **What Happened To Hannah YSA,** 35 mm. Color w/record. Delightful story of what happened to a town of Someplace, when Hannah Huckelby moved into town and joined the church choir. Easily one of the best filmstrips you will see in the area of social concerns. Especially good—Family Nights.
4. **Not My Community YSA,** 35 mm. Color w/record. Indicates the influences on a community of the sales of alcoholic beverages.
5. **For the Children CYSA,** 35 mm. BXW. The story of the United Nations Children's Funds.
6. **A Garden We Planted Together C,** 35 mm. Color. Designed to serve as an introduction to the aims of the UN in terms understandable to young people.
7. **How the UN Works YSA,** 35 mm. BXW. How the UN works to maintain international peace and security and to create conditions of stability and well-being.
8. **UN Blueprint For Peace YSA,** 35 mm. BXW. Shows the background and development of the United Nations.
9. **Basic Information on Alcohol** 4 filmstrips plus records.
10. **A Trip with UNICEF,** Color, 35 mm. Acquaints children with boys and girls in five countries receiving UNICEF program for children.
11. **Our UNICEF Halloween,** Color, 35 mm. A Trick or Treat for UNICEF program for children.
12. **Safe Milk Saves Lives,** Color 35 mm. UNICEF provides milk for food.
13. **Turkey Builds For The Future, BXW,** 35 mm. Better Health for Children and Mothers in the world through UNICEF.
14. **A Child Is Born In Asia, BXW,** 35 mm. Child care through UNICEF.
15. **An Inclusive Church,** Color, 35 mm., w/record. The Jurisdictional System of the Methodist Church. Good for discussion of Race question.
16. **Social Change and Moral Value,** 35 mm., w/record., And
17. **Sources of Christian Morality,** 35 mm., w/record. Are filmstrips to be used with study books on Moral Man and Moral Society.
18. **Gambling and The Church,** Color, 35 mm., w/record, 126 fr., 17 min. Discusses: (1) What is gambling? (2) Why is the church concerned? (3) What can Christians do?
19. **Of Cats and People BXW,** 35 mm. w/record, explores effects of Alcohol on cats and relates behavior to people.

C. TURNOVER CHARTS

1. **Your Church Serves Its Community and World** This "turnover" chart is an interpretation of the needs and ways to love and serve our neighbors.
2. **Citizens Solve Problems** The problems in the use of alcohol.

From time to time we will augment our library with suitable films, filmstrips and charts. If we may be of assistance to you in the planning of your local church programs of Christian Social Concerns, please call on us.

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Woodrow Wilson Fellowship Grants Offered At High Point

High Point College Research Grant Committee under the chairmanship of Dr. Harold Conrad plans to invite the most studious students of the senior class to tea in the near future and encourage them to apply for a Woodrow Wilson fellowship.

The Woodrow Wilson Fellowship was set up by the Ford Foundation to attract men and women to the profession of teaching and awards 1000 fellowships annually to prospective first year graduate students. The Woodrow Wilson fellows are chosen from approximately 11,000 candidates nominated by college faculty members in the United States and Canada.

Eligibility is dependent upon outstanding intellectual promise, graduates of or seniors in colleges and universities, and must be citizens of the United States or Canada, or in the process of becoming a citizen.

The student must have a solid foundation of under graduate work, competence and facility in foreign languages or other required subjects such as mathematics; ability in writing essays and reports of an independent nature.

The students receiving the fellowships will receive $1800.00 for one academic year. If the fellows has a wife and child an additional 1000.00 will be added to his stipend and $250.00 for each additional child.



Groundbreaking exercises were held at Fletcher's Chapel, Sunday, September 27, for the new Educational Building, which will provide space for four additional Church School classes, a fellowship hall, and kitchen.The total cost of the project is $25,000, and aid will be given by the Duke Foundation. Shown here are: Mrs. Emma Fletcher, one of the older members of the church, with the two youngest members. The tallest girl is Mrs. Fletcher's granddaughter, Dinne Fletcher and the other is Vickie Vaughan.

Rev. T. G. Williams Died At Summerfield Last Week

Rev. T. G. Williams, 76, retired minister of the Western North Carolina Conference, died at Wesley Long Hospital, Greensboro, Tuesday, September 27, and was buried at Glencoe Methodist Church in Rockingham County Thursday, October 1 at 3:00 p.m. Services were conducted by Rev. Phillip Vaughan, pastor of the Church, Dr. J. Garland Winkler, District Superintendent, Rev. Tom McLean of Summerfield, Rev. Glenn Lackey, of Charlotte, and Rev. Robert Witty, Jr., of Lexington. Burial was in Glencoe cemetery. Mr. Williams was a native of the Glencoe community.

Mr. Williams was an effective minister in the pastorate for 32 years, and served as assistant for some years after retirement.

He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Nettie Wadford Williams of the home; four children, Mrs. Edward Combs, of Ridgeville, N. C.; Mrs. Guy Ayers, of Summerfield; Mrs. W. L. Greeson of Greensboro; and Mr. John W. Williams, of Greensboro; nine grandchildren, and two great–grandchildren. Also three sisters, Mrs. C. T. Harris of Richmond, Va.; Mrs. T. D. Clator, of Summerfield; Mrs. Treva Haynes, of the Methodist Home for the Aging in Charlotte.

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Houston Preaching Mission At Concord October 25-29

The 16th annual Houston Preaching Mission will be held in Concord, October 25–29, with Bishop Paul Hardin, Jr. of Columbia, S. C., guest minister.

The Mission, to be held at 7:30 o'clock, is to be held at Central Methodist Church.

Made possible by the generosity of Dr. and Mrs. W. C. Houston, Central members, the Mission annually brings to Concord outstanding preachers of major Protestant denominations.

It is an interdenominational series which, though traditionally held in the Houstons' home church, is designed for all church goers in the area.

A native of Chester, S. C., Bishop Hardin attended public schools in that city and then was graduated from Wofford College with an A.B. degree in 1924, and from Candler School of Theology, Emory University, with a B.D. degree in 1927. Later, the honorary degree of Doctor of Divinity was conferred upon him by Wofford and by Birmingham Southern College.

Bishop Hardin joined the Western North Carolina Conference in the fall of 1927 and served numerous pastorates, including First Church, Wadesboro, Central Church, Shelby, Wesley Memorial Church, High Point, and Forest Hill Church, Concord. In 1949, he became the minister of First Methodist Church of Birmingham, Alabama. For eleven years he served as minister of that church, watching its budget grow from an operational budget of $70,000 to a unified budget of $288,000. During that time approximately 3,000 new members united with the church.

For the past twenty years, Bishop Hardin has been a familiar figure at annual conferences, youth rallies, evangelistic rallies, and at special services in many churches throughout the South.

Having served as minister of the First Methodist Church of Birmingham for a longer period than any other man has ever served, Bishop Hardin was one of five men elected on the first ballot by the North Alabama Conference as delegates to the General and the Jurisdictional Conferences of 1960. At the Jurisdictional Conference at Lake Junaluska in July, 1960, he was one of four men elected to the episcopacy, after which he was assigned to the new Columbia area.

Bishop Hardin is married to the former Miss Dorothy Reel of Spartanburg, S. C., and they have three children: Mrs. A. M. Utley, Jr., wife of a practicing attorney in High Point, N. C.; Paul Hardin, III, a professor of law at Duke University and Ed Hardin, a recent graduate of the Duke Law School, who practices law in High Point, N. C.

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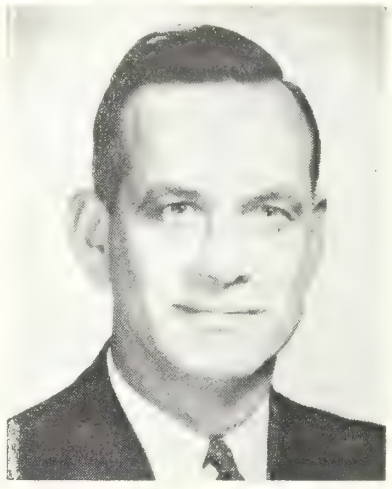
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Dr. Bailey Religious Emphasis Leader At Louisburg College

Dr. A. Purnell Bailey, superintendent of the Richmond District of the Virginia Conference of the Methodist Church, will be the guest speaker for Religious Emphasis Week at Louisburg College October 12–15, 1964.

Author of Daily Bread, a syndicated devotional for newspapers and radio, Dr. Bailey holds the A.B. from Randolph–Macon College and the B.D. from Duke University. He has had additional study at Union Theological Seminary, the University of Richmond and Columbia University. He has also contributed numerous articles to Methodist and other publications and has served on various boards and agencies of The Methodist Church.



Dr. A. Purnell Bailey

He has served as pastor of churches in Emporia, Richmond, and Norfolk and served as a chaplain in the U. S. Army from 1945–47. Prior to assuming the district superintendent's job, he was pastor of Centenary Methodist Church in Richmond.

Services are scheduled twice daily Monday through Thursday. Students will participate in the services and music will be furnished by the Department of Music under the direction of Miss Sarah Foster.

This week is being planned by the Chaplain, Rev. C. Wade Goldston.

Six water color paintings in the series, "Along the Natchez Trail" and ten Kolorstats of the 175th Anniversary of Methodism will be on display in the gallery of the Lousiburg College Fine Arts Center October 1–30.

These paintings were used as illustrations for articles in "Together" magazine, a Methodist Publication.

Gallery hours are 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. daily except Saturday. Sunday, 3:00 to 5:00 p.m.

C. Wade Goldston Scholarship Program At Louisburg College

C. Wade Goldston, Minister, Teacher, Counselor, came to Louisburg College in 1954, as a teacher in the Department of Religion, and as Director of Town and Country Work. He came after having served several churches as pastor, including the Norlina Charge, Clark Street, Red Oak Parish, Stantonsburg Charge, Evansdale, Daniels' Memorial and Pine Forest. Most recently he has served as pastor of the Apex Methodist Church.

At Louisburg, Mr. Goldston has been a pillar of spiritual strength to students and faculty alike, as well as a scholar in his academic field, endearing himself unselfishly to hundreds of students. It was his vision and dedication which has made in nine years the Supply Pastor's Program a workable contribution to the educational and spiritual edification of over sixty–five ministers in Methodism. In this program ministers who have not been able to complete their formal education are given the opportunity to receive two years of college training at Louisburg, with the approval of the Conference Board of Ministerial Training and Qualification. It is his interest and support, with others of the college, which sustain this program.

In coming back to Louisburg College in a full–time capacity as Chaplain and teacher, Mr. Goldston has another vision which will be realized, with the help of God and His family. The C. Wade Goldston Scholarship Program will offer financial assistance to students at Louisburg College who are children of ministers, students who will become ministers, or laborers in some other church–related vocation, and the Supply Pastors of The Methodist Church.

In looking toward the fulfillment of this vision the sum of $50,000.00 was set as the goal. God works in wondrous ways! Mr. Goldston's brother, William J. Goldston of Houston, Texas, has offered to give $25,000.00 of that sum on a matching basis, as a tribute to his brother, Wade and for God's Kingdom. The date set for a deadline for the matching $25,000.00 is September 1, 1965. Already over $8,000.00 has been raised for this missionary endeavor which will help students to be able to serve Jesus Christ more effectively, and Mr. Goldston has already given over $17,000.00 of his $25,000.00.

Contributions to this cause will reap many blessings! Louisburg College believes the C. Wade Goldston Scholarship Program to be the answer to many prayers on the part of young people who are looking for an education.

Beaver Dam Church Dedicated

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money for the church. Approximately $2,–000.00 was raised in these meetings.

When construction began at Beaver Dam, Community Methodist Church also of the Pinebluff Charge saw their need of four new Sunday school rooms. Under the leadership of their pastor four classes were added and paid for by the small congregation. Community Methodist Church of the Pinebluff Charge is located four miles south of the North Carolina Sanitorum "McCall." A complete renovation was done at Hoffman Methodist Church, of the Pinebluf Charge, with all new furnishings and carpet was put on the floor.

With all this work being done at the same time, all four churches accepted their "Quota of the College Crusade Fund" and approximately one–half has been paid. It goes to show that a dedicated congregation can do about what they want to do.

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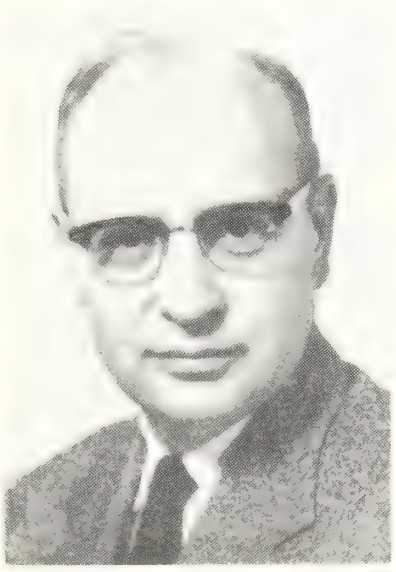
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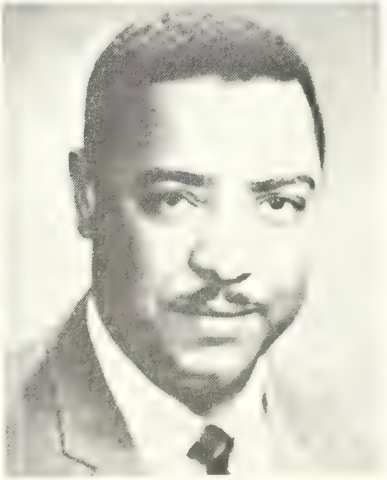
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CAROLINA BRIEFS

¶ Benton Heights Church Monroe, is this week holding revival services with Rev. C. G. Mitchum as the preacher. Rev. A. G. Perkins is pastor.

¶ Rev. William O. Bigham, missionary to Brazil, who is on furlough, preached last Sunday at the Shiloh Methodist church near Lexington. Rev. L. E. Barden is pastor

¶ The Harnett Sub-District MYF will meet Sunday, October 18th at 3:00 p. m. in the Erwin Methodist Church All MYF'ers in the Harnett Sub-District are urged to attend.

¶ Dr. Howard P. Powell of Raleigh is preaching this week in revival services at the Northwoods Methodist Church, Jacksonville, N. C., of which Rev. H. B. Jones is the pastor

¶ Rehobeth Church in Raleigh District observed homecoming services last Sunday, with the pastor, Rev. Louis B. Cain, Jr., preaching at the 11:00 o'clock service. Picnic dinner followed the worship hour.

¶ Revival services are being held at Carver's Creek Methodist Church this week Oct. 11–16 7:30 p.m. each evening. Rev. Robert M. Drew of Maxton is the speaker. Rev. Travis W. Owen is the pastor.

¶ Methodist Men of the North Wilkesboro District held a dinner meeting at First Methodist Church, North Wilkesboro, Wednesday evening of this week, October 14 at 7:00 p. m. Bishop Earl G. Hunt was the speaker for the occasion.

¶ Hermon church on the Oxford Circuit held its homecoming day last Sunday at the 11:00 o'clock hour. The pastor Rev. R. L. Ossman brought the message. Following the service dinner was served on the church grounds.

¶ First Methodist Church, Mount Olive observed Layman's Day by beginning with a breakfast at 6:45 a.m. Sunday morning for all the men of the church. The morning worship service was under the direction of Cecil J. Winstead, Church Lay Leader.

¶ M. T. Lambeth, superintendent of the Methodist Children's Home at Winston-Salem, has been named an at-large member of the national board of Hospitals and Homes of The Methodist Church for the 1964–68 quadrennium.

¶ Rev. Emmett S. Davis, minister of First Methodist Church, Hinesville, Ga., preached last Sunday at Central Methodist Church, Albemarle at 11:00 a.m. Mr. Davis is also to teach a course in the leadership training school at the church. Rev. Harold Groce is the pastor of Central Church.

¶ Dr. Dewitt Trivette of Hickory has been elected secretary of the Sub committee on Family Life for the Committee on Education of the Southeastern Methodist Jurisdictional Council. The Council is the policy-making body of the Southeastern Jurisdiction, encompassing nine Southeastern states and including nearly three million Methodists.

¶ A daughter, Karen Elizabeth, was born to Rev. and Mrs. Gayle Ford, September 22, 1964, at Elkin, N. C. Gayle Ford is now minister of the Grace and Hiatt Memorial Churches in Winston-Salem, N. C.

¶ Dr. and Mrs. Marvin Vick of Raleigh are attending a meeting of the Board of Missions in Miami, Florida. After the meeting the Vicks will remain for a few days vacation before returning to Raleigh where Dr. Vick is pastor of Edenton Street Methodist Church.

¶ Mrs. Ralph A. Ward, widow of Bishop Ralph A. Ward, and a missionary to China was the speaker last Sunday at Centenary Church Greensboro. Rev. Roger Tucker, pastor, who is also district missionary secretary, received a special offering for Mrs. Ward's work in China.

¶ Mrs. S. A. Dunn of Enfield presided recently at the training session for the officers and members of the Woman's Society of Christian Service of the Scotland Neck Methodist Church. She presented the new purpose, the duties of the officers and the new terminology.

¶ Dr. Excelle Rozelle preached at Grace and Hiatt Memorial Churches in Winston-Salem last Sunday in the absence of the pastor, Rev. Gayle Ford, who was undergoing surgery. The services in each Church next Sunday will be conducted by the laymen of the Church.

¶ Dr. Edward J. Reese, retired, who lives in Florida, preached Sunday, October 4 at First Methodist Church, Washington, N. C. of which Rev. T. J. Whitehead is pastor. Dr. Reese is a former member of the North Carolina Conference, and served the Washington Church for a number of years.

¶ Dr. Fred W. Paschal will preach in revival services at Davis Street Church, Burlington, beginning October 25. Dr. Paschal served as pastor of Davis Street Church for 11 years. He is now retired and lives in Hendersonville. Rev. Howard McLamb is the present pastor of Davis Street Church. The church also will hold homecoming on the 25th.

¶ Dr. Edwin L. Jones, Sr., of Charlotte, treasurer of the World Methodist Council will represent the Council, along with two other Council leaders, during a conference of officials of world confessional bodies Oct 16–17, 1964, in Geneva, Switzerland. The other men will be Dr. Lee F. Tuttle of Lake Junaluska and New York City, secretary of the Council, and Bishop Fred Corson of Philadelphia, president of the Council.

¶ The Woman's Society of Christian Service of the Scotland Neck Methodist Church presented Life Memberships and pins to three members. Certificates and pins were presented to Mrs. Kenneth Veast, Jr., Mrs. W. L. Harris, and Mrs. Leland Allsbrook by the president Mrs. James E. Boyd, Jr. In presenting the Memberships and pins Mrs. Boyd commended each for her willing service to the Woman's Society of Christian Service and to their church.

¶ Wesleyanna Methodist Church in Sylva, N. C., will hold revival services November 1-6. Rev. Larry G. Bumgarner, pastor of the Morganton Circuit, will be the visiting preacher. A fellowship supper will be spread prior to the beginning service. Rev. William D. Clodfelter is the pastor.

¶ Homecoming services will be held at Union Methodist Church on the Mamers Charge in Harnett County Sunday, October 25. The pastor, Rev. Lewis H. Dodson, and the membership extends a cordial invitation to all former pastors, former members, and friends to attend. A picnic will be served following the 11:00 o'clock worship hour. There will be a song service in the afternoon.

¶ Liberty Methodist Church in the North Wilkesboro District dedicated its new structure recently The church was founded in the late 1700's. The new sanctuary seats 275, and replaces the one built in the 1880's. It stands near Hiddenite, and the cost was $65,000, not including some $3.000 additional for carpeting and choir chairs. Rev Herman F. Duncan, District Superintendent, dedicated the building. Rev. McRae Crawford is the pastor.

¶ Robert Clark, who graduated from High Point College summa cum laude in 1963, has received a $500 scholarship from the National Methodist Student Scholarship Committee to help him continue his education at Perkins School of Theology at Southern Methodist University, Dallas, Texas. Clark, a middler at Perkins (which is part of Southern Methodist University), is a native of Washington, D. C. He was one of 22 seminary students who recently toured the top national agencies of the Methodist Church in Nashville.

¶ Maxton, Laymen's Day services were held last Sunday Oct. 11 at St. Paul's Methodist Church in Maxton, the theme being "Able To Stand." The Church Lay Leader Mr. Tracy Watson presided. A prayer of dedication was offered by Chalmers Morrison, with Otis Wells reading the scripture lesson from Ephesians 6:10–20, Roland Seals led the responsive reading. Col. Leslie Blankinship, President of Carolina Military Academy, delivered the morning message. Laymen's Day is an occasion sponsored by the Methodist Board of Lay Activities.

¶ A new Methodist Men's Club has been organized on the Creswell Charge in the Elizabeth City District. Rev. J. T. Fisher, the pastor and his men discussed the matter and decided that such an organization could mean much to the work of the church and to the men themselves. Mr. Tony Miley, of Edenton, District director of Methodist Men met with the group and assisted in the organization. The Conference Director of Methodist Men Charles McCullers was the speaker at the organization meeting and John Turner, District Lay Leader, presented the men with the Methodist Men Pin. Tony Miley presented the charter to Mr. Dalton Phelps, president. The pastor, Rev. J. T. Fisher installed the officers for the year. The ladies of the Mount Hermon church served dinner and the Rev. Morris Husted provided entertainment for the group.

¶ Bishop Hunt will meet with the Western North Carolina Methodist Conference cabinet (the superintendents of the 13 Conference districts) Oct. 22 and 23 in the Methodist Building at Statesville, headquarters for the Conference.

¶ On Sunday, October 11, worship services were held in the four churches on the Friendship Methodist Charge, Statesville District. Three of the churcrhes observed Layman's Day. Mr. J. Taft White spoke at 10:00 a.m. at Friendship and at 11 a.m. at Mountain View. At the Snow Creek church, Mr. Willie L. Sherrill brought the message. At the Sandy Ridge 11 a.m. worship, Rev. Cecil Hefner, district superintendent, preached. Rev. John S. Oakley is the pastor.

Methodist College Student Enrollment Reaches 619

Methodist College's enrollment continues to climb with a total of 619 students enrolled for the fall semester of the 1964–65 academic year.

Four years ago the college enrolled its first student body of 88 students.

According to Samuel R. Edwards, registrar, 595 students are enrolled full time. Of this number, 286 are resident students. The remainder is made up of commuting students, 19 of whom are part time, 5, special students.

The student body is made up of 300 freshmen, 154 sophomores, 70 juniors, 90 seniors. Of this number, 343 are men and 276 are women.

Thirty–eight precent of the student body is represented by 157 students from Fayetteville, 101 from Cumberland County and 38 from Fort Bragg.

Students come from 48 other counties in North Carolina. Harnett County is represented by 17 students; Sampson, 14; Wake, 13; Guilford, 12; Mecklenburg, 11; Lee, 10; Duplin, Durham, Richmond and Robeson, 9 each; Bladen, 7; Alamance and Pasquotank, 6 each; Columbus, Montgomery and Moore, 5 each.

Hoke County is represented by 4 students; Granville, Lenoir, New Hanover and Wayne, 3 each; Brunswick, Burke, Carteret, Cleveland, Craven, Dare, Franklin, Johnston, Jones, Nash, and Onslow, 2 each.

Other counties with 1 each are: Beaufort, Caswell, Davidson, Edgecombe, Forsyth, Greene, Lincoln, Martin, Orange, Pamlico, Person, Pitt, Randolph, Stokes, Union, and Vance.

Ninety–eight students come from 15 states in addition to North Carolina. Virginia leads with 45; South Carolina, 17; New York, 8, New Jersey, 7; Pennsylvania, 4; Tennessee, 3; Connecticut, Delware, Florida, Indiana, Maryland, 2 each; Alabama, Colorado, California and Illinois, 1 each.

The number of students expressing a Methodist preference far exceeds any other religious or denominational preference.

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Brevard Methodist Church recently gave a fellowship supper in honor of the Methodist students at Brevard College. To further welcome the students to the church, the Methodist Men's Club invited them to attend a Bar–b–que supper at the September Family Night.

Church In Town and Country To Hold Session In Atlanta

The future role and impact of the village church–long–standing symbol of American religious faith—will be the focus of some 500 rural life leaders who will meet Oct. 13–15 in a national convocation.

Sponsored by the Nation Council of Churches, the national convocation on the Church in Town and Country will hold three–day sessions in St. Mark Methodist Church, Atlanta, with delegates representing upwards of 20 Protestant denominations.

U. S. Secretary of Agriculture, Orville Freeman, is scheduled to be the main speaker at a banquet session of the convocation, to be held at nearby Emory Univeriti Wed. Oct. 14 at 6:30 p.m. The occasion will be marked by awards to several persons for distinguished service to rural life.

In major addresses and group discussions the conferees will weigh the forces that are changing the nation's rural scene and will formulate ways the churches can best minister to the millions of Americans affected by these changes.

"Millions of our people are moving into new industries communities mushrooming where farms once stood," said the Rev. Dr. Henry A. McCanna, New York, in announcing the convocation program. "It is the churches's business to find the best ways to reach all these people who are caught by transition, to afford them spiritual roots and meaning in their lives while they are literally on the move. Dr. McCanna is executive director of the National Council of Churches Department of Town and Country Church.

Special Session Dates, Place Set

Two Protestant denominations considering union have picked Chicago as the meeting place of their highest legislative bodies to vote on the merger.

Officials of The Methodist Church and the Evangelical United Brethren Church said their world–wide General Conference will meet separately in early November of 1966.

The quadrennial General Conference of the EUB Church will be held at Chicago's Conrad Hilton Hotel November 8–17, 1966. An earlier announcement had been made of plans for the denominational assembly in Wichita, Kans., but in view of the plan to have simultaneous meetings with The Methodist Church, the EUB conference has been re–scheduled for Chicago to provide more adequate facilities for the two bodies, church officials said.

The special session of the General Conference to consider details of the proposed merger—will be held November 9–11 in Chicago, also at the Hilton Hotel. The two meetings will be held in separate parts of the hotel.

Church officials pointed out that the plan of union, now in draft stage, needs not only the approval of the official church–wide law–making bodies of the two denominations at the 1966 meeting in Chicago, but will need also to be ratified by the annual (regional) conferences of the two church bodies before the actual union of the two groups can be completed.

On And Off Campus At Methodist College

Dr. L. Stacy Weaver, president of the colleg, attended the meeting of the General Board of Education of The Methodist Church in Louisville, Kentucky. He was elected during the summer by the Southeastern Jurisdictional Conference to represent the jurisdiction on the General Board of Education.

Dr. Samuel J. Womack, area chairman of religion and philosophy, taught the course, "The Meaning of Methodism" in the Raleigh Area Christian Workers' School, Sept. 20–24. He taught the course, "The Life and Mission of the Church" in the Richmond County Christian Workers' School, Oct. 11–15. He will teach "Current Viewpoints in Christian Theology" in the Walter Peele Sub–District School, Oct. 18–22.

Allen Wadsworth, instructor in sociology, was the speaker for the homecoming service at the First Baptist Church of Hope Mills on Sunday, October 4.

Spring Church-Garysburg Charge

The Spring Church–Garysburg Charge has had a very busy fall, and we are grateful to the following ministers in the following events:

Rev. Don Harris of Robesonville helped in a revival at the Spring Church the fourth week in July.

Rev. Horace Ferguson of Salem Chapel helped at the Lebanon Church revival the first week in August.

Rev. Don Harris helped at Oak Grove in Revival the third week in August.

Rev. Thomas H. House, the pastor, preached the Annual Homecoming service in each of these churches at the beginning of the revival.

Rev. J. W. Page, the District Superintendent, held the first Quarterly Conference the fourth Sunday in September at Oak Grove at 7:30 p.m. A good crowd was present.

Pleasant Hill Methodist Church is celebrating its 50th anniversary of organization with the homecoming service beginning at 11:00 a.m., with dinner on the grounds at 1:00 p.m Rev. Horace Ferguson, a former member of the church will preach the sermon. All former pastors and friends are invited Oct. 18, 1964.

—Thomas H. House, Pastor

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EDITORIALS

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"Some Do Call It Treason"

Sermon
by
Dr. J. Clay Madison
September 20, 1964
Myers Park Methodist Church

As you know, extremism has become a rather familiar word since the beginning of the current political campaign. And I think we all recognize that it is not peculiar to either side of the contest. As a matter of fact the Christian Century which is a highly respected religious publication, but an extremely liberal one, has been so extreme in its denunciations of the so-called "extremism" of Mr. Goldwater that the other day I told someone that it had about convinced me that I ought to vote for him. But there is nothing particularly new about this. Even since I went into the ministry several years ago I have been circularized year after year by various extreme organizations: those that are extremely liberal and those that are extremely conservative—those that are extremely modern and those that are extremely fundamental — those that are extremely progressive and those that are extremely reactionary. And normally I have accepted these various expressions of opinion as inevitable in a free society. In fact, I have looked upon them as, in a sense, wholesome for it is out of the conflict of opinions that we more nearly arrive at the truth.

A recent book came to my desk sometime ago, and I understand is in rather broad circulation, that is of such a different mould that whereas, I seldom discuss a thing like this, nevertheless, I feel so keenly about it that I would not be fair to myself or to you if I allowed it to pass unchallenged. Please be sure that I recognize that many of you, for whose opinion I have the highest regard, may disagree with my analysis and certainly I want you to know I consider that to be your right, for differences of opinion do not bother me—I hope they do not bother you—but I do insist that all of us have a responsibility to face the facts and to draw therefrom an understanding of the truth which alone can make us free.

The name of this book is, "None Dare Call It Treason," written by Mr. John Stormer of Missouri. He's a gifted writer. He deals with conditions in our society which concern us all. With many of the things he says I heartily agree, but that very fact makes the suttle insinuations of his argument all the more dangerous. He begins with the theory that the United States is losing or has already lost the Cold War with Russia, which is a very real war he says, and that really our nation is doomed. For this loss he blames the Democrats, he blames the Republicans, he blames the schools, he blames our homes, and he blames our churches. He evn goes so far as to state that Russia put down the Hungarian Freedom Revolt a few yeras ago with the consent and approval of President Eisenhower and the State Department. The ghost that haunts him of course is the ghost of communism. He sees it behind almost every social change. He sees it behind almost every organization working for social justice. He sees it in all social unrest. He even sees it behind the Revised Standard Version of the Bible from which we read Sunday after Sunday. Now smear tactics in political campaigns are disgraceful even though we more or less take them for granted, and if the issue here involved were purely a political matter I assure you I would not take up the time to discuss it, but when the same tactics are used to attack the basic institutions of our society, then I say they are cowardly and they are sinful as I see it.

THEME FOR THE WEEK

A good man out of the good treasure of his heart bringeth forth that which is good; and an evil man out the evil treasure of his heart bringeth forth that which is evil; for of the abundance of the heart his mouth speaketh." — Luke 6:45.

Let us consider the title, "None Dare Call It Treason." Treason is a strong word. It suggests treachery, disloyalty and betrayal, and the whole slant of the book implies that the author is exposing traitors whom the rest of us do not have the sense to recognize. They are in our government; they are in our schools; they are in our churches. They include most of those who work for Good Will and for Peace among nations, those who work for unity within the Church, and those who work for social justice within society. And the Methodist Church and The National Council of Churches are singled out for particular criticism and condemnation.

For those of you who do not know too much about the National Council of Churches, let me say just this: It is an agency of cooperation among and between the major Protestant denominations of our nation. Its controlling board is made up of men and women like yourselves, elected representatives of the various denominations. It is a medium of cooperation through which programs are cleared and correlated in areas of missions, of evangelism, of education, of social action and concern and world relief. As an illustration, literally thousands of dollars worth of medicine are distributed through the National Council to various mission hospitals throughout the world each year; medicine given by our large pharmaceutical houses which perhaps would not, maybe could not, make those contributions to individual denominations, and, may I add, would not make those contributions were they not dealing with an honorable and reputable organization. Now let me hasten to say, the National Council does many things and says many things with which I do not agree. It represents millions of people and there are varying opinions among them. Our own Church says and does some things with which I cannot agree, but long ago as a lad in a family of seven children I discovered that I cannot always write the ticket that exactly suits me, and if I am going to live in communion and in fellowship with people, always there must be a certain amount of accommodation to those with whom I may disagree. Indeed I do not agree with all that the National Council does but I do agree with the principle of cooperation between Protestant denominations and I believe in this organization and will support it until we find some better medium of cooperation in and among the Protestant peoples of America.

Communism, as you know, claims to be for a great many good things. It claims to be for disarmament. It claims to be for Peace. It claims to be against poverty and against war. Now the insinuation which I resent most in this book is that every individual who holds these same views is, therefore, either a communist or a fellow-traveler. In short it seems to me the writer is saying that traitors are those who disagree with Mr. Stormer. He condemns particularly a series of elective studies in our own Church School literature offered a few years ago on communism. Through he insists we ought to study communism in order to know the facts, he still condemns this. He says it was easy on communism and that many Methodists were misled by "distortion and clever use of adjectives," implying that it represented the felllow-traveler approach. Do you know who wrote that particular Course of Study? It was Dr. Creighton Lacy, a member of the Department of Religion at Duke University. His father, whom I knew, was a long-time missionary in China. He was elected a Bishop there. Finally when the communists took over he was placed under arrest and interned until his death. He was one of the modern Methodist martyrs in the fight against communism in the world. Do you think his son would be calloused or biased in favor of communism? I assure you that I do not.

Then, what are the sources of authority from which this writer draws? Of course there are many but I mention only a few: One of them is an Air Force Training Manual issued a few years ago which claimed that the communists had infiltrated the churches of America. But when the Air Force was confronted with the request, or demand, either to prove their indictment or shut up, this particular manual was withdrawn, though he quotes it as authority. Another source of authority he mentions is the John Birch Society. I know very little about that. I do know that it did not gain the endorsement of either political party. So far as I know it does not have the endorsement of any major Christian denomination. A third source of authority is an organization known as The Circuit Riders, In corporated, having nothing to do, I assure you, with the Great Circuit Riders who as early Methodist Preachers spread Scriptural Holiness across the land. He says they are a group of independent Methodist Ministers and Laymen . . . Well, really, this group was organized down in Texas several years as a group of Methodist malcontents who have spent their time and money since then trying to destroy the leadership of The Methodist Church. I have on my desk a listing of Methodist Ministers who, according to this group, belong to communist front organizations. I checked that list—I found the name of Dr. E. Stanley Jones . . . one of the Great Missionaries and Christian Leaders of our generation. I found on that list the name of Dr. Ralph Sockman whose Ministry has so richly blessed this congregation. I found on that list the name of our former Bishop—Bishop Nolan B. Harmon, who led our Conference so ably for eight years. Who are The Circuit Riders? I think I know The Methodist Church pretty well. I don't know the name of a one belonging to that organization but I do know some of them whom they are condemning as some of the very finest and most dedicated Leaders of our Church, and I remember that Pontius Pilate would have been forgotten long ago had it not been for his sorry role in condemning our Lord and Master to death upon the Cross.

And then this writer uses another source . . . Mr. Edgar Hoover, head of the FBI, a man whom we all respect. He takes sentences and paragraphs from his speeches, uses them out of context, and seems to suggest that they are condemning the Church. He referred to the fact that Mr. Hoover received a Freedom Foundation award a few years ago for his fight against communism. Well, that's fine but it so happens that about the same time the National Council of Churches received the same award by the same Freedom Foundation for, quote, "pointing up the differences between Christianity and communism and the unique values of the American way of life," but Mr. Stormer was careful not to mention that. And then may I point out some other things that Mr. Hoover has said. When he

was questioned about his criticism of the Church he said, "I want you to know neither on this occasion (which was referred to) nor at any other time have I ever made any statement criticising the Federal Council of Churches nor the National Council of Churches." In regard to communism among ministers he has this to say, "We owe a debt of deep gratitude to the clergymen of this nation—men who unflinchingly battle against this conspiracy. To my mind no group in America has a more key role to play in fighting communism than our clergymen. Very truly they stand on the front line of this giant ideological battle." And then in regard to the particular unit in our own Methodist literature, referred to and condemned in this book, Mr. Hoover has this to say, "It is very encouraging to me to learn of the increasing amount of literature exposing communism eminating from the Methodist Church and its related organizations. Your Great Church, with its far flung and social institutions, is in a position to make a substantial and lasting contribubtion to the defeat of communism. I feel confident that this will be done."

Now, of course, atheistic communism is a threat, and a serious threat to our way of life. I would not for a moment minimize the importance of our always striving to be alert to its dangers, but really now, how do the communists work? You know and I know that they use every means possible to divide the people of a nation against each other. They capitalize on social unrest, on racial conflict, on the divisions created by those who spend their time accusing and condemning each other. There is nothing the communists would like better than to destroy our faith in our basic institutions. Nothing they would like better than to destroy every effective means of cooperation among the Protestant forces of America for they know altogether too well that in nations where Protestanism is strong that communism has never really had a chance. Don't misunderstand me; I do not believe that Mr. Stormer is a communist. I do not believe he's a fellow-traveler—he might not be as kind to me—but may I say that if he were a communist he could not do the communists any greater service than he did in writing this book. . . . "None Dare Call It Treason." Well, "Some Do Call It Treason," and I'm not talking of the same things that Mr. Stormer was speaking of when he attacked the schools and the churches.

Brethren, is it treason to want the worker to have a fair share of the fruits of industry? Is it? Is it treason to believe that the worthy Negro should have the same rights which we demand for ourselves? Is it treason for Christian peoples to strive for unity within the ranks of the Christian forces? Is it treason for Christian peoples to strive for and to work for Peace and understanding among the nations of the world in a day when we have implements of war that could destroy all mankind with almost lightning speed? If it is then, brethren, surely it is also treason to follow the Christ who said, "One is your Father and all of you are brethren." If so, it is surely treason to follow the Christ who prayed for his followers that they all might be one. . . . It is treason to follow the Christ of whom the angels sang on the occasion of His birth. . . . "Peace on Earth, Good Will Toward Men"—Treason to follow Him who said, "I am the Way the Truth and the Life, Ye shall know the Truth, and the Truth shall make you Free."

. . . O, Thou Eternal God, let Thy Spirit guide our minds and our hearts as we unite in a common quest for understanding and light. May the Spirit of Christ unite us in a fellowship of love and loyalty that transcends all differences of opinions. Let Thy Spirit lead us into the ways of truth—the truth which alone can make us free, for we ask it in the name of Christ our Saviour and our Lord. Amen.



COLLEGE DINNER RALLY MEETING AT METHODIST COLLEGE

Conference officials meet October 6 and 175 Fayetteville District representatives in the first series of district rallies to seek renewal of interest in higher education. They are, from left, Nelson Gibson, past conference lay leader; Dr. L. Stacy Weaver, president of Methodist College; The Reverend T. R. Jenkins, minister, Haymount Methodist Church, Fayetteville; Bishop Paul N. Garber, principal speaker; The Reverend Wallace Kirby, chairman, committee on general church school work, Conference Board of Education; The Reverend James A. Auman, executive director of the Association of Methodist Colleges; The Reverend Barney L. Davidson, Superintendent of the Fayetteville District.

Bishop Garber To Dedicate Grace Church, Clinton, Oct. 18

On Sunday, October 18, Bishop Paul Neff Garber will dedicate Grace Methodist Church of Clinton, N. C.

Grace Methodist Church was officially organized Palm Sunday, April 3, 1955. The Rev. A. F. McClung, now of Durham, was the first pastor. At the conclusion of the Charter Membership drive, 106 persons had joined Grace Church. The first meeting place was the Britt Corporation building (auto garage).

The ground-breaking service for the present building was held on Sunday, February 26, 1956. The site was donated by the First Methodist Church of Clinton. The Rev. Howard McLamb, now of Burlington, was the District Superintendent of the Goldsboro District at the time Grace was organized. Mr. J. T. Doughtie was chairman of the building committee.

The first service was held in the new building on Sunday, August 12, 1956. The value of the present building is in excess of $50,000.00. Today, the membership is 251, and the Sunday School enrollment is 223. This summer, the church was completely air-conditioned.

Grace Methodist Church is one of many Ten Dollar Club churches in the North Carolina Conference. It will be the first Ten Dollar Club church in the Goldsboro District to be dedicated. Dr. Thomas Collins, president of North Carolina Wesleyan College, was executive secretary of the N. C. Conference Board of Missions at the time Grace was organized. Dr. Collins gave outstanding leadership in the area of Church Extension, and Grace Church is a product of the Church Extension vision of the North Carolina Conference of the Methodist Church.

Bishop Garber, who was recently appointed Resident Bishop of the newly created Raleigh Area of the Methodist Church, will deliver the message at the eleven o'clock service, and will lead in the service of dedication. Assisting in the service will be the Rev. M.W. Lawrence, District Superintendent of the Goldsboro District. Also, all the former pastors will assist. In the order of their appointment at Grace, they are: Rev. A. F. McClung of Lakewood Methodist Church in Durham; Rev. J. H. Waldrop of the Clayton Methodist Church; and Rev. M. R. Gardner of Branson Methodist Church in Durham. The present pastor, the Rev. Wilbur C. Teachey, will preside at the service.

Following the service of dedication, the traditional dinner on the ground will be served. All the former members, all nonresident members, all resident members, and all friends are being urged to attend the Dedication of Grace Methodist Church in Clinton on Sunday, October 18, 1964, 11:00 a.m. The Church is located on Smith Street at Northeast Boulevard.

Unique Communion Observance

The Junior High and Senior High MYF of the Wallace Methodist Church, Wallace, joined in the observance of World-Wide Communion by dressing in authenic costumes of many nations. They were so seated in the sanctuary that at least one or two nations were represented taking communion at each table. Fifteen nations were represented. The congregation was requested to have special prayer for the nations as they knelt at the various tables.

Christian Convocation, N. C. Pastors' School Speakers and Topics Announced For Oct. 26-28

(See front cover)

Speakers and topics of the lectures to be given during the annual Christian Convocation and North Carolina Pastors' School at Duke University have been announced by university officials.

The event, set this year for Oct. 26–28, brings together alumni of The Divinity School and numerous other ministers and religious education officals as one part of the continuing program of seminars, clinics, and special studies sponsored by the Divinity School, the N. C. Pastors' School and the Dept. of In–Service Training of The Methodist Church.

Features this year will be the lectures in the James A. Gray Lecture Series to be delivered by the Rev. Prof. Godfrey L. Diekmann, O. S. B., of St. Abbey, Collegeville, Minn., and Dean Robert E. Cushman of the Duke Divinity School, on the general theme of "The Second Vatican Council."

The series of four lectures will open at 7:15 p.m. Monday, Oct. 26 when Father Diekmann will speak on "The Council and the Liturgical Renewal."

Tuesday morning, at 10:10 o'clock, Fr. Diekmann will continue with a lecture on "The Nature of The Church and Its Government," to be followed at 7:15 p.m. by Dean Cushman's address on "The Import of the Council for Ecumenical Relations."

The final Gray Lecture will be given jointly by Dean Cushman and Fr. Diekmann at 9 a.m. Wednesday, Oct. 28 on the subject: "Ecumenism, the Apostle of the Laity, and the Church in the Modern World."

Both Fr. Diekmann and Dean Cushman are currently in Rome attending the Vatican Council II sessions. They will return directly to Duke to bring the convocation and Gray Lectures a first–hand summation of the activities in the religious capital.

Father Diekmann is professor of Patrology and Church History in the Major Seminary of St. John's University. A noted liturgiologist, he is a graduate of St. John's who earned his Doctorate of Sacred Theology in Rome. Further studies were in liturgy at the Abbey of Maria Laach in Germany.

As Consultor of the Pontifical Liturgical Commission preparing for the Vatican Council sessions, and presently Consultor of the Post Conciliar Liturgical Commission, Fr. Diekmann is eminently qualified to interpret the meetings of the Council to those attending the Duke convention.

Convocation sermons, on the topics: "A Christian Understanding of Justice," "A Christian View of History," will be delivered by Dr. Samuel DeWitt Proctor, former Greensboro A & T College president, and past president of Virginia Union University, his alma mater.

Dr. Proctor, a Peace Corps official the past several years, will become the associate general secretary of the National Council of Churches next January 1. With the Ph.D. degree received from Boston University, Dr. Proctor has held numerous mission and foreign service church appointments in addition to his long career in the field of education.

His talks are set for 8:30 p.m. on Oct. 26, and at 11 a.m. Oct. 28.

The 1964 Pastors' School Lecturer is the Rev. Eugene L. Smith, new executive secretary of the World Council of Churches in the U. S. A former general secretary of the Division of World Missions, The Methodist Church, Dr. Smith has held pastorates in New Jersey and New York, and teaching appointments at New York University.

A graduate of Willamette University (Oregon), Drew Seminary, and New York University (Ph.D.), he holds honorary doctorates also from Willamette (D.D.) and American University (LL.D.).

His lectures, at 4 p.m. Monday and 9 a.m. Tuesday, are on "The Thunders of God," and "The Earthquakes of God," respectively.

The lecturer for the Pastors' School "Bishop's Hour" will be the newly elected Bishop of the Charlotte Area, Earl G. Hunt, Jr., who will speak at 4 p.m. Tuesday after the tea for ministers' wives given at the home of Dean and Mrs. Cushman on the Duke campus.

The Fifth Annual Lecture is set for noon, Oct. 27, with Dr. R. Wright Spears, president of Columbia College, (S. C.) speaking on the topic: "Pulpit Is Prow."

A graduate of Wofford College, Dr. Spears received his theological degree from Duke in 1938, thereafter serving Methodist pastorates in the South Carolina conference for 13 years.

Wofford gave the distinguished Duke Alumnus an honorary Doctor of Divinity degree in 1952.

Dr. Spears has served as president of the South Carolina Foundation of Independent Colleges, of the Southern Association of Colleges for Women, and of the Christian Action Council of South Carolina. A member of the General Board of Education of The Methodist Conference.

Registration for the Convocation and Pastors' School meetings will be from 2–4 p.m. Monday, Oct. 26, according to Dr. McMurry Richey, director.

Dr. Richey also announced that at 5:30 p.m. on Monday, two Divinity School class reunion dinners will be held: Class of 1939, with the Rev. George Bumgarner as reunion chairman and the Rev. John Hamilton, anniversary gift chairman, in the italian Room, West Union Bldg.; and the Class of 1954, with Dr. Thomas Langford, reunion chairman, and the Rev. G. Robert McKenzie, Jr., anniversary gift chairman, in the Faculty Dining Hall, West Union.

The General Divinity Alumni Association Luncheon will be at 1 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 27, in the Men's Center Graduate Dining Hall.

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Miss Lena J. Martin, director of child welfare for the church's national Board of Hospitals and Homes has been chosen as an American representative of the United States at International Conference of Social Work in Athens, Greece, this month.

The Rev. Chester C. Yang, 47, one of the outstanding leaders of The Methodist Church in Hong Kong and a former Crusade Scholar, died July 27 in Hong Kong after an illness of three months.

Dates and Places for District Meetings On Education

A series of district dinner meetings relating to the cause of Christian Higher Education in the North Carolina Conference began Tuesday, October 4, with the first meeting being for the Fayetteville District, at Methodist College, Fayetteville. Bishop Paul N. Garber, Raleigh area bishop, will be the featured speaker at each of the eleven dinner meetings, to which invitations have been issued to pastors, official board chairmen, college fund treasurers, and chairmen of the college committee in each local church.

Plans for the series of meetings have been made by the Reverend James A. Auman, Executive Director of the Association of Methodist Colleges of the North Carolina Conference, in cooperation with College Presidents, Dr. Cecil W. Robbins, Louisburg; Dr. Stacy Weaver, Methodist College; and Dr. Thomas A. Collins, N. C. Wesleyan College.

Scheduled dinner meetings. are as follows:

October 4—Fayetteville District—Methodist College, Fayetteville, 6:30 p.m.

October 6—Greenville District—N. C.

October 12—Rocky Mount District—N. C. Wesleyan, Rocky Mount, 6:30 p.m.

October 13— New Bern District—Centenary Methodist Church, New Bern, 7:00 p.m.

October 20—Burlington District—Davis St. Methodist Church, Burlington, 6:30 p.m.

October 22—Wilmington District— Wesley Memorial Methodist Church, Wilmington, 7:00 p.m.

November 9—Raleigh District—Louisburg College, Louisburg, 7:00 p.m.

November 19—Durham District—Louisburg College, Louisburg, 7:00 p. m.

November 23—Goldsboro District—Methodist College, Fayetteville, 6:30 p.m.

November 24—Sanford District—Methodist College, Fayetteville, 6:30 p.m.

December 3—Elizabeth City District—Hertford Methodist Church, Hertford, 7:00 p.m.

Change Of Dates

Two date change in District Missions Study Workshops of the Western North Carolina Methodist Conference were announced by Dr. Carl King of Statesville, executive secretary of the Conference Board of Education.

The Franklin Subdistrict meeting of the Waynesville District has been changed from Oct. 9 to Oct. 20, with the site remaining First Methodist Church, Franklin, from 7:30–9:30 p.m.

The Thomasville District workshop has been changed from Nov. 8 to Oct. 25, with the site remaining First Methodist Church, Lexington, from 2:30–4:30 p.m.

The workshops are emphasizing the Methodist mission study for the 1964–65 church year—work with Spanish–Americans; are being sponsored by the Conference Woman's Society of Christian Service, and the Conference Boards of Education and Missions.

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Miss M. Dorothy Woodruff, 61, research librarian for the Methodist Board of Missions for 18 years, died August 21 in Summit, N. J.

Set Up Secretariat For Church Union

A new office of interest to Methodists opened its doors October 1 in the administrative building in Dayton, Ohio, of the Evangelical–United Brethren Church.

Its purpose is to further church union and its occupant is to be the Rev. Dr. Paul Washburn.

Dr. Washburn, who will be known as Executive Director of the Commission on Church Union, has been for 13 years minister of the First EUB Church in Naperville, Illinois.

"The purpose of this new secretariat," Dr. Washburn explained, "is to inform the church concerning the plan and basis of union so that when the decision is made in 1966 it can be an informed opinion that is expressed in the voting."

One of the new secretary's important duties is to coordinate the negotiation efforts.

Twenty committees are being set up, each representing an essential interest such as missions, pensions, publishing, etc. The denominations will be represented equally on these committees.

Each group will draft a section for a new *Discipline* harmonizing the subject matter bearing on its particular interest which now appears in the two present *Disciplines*.

Dr. Washburn has been a member of the EUB Commission on Union throughout all the EUB–Methodist negotiations. He is one of the most widely known ministers in his denomination.

In Naperville he has not only been a trustee of North Central College and the Evangelical Theological Seminary there, but has frequently taught and lectured in these EUB institutions.

Earlier Dr. Washburn was pastor of St John's EUB Church in Rockford, Ill. and lecturer on Religion in Rockford College.

Wesley Foundation Center To Be Dedicated at Boone

Bishop Earl G. Hunt, Jr., who presides over the Charlotte Methodist Area, will be keynote speaker for the dedication of the Wesley Foundation Center on the Appalachian State Teachers College campus Oct. 18.

The 3 p.m. event at Boone will be part of the college's Homecoming weekend program, and special guests will include Dr. W. Arthur Kale of the Duke University Divinity School, who is chairman of the Interconference Commission on College and University Religious Work; Dr. C. P. Morris of Raleigh, secretary–treasurer of the Commission, and Dr. Herman Duncan, superintendent of the North Wilkesboro District in which the Wesley Foundation is located.

Bishop Hunt will be the preacher in Boone Methodist Church during the 11 a.m. worship service that same day. The Rev. Maurice Ritchie is director of the Wesley Foundation at ASTC.

(The picture and article concerning the dedication were received too late to be used in this week's Advocate. We hope to carry them next week.)

More Congregations Becoming Self Supporting

More Western North Carolina Conference Methodist congregations are paying their own way each year in ministerial support, according to a report released by the Conference's Commission on Minimum Salaries.

The Conference has a plan which assures all of its clergymen a basic minimum salary. If a congregation can't pay any, or only a part of this minimum, the Conference chips in with the remainder.

During the 1960–61 church year the Conference paid $154,766 in this type of minimum salary support. During that period the minimum salary was $3,600, exclusive of extras.

Clergymen receive money for children and years of service, with the total not to exceed $600 for both.

Four years later, during this present 1964–65 church year, the Conference's support of minimum salaries has decreased to $139–447 despite a minimum salary level which is now $4,400 and a host of new congregations in the Conference.

"This indicates a growing trend of stewardship among Methodists of western North Carolina," said Gordon L. Goodson of Lincolnton, chairman of the Conference Commission on Minimum Salaries.

"Despite the fact we have increased minimum salaries each Conference year since the 1960–61 period, we have been able to decrease our Conference support to these congregations as they assumed greater financial responsibilities," he said.

Here are the Conference payments for minimum salary support during the past five years, including the 1964–65 period, and the minimum salary level for each year:

1960–61—$154,766 with $3,600 minimum salary; 1961–62—$161,711 with $3,800 minimum salary; 1962–63—$152,–246 with $3,900 minimum salary; 1963–64—$152,176 with $4,200 minimum salary; and 1964–65—$139,447 with $4,400 minimum salary.

Pfeiffer College Observes Alumni Homecoming

Pfeiffer College held its first fall alumni homecoming last Saturday. The day featured a soccer game between Pfeiffer and Belmont Abbey, an alumni open house at the new Stokes Student Center, alumni class reunions, and alumni banquets, and a dance.

College dormitories will be decorated for the event. A campus–wide pep rally was held at 7 p.m. Friday.

Registration for Alumni began at 10 a.m. Saturady in the student center. At 4 p.m. an open house program for alumni was in the new $1 million student center.

The classes of 1939, 1944, 1954, 1959, and 1963 held reunion meetings at 5 p.m.

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Dr. Paul Langson, Dean of the School of Music at Stetson University, gave the first scheduled organ recital on October 11. The program was sponsored jointly by Brevard College and the Brevard Methodist Church. Professor Nelson Adams, head of the college Music Department, is also minister of Music at the Church.



METHODIST INFORMATION AND PUBLIC RELATIONS COMMISSION members include (front) Waylon Cooke, Durham; Christian White, Mt Olive, Ashley Futrell, Washington; Charles K. McAdams, Fayetteville; (back row) David E. Daniel, Louisburg; W. E. (Bill) Horner, Sanford; W. W. Sherman, Jr., Havelock; Howard M. McLamb, Burlington, and Kimsey King, Jr., Ahoskie.



CONFERENCE TRAFCO OFFICERS—North Carolina Conference officers for the Television, Radio and Film Commission, 1964–68 quadrennium, are Rev. Odell Walker, Hope Mills, vice chairman; Rev. J. K. Bostick, Wilmington, chairman; and Rev. Ed Osteen, Raleigh, secretary–treasurer. The TRAFCO met in Raleigh at the Methodist Building on October 1.

(Methodist Information Photo)



METHODIST INFORMATION officers for the North Carolina Conference are the Rev. William K. Quick, pastor of Saint James Methodist Church in Greenville, director; and the Rev. W. W. Sherman, Jr., pastor of First Methodist Church in Havelock, secretary. (Methodist Information Photo)

A book of chapel meditations by the Rev. Dr. Thomas A. Stafford, widely–known retired Methodist leader, has been published by the church's Board of Pensions in Evanston, Ill. The sermonettes have been among those delivered by Dr. Stafford during the past two years in Stafford Chapel in the Methodist Building in Evanston, Ill. Dr. Stafford headed the pensions activities of the church from 1938 to 1952, first in the Methodist Episcopal Church and then in The Methodist Church.

Board of Hospitals and Homes Holds Fall Meeting

The Board of Hospitals and Homes of the Western North Carolina Methodist Conference will investigate needs in the areas of mental health and the hospital chaplaincy during 1964–68 quadrennium.

Committees to conduct studies in these two concerns were appointed during the fall meeting Oct. 2 in the Methodist Home for the Aging, Inc., at Charlotte. The Rev. E. H. Neese, Jr., of Rutherford, chairman, presided.

The committee to study mental health is headed by the Rev. Jerry D. Murray of Winston–Salem, as chairman. It is charged with finding if there is a need for such things as a mental health service which the Conference would offer, or for a fitness (emotional) test for new clergymen entering the Conference, such as some other denominations now require.

Other members of the committee are E. M. Dudley of Lenoir, Dr. Frank Hammett of Waynesville, the Rev. Frank Cook of Tryon, J. L. Thompson of Lincolnton and the Rev. D. Austin Hamilton of Shelby. M. T. Lambeth, superintendent of the Methodist Children's Home, Winston–Salem, is advisor.

The committee to study the chaplaincy program is headed by the Rev. George C. Starr, Jr., of Thomsville, as chairman. This committee will investigate the need of having staff Methodist chaplains in public hospitals of some of the larger cities in western North Carolina. The committee will also study recommendations which would aid local Methodist ministerial associations in establishing church–paid staff chaplains at the hospitals.

Other members of the committee are the Rev. Lee R. Spencer of North Wilkesboro, the Rev. Walter R. Kelly of Salisbury, Dr. O. R. Hodgins of Thomasville, and J. F. Harrellson of Salisbury. The Rev. Wes Aiken, chaplain to Duke University Hospital, will be advisor.

Bishop Earl G. Hunt, Jr., who presides over the Charlotte Methodist Area, spoke briefly during the meeting, telling the Board members:

"The fine and sacred art of ministering to people who are sick, and to little children and youth, and to the aging, constitutes the work of the Church at its most Christ–like level. Christ did this with consummate skill, with incredible sensitiveness, and we are trying to do the same thing, in the same way."

The bishop said of the boards, commissions and church–related institutions of the Western North Carolina Conference:

"I do not find in other annual Conferences which I know and have had exposure the dimensions of achievement which I find here. This places upon us a measure of responsibility commensurate with the progress of our Conference."

The bishop said that although there are some things the Church must struggle to relate to religion, "the work of the Children's Home, Methodist Home for the Aging, and our hospitals (Hugh Chatham at Elkin and Wesley Nursing Center at Charlotte) is direct, intimate, obvious, clear and beautiful."

He said that if we "make proper use of our institutions it will require the best of us in thought, devotion, imagination, vision and fath."

The Rev. Mr. Neese describes the purpose of the Conference Board of Hospitals and Homes as:

1. To promote the work of our institutions, and an understanding of them; 2. To serve as an advisory board which does not set policies, but aids boards of trustees and managers; 3. To serve as liason between the institutions and the Conference; and 4. To study the needs of the hospitals and homes.

Other officers of the Board are Ralph Stockton, Jr., of Winston–Salem, vice chairman; and the Rev. Golden of Hickory, secretary. The Rev. W. O. Grigg of Kannapolis is director of Golden Cross.

Dr. Bullock Answers Charges "None Dare Call It Treason"

Members of the Board of Education of The Methodist Church in a recent meeting in Louisville were given a report challenging charges by a book, "None Dare Call It Treason," that certain church leaders, organizations, and publications have given support to the communists.

The report was prepared and distributed to the 91–member board by the Rev. Dr. Henry M. Bullock, Nashville, general secretary of the Editorial Division of the Methodist Board of Education, which has its headquarters in Nashville.

The board met Sept 22–23 in the Sheraton Hotel to organize for The Methodist Church's 1964–68 quadrennium.

"None Dare Call It Treason" was written by John A. Stormer, who has been described by an article in the *St. Louis Post Dispatch* as a "right–wing extremist" and 'a leading figure in John Birch Society Literary circles."

The book "is, at best, an incredibly poor job of research and documentation, and, at worst, a deliberate hoax and a fraud," Dr. Bullock's report quotes the National Committee for Civic Responsibility as saying.

The Bullock report deals primarily with a chapter entitled "Subverting Our Religious Heritage."

"Examination of this chapter and its documentation," Dr. Bullock says, "reveals that the author has drawn much of his material and opinions from sources dedicated to creating suspicion, disloyalty, and withdrawal from the great Christian denominations."

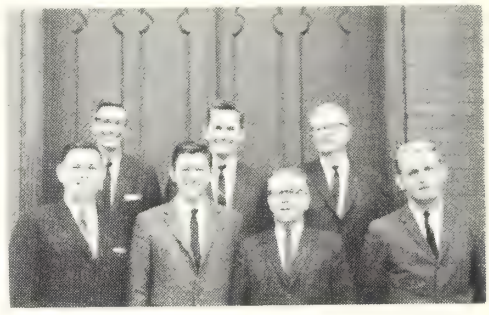
The report answers or comments on Mr. Stormer's criticisms of two Methodist church school publications, some church leaders, the Revised Standard Version of the Bible, and the National Council of Churches.

Dr. Bullock attached to his report copies of a letter that J. Edgar Hoover, director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, wrote him on Nov. 28, 1962. The letter in part: "It is very encouraging to me to learn of the increasing amount of literature exposing communism emanating from the Methodist Church and its related organizations. Your great Church, with its far–flung educational and social institutions, is in a position to make a substantial contribution to the defeat of communism. I feel confident that this will be done."



SANFORD DISTRICT PASTOR'S RETREAT

There were 26 present. Those leading were, left to right: Rev. D. J. Reid, District Secretary; Rev. Vernon Tyson, Rev. A. L. Thompson, Rev. C. Freeman Heath, Conference Secretary; Rev. J. E. Sponenberger, host pastor of Page Memorial at Aberdeen.



GREENVILLE DISTRICT PASTOR'S RETREAT

There were thirty present at First Methodist Church of Washington, October 2. Those leading were (left to right front row) Rev. W. K. Quick; Rev. K. B. Sexton, District Secretary; Dr. W. R. Stevens, District Superintendent; Rev. Corbin L. Cherry; Back row (left to right) Rev. R. S. Brodie; Rev. E. L. Earnhardt; and Rev. Freeman Heath.

Mount Olive Sub District MYF

The Mount Olive Sub–District MYF met Sunday afternoon October 4th at Bethel (Bethlehem–Rones Charge) Methodist Church with the president, Bette Walston, presiding. The host MYF gave an inspiring devotional based on the Lord's Prayer. Plans for the year that had been made at a planning retreat in August by the Council were presented to the group. A constitution that had been drawn up by the Executive Committee was read and approved by the entire sub–district. Fellowship singing was led by Robert Clifton, Program Area Chairman of Christian Fellowship, and Bette Walston, after which the host MYF served refreshments.

The Council was introduced as follows: President: Bette Walston, Warsaw; Vice President: Michael Wynn, Smith Chapel; Recording Secretary: Janice Alphin, Bethel; Treasurer: Debbie Jackson, Faison; Publicity Superintendent: Debbie Boyd, Mount Olive. Program Area Chairman are: Faith: Linda Farmer, Rones; Witness: Lorraine and Alta Blanchard, Carlton; Outreach: Walter Patten, Mount Olive; Citizenship: Anthony Westbrook, Woodland; and Fellowship: Robert Clifton, Faison.

Western N. C. Methodists Named To Jurisdictional Committees

Several prominent Western North Carolina Methodist Conference clergymen and laymen have been placed on committees of the Southeastern Jurisdiction Council, policy-making body for the Southeastern Jurisdiction of The Methodist Church.

Dr. Carles White, pastor of First Methodist Church, Asheboro, was elected chairman of the Committee on Hosptial and Homes of the Council. He is secretary of both the Western North Carolina and Southeastern Jurisdiction Conferences.

Dr. Edwin L. Jones, Sr., of Charlotte, was also named to the Committee on Hospitals and Homes. He is treasurer of the World Methodist Council.

Robert M. Smith of Mount Airy, lay leader of the Western North Carolina Conference, was elected vice chairman of the Committee on Lay Activities and Dr. Charles Bowles, pastor of Centenary Methodist Church, Winston-Salem, was elected vice chairman of the Committee on Christian Social Concerns.

Others named to Council committees included:

Bishop Earl G. Hunt, Jr., who presides over the Charlotte Methodist Area, and Dr. Robert G. Tuttle, Hickory, pastor of First Methodist Church, Committee on Evangelism; Paul F. Evans, Rt. 4 Lexington, Committee on Education; Dr. James W. Fowler, Jr., superintendent of the Lake Junaluska Assembly, Committee on Missions; Gordon L. Goodson, Lincolnton, Conference associate lay leader, Town and Country Committee.

Bishop Nolan B. Harmon, Atlanta, Ga., retired, former presiding bishop of the Charlottee Area, Committee on Education; and Bishop W. Kenneth Goodson, who presides over the Birmingham (Ala.) Area, Committee on Hospitals and Homes. (Bishop Goodson is a former clergyman and district superintendent of the Western North Carolina Conference).

Interesting Experiment In Senior Citizens Ministry

Rev. Joe T. Shackford, formerly of the Western North Carolina Conference, and for the past several years associate minister of the St. Luke Methodist Church in Oklahoma City, has begun an interesting program in the church, known as the School of Continuing Education, designed for senior citizens. The undertaking has achieved a marked degree of success, and has been featured in national religious publications, such as Mature Years, Adult Students, Church School, Aging, etc.

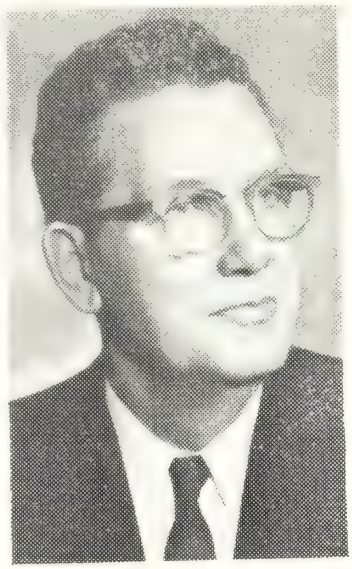
The second year has just opened with 325 enrollments the first day, and more than 400 the second day. Subjects such as travel, painting, ornaments, Needlecraft, gift wrapping, unfolding drama of the Bible, protecting your investments series, recreation, study, and numerous others are included in the curriculum. A registration fee of $2.00 is charged, and meals are served at 75 cents each.

Any church interested in the program may contact Mr. Shackford at St. Luke Methodist Church in Oklahoma City for details.

Rev. Harold M. Robinson Died Last Friday

Rev. Harold M Robinson, 54, Thomasville, died in City Memorial Hospital there Friday, October 9 at 7:00 a. m. following several months illness.

Mr. Robinson was regarded as one of the outstanding preachers of the Western North Carolina annual Conference, and had served a number of the leading appointments. He retired at the last annual conference at Lake Junaluska on account of illness, and had made his home in Thomasville since that time. He was a former pastor of the



Rev. Harold M. Robinson

Memorial Methodist Church of that city, and the people were delighted to have him and his family return to their community to make his home in retirement.

Mr. Robinson attended Rutherford Junior College, received his AB degree from Duke University in 1931 and his BD degree from Duke Divinity School in 1933. He served more than thirty years in the pastorate. Some of his appointments were Trinity, Cherryville, Bessemer City, Winston-Salem, Draper, Chadwick in Charlotte, Mooresville, Thomasville, First Church Salisbury, and Dilworth church in Charlotte.

Surviving are his wife, Mrs. Ruby Helms Robinson; one son, Harold Manson Robinson, Jr. of the home, who is completing law course in Wake Forest College; his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. Frank Robinson of Catawba County; one sister, Miss Maryanna Robinson of Catawba County; and one brother, Richard W. Robinson of Charlotte.

Funeral services were held at 1:00 p.m. last Saturday in Memorial Methodist church, Thomasville by the pastor, Rev. Melton E. Harbin; Bishop Nolan B. Harmon, of Atlanta, Ga.; Bishop Earl G. Hunt, Jr., of Charlotte, and Dr. Charles P. Bowles of Winston-Salem. Graveside serivces were conducted at 3:30 p.m. in Mount Pleasant Methodist Church Cemetery in Catawba County.

Bishop Nolan B. Harmon said "Harold Robinson's own faith as manifested in his last weeks has been something which has greatly strengthened his brethren. He was a great preacher, but his attitude toward his fate was his greatest sermon. He was a man of God who lived his faith and will never be forgotten by those who knew him."

Dr. J. Clay Madison of Charlotte, who was visiting Mr. Robinson in the hospital when his fatal condition was revealed to him said: "Mr. Robinson remained calm and gave no evidence of complaint or bitterness. Here was a big strong man having the death sentence read to him. He faced it straightforward and his demonstration of faith and complete submission was such as I never saw before. He never wavered."

Harold Robinson was a tall man who stood even taller in the eves of his friends and congregation as he became a testimony to the faith he preached.

Harold Robinson's popularity with his brother preachers was attested by the large number from all over the conference who attended the services, along with many of his former parishioners, as an expression of their love and appreciation for him.

Commission On Methodist Information Holds Meeting

The Commission on Methodist Information and Public Relations met Thursday afternoon at the Methodist Building in Raleigh. The Commission, headed by the Rev. William K. Quick of Greenville, heard two newspaper editors relate the importance of liason between the commission and public relations media.

Ashley Futrell, the Greenville District secretary of public relations and editor of The Washington Daily News, spoke to commission members on work of Methodist Information. Futrell was followed by Bill Horner, editor of the Sanford Herald and a commission member, who emphasized the need for developing a program of supplying the press and wire services with information regarding work of The Methodist Church in North Carolina.

Plans were approved for the Commission's work during the 1964-65 conference year. Each pastor in the conference will be requested to appoint a press representative in each of the 845 Methodist churches in the 56 county area the conference embraces.

In addition the Commission voted to request Bishop Paul Neff Garber, the presiding episcopal head of the North Carolina Annual Conference, to request a Raleigh Area supplement to the monthly Methodist family magazine, *Together*. The four-page monthly supplement is supplied without cost to each area and contains news and features of Methodist interest within the area.

A Havelock minister, the Rev. W. W. Sherman, Jr., was elected secretary of the commission for the year. Sherman is pastor of the First Methodist Church in Havelock and the New Bern district director of public relations.

Other commission members present in addition to the above named were the Rev. Kimsey King, Ahoskie, Elizabeth City District; the Rev. G. Waylon Cooke, Durham, Durham District; the Rev. Howard McLamb, Burlington, Burlington District; the Rev. Christian White, Mount Olive, Goldsboro District; Charles K. McAdams, Methodist College, Fayetteville District; the Rev. David E. Daniel, Louisburg College, Raleigh District.

Officers and Committees Of Jurisdictional Council

Officers of seven standing committees of the Southeastern Jurisdictional Council of The Methodist Church were elected at a recent meeting of the council in Atlanta.

The council also named a committee to work toward establishing The Methodist Foundation of the Southeast, a corporation for the purpose of receiving and administering bequests and some other type of gifts for "the good of the institution, agencies, or causes" of The Methodist Church.

Members of the Committee on Methodist Foundation are R. Howard Berg, Melbourne, Fla.; Roy H. Black, Nettleton, Miss.; and Bishop John Owen Smith, Atlanta.

Standing committee officers are as follows:

Christian Social Concerns— Chairman, Robert T. Mann, Seffner, Fla.; vice-chairman, Rev. Charles P. Bowles, Winston-Salem, N. C.; secretary, John C. Satterfield, Yazoo City, Miss.

Education—Chairman, Rev. E. Wade Weldon, Louisville, Ky.; vice-chairman, Rev. Robert N. DuBose, Spartanburg, S. C.; secretary, Mrs. A. R. Ivey, New Smyrna Beach, Fla.

Evangelism—Chairman, Rev. J. Willard Leggett, Jr., Jackson, Miss.; vice-chairman, Rev. Roland P. Riddick, Arlington, Va.; secretary, Rev. David A. Duck, Waycross, Ga.

Hospital and Homes—Chairman, Rev. Charles D. White, Asheboro, N. C.; vice-chairman, M. E. Wiggins, Birmingham, Ala.; secretary, Mrs. William P. Bailey, Memphis, Tenn.

Lay Activities—Chairman, Roy H. Black, Nettleton, Miss.; vice-chairman, Robert M. Smith, Mt. Airy, N. C.; secretary, William S. Parks, Rhine, Ga.

Missions—Chairman, Rev. Edward L. Tullis, Ashland, Ky.; vice-chairman, Rev. William S. Steele, Chatanooga; secretary, Rev. Wallace Fridy, Anderson, S. C.

Town and Country—Chairman, Rev. Carl J. Sanders, Richmond, Va.; vice-chairman, Rev. Russell R. Patton, Ashland, Ky.; secretary, J. Garlisle Holler, Columbia, S. C.

The Rev. R. Laurence Dill, Jr., Anniston, Ala., was elected chairman of the Committee on Education's subcommittee on family life and Dr. Dewitt Trivette, Hickory, N. C., secretary.

All officers were elected for four-year terms at the council's meeting Sept. 8 at the Henry Grady Hotel.

The executive committee of the council will meet March 22-23, 1965, in Louisville, Ky., and the full council will meet again Oct. 11-12, 1965, in Bristol, Tennessee-Virginia, said the Rev. Dr. D. Trigg James, Atlanta, an executive secretary of the council.

The Southeastern Jurisdiction Council, with headquarters in Atlanta, promotes the work of The Methodist Church in nine southeastern states—Alabama, Mississippi, Florida, Georgia, North Carolina, South Carolina, Kentucky, Tennessee and Virginia.

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The *World Outlook* Medal of Honor for service to Methodism and the Christian Church as a whole has been awarded the Rev. Carles Kimbulu, the first ordained African minister of the Central Congo Annual Conference.

High Point To Establish Kappa Delta Pi Chapter

Dr. Wendell M. Patton, President of High Point College has announced that High Point College is preparing to petition the National Honor Society for Education, Kappa Delta Pi, so that the college might establish a chapter on campus.

Kappa Delta Pi is a national, professional educational fraternity for both men and women, founded in 1909 at the University of Illonois. It is dedicated to the cause of teaching as a profession and has chapters at most of the leading colleges and universities in the nation. Its primary aim is to foster high standards of preparation for teaching and to invite into the bonds of fellowship those who have attained excellence of scholarship and distinction of achievement as students and servants of education.

The Kappa Delta Pi will be a stimulus to greater quality and enthusiam in the activities of the faculty members and students. An honor society in education on the campus would add incentive and challenge for higher goals among both the faculty and students, and thus help the Education Department in its effort to raise its standards even higher and interest more worthy people in the education field.

Hinshaw Church To Conduct Study Course On "Genesis"

Hinshaw Memorial Methodist Church, 4505 High Point Road, Greensboro, North Carolina, will have a church-wide study on "GENESIS – Beginnings of the Biblical Drama" by Charles F. Kraft. This study course will be sponsored by the Woman's Society and will be held on Sunday evenings, November 1st, 8th, 15th, and 22nd from 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. The Rev. G. E. Smith, Pastor, will be the teacher.

The women are working hard to make this study course a success and we think for this to be a success would be a spiritual awakening for our Church.

We wish to extend a special invitation to our neighboring churches to attend this study. We also urge our neighbors and friends in the community to attend.

Alma Ozment
Sec'y of Promotion

Reformation Day To Be Observed In Greensboro

The Greensboro Ministers' Fellowship is planning for a Reformation Day service to be held at First Baptist Church Sunday evening, November 1, at 7:30 p.m. It is to be a union service supported by all the churches of the city. Pastors and official board members will march in procession into the sanctuary of the church for the service.

The speaker will be Rev. Dr. Bernard Boyd, professor of Biblical Literature at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. Mr. Bill Jordan, minister of Music at West Market Street Methodist Church, will be in charge of the combined choir representing the various churches. Certain other ministers and laymen head other committees to make the service meaningful. A congregation of 1,800 is anticipated.

87 Pfeiffer Students Plan Church-Related Career

Pfeiffer College has 87 students out of its total enrollment of 842 preparing for a church-related career.

This information is contained in a report of activities of and enrollment in the Division of Religion and Philosophy at the college prepared by Professor Mary F. Floyd divisional secretary.

The college has 76 students majoring in the Division in Christian Education, Religion or in Philosophy. Of this number 50 are majoring in Christian Education.

Eight students are majoring in Church Music in the Division of Fine Arts while three other students majoring in History and English plan to enter theological seminaries.

Prof. Floyd noted that from the class of 1964, three graduates are seving as short term missionaries under The Methodist Board of Mission while ten graduates entered seminaries to prepare for the ministry.

The Division of Religion and Philosophy each year conducts three programs involving all majors, divisional faculty members, and other faculty members related to the division.

These programs include a Divisional Dinner, a Theological Consultation, and a Spring Retreat.

Dinner speakers have included Dr. Emmett McLarty, Brevard College; Dr. Charles B. Bowles, Winston-Salem; and Rev. Ernest Fitzgerald, Greensboro.

Theological speakers have included Dr. J. Robert Nelson and Dr. George Butterick. Dr. Leslie Sayre of the Foreign Missions, World Christian Literacy and Christian Literature Section of the National Council of Churches will be the 1965 speaker.

Headed by Dr. George Schreyer, the Division of Religion and Philosophy has six full time members and three other related to it.

The Department of Music, headed by Dr. Richard Brewer, offers a major in Church Music with emphasis on organ and choral directing.

Christian Vocations Meeting In St. Louis November 5-6

Chairmen of commissions on Christian vocations of Methodist annual conferences will attend a national meeting Nov. 5–6 at the Statler Hilton Hotel, St. Louis, to plan their work for The Methodist Church's 1964–68 quadrennium.

The Rev. Richard H. Bauer, Nashville, executive secretary of the Methodist inter-board Committee on Christian Vocations, said the chairmen will discuss the following: matters related to new legislation in the area of Christian Vocation adopted by the 1964 Methodist General Conference, the relationships and functions of the annual conference commission on Christian vocations, and matters related to the total guidance-enlistment-recruitment program for church-related occupations.

The Rev. Ralph E. Peterson, New York City, executive secretary, Department of the Ministry, National Council of Churches, will address the group. His discussion will be in the area of Christian Vocation and enlistment, said Dr. Bauer.

Attendance is expected to be about 100.



By Mary Gardner

Children's Page
The Light In The Window

"Is this the place you want to buy?" Jimmy asked. He stared hard at the empty house when father stopped their station wagon beside it.

"But it's all alone on this country road," Jimmy added.

"Yes, isn't it nice?" Mother said with a happy smile. "Come, let's take a look at it."

"I don't want to," Jimmy said. He drew back and flashed his new flashlight again. "Who wants to look at an old house? Besides there's no one to play with around here."

"Jimmy, get out of the car," father ordered. "And how many times must I tell you not to play with your flashlight? Save it for when you need it, or you'll have no light left."

"Aw-w-w." Jimmy climbed slowly out of the back of the station wagon and went up to the house.

Father took a key and unlocked the door. It squeaked as it opened.

"The house has large rooms. And it's only a few miles from Grandmother's house," Mother said.

Jimmy felt hungry and tired. They had driven out from the city after father came home from work.

"Let's go, Father," he begged. Then he gave a big yawn.

"Oh-oh," Mother said. She gave him a little push. "You just go out and take a nap in the back of the car."

"Yes, Mother." Jimmy said with a sigh. He went outside, still carrying his flashlight.

He looked up at the house. He could see a porch near the back. Behind that spread the bare branches of an old apple tree.

"Come and climb me," the tree seemed to say.

Instead of getting into the car, Jimmy ran around the house. In one minute he climbed up to a low branch of the tree.

He sat there a while, flashing his light. He made believe he was on a raft, sending up signal rockets.

Suddenly he heard a car start up and drive away. Could it be his car?

"Hey, Mom! Dad!" he shouted. He dropped down from the tree and rushed around to the front of the house. The station wagon was gone!

At first Jimmy just stood there. Tears burned his eyes. Then he ran down the dirt road past a row of trees. "Come back for me," he screamed. But the car was not in sight.

A drop of rain smacked his face. Jimmy looked up. He saw lightening streak brightly across a black sky.

"A storm!" he cried. He could see only one house and that was half a mile across the field. The rain was coming down hard. He ran back to the side porch.

A window opened onto the porch. Jimmy pulled up on it with all his might. It opened enough for him to climb through it into the house.

"Mom and Dad will miss me any minute," he told himself. "But how could they go away without me?"

Then he remembered. Mother had told him to get into the back seat of the station wagon. Maybe she thought he had done so and was asleep. Maybe in their hurry she didn't think to look.

The thunder and wind shook the empty house. It grew dark as night outside.

Jimmy could see lights across the field. Would the people there let his grandma know that he was left behind?

He felt of his flashlight. Maybe he could flash a signal to them. If they saw the light they might come.

Jimmy held his breath. Would the flashlight still work? He turned it on. It's light was very dim. He held it to the window and began to flash it on and off.

"Oh, I hope it lasts long enough for the neighbors to see it through this rain," he whispered.

Slowly he waved the light to and fro. All at once it went out. The battery was dead just as Father had warned. Jimmy wanted to cry. Oh, why hadn't he listened?

"It's no use," he said to himself. "Nobody seen my light."

He knelt to the floor with his head against the window. "Please God," he prayed softly, "help me to be brave."

Suddenly he heard a pounding on the door.

"Is anyone there?" a man called.

"Yes! Yes!" Jimmy answered. "The window on the porch is open."

In no time a man and boy in rain coats crawled through the window. The boy was Jimmy's age. "Am I glad to see you! How did you know I was here?" Jimmy asked.

"I saw a light flashing in the window," the boy said. "I knew this house was empty. So I thought we ought to come and see about the light." He wiped the rain off his face and grinned. "I wondered if it was ghosts. It took a while to get Dad to come."

"I'm sure glad you did," Jimmy said. "And you don't have to worry about ghosts any more, because I am going to live here."

Suddenly, a wild honking sounded outside. "That's Dad and Mom," Jimmy cried. He ran to the window and waved. "They missed me at last!"

He'd have to tell Father he was right about the flashlight. And maybe living in this place wouldn't be so bad after all. A playmate who was a good neighbor was nice to have.

—Catherine Cleven
In The Sunday Reader

Courtesy

"I thank you;" "If you please," my dear,
Are pleasant words to hear.
And they fall like sweetest music
Upon the listening ear.
"I thank you;" "If you please," my dear
Are easy words to say,
And they make your way more pleasant
When spoken every day.

A Morning Prayer

Father, keep me all this day,
When at school and when at play;
May I do the things I ought,
May I hate each evil thought;
Help me love and trust in Thee,
Now and through eternity.
Amen.

Bible Quiz

1—This was the little girl who was a captive.
2—"I am but a little child," said this prince as he succeeded to a great Kingdom.
3—She was a young servant of Mary, the mother of Mark.
4—This boy lived in Shunam.
5—This boy lived in Bethlehem; he became the greatest of Hebrew Kings.

Answers to Last Week's Questions

1—Abel (Genesis 4:2)
2—Cain (Genesis 4:2)
3—Jubal (Genesis 4:21)
4—Abraham (Genesis 23:20)
5—Raven (Genesis 8:7)

Bishop Lloyd C. Wicke of New York has been named by President Johnson to membership of the National Citizens Committee for Community Relations, a group set up to consider matters of concern to the newly-established civil rights agency.

Woman's Activities

Christian Vocations Conference At Scarritt College

Mrs. John C. Wright

The Christian Vocations Conference sponsored by the Woman's Society of Christian Service of the Southeastern Jurisdiction and Scarritt College for Christian Workers will be held at Scarritt College, Nashville, Tenn. the weekend of October 23–25.

Each conference in the SE Jurisdiction is invited to send two students interested in a Christian vocation. Mrs. Clarence C. Cranford, Asheboro, secretary of missionary personnel, is in charge of planning the weekend.

The program will feature opportunities of service in the Methodist Church today. The students will be given a picture of social workers in action when they visit a community center in Nashville. They will have interviews with missionaries, deaconesses and other employed workers of the church. At a fellowship dinner they will meet the students at Scarritt College.

Dr. D. D. Holt, president of Scarritt College, and Miss Betty Ewing, deaconess and dean at Scarritt, will give inspirational talks. The climax of the conference will be a communion service in the chapel of *The Upper Room.*

The two students from the W. S. C. S. of the Western North Carolina Conference have not been announced. Mrs. Robert M. Smith, Mount Airy, secretary of missionary personnel of the conference, will attend the meeting.

High Point District Workshop

One hundred and thirty five women of the High Point District Woman's Society of Christian Service met at First Methodist Church, High Point, for a Workshop on Purpose and Program on Sept. 24th. They were joined by members of the Central Jurisdiction societies located within the bounds of the district.

In presenting the challenge for the day, Mrs. W. Stanley Baker, district president, said, "The many factors confronting the church today and the changing circumstances of women's lives in this country have made it imperative that a women's organization calling itself Christian and seeking to function most effectively in today's world take a long and penetrating look at itself."

The group was divided into four sections for the presentation of the mission studies for the year, each group having the opportunity of hearing two studies presented. Following the same procedure the women participated in group studies of, "Purpose and Program in a New Age."

Lunch was served by the hostess society of which Mrs. Carter Holbrook is president.

—Mrs. R. W. Wood, CPR
High Point Dist. WSCS

Salisbury District Workshop

The women of the Salisbury District had a real day of learning about the total program of Woman's Work at their district Workshop held at Central Methodist Church, Concord, on Sept. 23. 150 women were present for the program.

At registration the workers were given different colored identifications cards, which divided them into five groups. These groups then progressed from one study to another. Each room where the classes were held was decorated with maps, posters, books, charts, all kinds of tools to assist in the study. The moderators for the study periods were Mrs. John Boger, Miss Bonnie Barnhardt, Mrs. C. C. Phillips, Mrs. J. D. Corpening and Mrs. Herman Hill.

Mrs. T. Fred Henry, Salisbury, district president, spoke on the total program of women's work and its relationship to the total program of the Church.

Asheville District Workshop

The women of the Asheville District demonstrated their loyalty to Methodism when 150 members of the Woman's Society traveled many miles in the pouring rain over slick highways to attend a workshop held at Trinity Methodist Church, Asheville, on Sept. 30th.

Mrs. Hubert Carter, Asheville, district president, told the group, "Service to God is our primary concern. An area of mission is wherever there is a need. As we develop a sense of responsibility, we develop more sensitivity to the need of others."

The resident of Brooks–Howell Home for Retired Missionaries and Deaconesses presented interesting and colorful supplements to each of the studies. Mrs. J. H. Bancroft gave a demonstration on how to plan a program meeting. Others on the program included Mrs. Vernon Hall, Mrs. Leo Bagwell, Mrs. W. G. Linthrott, Mrs. Porter Harris, Mrs. Raymon Bell, and Mrs. Curtis Snipes.

Statesville District Workshop

The Woman's Society of the Statesville District will have a Workshop on Purpose and Program at the Fairgrove Methodist Church, near Conover, on October 29, beginning at 10 a.m.

Their theme will be, "The Filling of the Cup." Mrs. Joseph A. Young, Newton, district president, and Mrs. Robey Courtney, Lenoir, district vice–president, will be in charge of the program.

Mt. Herman W. S. C. S., Hudson

Mrs. R. K. Courtney, Lenoir, was guest speaker at the meeting of the Woman's Society of the Mt. Herman Church, Hudson, on Sept. 22. She outlined the plans for programs for the coming year.

The women told of work being done by the members. They have sent sheets and pillow cases to a missionary couple in Algeria. They are now making surgical wrappers for use at a mission station in Liberia. 22 of these have been completed and more will be made.

A program on, "Hearing God Speak Through the Bible" was presented.

Special Study Classes

Dr. Orion Hutchinson, Jr. of Walkertown will conduct classes in two districts of the conference this month. On Oct. 18 from 2:30 to 4:30 p.m. he will be at Wesley Memorial Methodist Church, Winston–Salem, for a class on, "The United States and New Nations."

On Oct. 22–23 he will have a class at Central Methodist Church, Asheville, one at 7:30 p.m to 9 p.m., the other 10:30 a.m. to 2 p.m.

N. C. Conference

Mrs. H. W. Doub

The fall meeting of the North Carolina Conference Woman's Society of Christian Service Executive Committee was held at The Methodist Home for Children, Raleigh, N. C. on September 30th and October first. The President, Mrs. Sam A. Dunn presided and welcomed everyone and expressed the pleasure of the Committee to have the District Treasurers attend this meeting.

The Superintendent of The Home, Rev. J. W. Lineberger brought greetings and thanked the Committee for the assistance and support of The Woman's Society, especially the gifts of clothing and the coupons which fill so many needs. He presented Mrs. Lineberger, Mrs. Martin and Mrs. Daniels, who served as hostesses for this meeting.

The meditations for all the sessions were given by Mrs. J. E. Sponenberg, Spiritual Life Cultivation Secretary.

The reports of all the officers and secretaries of Lines of work, were excellent and showed that much progress is being made in every area.

Mrs. Taylor Long, Chairman of Projects had all of our Workers present and they reported as follows: Reverend J. L. Hobbs, Wesley Foundation Center Director at East Carolina College, Greenville; Miss Louise Kesler, Interurban Worker for the Raleigh Mission; Miss Martha Schlapbach, and her assistant, Miss Joan Kierman, Workers in the Pembroke Area.

Mrs. J. W. Benson, Secretary of Membership Cultivation, wants this important announcement studied: Due to a recent ruling made by the Woman's Division, a district will not be considered organized if district members are being counted for an unorganized church. She urges all of the district presidents to continue to keep in touch with and cultivate these women who were district members. They are very important as they serve as a clearing house to keep alive the contacts with these unorganized churches. Please invite them to all meetings and send them literature in order that an organization may be cultivated and be made there some time.

Two very important dates are coming up for next year: First the Spiritual Life Re–

eat will be held at Louisburg College, ne 2nd and 3rd, with Dr. Charles Lay- ion, as Leader. Second, the Annual School f Missions will be held at Methodist Col- ge, August 7th thru 13th.

An important date for October is coming p as follows: The Council on Public Af- airs, sponsored by The North Carolina Council of Woman's Organizations will be eld on October 28th in the State Legisla- ve Building, Raleigh, N. C. The program ill begin at 10:30 and the topic for the ay is "The Status of Women," and many nportant speakers will appear. Mrs. Charles V. Tillet, of the United Nations and Dr. nne Scott, Chm. of the N. C. Governors Commission are speakers for the morning ession. Luncheon from 12:30- 2:00 in the the basement of the Legislative Building. pecial guests at the luncheon will be Governor and Mrs. Sanford, Judge and Mrs. Moore, and Hon and Mrs. Gavin. Mrs. Theobe Emmons will preside. A panel will egin at 2:00 p.m. Dr. Robert E. Lee, Hon Naomi Morris and Hon Winifred Walls, ill speak on the panel. There will be audi- nce participation. The Chairman for this Conference is Dr. Rachel Davis, of Kins- on and if you are interested in reservations, ontact Mrs. Reba Lineberger, Chapel Hill, N. C.

The Committee will again send two girls o the Annual fall House party at Scarritt College this fall and they will be accom- anied by Miss Bernice Ballance, Secretary f Missionary Personnel.

Durham District Sets Sub-District WSCS Meeting

The first of five sub-District meetings of he Durham District Woman's Society of Christian Service was held Sunday after- oon at Gray Rock Methodist Church in Granville County. Mrs. Norman A. Des- osiers, leader of the Granville sub-district, presided and Mrs. C. D. Scott, district ecretary of membership cultivation, was he speaker.

Additional sub-district meetings for the Methodist women of the Durham district ave been scheduled as follows:

The Person sub-district will meet Sunday t 2:30 p.m. at Mt. Zion Church in Person County. Mrs. John B. Hester is the leader.

The North Durham sub-district, Mrs. Eugene Smith, leader, will meet Oct. 11 t 2:30 p.m. at Union Grove Church.

The Orange sub-district, Mrs. C. B. Parrish, leader, will meet Oct 18 at 2:30 .m. at Hillsboro Methodist Church.

The South Durham sub-district will meet Oct. 25 at 2:30 p.m. at Lakewood Meth- dist Church. Mrs. Lucile S. Coburn is the eader.

All WSCS members in the district are rged to attend these sub-district meetings.

Durham District Workshop
Woman's Society of Christian Service

The Durham District Workshop for mem- bers of the Woman's Society of Christian Service of all Methodist churches in the District will be held on Thursday, October 5, at Carr Methodist Church, Driver Avenue, Durham, beginning at 9:30 a.m A nursery will be provided for pre-school children and lunch will be served by the adies of the host church for $1.00

An outstanding program has been plan- ed for the morning. Mrs. J. W. Lineberger, Jr., will present the devotional and give information on the study on Genesis plan- ned for this year. A skit directed by Mrs. A. M. Bynum and entitled "Summons to a New Age" deals with the theme for the year. "New Purpose and Program in a New Age" will be discussed by Mrs. Edward F. Smith, including new techniques and ideas on program planning.

An excellent staff of leaders will present the four courses to be studied throughout the year. They are: "Spanish Americans" by Mrs. Pattie Warren; "The Church's Mis- sion to New Nations" by Mrs. Louise Glenn; "The U. S. Responsibility to New Nations" by Mrs. Charles Johnson, and Literature and Audio-Visuals by Mrs. Roy S. Tyman and Mrs. P. D. Midgette, III.

A Commitment Service will be led by Mrs. Alton Williams and special music furnished by Mrs. Clarence Bartholomew.

Each Woman's Society of Christian Service in the District should be repre- sented at the workshop. Officers are es- pecially urged to attend to learn about the important changes made recently by the Woman's Division involving organization and duties. Members are urged to arrive on time. The meeting will adjourn at 1:00 p.m.

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The Goldsboro District of the Woman's Society of Christian Service held a work- shop at St. Luke Church Oct. 6, 1964. The theme was "Purpose and Program for a New Age."

Mrs. J. L. Crawford, Jr., District vice president of Pikeville presided and chal- lenged each member present to be "Sum- moned To A New Age."

Mrs. J. E. Sponenberg, Conference Sec- retary of Spiritual Life Cultivation presented a wonderful introduction to the study on "Genesis." Clinics were held on each of the other four studies recommended for leaders of these were;

1. The Church's Mission Among New Na- tions— Mrs. John Paul Gore and Mrs. Margaret Gore of Keener Church, Clinton Sub District.
2. U. S. Responsibility in the World of New Nations—Mrs. B. C. Melton and Harold Davis of Jefferson Church, Goldsboro
3. Spanish Americans—Mrs. Roland Hales, St. Luke Church, Goldsboro Sub Dist.
4. Purpose and Organization—Mrs. J. W. Benson, First Church, Wilson, N. C.

Miss Virginia Sauls District Secretary of Program Materials had a room of all new and available materials for our work.

The theme hymn, "See How Great The Flame" was presented by Mrs. Walton Thompson.

Mr. Mark Lawrence, District Superin- tendent, urges the members of the Woman's Society of Christian Service to join in closer union with the other organizations of the church to do better work.

Mr. James Miller, Jr., pastor of the host church led in prayer.

After a delicious lunch, the Ex. Board met. Sixteen members were present. Each officer and Sub District leader gave a report of work done and plans made. All officers and members were urged to attend the up-coming Sub District meetings. They were announced as folows:

Clinton at Salemburg Oct. 13
Goldsboro at Jefferson Oct 15
Fremont at Lucama Oct. 17
Mt. Olive at Warshaw Oct 21
Smithfield at Sanders Chapel Nov. 4

There will be officers training sessions at each Sub District meeting.

The meeting was well attended consider- ing the weather. All that participated re- ceived a wonderful blessing and much worth while help.

Mrs. J. T. Worrell, Rec. Sec'y
Mrs. L. H. Lane, Pres.



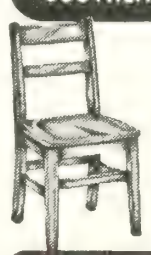
The North Wilkesboro District Super- intendent Herman Duncan was the guest speaker at the dedication service. The new Mt. Zion Methodist Church was dedicated September 20. The church is on the Na- than's Creek Charge. It was first organized in 1837. It has had three buildings. The last one was started in 1954. The Rev. Dewey Morrison was the pastor at that time. The Rev. Arelin Freshour is the pastor now.

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North Wilkesboro Mission Rally And Workshop

The North Wilkesboro District held a very successful Missions Workshop and Missions Rally at Wilkesboro Methodist Church on Sunday October 4th. Leadership was given for the Methodist Mission Study for each local church in the Children's, Youth, and Adult areas. The Rev. Turnip- seed, missionary from Hong Kong, chal- lenged each of us to the "Frontiers That Call Us" by repentance and renewal, new church relationships, and stewardship. Dr. Horace McSwain, the Rev. Herman Dun- can, the Rev. D. B. Alderman, and the Rev. James E. McNeely, Jr. also partici- pated in the Missions Rally.

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SILER CITY, NORTH CAROLINA

Wendell Church Honors Miss Helen Wooten

Christian Education Day was observed at the Wendell Methodist Church Sunday evening, September 27th, with a Family "Covered Dish" Supper and program.

During the program, at which Mr. C. "Proc" Dean presided, the Church School teachers announced the various promotions that were made in the Sunday School. Promotion Bibles were presented to the children being promoted to Elementary III & IV, they were Judy Greene, Jamie Greene, Reid White, Brenda Jones, and Linda Wooten, perfect attendance awards were also presented to the following: Jimmy Brantley, 1 year; Laura Burgess, 3 years; Mary Wynn Vaughan, 5 years; Verna Wentz, 6 years; Vicki Chamblee, 7 years; Jerry Chamblee, 8 years; and Jim Bailey, 11 years.

The feature of the program was a "This Is Your Life" presentation recognizing Miss Helen Virginia Wootton as a dedicated leader in the field of Christian Education. In 1958, Miss Wootton retired from Public School education. She has completed 51 continuous years as a Sunday School teacher in the three communities of Simpson, Ayden, and Wendell, N. C.

"Miss Helen" was completely surprised as the narrator, the Rev. Allen Wentz, Jr., called her name and Mrs. Wallace White pinned a corsage of white roses on her and escorted her to the seat of honor. Without revealing her birthdate the narrative of her early years in Mecklenburg County, Va., and subsequent move to Pitt County near Greenville, N. C., was unfolded. Two of Miss Helen's sisters were in town for the occasion, Mrs. Ben (Annie) Buck of Grimesland, and Mrs. F. E. Brooks of Greenville, N. C.

Helen Virginia Wootton received her formal education from many places, attending grade school in Simpson, N. C., then at the Academy in Winterville, N. C. Her college work was done at East Carolina Teachers College (where she is a charter alumnae), Atlantic Christian College, where she received her B. A. in 1940 and where for several summers she taught art to numbers of students.

Miss Wootton was encouraged to take up the task as a Sunday School teacher at the age of 13 or 14 years of age by her father, W. L. Wootton when the family lived in Simpson. When the Woottons moved to Wendell they continued their dedicated work in the church with Miss Helen serving as supt., of the Children's Department and her father as the Superintendent of the Sunday School.

During the presentation letters from some of Miss Helen's friends and former students were read.

In observing Christian Education Day in the Methodist Church this year it was agreed that a THIS IS YOUR LIFE of Miss Helen Virginia Wootton could best sum-up the greatest and noblest meanings of teaching in the way and life of our Lord and Master. Miss Helen Wootton is a teacher, but first of all she is a Christian and her life continues to teach among us this day.

Sunday School Lesson

For October 25

By Raymond A. Smith
Head, Department of Religious Education
Greensboro College

Disciplined Christian Living

Background Scripture: 1 Timothy 3 and 4
Lesson Scripture: 1 Timothy 3:14–16, 4:4–12, 16

This is our third lesson from Pastoral Epistles through which we are trying to learn what the early church was like, and to see what suggestions (or even commands) that appear in these ancient documents for us who *are the Church* in the modern world.

Our first Scripture is from 1 Timothy 3:14–16 in which the young pastor, Timothy, is given a briefing on "how men ought to conduct themselves in God's household, that is, the church of the living God, the pillar and bulwark of the truth" (New English Bible). Immediately following this passage is one which is thought to be part of an early creed, or confession of faith, which quite possibly had a musical setting and was sung in the early church, much as we sing the "Gloria in Excelsis" in our churches today. Note the magnificent affirmations of faith in this 16th verse:

> "He was manifested in the flesh,
> Vindicated by the Spirit
> Preached among the nations,
> Believed on in the world,
> Taken up in glory."

It will be seen that these lines stress two great doctrines of the faith, the incarnation and Resurrection. Ernest W. Saunders has suggested the following paragraph for the above-quoted verse: "We believe in Jesus Christ who became truly man, was obedient unto death, but was made alive in the Spirit. He is now proclaimed to the whole world, acknowledged among those who believe, and now shares the very glory of God." This first section of three verses is, therefore, saying that the good pastor will keep before his people the mighty affirmations of faith which, although called "mysteries," have nevertheless been lived *by* and *died* for by sixty generations of faithful followers of Christ.

Our next section of Scripture is from 1 Timothy, verse 4–12, and verse 16. The first part deals with the goodness of all of God's created world, recalling Genesis 1:25 which says of this creation "and God saw that it was good." Now why this truth introduced at this point in the pastoral letter? For an answer to this we have to examine the heresies that were eating away at the vitals of the early church during the time this epistle was being written. These heresies taught that marriage was an evil, and that many food could not be eaten by Christians. This teaching was in direct contrast to the long cherished belief that marriage and been ordained of God, and that foods had been put on the earth for man's benefit and enjoyment. The good pastor would do all in his power to combat the idea that God's blessing was that to be won by living a life of extreme asceticism, based on the idea that the more one persecuted and denied his bodily needs the better off was his soul. In other words, the newly emerging church was to live among men and their needs, not out in some desert where one devoted all his attention to the cultivation of his own piety.

Before leaving the topic discussed above we may recall that our forefathers of the Protestant Reformation found the Church in their time to have over-stressed the life of the monastery. In a sense, Luther, Calvin and others were calling the Church back into the world to take up the burdens of the Christian family and the Christian State. In our time some writers are telling us that it is time, once more, for us to make our Christian witness wherever we are in the world. In a word, we must not try to keep Christ shut up in our churches, but let his presence be felt through us "where cross the crowded ways of life."

Space remains only to suggest that special attention be given to verses 10 and 16. Verse 10 stresses the benefits of Christ for all men, not just for a special class or group. Verse 16 is important because in it we are made to see that *one's own life and one's teaching cannot be separated*. The teaching will succeed in bringing about the salvation of others only when *"we take heed to ourselves"* as well as to the message we proclaim. The time-worn, but eternally true saying comes to mind: "What you *are* speaks so loud I can't hear what you *say*."

Dr. Knight Given Honorary Degree

Dr. Douglas Knight, president of Duke University, was recently awarded the honorary doctor of humane letters degree by Lawrence University, which he served as president from 1954 to 1963.

In receiving the degree, Knight joined an extremely select list in the institution's history. Lawrence's policy is to award honorary degrees to persons not already holding such degrees from other institutions. This policy is set aside only for previous presidents.

Dr. Knight joined President Nathan M. Pusey of Harvard and Emeritus President Henry M. Wriston of Brown in becoming honorary alumni of the school they once served.

Layman's Day At Saint Matthew Methodist Church, Fayetteville

Layman's Day was observed last Sunday October 11, at the Saint Matthew Methodist Church, Hope Mills and Banyon Roads, Fayetteville, N. C

The laymen of the church conducted the morning worship service at 11:00 o'clock.

Mr. Howard V. Martin, church Lay Leader, presided over the service which had as its theme: "Able to Stand."

Major Maurice H. Price spoke on "Able to Stand in the Home."

Sgt. Wilson Palmer spoke on "Able to Stand in the Congregation."

Sgt. Lyle Spidle spoke on "Able to Stand in the Market Place."

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President Emmett K. McLarty, who was recently hospitalized, is now recuperating at his home. The President's Reception, usually held soon after the opening of school was postponed until a later date.

Raleigh Board Of Missions Has Inter-City Program

Plans for a new venture in the field of ome missions by the Raleigh Board of Mis–ions and Church Extension of the Methodist Church, Inc., are going forward toward full ruition. The plans call for an inter–city nission which will include various activities or all age groups in an un–churched area f the city.

The membership of the Raleigh Board of Missions and Church Extension is comprised f all Methodist ministers in the Raleigh area, oth active and retired, plus delegates repre–entatives from the city's 17 Methodist hurches. Dr. L. W. Aurand is currently erving as the Board's president.

Since its organization in 1948, the Board as played a notable role in establishing nine ew Methodist churches, giving aid to 3 f the older churches, and to the parsonage f the newer churches.

Several years ago, however, the Board nembers felt that its ministry should be more ar reaching, thus the idea for an inter–city nission was born. Following a vote some hree years ago to support such a mission roject, a committee was appointed to study nd define the nature of the project. Its urpose is not to organize new churches; ather, to minister to the needs of the people ving in an area chosen by the board.

Meanwhile, the executive committee of the N. C. Conference Woman's Society of Chris–an Service, informed of the Raleigh Board f Missions action, agreed to underwrite the ajor portion of a worker's salary. All other xpenses of the promotion of the mission will e paid by the member churches of the Ra–eigh Board of Missions and Church Exten–ion.

During its search for a qualified worker, he committee, headed by the Rev. Kimsey King, then associate pastor of the Edenton treet Methodist Church, interviewed Miss ouise Kesler, then working on her Master's Degree at Union Theological Seminary, New York City. Miss Kesler accepted the Board's ffer, but because of a previous commitment o work with migrants in California during he summer months, she was unable to report or duty in Raleigh before September 1.

In the interim, in an effort to determine he needs of the area under consideration, he 17 Methodist Churches of Raleigh onducted a survey. Miss Kesler is currently ompiling and studying the results of the urvey. Her office is temporarily located t the Edenton Street Methodist Church.

A native of Winder, Ga., Miss Kesler was ducated in the Winder public schools, and vas graduated from the La Grange College, Ga., majoring in math and religion.

Miss Kesler served as Director of Chris–ian Education at the Park Street Methodist Church, Atlanta. While a student at Union Theological Seminary, she worked in the East Harlem Parish.

The inter–city projects committee, Mrs. D. S. Coltrane, is chairman, serving as a steering committee for Miss Kesler, devel–oping policy and guiding her work. The committee is responsibile to the full mem–bership of the Raleigh Board of Missions and Church Extension. Other members of the committee, in addition to Mrs. Coltrane, include, Mrs. F. J. Abrams, Jr., Mrs. L. C. Vereen, Ernest H. Lewis, John G. Scott, Dr. J. Clyde Johnson, the Rev. John M. Cline, the Rev. R. L. Fleming, Jr., the Rev. W. A. Tew, the Rev. Dr. T. Marvin Vick, Jr., Dr. L. W. Aurand, Harold E. Eckertm and Miss Kesler.

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Northwoods Methodist Church Breaks Ground

The groundbreaking ceremony took place at the Northwoods Methodist Church in Jacksonville, N. C. on Sunday, September 20, 1964, in preparation for the building of a new Fellowship Hall which will serve at the present time as a sanctuary and be made as worshipful as possible being fitted with pews. This new building will seat 400 in worship services and have two additional class rooms. This is the second phase of a five phase building program and is being built only 2 years after the completion of the first phase. Northwoods has been forced to move their building schedule ahead several years due to the tremendous in–crease in attendance, having grown from 100 in attendance last year to well over 400 this year.

Conduct Retreat In Europe

Three prominent laymen will join the general secretary of the church's national Board of Lay Activities this fall in conduct–ing a series of retreats and workshops for members of Methodist churches in Europe.

Assisting Dr. Robert G. Mayfield, head of the Board of Lay Activities which has its office in Evanston, Ill., will be Thomas B. Clay, Buffalo, N. Y., Roy J. Grogan, Weatherford, Texas, and R. S. Doenges, Denver, Colo.

The trio will leave New York October 14 and return November 4. In addition to the retreats and workshops for European Methodists, the three will participate in a retreat at Berchtesgaden, Germany, for Methodist chaplains and Methodist mem–bers of the armed forces in Europe.

Elkin-Yadkin Leadership Training School

The Leadership Training School for the Elkin–Yadkin Area will be held October 18th–22nd at First Methodist Church in Elkin. The following courses will be of–fered: Working with Younger Children—teacher, Mrs. C. H. Browning; Working with Elementary Boys and Girls—teacher, Miss Lula Doyle Baird; What It Means to Be a Christian—teacher, the Rev. R. J. Cooke; Music in the Church—teacher, the Rev. Paul Lowder; The Life and Mission of the Church—teacher, the Rev. Jerry Murray. The Training School staff is as follows: the Rev. Herman Duncan, District Superin–tendent; the Rev. Courtney Ross, Dean; the Rev. James E. McNeely, Jr., Promotion and Publicity, and Mr. James Atwell, text–books and treasurer. All of the classes will begin at 7:30 each night.

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Chaplain and Mrs. C. Edward Roy re–cently accompanied Kappa Psi, the organi–zation of students interested in Christian vocations, to Lake Junaluska, where a retreat was held at the McLarty home. Chaplain Roy spent the week of September 27 teaching an evening course at English Chapel Methodist Church. He will speak to the adults of the Brevard Methodist Church on October 18 when they begin their study of "Christian Responsibility in A New Age."

CLOTHING IS NEEDED NOW

For Distribution to Poverty Stricken Families

Many pastors and churches of the Western North Carolina and the North Carolina Conferences have already this year conducted drives for no longer needed clothing and their contributions are already ministering to the needy families in the area served by the North Wilkesboro District. Many families and children are warm and protected against the winter cold by your gifts.

Stocks are running low—Needy families will have to be turned away. Children will be unable to attend school unless we can continue to help them

TO THE PASTORS AND CHURCHES

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Furnish New Shoes To Needy Children

Last year you made contributions of money that enabled us to put new shoes on more than 2500 needy boys and girls. Over $10,000.00 was donated by North Carolina Methodists and others which kept many children in school who otherwise would have had to drop out of school because they had no shoes to wear.



Four brothers and sisters of a family of nine children were able to attend school because you gave. The story of this family is in the Oct. 24, '63 issue of the N. C. Christian Advocate.

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WHAT IS FAITH?

Johnnie Speas Carter

What is Faith?
Faith is many things to many people.
Sometimes it is greater than love.
When God, the object of our hearts' highest love, seems inaccessible then Faith is the supreme emotion.
At such a time we lift our eyes, still our every nerve, and whisper, "God, my Father."

What is Faith?
Faith is that blessedness we feel sometimes in rare moments of tremendous peace
We find ourselves believing whole-heartedly in the goodness and glory of our Heavenly Father.
At these moments we can retreat to the rocking-chair of abandonment and sing His praises with such rapturous joy that only God knows the "Hallelujah" in our hearts!

What is Faith?
Faith is sometimes the determination to overcome evil with good.
We wake from a bad dream. We were struggling for life.
And then we breathe. "It's only a dream, thank God."
We firmly grasp for another mood to stabilize our emotions.
We command the bad dream depart, and invite the good thoughts to come in and fill the vacuum.

What is Faith?
Faith is hearing music in the mind's ear, when there is no music to hear—
Or thinking Light when we see only Dark.
The noises which make up a common day—work noises, traffic noises, shrill sounds and babble—all of these will give way to the soul which can draw upon an undercurrent of music.
The inner man takes control of the outer, and God's song becomes strong and real.

What is Faith?
Faith is being called foolish instead of sensible by some of your friends.
Popularity and fame are at your doorstep, falling all over each other to get your devotion.
"What is sensible, what is natural?" your mind ponders the thought.
"What is insensible, what is seemingly foolish?" You struggle with this.
But the questions are answered as Faith says to you,
"Your joy is not found in popularity and fame. Your joy is in Him."

What is Faith?
Always, Faith is taking a step when you cannot see the place where your foot will rest.
Blindly, with arms outstretched you whisper, "Jesus."
The very old, who have walked a life-time with God,
Can tell us much, much more about Faith.
Their faith has reached the point of Knowing.
But to all it can be an ever-growing quality, and God himself giveth the increase.



CAROLINA BRIEFS

¶ The Appalachian Wesley Foundation dedicated the new Methodist Student Center in Boone last Sunday, October 18, at 3:00 o'clock in the afternoon.

¶ Dr. Douglas M. Knight, president of Duke University, was the speaker last Sunday at West Market Street Church, Greensboro, the church observed Layman's Day.

¶ Rev. Kimsey King, pastor of the Ahoskie Methodist Church is preaching this week in revival services at Aulander Methodist Church. Rev. C. R. Breedin is the pastor.

¶ It is interesting to note that the Greater Greensboro Training School reached an enrollment of 941, with 637 credits given. This is one of the many such schools held throughout the two conferences each year.

¶ Dr. J. Clay Madison of Carlotte will preach in revival services at Midway Church, Kannapolis Thursday, October 22 through Sunday, October 25. Rev. Frank H. Edwards is the pastor.

¶ Rev. W. K. Quick pastor of St. James church, Greenvile, is preaching this week in revival services at the Bethesda Church, near Fairmont in Robeson County. Rev. Paul Bunn is the pastor.

¶ Rev. John T. Maides, pastor at Jacksonville, N. C., is preaching in revival services this week at Tabernacle church on the Belgrade-Silverdale road in Onslow County. Rev. Fred Lutz is the pastor.

¶ Rev. Ed Hackney, missionary to India, spoke on Wednesday of this week to the Bethlehem Methodist Church, near Monroe, of which Rev. Fred Hill is pastor. The service was at 7:30 p.m. Mr. Hackney and his family have just returned from India where they served for the past five years.

¶ Willard S. Farrow, administrator of the Methodist Home for the Aging and the Wesley Nursing Center in Charlotte, along with his wife, attended the third annual Workshop for Administrators of Methodist Homes for Older Persons, Oct. 13-16, in Moody House, Galveston, Tex.

¶ Revival Services will be conducted at Bethlehem Methodist Church, on the Forsyth-Stokes Charge, beginning October 25th and continuing that week. The revival will begin on Sunday Morning and continue at 7:30 each night. The Rev. E. W. Needham will be the visiting preacher. He retired at this past Annual Conference after preaching for 39 years. Rev. Cletes A. Pope, Jr. is the pastor.

¶ Bishop Earl G. Hunt spoke at the ministers meeting of the High Point District at Welch Memorial Church, High Point, at 12:00 o'clock Tuesday of this week. At 6:15 the Bishop spoke at a supper meeting of the men of the church at West Market Street Church, Greensboro. Dr. Ralph Taylor District Superintendent, was in charge of the High Point meeting, and Mr. Roger Soules, vice chairman of the official Board presided at the West Market Street Church meeting.

¶ Dr. G. Ernest Thomas is this week preaching revival services at the Trinity Methodist Church, Raleigh, Rev. W. A. Tew, pastor. Rev. LaFon Vereen, is conducting the singing. Services are held each morning at 7:00 o'clock, and each evening at 7:45.

¶ Rev. Ray Swink of Granite Quarry preached last Sunday evening at the St. Paul Methodist Church in Asheville, and showed audio-visual slides dealing with the church's work in Christian Social Concerns. Mr. Swink is chairman of the Conference Commission on Christian Social Concerns.

¶ Davis Street Church, Burlington, will hold Homecoming day services next Sunday, October 25, at 11:00 a.m. The revival services will begin at the evening service and continue through the week, with Dr. Fred W. Paschall, a former pastor, now retired, as the visiting preacher. Mr. Harvey Mitchell, church lay leader, spoke last Sunday at Layman's Day services. Rev. H. M. McLamb is the pastor.

¶ Winstead Methodist Church of Wilson, N. C. will have Homecoming Day services and their 14th anniversary celebration on Sunday, November 1. The Reverend LaFon C. Vereen, Executive Secretary of the Board of Missions of the North Carolina Conference, will be the guest preacher at the 11:00 a.m. worship service. Following the worship service, a fellowship dinner will be held. All former members and pastors and friends of Winstead Church are cordially invited to be present for this occasion. Rev. Arnold Pope is the Pastor.

¶ William M. Young, who resigned as Treasurer of Love's Methodist Church, Walkertown, after 6 years on the Church Staff, was honored by a surprise recognition at a Family Night Supper on October 11. A parchment of appreciation was presented by Horace Warner, Official Board Vice-Chairman. He was named by the pastor as the second person to receive a new honor instituted by the church. Once a year a member who has rendered unusual and extensive service for Christ and His Church is named "Servant of the World Parish." A silver World-Parish lapel pin is given as a token of this distinction to the person so honored. Mr. Young is now Postmaster of Walkertown Post Office.

¶ Radio Station WSJS in Winston-Salem is now presenting a unique series of weekly programs featuring a minister and a psychiatrist who jointly discuss questions and topics received by mail or over the telephone while the program is in progress. Carried on both AM and FM on Mondays from 10:10 to 11 p.m., it is entitled. "Viewpoints on Living." The ministerial participant is the Rev. Orion N. Hutchinson, Jr. of Love's Methodist Church, Walkertown. The psychiatrist is Dr. Joseph J. Cutri, Assistant Professor of Psychiatry at Bowman Gray School of Medicine in Winston-Salem. As far as is known, this is the first time on any radio station a minister and a psychiatrist have been featured together on a regular basis.

¶ Revival services were held at the Midway-Bethlehem charge the week of October 5-9. Rev. Royce B. Tyler was guest speaker. Mr. Tyler is pastor of the Methodist church in Port Royal, S. C. Rev. Paul W. Evans is pastor of the Midway-Bethlehem charge.

¶ Central Church, Spencer was host to a Youth Revival the first part of this week. Services were held Sunday and Monday evenings at 7:30. Rev. George Schreyer professor at Pfeiffer College was the preacher.

¶ Asbury Methodist Church, Route 1, Cove City, in the New Bern District, observed homecoming day Sunday, October 11 with Rev. Hiram K. King of Raleigh as the visiting speaker. Revival services were begun at the evening service with Rev. L. A. Green of Pollocksville preaching. Rev. A. C. Regan is pastor of Asbury church.

¶ Randolph County Sub-District MYF will hold its Fall Rally October 25 at Mount Shepherd from 2:30-6:30 p.m. Interest groups, hiking, softball, a scavenger hunt, and nature hike will be included. There will be fellowship, group singing and a vesper service. There will be a bag-supper and closing campfire at 6:30.

¶ Rev. Gus Deal, pastor of Iron Station and High Shoals, has accepted the position of Chaplain at Broughton Hospital in Morganton. Rev. G. W. Bumgarner, pastor of Boger City, will serve the Iron Station church in connection with his present pastorate until conference; Rev. Roy Eubanks of Pisgah church will serve the High Shoals church till conference.

¶ Mrs. Charles M. Laymon, 59, died in Lakeland, Fla., of a heart attack. The former Lillian Stenberg of Boston, she was the wife of the Rev. Dr. Charles M. Laymon, professor of religion at Florida Southern College and former editor of Methodist adult publications and dean of Scarritt College in Nashville, Tenn. Other survivors include two sons, Brooks of Tampa, Fla., and Douglas of Warren, Mich., a daughter, Sarah of Lakeland, and three grandchildren.

¶ Fayetteville District Church School Institutes as follows: Cumberland-Hoke Subdistrict, Monday, November 9 7:30-9:30 p.m. at Christ Church, Fayetteville; Harnett Sub-District Tuesday, November 10, 7:30-9:30 p.m. at the Lillington Methodist church; Robeson Sub-District Wednesday November 11 7:30-9:30 p.m. at Chestnut Street Church, Lumberton. The institutes are designed for general church school workers, workers with children, adult workers, and workers with youth.

¶ Rev. C. Freeman Heath, director of evangelism for the North Carolina Conference spent the week-end with the Sunset Park Church in Wilmington, where he led in "Evangelistic Sunday" the past week-end. He met with adult classes in the Sunday School and preached at the morning and evening services. In the afternoon at 2:30 a training session for visitors was held, and at 3:15 the visitors called on church members who are not attending services. The church is challenging each member to attend church every Sunday for the next ten Sundays—October 25 to December 27. Rev. James C. P. Brown is pastor at Sunset Park.

¶ Gibson Church of the St. Johns-Gibson charge in Scotland County observed homecoming day last Sunday with Rev. J. W. Lineberger, a former pastor, bringing the message. Mr. Lineberger is presently superintendent of the Children's Home in Raleigh. Rev. C. H. Mewborn is pastor of the Gibson church. Picnic luncheon was served following the worship hour.

¶ Dr. Myron F. Wicke of Nashville, Tenn., general secretary-elect of the Board of Education's Division of Higher Education of the Methodist church delivered the Founders' Day address at Bennett College, Greensboro, last Sunday on the subject: "The Heart Has Its Reason." Following the Founders' Day program the new half-million dollar health and physical education building was dedicated.

¶ United Nations Week is being observed this week in Greensboro. The purpose is to encourage churches to take part in the world-wide observance and to arouse interest in and support of the work of the United Nations. Dr. Arthur Larson, director of World Rule of Law Center at Duke University Law School will speak at 8:15 Saturday, October 24 at Grimsley High School auditorium. The public is invited.

¶ Rev. John R. Blue will be the preacher for the Homecoming services to be held at the Princeton Methodist Church, Sunday, October 25. Mr. Blue is a former pastor of the Princeton Church. Special music, consisting of a solo by Mrs. Blue, will be part of the morning worship service. following the worship hour, a time of fellowship with dinner on the grounds will be enjoyed by all. Rev. E. M. Rhiner is pastor at Princeton.

¶ On Sunday, October 25, at 4:00 p.m. the Woman's Society of Christian Service of Louisburg Methodist Church presents Mrs. Joyce B. McDonald, (Mrs. Walter McDonald), accompanied by Mrs. Anne Viser Scoggin in a vocal recital of sacred music. Mrs. McDonald is well known to members of North Carolina annual conference for her excellent singing voice. The offering received at the recital will be presented to the church organ fund.

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¶ Rev. J. H. Armbrust, retired member of the Western North Carolina Conference, was elected President of the Myrtle Beach S. C., Associated Charities for the fifth year. The Charities is chartered by the State and governed by a Board of Directors of thirty-three members. The workers serve on a Strictly voluntary basis. The salaries or travel expense are paid.

¶ Rev. Freeman Heath, Director of Evangelism in the North Carolina Conference, spent last Sunday with the Mount Olive Church. He spoke to the combined group of adult classes, and preached at the 11:00 o'clock service. In the afternoon he held a workshop on evangelistic methods. A covered dish supper was held from 5 till 6 and at 8:00 o'clock another workshop was held. Rev. Christian White is the pastor at Mount Olive.

¶ The editor preached last Sunday morning at Ebenezer Church, near Raleigh, of which Rev. L. R. Sparrow is pastor. A good congregation was present, and they are working their Advocate list. The noon day meal at the parsonage was a privilege and a delight. At 7:30 he preached at Hollands Church, Rev. Dan E. Meadows, pastor. After a delightful supper at the parsonage it was good to speak to a fine group in the evening service They also handed him eight new subscriptions to the Advocate with others to come after next Sunday.

¶ Members of the Macon Methodist Church extend thanks to the ladies of the church who have worked so tirelessly to raise money for the basement kitchen through the preparing and selling of brunswick stew and barbecue. Under the direction of Mrs. C. E. Thompson they have raised over $100.00. The cooperation and unity among these ladies testify to their interest in and loyalty to the church. All are delighted with the facilities recently added to the church kitchen. Again our thanks to these workers and to our pastor, Rev. M. T. Mann, who cooperated so faithfully in all these activities.

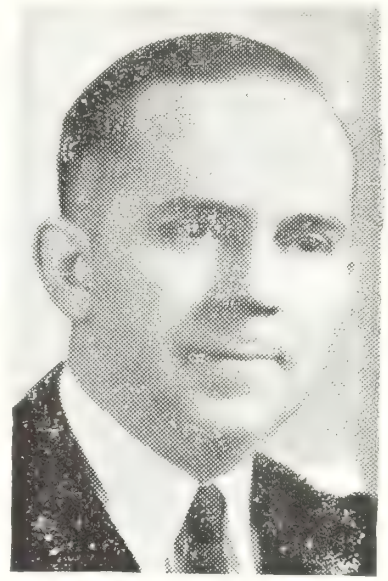
¶ Laymen's Day will be observed on Sunday, October 25th, 1964 at Long Street Methodist Church. East Spencer, N. C. A. L. Kesler, church Lay Leader will preside over the service. Mr. Jack Poole will offer the morning prayer. Mr. G. L. Goodson of Lincolnton, N. C. will be the speaker, using for his topic "The Layman and his Responsibilities." Mr. Goodson is an Associate Conference Lay Leader in charge of Methodist Men's Organization, and a delegate to General and Jurisdictional Conference this year. Special music will be by Mrs. Jeanette Cooper and the Choir. The Rev. Earl M. Hansell is pastor of Long Street Church.

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A Methodist minister—the Rev. T. C. Whitehouse of Boston. Mass.—will be the commentator for a radio network "first," according to officials of the Methodist Television Radio and Film Commission (TRAFCO). Dr. Whitehouse will broadcast weekly reports on Vatican Council II direct from Rome on the ABC–radio series "Pilgrimage." The series began September 20 and will continue for 13 weeks.

Thomas C. Harrell, Greensboro College Official Died October 12

Thomas C. Harrell, 68, of 708 Cypress St., business manager and treasurer-emeritus of Greensboro College, died Monday afternoon October 12, at Moses Cone Hospital after suffering an attack while attending a meeting of the board of trustees of the college.



Mr. Thomas C. Harrell

He had lived in Greensboro 27 years, 20 years of which were spent as treasurer at Greensboro College. He formerly operated a wholesale business and prior to that was connected with the state banking department.

He was a member of West Market Street Methodist Church and a member of the Men's Brotherhood class of that church. He also was on the official board and a member of the finance commission of the church. He was a member of the Greensboro Civitan Club and served in the infantry in World War I. He was educated at Trinity College(now Duke University), and the University of Nottingham, England.

Surviving are his wife, the former Susan Dupay; two daughters, Mrs. James F. Burch of Danville, Va. and Mrs. E. Demming Smith of Goldsboro; one brother, retired Bishop Costen J. Harrell of Decatur, Ga.; one sister, Mrs. Marvin Y. Self of Littleton; and seven grandchildren.

Funeral services were held at 11 a.m. Wednesday October 13, at West Market Street Methodist Church by Dr. Wilson O. Weldon, pastor. Burial was in Forest Lawn Cemetery.

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Bishop Fred G. Holloway, Charleston, W. Va., has been re–elected president of the national Board of Hospitals and Homes of The Methodist Church to serve for the 1964–68 quadrennium.

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The Rev. Philip Potter, Methodist minister from Jamaica, has been re-elected chairman of the General Committee of the World Student Christian Federation.

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Important Notice

By way of explanation we feel that we should inform our churches and ministers that we must go to press on Monday morning in order to produce their paper on time. It takes Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday to print, fold, and mail the North Carolina Christian Advocate. So we must have material in hand before Monday morning if it is to be included. Just the other day we received an article on Saturday and the writer requested that it be included in that week's Advocate. Of course the Advocate for that week had already been printed and mailed.

Some of our constituents think we can operate like a daily newspaper; that they can send material any time and get it in the next day's paper. We try to accommodate our contributors as much as we can. Since our mechanical force does not work on Saturday, we are closed, but because the editor has knowledge of operating a linotype machine, and since he wants to give the best service possible, he comes down and sets type on Saturday while the others are off duty. Which means that he has no day off at all; for if he is here six days a week and then preaches somewhere practically every Sunday, he is working strenuously seven days a week. We are not complaining, but only explaining, so that if an article does not get in the current issue, it is because we received the copy too late for that issue.

We appreciate our churches sending us their news material, and we ask that they let us have it early so we can include it in the issue they desire. Remember, the deadline is 8:00 o'clock Monday morning. We go to press then.

Thanks For New Subscriptions

May we express our thanks to the many ministers and laymen who are responding to our appeal for a number of new subscriptions to the Advocate immediately. We are heartened by the response. Chestnut Street Church, in Lumberton, turned this matter over to their MYF and they sent us 65 subscriptions. We cannot mention all who have responded, but a number have sent good lists. Some of them who have recently sent goodly numbers are also responding to this special appeal and sending us an extra five new ones. Glenwood church, Greensboro, sent 14; First church, Rockingham 12; Swannanoa 14; Rhyne Heights Church in Lincolnton, 6; First Methodist Church, Hickory 20; Jackson Park Kannapolis, 15; Central Church, Canton, 15; West Rockingham, 12; Parkway, Albemarle, 22; Friendship charge, Statesville District, 24 (Rev. John S. Oakley is pastor of Friendship charge. He is strong for the Advocate, and has sent 1,208 subscriptions from the charges he has served through the years). Boger City sent 161. This is to mention only a few of those who have responded to our appeal for five or more new subscriptions immediately. In many cases the MYF or the WSCS is conducting this drive and securing fine results. Which indicaes that any church can do it if they will only try.

Brother preacher, have you sent your list? Turn it over to the MYF or the WSCS and we will allow them a commission on new subscriptions. Act now. This is a part of the church program. Lets get our people informed. You will have a better church.

THEME FOR THE WEEK

"The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? the Lord is the strength of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?" Psalm 27:1.

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Walstonburg Youth Center Renovated At Cost Of $5,000

The Walstonburg Methodist Youth Center has been completely renovated at a cost of $5,000.00. We hope to see this building serving the recreational needs of the Snow Hill Sub-District, and the Greenville District. We propose to have skating, and bowling and other types of games for our young people. We are happy to offer to our people of this New Greenville District the facilities that we have here at the Walstonburg Youh Center. We have had wonderful leadership shown to this program through our District Superintendent, Rev. W. R. Stevens, and our Conference Lay Leader Roy L. Turnage, and the minister's of the Snow Hill Sub-District.

We feel that such a program for our Young People under the leadership of the Church will inspire, and create a great fellowship in our District. We plan to have, "Minister's Night," and Sub-District nights, Young Adults Night, local Bowling teams of the community, and the scheduling of the building by the MYF's of our Sub-District, or District.

Dr. T. A. Collins, President of North Carolina Wesleyan College will speak at the Walstonburg Methodist Church on November 1, 1964. We invite the friends of this area to visit with us.

The Walstonburg-Tabernacle Charge have gone on record to begin the Construction of a new parsonage in the near future. The Parsonage will be valued at an approximate cost of $22,000.00.

—C. R. Hollowell

Dr. Madison Heads Special Committee On Racial Matters

Dr. J. Clay Madison, pastor of Myers Park Methodist Church of Charlotte, has been elected chairman of a Western North Carolina Conference special committee which will seek avenues of interracial cooperation and understanding with Negro Methodists of western North Carolina.

He was elected during the Sept. 16 organizational meeting of the Committee on Inter-Jurisdictional Relations along with Edwin C. Ford of Shelby, lay leader of the Gastonia District, as vice president; and Dr. R. Herman Nicholson, superintendent of the Thomasville District, as secretary.

The 11-member committee was authorized by the 1963 annual Western North Carolina Conference, which said:

"The responsibility of this Study and Planning Commission (the name was later changed) will be to enter into conversations with a similar commission from the North Carolina Conference of the Central (Negro) Jurisdiction, if and when such is formed, to explore for greater interracial understanding and cooperation, and to make suggestions of ways the two Conferences can work together, when mutually agreeable, in implementing the spirit and recommendations included in the Plan of Action adopted by the General Conference (of The Methodist Church, at Pittsburgh, April-May, 1964)."

The committee has also been told that "A report of problems involved, of possible solutions, and any recommended action, should be made if possible to the next annual session of the Western North Carolina Conference (scheduled June 9-13, 1965, at Lake Junaluska)."

During the Sept. 16 session in First Methodist Church, Charlotte, the committee members voted to contact Bishop Charles F. Golden of Nashville, Tenn., who presides over the North Carolina-Virginia Conference of the Central Jurisdiction, to determine if a similar committee has been named to meet with the Western North Carolina members.

A target date for a meeting of the two committee has been set as no later than October. Such a meeting would be held for members of each committee to become acquainted. A later meeting would involve initial business pertaining to the directive of the Western North Carolina Conference.

Bishop Earl G. Hunt, Jr., who presides over the Charlotte Methodist Area, was a special guest at the Sept. 6 meeting of the Committee on Inter-Jurisdictional Relations.

The committee, besides the elected officers, includes:

Dr. Wilson O. Weldon of Greensboro, Dr. Robert G. Tuttle of Hickory, the Rev. Howard C. Wilkinson of Duke University, the Rev. Harley M. Williams of Monroe, W. Bryan Moore of Wadesboro, Mayor Stanford R. Brookshire of Charlotte, Robert M. Smith of Mount Airy, and Mrs. Leslie E. Barnhardt of Charlotte.

The members of the Committee on Inter-Jurisdictional Relations were appointed by Bishop Nolan B. Harmon, who presided over the Charlotte Area prior to his retirement in July to become editor of the Dictionary of Methodism.

Board of Education Elects For 1964-68

Bishop Eugene Slater, San Antonio, Texas, was elected president of the Methodist Board of Education as the board met in Louisville, Ky., September 22–23 to organize for the 1964–68 quadrennium. He succeeds Bishop Paul N. Garber of Raleigh, N. C.

Three vice–presidents were named, each to serve as chairman of a division of the board. They are Bishop W. McFerrin Stowe, Topeka, Kansas, Division of the Local Church; Bishop T. Otto Nall, Minneapolis, Minn., Editorial Division; and Bishop James W. Henley, Lakeland, Fla., Division of Higher Education.

Dr. R. Franklin Thompson, president of the University of Puget Sound, Tacoma, Wash., was elected recording secretary. Miss Elizabeth Talbot, Nashville, was re–elected assistant recording secretary.

Five members at large were also elected by the board: Dr. A. Hollis Edens, Winston–Salem, N. C., former president of Duke University; George H. Cates, Jr., vice–mayor, Kan.; and the Rev. James William Morgan, Austin, Texas. These bring the membership of the board to a total of 91.

Dr. Myron F. Wicke of Nashville was named general secretary of the Division of Higher Education. Next January 15 he will succeed Dr. John O. Gross, who has headed the division since 1948. Dr. Wicke is serving as the division's associate general secretary. Re–elected were Dr. Leon M. Adkns, general secretary of the Division of the Local Church, and Dr. Henry M. Bullock, general secretary of the Editorial Division.

All the elections are for the next four years.

Attend Christian Social Concerns Meeting

Training for the next four years of the Methodist Church's social action program brought the following persons from the North Carolina Conference to the nation's capital, October 8–14:

The Rev. Ralph Fleming, Raleigh, Chairman of the North Carolina Conference Board of Christian Social Cencerns; Dr. Harmon Smith of the Duke Divinity School; The Rev. Jack Crum, Director of the Christian Social Action Program of the North Carolina Council of Churches; Mrs. D. K. Fry, W.S.C.S. Conference Secretary of Christian Social Relations; Dr. Norman Desrosiers of the Alcoholic Rehabilitation Center, Butner; Rev. Paul Scott, Fayetteville District Director of Christian Social Concerns; Rev. E. M. Thompson, Jr., Rocky Mount District Director of C. S. C.; Rev. Robert Pullman, Elizabeth City District Director of C. S. C.; Rev. W. B. Gregory, Wilmington District Director of C. S. C.; Rev. David Moe, New Bern District Director of C. S. C.; and Rev. J. L. Hood, pastor Pink Hill Methodist Church.

Nearly 500 ministers and laymen from all over the nation, involved in social concerns at regional and district levels, attended the Second National Methodist Conference on Christian Social Concerns.

Much of their time was spent in discussion of the authority for the church's involvement in social action, "who speaks for the church?" and the church's relationships to government, and to the development of social values. Daily Bible study was a background of this.

The delegates joined one of nine groups each afternoon for extensive exploration of an area of concern, such as welfare, unemployment, disarmament, crime. Interviews with national figures in church, government, and private agencies were included.

Speakers included former Gov. Leroy Collins, director of Federal Community Relations Service; Ben Bagdikian, author and columnist; Dr. Charles Lerche, professor of Political Science at American University, Bishop Charles F. Golden of Nashville, enn., and Rev. A. Dudley Ward, general secretary of the sponsoring Board of Christian Social Concerns.

—E. M. Thompson, Jr. Sec'y

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Duke Divinity School Seminars

The first of the Duke Divinity School Seminars ,held each year in North and South Carolina, will be held this year at Washington Street Methodist Church in Columbia, S. C., November 9–10. The two–day course for ministers will feature "Current Interpretation of the New Testament."

The seminars will be led by Dr. Krister Stendahl, Frothingham Professor of Biblical Studies in the Harvard Divinity School; Dr. Howard Clark Kee, Professor of New Testament in the Theological School of Drew University; and Dr. Hugh Anderson, Professor of Biblical Criticism and Theology in the Duke Divinity School, and Dr. Paul Hardin, Jr., Presiding Bishop of the Columbia Area, of the Methodist Church; and Dr. Robert N. Dubose, Superintendent of the Spartanburg District, of the Methodist Church.

Registration should be made with Dr. J. Carlisle Smiley, Washington Street Methodist Church, Columbia, S. C.

Similar seminars will be held in the North Carolina Conference and the Western North Carolina Conference the early part of the new year.

Bishop Ralph T. Alton New MCOR President

The Methodist Committee for Overseas Relief has elected Bishop Ralph T. Alton, Madison, Wisconsin, as president at its quadrennial organizational meeting in New York. He succeeds Bishop James K. Mathews, of Boston.

Other officers elected were Dr. James R. Guffick, of Ocean Grove, N. J., vice chairman; and Dr. Walter R. Hazzard, Sr., pastor, Tindley Temple, Philadelphia, sec.

The Committee approved requests totalling $45,200 to aid relief and rehabilitation work overseas. Largest sum included grants for $10,000 for the Christian Committee for Service in Algeria; $10,000 emergency food assistance for India; $15,000 for the Heier Project; and $5,000 for the Linz Home for Girls in Austria.

In 1965 MCOR will observe its 25th year as the official agency of The Methodist Church in the field of overseas relief, rehabilitation of victims of disasters, and services to refugees.

Cherry Point Church To Hold Revival Services

The Cherry Point Marine Air Base Methodist Church will begin revival services on November 2nd and continuing through November 8th ending in homecoming at the eleven o'clock worship service. Dinner on the grounds will be served immediately following the morning worship service. The Rev. Ralph Epps, minister of Weldon Methodist Church, will be guest minister.

The following laymen of the church will be responsible for conducting one of each of the evening song services: Ray Martin, from Pennsylvania; Don Bruner, from California; John Garland, from West Virginia; Bob Pappas, from Florida; Dr. Jack Cook, from Ohio; and Terry Glose, from Montana.

There will be a special service each evening for the children. All former pastors, members and friends of the church are invited to attend the revival services. The Reverend Walter C. Feltman is the pastor of the church.

Three High Point Ministers Will Go On Holy Land Pilgrimage

Three High Point ministers will be engaged in a Holy Land Christmas Pilgrimage during the month of December. Dr. Ralph H. Taylor, Superintendent of the High Point District, Rev. Worth Sweet, pastor of the Lebanon Methodist Church, High Point; and Rev. Robert M. Hardee, pastor of Oak View Church in High Point, will join a group in New York for the Holy Land tour. The group will leave New York Sunday, December 6, and will return from London January 3.

The inteniary includes leaving New York December 6; Holland, Amsterdam December 7; Rome, Italy, December 8 and 9; Athens, Greece, December 10 and 11; Cairo, Egypt, December 12 and 13; Beirut, December 14 and 15; Byblos-Tripoli-Ugarti, December 16; Antioch and Aleppo, December 17; Krak Des Chevaliers-Baalbek, December 18; Baalbek and Damascus, December 19; Amman and Mt. Nebo, December 20; Jericho-Dead Sea-Khirbet Qumran, December 21; Jerusalem, December 22; Samaria December 23; Christmas Eve in Bethlehem, December 24; Christmas Day in Jerusalem, December 25; Jerusalem to Haifa, December 26; Tiberuis and Nazareth, December 27; Haifa and Tel Aviv December 28; Tel Aviv December 29; Tel Aviv to Geneva, December 30; Geneva to Paris, December 31-January 1; London January 2; London to New York January 3.

Seminar Coordinators will include Dr. Howard A. Hanke, a pastor for several years in the Rocky Mount Conference of The Methodist Church, professor in the Department of Philosophy and Religion at Asbury College, Wilmore, Kentucky.

Dr. George A. Turner, Professor of Biblical Literature at Asbury Theological Seminary since 1946. An ordained minister of the Free Methodist Church he has served pastorates in the northeast and mid-western states.

The Seminar faculty will include Rev. Joe Hale, a staff evangelist with the General Board of Evangelism of The Methodist Church. He is a graduate of Asbury College and Perkins School of Theology.

Rev. and Mrs. Charles Sheppard known to music lovers as "The Singing Sheppards" who will contribute greatly to the inspirational phase of the seminar curriculum. Rev. Sheppard is a minister in the Evangelical United Brethren Church and is a graduate of Asbury College and has done graduate work at The American Conservatory of Music in Chicago.

Dr. H. Gilbert Williams an ordained minister and evangelist in The Methodist Church. He is a graduate of Rider College, Asbury College and Temple Univ. School of Theology and has done post-graduate work at the Univ. of Florida, Asbury Theol. Seminary and Westminister Theological Seminary, and is Pres. of The National Association of Methodist Evangelists.

Filling the pulpits of the respective churches during the absence of the pastors will be at Oak View: First Sunday in December Dr. Ralph Jolly, President of Greensboro College; second Sunday, Christmas musical program under the direction of Mrs. Grace Hedrick; third Sunday, Dr. William Locke, professor of religion at High Point College; fourth Sunday, Rev. Edwin Hackney, North Carolina native, who is a returned missionary from India. The evening services and prayer meetings on Wednesdays will be under the direction of the church lay leader, Mr. Coy Brown.

Services at Lebanon Church will be conducted by the associate pastor, Rev. J. R. Duncan during the month of December.



Bishop Earl G. Hunt, Jr. (second from left), who presides over the Charlotte Methodist Area, chats with officials of The Methodist Home during a recent visit to the Home and Wesley Nursing Center. With the bishop are (from left) W. Donald Penley, assistant administrator in charge of the Nursing Center; W. W. Haygood, Jr., president of the Home's Board of Trustees; and Willard Farrow, administrator for the Home and Nursing Center. The bishop plans to visit all institutions related to the Western North Carolina Conference during his first year as episcopal head of the Charlotte Area.

Attention Brick Layers, Carpenters And Construction Workers

Those who are interested in rendering a great service to the church and the Kingdom of God, in the type of work they do daily, will read this and communicate with the undersigned.

Again volunteer workers are asked to offer their services to go to Puerto Rico to construct a small mission church in the poor section of Hato Viejo, Puerto Rica.. This is the only way they can, anytime soon, have a church. In a country where the average annual income is around $400.00, they have to save a long time to have even the most meager church facilities. In the United States where the average income is more than that per month, and in the month of February when construction work is greatly curtailed here and it is Summer weather there, it affords a great opportunity for our consecrated laymen to render a great service to God's needy children, and thus His Kingdom.

Last February, a group of such men went to Costa Rico, Central America and built a small church. The year before some of the same group and others went to Puerto Rico and there built the educational unit of a new church. Some of the men of these two groups have already volunteered their services to build the church at Hato Viejo, Puerto Rico in February 1965. Brethren, as you read this ask God what He would have you do in this matter. Maybe He would have you volunteer to go, or to help pay the expenses of some men who desire to go, but cannot afford to pay their own way.

Now here is our plan: (1) You give services free and, if you can, pay your own travel expenses down there. The round trip fare, by air, is only $170.20 from Charlotte. We usually travel around some on the island while there, but this with the above should not total much over $200.00. If you cannot pay all of your expenses, let me know what you can pay and I will endeavor to get the balance. (2) We travel together and live and eat together down there. The Board of Missions provides room and board. Two station wagons are made available free to us for travel. (3) I am going to beg building materials in North Carolina and send it down before we go. Our materials are so much better than theirs. What we cannot get donated the National Board of Missions will pay for, and will also pay transportation on what we get donated. A trucking concern, however, has agreed to transport to Jacksonville, Fla. free of charge whatever materials we send. (4) We already have received the architects plans for the church, and are in the process of working out a list of the materials to be used.

Pastors talk to your laymen about this. If there are questions in your mind or theirs write me or call at the address below. Send me the names and addresses of those interested.

The men who have been on these work caravans, in previous years, have returned home with a deeper appreciation to the church and God's work. I think about all of them have gone out in neighboring churches and serve testimony of a new Christian experience. We want fifteen men to go to Puerto Rico next Februarv, and they will be accepted in order of application.

Rev. N. M. Harrison, 1304 Eaton Place, High Point, N. C.; Phone: 888-4301.

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"The misnamed freedom that makes every man a law to himself and notices government only when, like air, it is bad, has no place today." — Bishop T. Otto Nall, Minneapolis, Minn.

Luebeck Choir of Germany Premiers 1964 Program at Louisburg

Twenty-four European singers under the direction of Dr. Lebrecht Klohs from Luebeck, Germany, gave the premier concert of their 1964 American Concert tour, in Louisburg College auditorium at 8:00 p.m. last Monday.

The program provided the audience with classical, sacred, and folk music sung in Latin, German, French, Swedish, Korean, Finnish, Hungarian, and English. All foreign songs were interpreted by a narrator.

The Luebeck Choir, organized fifteen years ago, has toured every European country and last year toured Canada and the United States for their first North American visit. The current tour, beginning at Louisburg, will take them to a number of North Carolina colleges, then north, and into Canada.

The concert is the second in a series for the 1964-65 season of the Louisburg College Concert Series, and admited only concert patrons with season memberships. An informal reception after the concert was held in the nearby Fine Arts Center.

Pfeiffer College Student Enrollment Is 842

From a standpoint of standing in their high schol class and scores made on placement tests, the class of 1968 which entered Pfeiffer College this fall is the most academically talented in the history of the college.

A total of 275 freshmen are enrolled plus 46 students who transferred from other educational institutions. The college has a total enrollement of 852 students.

College Registrar Kenneth D. Holshouser commenting on the Class of 1968 made the following observations:

New male and female students are divided almost exactly evenly. Out of 275 freshmen, 75 were assigned to an advanced freshmen English course sequence. Assignment is based on scores on a standard English placement test. In the class of 1967, 35 students were assigned to this sequence. The current class is divided into three sections.

Based on scores made on a standard History sequence entitled "Problems of Western Civilization." Last year 11 students were qualified for this course.

Trustee Competitive Academic Scholarships having a four year value of $140,400 have been awarded to 70 freshmen. Ranging in value from $250 to $1,000 yearly, this is the largest number of freshmen ever to receive competitive academic scholarship awards at Pfeiffer. Three freshmen were awarded Pfeiffer Honor Scholarships valued at $1,000 yearly.

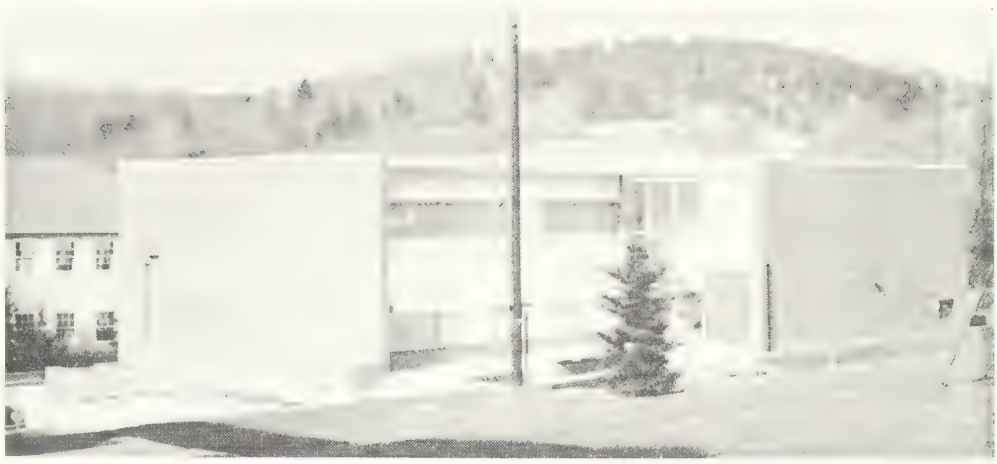
A total of $109,164 in scholarship aid was awarded to a total of 250 students for the current year. These awards have a four year value in excess of $436,000. Included in this is $9,000 to sons and daughters of ministers.

Seventy-one freshmen were granted loans having a value of $50,200. At total of 157 loans were made to students in all classifications having a value of $92,000.

While freshmen are prone to change their majors, the following is a listing (in order of popularity) of areas in which freshmen expressed a desire to major; Natural Sciences; Social Sciences; Economics and Business Administration; Elementary Education; Languages and Literature; Religion and Christian Education; and the Fine Arts.

The largest number of the freshmen, 227, are from North Carolina. Stanly County provided 32, Rowan 28, Mecklenburg 23, Cabarrus 14, Gaston 13, and Wake 10.

States sending the largest number of freshmen are as follows: New Jersey 37; Florida, 26; and Virginia, 19.



Shown above is the new Wesley Foundation Center which was dedicated last Sunday at Boone. This marked the Appalachian College Homecoming week-end program. Participating were Bishop Earl G. Hunt of Charlotte, Dr. W. Arthur Kale of Duke Divinity School, who is chairman of the Interconference Commission on College and University Religious Work; Dr. C. P. Morris of Durham, secretary-treasurer of the Wesley Foundation at Appalachian State Teachers College.

European Temperance Groups Hailed

Temperance organizations in Europe are generally stronger than those in the U. S., and European nations are ahead of the U. S. in many areas of work with alcohol problems.

These are among impressions of Roger Burgess, top Methodist temperance executive, after several weeks of meetings overseas.

Burgess said he also was impressed by the church's Division of Alcohol Problems and Welfare, was speaker for the European Institute on Alcohol and Alcoholism, in London; and for the World Christian Temperance Federation in Frankfurt.

Part of the European strength, according to Burgess, is that they have been able to maintain fellowship among church representatives and others who may vary on abstinence but agree on the need for solutions to alcohol problems. Another factor is that most such organizations get strong moral financial support from their governments.

Burgess said he also impressed by the "multi-disciplined approach" to alcohol problems in most countries—medicine, education, religion, etc. While unable to evaluate the work of European churches generally in this field, he said the Evangelical Church in Germany is "doing as effective a job on alcoholism as any church in the the U. S."

Methodist College Briefs

Nancy Best, a senior at the college, who holds one of the scholarships from the Woman's Society of Christian Service of the North Carolina Conference, will attend the Southeastern Jurisdiction Vocations Conference at Scarritt College, October 23–25. She is one of two delegates from the North Carolina Conference.

Charles K. McAdams, director of public relations, was the speaker for the 11 o'clock service at Mt. Moriah Methodist Church, Steele Street Methodist Church, Sanford, and Chestnut Street Methodist Church, Lumberton on Sept. 20, Sept. 27, and Oct. 11, respectively.

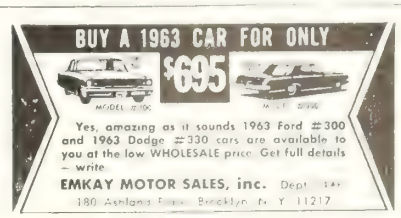
Walter Turner, a senior at Methodist College, has been elected Chairman of the North Carolina Federation of College Young Democrats Clubs. In this capacity he will co-ordinate the thirty-three college organizations in the state.

Mrs. Jean Ishee, organist, and Alan M. Porter, tenor, members of the music faculty, presented a recital of sacred music of Sunday afternoon, Oct. 4. The program was the first in the college's Concert-Lecture Series for 1964–65.

Mrs. Elizabeth Garthly, art instructor, served on the selecting board of the first Fort Bragg Show.

The men of Cumberland Hall are sponsoring a series of informal receptions honoring the students from the various geographical areas. The series, including a Virginia Night, a South Carolina Night, "Yankee" Night, and 4 receptions for the North Carolina students, began the last Wednesday evening in September and will continue through November.

Dr. McMurray S. Richey of the Duke Divinity School faculty, was the chapel speaker on Wednesday, October 7.



Bethany Methodist Church Dedicated Last Sunday

History of Bethany Church

Last Sunday, October 18, Bishop Paul N. Garber of the Raleigh Area, Rev. Mark W. Lawrence of the Goldsboro District and Rev. F. J. Duplissey, the pastor, led in the dedication services of the Bethany Methodist church on the South River Charge in Goldsboro District. A history of the church is given below, written by a life–long member of Bethany, Miss Retta Royal:

The begining of Bethany Methodist Church goes back beyond written records. It was in the days of, "Camp Ground Meetings:" After the crops were laid by the people from far and near would gather under the oaks what is known and now is the Bethany Church. For more than a hundred years people have come to this "spot" for worship: In the old days the 'Big Meeting,' was the high mark of the year: The folks would come in their covered wagons, pitched their tents, and settled down for two glorious weeks. The men and women caught up with the news of the year, while the boys and girls delighted in the crawfish of the near by creek. But central and above all, was the deep yearning to hear the word of God. Brush Arbor, crude altar, impassioned preaching and heartfelt singing; these are the clear keynotes that have stood in the memories of hundreds of souls that met their saviour face to face in this hallowed place.

It was in 1848 following a particularly successful meeting, that the people of the community deicided to organize a church which was named "Camp Ground," Two acres of beautifully wooded property was given by Raeford Autry and Daniel Geddie: The finest long leaf pine was donated for the building; and so skillful was the construction that the original sanctuary stands today in very good condition, with only minor changes and modifications. In 1870 the name was changed to Bethany, without changes in the schedule of services, the second Sunday morning of each month has seen the doors of Bethany Church opened at eleven o'clock for preaching service and worship.

The earliest church record that is now available goes back to 1883 when the Rev. C. M. Gentry became the pastor. He was followed by J. L. Keene, Phillip Greening, D. A. Futrell, G. W. Starling, G. O. Green, A. D. Betts, L. H. Joyner, N. H. McDonald, J. D. Pegram, F. E. Dixion, W. C. Brown, J. L. McNeir, H. M. Dargon, J. A. Tharpe, R. F. Taylor, E. C. Sells, W. A. Piland. S. S. Ellington, E. W. Hurst, C. H. Caviness, H R. Ashmore, R. E. Atkinson, I. J. Strawbridge, W. F. Elliott, W. H. Brady, Brooks Patten, C. B. Long, J. W. Dimmette, A. D. Byrd, Jr., H. L. Harrell, J. R. Regan. F. J. Duplissey is the present pastor.

District superintendents in recent years have been these men: Rev. J. D. Bundy, R. H. Willis, L. B. Jones, J. H. Shore, W. C. Martin, W. A. Cade, J. C. Wooten, D. E. Earnhardt, W. V. McRae, H. C. Smith, W. L. Clegg, W. C. Ball, O. L. Hathaway, M. C. Dunn, B. L. Davidson, and we are now serving with M. W. Lawrence.

The present congregation is made up of thirty six active members and fifteen inactive members, worship services are each second Sunday morning and each fourth Sunday evening at 6:30 p.m. Bible study each first Sunday evening at six thirty p.m.

The present officers of the church are: Trustees: W. C. Royals, A. M. McMillan and Mrs. Garland Gainey; Stewards: Mrs. Bob Warren, Maurice Williams, Paul Royal, J. B. Geddie, Garland Gainey; Education Commission: Mrs. James McMillan, Mrs. Clifford, Mrs. Maurice Williams; Finance Commission: Mrs. G. W. Hornet, Jr., Mrs. WilliamR. Royals; Commissions on Missions: Corenna Royal, William R. Royal, Patsy Royal; Commission on Membership and Evangelism: Mrs. W. C. Royal, A. M. McMillan, Patsy Royal, William R. Royal; Christian Social Relations: Marion McMillan, Commission on Worship: Mrs. Bob Warren; Wills and Legacies: Patsy Royal; Church Lay Leader William R. Royal: Marion McMillan; Communion Steward: Mrs. W. C. Royal; Pastoral Relations: Raymond Royal; Music Committee: Mrs. G. W. Horne, Jr., Patsy Royal, Mrs. William R. Royal; Choir Director: Mrs. Frederick J. Duplissey; Committee on Nominations: Mrs. Bob Warren, Raymond Royal, Rev. Mr. Duplissey; Building Fund Secretary: Mrs. Bob Warren: Building Fund Treasurer: Mrs. Katy Hall Royal; Church Lay Speaker: G. W. Horne, Jr.

Sunday School meets every Sunday and there are four classes in session each Sunday with enrollment of thirty three. This has been under the Leadership of Raymond Royal as superintendent for almost forty years. The present church school officers and teachers are: Superintendent, Marion McMillan; Secretary, Corenna Royal; Assistant Superintendent, G. W. Horne, Jr.; Treasurer, Raymond Royal; Pianist, Mrs. G. W. Horne, Jr.; Adult Teacher, Marion McMillan; Assistant, A. W. McMillan; Young Adults, Mrs. Raymond Royal; Assistnat, Mrs. James McMillan; Junior Teacher, Mrs. Paul Royal; Assistant, Mrs. G. W. Horne, Jr. Primary Teacher, Patsy Royal.

On June 19, 1956 the first meeting of the Bethany Woman's Society of Christian Service was held in the home of Mrs. Addie Matthews, under the guidance of the following officers: President, Mrs. Raymond Royal; Vice President, Miss Juanita Royal; (now Mrs. G. W. Horne, Jr.); Secretary, Mrs. W. C. Royal Treasurer, Mrs. James McMillan; Assistant Secretary, Mrs. Windel Williams. The present officers are: President, Mrs. Clifford Autry; Vice President, Patsy Royal; Secretary, Mrs. G. W. Horne, Jr.; Treasurer, Mrs. W. C. Royal. There are now fifteen active members.

The Homecomings which have been enjoyed since the centennial celebration in 1948 are as follows: Sept. 12, 1954, A. D. Byrd, pastor; Sept. 11, 1955, H. L. Harrell, pastor; Oct. 29, 1961, F. J. Duplissey, pastor; September 9, 1962, F. J. Duplissey, pastor, the first day in our new building: November 10, 1963, Rev. F. J. Duplissey, pastor.

Our building Fund organized one spring morning in 1954 during the Sunday school hour when we discussed having homecoming and decided to raise and save money to try and see how we could beautify our little white church for the occasion. Little did we realize at that time that as a result of this idea, our contributions for this purpose would later be called a building fund, and that one day we would enjoy a lovely new church. However, on March 11, 1962 a ground breaking ceremony for our new church was led by the late Rev. M. C. Dunn our district superintendent assisted by our pastor Rev. Frederick J. Duplissey and officials of the church. And on the following September the ninth we entered our new sanctuary for the first time, with a consecration service led by the late Rev. A. J. Hobbs, who was serving as the executive secretary of our Conference Board of Missions, due to illness of the Rev. M. C. Dunn, assisted by our pastor Rev. Frederick J. Duplissey. What a great day this was for the people of Bethany Methodist Church, but may we pause and humbly say "thank you God, and thank you for the work and faith of our forefathers who now labor in the Great Church above.

May we never cease to be thankful for our many blessings and may God continue to richly bless each one of you for your faithfulness in what ever way it may have been performed, whether through prayer, work, the giving of gifts (for they have been many and are deeply appreciated), or in any other way. As a result of these blessings Bethany Church stands on the threshold of a period of an even encreasing ministry for God's Kingdom. While thrilled in humble gratitude for the glory of her past services, let us this day view the future with an enlarged vision of what Bethany Church can still become—and together press on from this service of dedication towards the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus our Lord and Saviour. Amen.

Written by Retta Royal

Attend Board Of Pensions Meeting In Atlanta

Four Methodist laymen and ministers from the North Carolina Annual Conference attended the regional meetings of the General Board of Pensions of the Methodist Church this week.

Clifton Everett, Bethel attorney and chairman of the Board of Pensions of the North Carolina Annual Conference, the Rev. Norwood L. Jones of Fuquay Springs and the Rev. A. L. Thompson of Southern Pines attended the weekend session at Atlanta, Ga.

The Atlanta meeting is one of five being held between October 13 and November 18 at Philadelphia, Evanston, Dallas and San Francisco. These regional meetings in each Jurisdiction of The Methodist Church will draw representatives of the Annual Conference Board of Pensions. These officials will be oriented in the legislation adopted at the 1964 General Conerence in regards to ministerial pensions.

The Rev. W. C. Wilson of Durham attended the Philadelphia meeting last week. Mr. Wilson, secretary of the North Carolina Annual Conference of The Methodist Church, will remain in Philadelphia this week for a meeting of the Committee of Five, elected by the General Conference last May, to edit the 1964 General Confernce Journal. (

IN MEMORIAM

JAMES WESLEY FOREMAN
1879 - 1964

The Offical Board of the First Methodist Church of Elizabeth City records with deep sorrow the death of James Wesley Foreman on September 16, 1964.

Wesley Foreman has been a faithful and devout member of this Church and Board since early manhood and his practice of a religious inheritance has inspired generations of members of this Church to a fuller and more meaningful christian fellowship.

To him life was a reality to live and not a problem to be solved.

Faithful in business he wrought well and found his greatest secret happiness in extending consideration and encouragement to the less fortunate and to youth thrice blessed by his faith in them and his hopes for them.

Sacrifice, devotion, honor, truth, sincerity, love—these are the homely virtues which characterized his life.

The inspiration of his devotion, loyalty and thoughtfulness to his fellowman will ever remain to bless those who knew him and those who are yet to come, "May his tribe increase."

We expresss our heart felt sympathy to the devoted family which shared and served his purposeful life and works.

Be it resolved that a copy of this brief expression of tribute and affection be sent to the family and the North Carolina Christian Advocate, and that this statement be entered in the minutes of the Official Board and of the Quarterly Conference.

Respectfully submitted,
Carlos Womack, Minister
Clarence T. Sanders, Sec'y

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GEORGE LENON OWENS
1889-1964

As quetly and humbly as he had lived for many years, so in quietness and dignity George Lenon Owens died on Saturday, September 26, 1964 at the age of 75.

The funeral service was conducted by his pastor, the Reverend Carlos Womack, in the First Methodist Church on Monday, September 28.

Though he lived unassumingly, many have testified in one way or another that George Owens made a real and vital contribution to his church, to his communty and, especially, to that closer group within his neighborhood, a group made up of family members and friends, whose lives he had touched so meaningfully.

Here is a man who loved his church and who served not as a slave but as a willing servant of God. His loyalty and service were distinguished by his gentle dignity, quiet confidence and kindly sympathy. In his passing First Methodst Church has lost a valiant and valuable servant, a steadfast believer, and a faithful steward of the mysteries of God.

The Offical Board of the First Methodist Church, Elizabeth City, N. C., hereby expresses its genuine appreciation for the long years of service rendered by George L. Owens. We convey our sympathy and affection to each member of his family, and we respectfully request that a copy of these sentiments be sent to the family, that this statement be published in the North Carolina Christian Advocate and that a copy be entered in the minutes of the Official Board and of the Quarterly conference.

Respectfully submitted,
Royden Daniels, Chairman
Clarence T. Sanders, Sec'y

MISS VERNA MAE LISENBY

Miss Verna Mae Lisenby, a beloved public school and Sunday school teacher, of Rt. 1, Norwood, N. C. died in the Stanly County Hospital at Albemarle, N. C. on Friday night, August 21, 1964. She was 61 years of age, a native of Stanly County and a daughter of the late J. P. and Mrs. Stacy Lsenby. Surviving are three brothers Thomas H. Lisenby of Albemarle, Rt 4, James F. Lisenby of Roanoke, Va. and Grady Lisenby of Norwood, two sisters, Miss Fannie Lisenby of the home and Mrs. W. K. Holton of Norwood.

Miss Lisenby graduated from Norwood High School and continued her education in summer school and correspondence courses of U. N. C. Woman's College at Greensboro, A. S. T. C. at Boone, and Catawba College at Salisbury until she earned a life certificate in Elementary Education. During her long teaching career, she taught in the elementary schools of Mt. Ulla in Rowan County, Bethel and Liberty in Cabarrus and Aquadale, Richfield and New London in Stanly County. Her longest and most recent teaching experience was in the Kannapolis city school system from which she retired last spring after 22 years of service.

On the occasion of her retirement, she was honored at the Kannapolis unit N.C. E.A. public relations banquet and presented a silver tray and plaque by the J. W. Cannon Junior High School commemorating her dedicated service in the teaching profession.

Verna Mae joined Norwood Methodist Church at the age of 10 and always took her religious life seriously, cultivating herself into a diligent Bible scholar and Sunday school teacher. Her loss, through illness and death, is deeply mourned by the young adult class of her church which she taught for 8 years.

Endowed with rich gifts of mind and heart, she gave herself to the kind of noble Christian life which is worthy of a place in eternity.

Journal Committee Meets

The Rev. W. C. Wilson, pastor of the Duke's Chapel Methodist Church in Durham, N. C., is attending this week a special meeting of The General Conference Committee of Five to edit the Journal of the Methodist General Conference of 1964.

Mr. Wilson, secretary of the North Carolina Annual Conference of The Methodist Church, is one of two Tar Heel Methodists on the Committee. Dr. Charles D. White, pastor of First Methodist Church in Asheboro, and a member of the General Conference secretarial staff is also a committee member.

Both men were elected by the General Conference which met in Pittsburgh last May. Other members are Dr. and Mrs. Leon T. Moore of Philadelphia and Dr. J. Wesley Hole of Los Angeles.

The Journal will contain reports of the various boards and agencies of The Methodist Church and minutes of the plenary sessions of the General Conference.

The Durham minister is beginning the fourth quadrennium as secretary of the North Carolina Annual Conference. While in Philadelphia he will attend a regional meeting of the Board of Pensions.

LETTERS

Dear Brother Starnes,

May I comment on the article by Barrett Wilson which appears on page 15 of the **Advocate** for September 24, 1964?

I was very pleased to see paragraph three, entitled "The Bible Is Not A Book of Science." This is a most important point to make and would do much to dispel present-day misunderstanding of **Genesis**. One of the things this paragraph should save us from is exactly what Mr. Wilson does in paragraph six and seven! In the paragraph entitled "How Science Validate Genesis" we are asked to accept the age of the earth, the sun, our galaxy, and the "known universe" as "nearly the same" for all these elements—six billion years. But this is not what present-day scientists are saying; they are estimating the age of the solar system at about half or less the age of the galactic universe. And then the last sentence, "In the beginning God!" Now, while this truly represents my own faith, it is hardly a scientific statement and is in no way borne out by the sentences which precede it; it is not even a logical conclusion from the alleged facts which go before it. "In the beginning God. . " can never be scientifically proven, and we make all kinds of trouble for ourselves if we help to perpetuate that kind of confusion.

The paragraph entitled "Developments of Science and Genesis" is even more confusing (and unnecessary). I cannot find the place in **Genesis** where it says "it was void and rare." Even conceding the accuracy of the scientific matters, we should question again the necessity for thus confusing matters of science and matters of faith. The final questions in this paragraph seem to imply that Moses wrote **Genesis.**

And then paragraph eight! How can one say "The order of creation given in this chapter and the order of appearance of life upon the earth is just as science has discovered it . . ." in the light of verses three and fourteen? Light two days **before** sun and moon? And what will we do wth the order of creation as given in **Genesis** 2:4-23?

Shouldn't Brother Wilson go back to paragraph three and leave it at that?

Sincerely yours,
(Rev.) LeRoy A. Scott

Men's Club Re-Activated

The men of the Swepsonville Methodist Church celebrated Laymen's Day on October 11 by recognizing the local chapter of the Methodist Men. The men gathered at 7:30 a.m. for a ham breakfast and following the meal voted to re-activate the club. The following officers were elected: Don Walker, President; Herbert Roney, Vice President; Marvin Shebester, Secretary; Robert Floyd, Treasurer; and F. C. Hunter, Reporter.

The pastor of the church, Rev. Rufus Stark addressed the thirty men in attendance on "Being A Methodist Man." He stated that the purpose of The Methodist Men's Club is to assist men to live up to the highest standards of mankind and to do it all for the glory of God.

Mr. Warren McAdams, District Director of Methodist Men of the Burlington District, is a member of the Swepsonville Club. He spoke briefly at the meeting and will work with the newly elected cabinet in getting the club under way.

Activities At North Carolina Wesleyan College

President Collins preached at Brogden Methodist Church in Goldsboro on Sunday, October 11, delivered the Homecoming Service sermon at Eden Methodist Church, October 4, and led in revival services during that week.

He and Najman Rozenbaum, international Rotary scholar at Wesleyan, will address the Edenton Rotary Club on Thursday, October 15.

Dean Jack Moore served as guest minister at Marvin Methodist Church, Rocky Mount, on Sunday, October 4 and 11.

Dr. George V. Stern, professor of psychology at Syracuse University, was the first Danforth Visiting Lecturer on the Wesleyan College campus Monday and Tuesday, October 12 and 13.

Professor Ralph James of the department of religion addressed the Rocky Mount Study Club on the subject "Existentialism Study Club on the subject "Existentialism" at a recent meeting.

Dr. Walter Letham, distinguished Presbyterian minister from Chattanooga, Tennessee, spoke to the students at chapel on Tuesday and Thursday mornings, October 6 and 8.

High School guidance counselors from Nash, Edgecombe, Wilson and Halifax counties were entertained at a banquet on the Wesleyan College campus Tuesday, October 6. More than 75 were present for the banquet. Mezzo soprano Tina Pfohl inaugurated the Wesleyan concert series in Garber Chapel with a program of art songs and operatic arias on Tuesday, September 29. She was accompanied by Mrs. Penelope Gerschefski of the Wesleyan College faculty. 12 concerts and lectures will be presented during the 1964-65 academic year.

Biltmore Church, Asheville, Dedicates New Organ

Biltmore Methodist Church marked the 10th anniversary of the completion of its church building with a festival service October 11, at 11:00 a.m.

The service also featured the presentation and dedication of a new organ given by Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Rea, the oldest living members of the church. The organ was dedicated to Mr. and Mrs. Rea.

The Rev. Lee P. Barnett, who was pastor when the church was built in 1954, assisted in the service and recalled the Sunday in 1954 when the congregation moved into the church for the first time. The Rev. Embree H. Blackard, superintendent of the Asheville Methodist District, also took part in the service.

Music for the service was by the Handbell, Chancel and Chapel choirs accompanied by Milton Burgess, organist and choirmaster, at the new organ.

The Rev. Milford V. Thumm is the pastor of the church.

The new organ is an Allen-TC-4, with antiphonal organ and outside chime units.

There was an organ recital at 4 p.m. in the church by Charles Tennent, formerly of Asheville, and now organist and choirmaster at Selwyn Avenue Presbyterian Church in Charlotte.

Stoneville Church To Observe Homecoming October 25

Hodgin Memorial Methodist Church of Stoneville will observe homecoming Sunday, October 25 at the 11:00 o'clock hour. Rev. T. R. Wolfe, who lives in Stoneville, and who is a former pastor of the church,



Rev. T. R. Wolfe

will bring the homecoming message. Mr. Wolfe served the church from 1947–1951, during the time the present church was built. He retired at the conclusion of his pastorate there.

Rev. Mr. Wolfe served in the active ministry for 45 years, and at present he teaches an adult class in the church school. He is held in high esteem by the whole community. He and Mrs. Wolfe are greatly beloved.

Following the worship there will be a homecoming picnic lunch served to those attending.

Charlotte District Woman's Society Mission Study

The Charlotte District Methodist Women will hold their Annual Mission Study, October 27–30. Rev. Orin Hutchinson from Walkertown will be teaching on the theme, *The New Nations,* using two of the Approved Studies for 1964–65. "The United States Responsibility in a World Community of New Nations," and "The Church's Mission Among New Nations."

Night Classes will be held Oct. 27, 29, 30, from 7:30–9:30 each evening at Dilworth Methodist Church. Morning Classes will meet on Oct. 28, 29, 30, from 9:30–11:30 each morning at Pleasant Grove Methodist Church. These sessions will be a repeat of the night sessions. All Methodist Women are urged to attend and a special invitation is extended to the men.

Appalachian Wesley Foundation Dedicated Last Sunday

The Appalachian Wesley Foundation dedicated the new Methodist Student Center in Boone on October 18, 1964, at three o'clock in the afternoon. Special invitations were extended to the three North Carolina Bishops, members of the Interconference Commission and friends of the Foundation across the state.

Dr. Arthur Kale and Bishop Hunt preached at the morning services of the Boone Methodist Church. In the afternoon Bishop Hunt, Dr. Kale, chairman of the Interconference Commission on College and University Religious Life during the construction of the building, Dr. Herman Duncan, Superintendent of the Wilkesboro District, Dr. Ed Harrill, chairman of the Appalachian Wesley Foundation Board of Directors, Mr. Richard Crowder, pastor of Boone Methodist Church, and Mr. Maurice Ritchie, Methodist Campus Minister, participated in the Service of Dedication.

The Student Center is a $107,000 structure which was five years in planning and construction. The building includes a small chapel, a reception room, T.V. lounge, reading room, office and conference rooms for the campus minister, a secretarial office, a listening room, fellowship hall and large kitchen.

Because of the Campaign for Higher Education, the generosity of the Boone Methodist Church and numerous interested persons in the town of Boone, and across the state, the building is completely furnished and debt free.

Louisburg College Alumni Day

Saturday, October 10, was Alumni Day at Louisburg College. Many graduates attended the day's activities including those of the five–year reunion classes beginning with 1904.

Following registration in the Fine Arts Center, the grads gathered in the auditorium to hear words of welcome from President Cecil W. Robbins. Dr. Robbins stressed the importance of the college maintaining quality work, giving individual, personal attention to students. Bill Williamson, a recent graduate of Louisburg now attending Richmond Professional Institute in Richmond, introduced the featured speaker, Professor Robert John Versteeg, head of the Drama Department at Louisburg. Mr. Versteeg delivered an intriguing and delightul message utilizing the current monster craze as the vehicle to emphasize the importance of being responsible alumnus.

The alumni enjoyed dinner in the college cafeteria, after which the business session convened in Main Building. New officers of the Louisburg College Alumni Association elected for a two–year term are as follows: President, Floyd Ammons, Fayetteville; Vice President, Duffy L. Paul. Raleigh; Secretary–Treasurer, Miss Zelda Coor, Louisburg. Members–at–large, elected on a three–year rotation plan are Marvin Pleasant, Louisburg, 1965, Evelyn Harrison, Durham, 1966; Graham Kennedy, Rocky Mount, 1967.

After the business meeting, Louisburg College students entertained.



By Mary Gardner

The Gift

Slap-bat, slap-bat went Rick's feet on the stairs. In the kitchen, the air was filled with special Saturday-morning smell of pancakes and sausage. He looked out the window at the sunshine and suddenly he felt good inside. Just about every fish in the lake would bite today.

Daddy was already at the table. "Good morning, Rick," he said.

"Hi, Daddy. Hi, Mother."

"Good morning, dear," said Mother. "Sit down and eat your breakfast."

Pretty soon, Rick pushed his chair back from the table and started for the door.

"Rick," said Mother, "If you have finished, would you please go upstairs and straighten your room?"

"But, Mother . . . ,"

"But, Mother, nothing," she said a little crossly. "This is the third Saturday you've promised and my patience is wearing thin."

"But, Mother, Daddy promised to take me fishing today. Didn't you, Daddy?"

"Well, yes, I did, but . . ."

Mother frowned. She went to the sink and turned the faucet hard. She jumped back quickly as water began squirting everywhere.

Daddy went over and shut it off. "I guess I forgot, didn't I?" he said.

Mother nodded and started mopping the floor, but all at once she stopped. She covered her face with her hands and ran from the room.

Rick looked at Daddy. "What's the matter with Mother?" he asked.

It was a long, quiet moment before Daddy answered. "Rick, I think what Mother needs is a little cheering up. How about the two of us giving her a gift?"

"Sure," said Rick. "But what."

"Let's start by giving her the day off," said Daddy.

"A day off? But that's no gift."

"Oh? Then what do you think it should be?" Daddy asked.

"A nice, big package," said Rick.

"But, why do we give people packages, Rick?" Daddy asked.

"To make them happy."

"Yes," said Daddy, "because we love them, but a package is only one way of showing it. There are other, such as giving them a rest and doing for them to help make their work easier. I'm afraid we forget sometimes how hard Mother works. What do you say?"

Rick thought a minute. "Okay," he said.

Mother laughed when Rick and Daddy told her to take the day off. But soon she was happily on her way to town.

"Well," Daddy said, "let's go. We have things to do."

"I'll get the fishing poles," Rick said, running for the door.

"Whoa!" said Daddy. "That isn't what I meant."

"But, what about fishing?"

"There will be another day," said Daddy. "Right now there's a faucet to fix."

There was a small puddle of water still on the floor, and Rick stood for a moment dabbing the toe of his tennis shoe in it. "Why today?" he thought. "Couldn't we have given Mother next Saturday off instead? Besides, Daddy broke his promise. It just ain't fair. But was it fair to keep breaking promises to Mother?"

"I'm going down to the hardware store and get a few things," Daddy said. "Do you want to come along?"

"No," said Rick, "I think I'll just stay here."

When Daddy returned, Rick was waiting in the kitchen.

He handed Daddy the tools as he needed them, and soon the faucet was as good as new.

"Well, now," said Daddy. "If you will run down to the basement and bring back those two shelves I made so long ago, we'll really surprise Mother."

When Rick came back later, Daddy was fastening four pieces of black metal to the wall. Then he fastened the shelves to them, and the job was done.

Later in the afternoon, Mother came rushing in. "My goodness," she said. "I was having so much fun shopping, I forgot the time. How was the fishing?"

"We didn't go," said Rick. "We had more important things to do."

"Really?" Mother said, going to the sink. She started to run the water into a kettle, but remembered the faucet and jumped back. Nothing happened.

"You fixed it!" she said. She looked around. A big smile came over her face. "And you put up my new shelves too! So that's why you stayed home. Oh, Thank you."

That night, when Daddy and Mother went to Rick's room to say goodnight, their mouths fell open with surprise.

"Rick," Mother cried. "You have straightened your room. How nice it looks."

"But when?" Daddy asked.

"While you were at the hardware store," said Rick.

Mother came and sat on the side of the bed. "Do you know," she said, "This has been one of the nicest days I've ever had."

"Even nicer than a birthday with packages?" asked Rick.

"Much nicer."

Daddy looked at Rick and winked, and suddenly Rick felt tingly all over like strawberry soda.

This HAD been a nice day-almost as nice as a birthday.

—Linda Alexander

What Do You See In Jerusalem?

In the long word JERUSALEM there are a great many small words such as: use, me, sale, jam. How many more can you see? You may change the letters around but use each letter only once, except e which is found twice in Jerusalem.

Make a list. You should be able to get at least 25, counting the four above. Some people have made over 50.

A Prayer

Holy God, who madest me
And all things else to worship Thee,
Keep me fit in mind and heart,
Body and soul to do my part;
Fit to stand, and fit to run,
Fit for sorrow, fit for fun,
Fit for work and fit for play,
Fit to face life day by day.
Holy God, who madest me,
Make me fit to worship Thee. Amen

Bible Quiz

1—Who started Christian churches in Asia Minor and wrote letters to encourage the people? letters which are in the Bible?
2—What man in the Bible was put in a den of lions?
3—What Queen in the Bible saved the Jews after an order had been signed by the King to kill them?
4—When did a boy help Jesus perform a great miracle?
5—Where in the Bible would you find the story of Moses?

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Answers to Last Week's Questions

1—The little girl who served Naaman's wife. (2 Kings 5:5)
2—Soloman. (1 Kings 3:4-15)
3—Rhoda (Acts 12:11-19)
4—The Shunammite's son raised by Elisha (2 Kings 4:8-37)
5—David. (1 Samuel 16:1-13)

Woman's Activities

"A Call To Prayer And Self-Denial"

MRS. H. W. DOUB

Methodist women will pause in their busy activities during the week of October 25th to gather together to answer the "Call To Prayer and Self–Denial."

We know Methodist women will listen to this "Call" because they all realize their need for it. We like to visualize the scene, as our groups gather together, some in beautiful cathedrals, some in the larger city churches and some even "in the little brown churches in the vale." All approach our Heavenly Father with sincere hearts and earnset supplications for the blessings of His Presence, not only for themselves but for all mankind.

It is most interesting to note that the material for "the Quiet Day" this year is written by one of our very own, Miss Clarice Bowman, born in Mount Airy, N. C., author of many church periodicals. Miss Bowman has served as a director of religious education and is a frequent speaker and teacher in Christian camps, workers' meetings, training schools and curriculum conferences. She is a consultant to the American Friends Service Committee, and to the National Program Committee of the YMCA. Formerly professor of Religion at High Point College, High Point, N. C., she now teaches at Bangor Theological Seminary in Maine. She is well known in our Southeastern Jurisdiction.

Miss Bowman says "This is a different sort of day; and perhaps at first it may seem diferent. Look forward then to silence as offering adventure. Move forward into it trustfully and expectantly. *Listen.* Let your response be *God-Led.* As little children a-tiptoe for surprises, we look forward, knowing something *New* will come this day —we wonder *What?*"

New Bern District Executive Meeting

The members of the executive committee of the New Bern District Woman's Society of Christian Service met at Centenary Methodist Church in New Bern on Thursday, October 8, with 8 members present.

Mrs. Howard H. Rhodes, district president, presided. Mrs. H. B. Jones, Jacksonville sub-district leader, opened the meeting with prayer.

Mrs. Rhodes welcomed all members of the committee and each member gave a report of the progress of their respective lines of work.

Mrs. William Redfearn of Jacksonville was appointed to fill the vacancy of secretary of children's work.

Mrs. Rhodes announced that Sneads Ferry and Verona were now in the New Bern District.

Mrs. Irving Cook, vice president for the district reported that the work shop held in the district was well attended and the studies presented real well. She thanked all those who participated.

Mrs. John Zang, chairman of the Wesleyan Service Guild, extended an invitation for the group to attend the district Wesleyan Service Guild meeting to be held at Ann Street church in Beaufort on October 25 at 2:30 p.m.

Mrs. Rhodes reminded the group of the sub-district meetings to be at the following places, also that all district officers would have clinics at each meeting.

October 13—Jacksonville sub-district at Trinity church in Jacksonville, Mrs. H. B. Jones as chairman.

October 15—New Bern sub-district at First church in Havelock, Mrs. L. A. Green as chairman.

October 20—Morehead City sub-district at Marshallburg Methodist church, Mrs. C. W. Taylor as chairman.

Mrs. Irving Cook dismissed the group.

MRS. HEDRICK AMAN,

New Bern District Public Relations Chm.

Wilmington District Workshop

MRS. LESLIE S. THOMPSON

"The Woman's Society of Christian Service—Members in a New Age" was the theme carried out at the Wilmington District Workshop held at Wesley Memorial Church in Wilmington. Mrs. Albert Goldfinch, president, presided. Miss Mary Nichols led in prayer and Miss Virginia Frank gave the meditation.

The program was arranged by Mrs. Warner R. Heston, vice-president of the Wilmington District.

A skit, 'Summons To a New Age," was presented by Mrs. George Farrar, Mrs. J. D. Snow and Mrs. A. L. Walters. Mrs. Heston presented the purpose and program in a new age.

The meeting was designed as a learning experience and members were urged to be aware of the ways in which they are learning as they might employ successfully the ways of learning in meetings and study classes.

Members were challenged to aim high in their goals through the five senses: seeing, hearing, smelling, tasting, and feeling; by doing, by association, by imitation and by accepting goals and purposes.

Classes and the teachers included: The church's mission among new nations, Mrs. W. C. Davis and Mrs. J. J. Fowler; The United States' responsibility in the world of new nations, Mrs. J. M. Carroll and Mrs. E. L. Smith; Spanish Americans, Mrs. J. C. Murdock; organization and function, Mrs. H. M. Turnell; program materials and audio-visuals, Mrs. W. L. Hickman.

The "New Age" theme was also carried out in place cards and decorations at the luncheon served by women of the host church.

W. N. C. Conference

MRS. JOHN C. WRIGHT

Important Conference At High Point College

"Christianity Confronts Communism" wi be the theme of a conference to be held a High Point College on Tuesday, Novembe 10th.

It is a one–day meeting planned by special commission appointed by Bisho Earl Hunt of Charlotte, presiding bisho of the Western North Carolina Conference It is sponsored by three groups in the Conference, the Woman's Society of Christia Service, the Board of Lay Activities and th Board of Christian Social Concerns.

Plans are being made for 1,000 person to attend the meeting which opens at 10:3 a.m. and closes at 4 p.m. Mrs. Leslie Barnhardt, president of the Woman's Society says, "We MUST have a minimum o 300 women among the 1,000!"

Speakers for the day include Bisho Hunt, Frank R. Barnett, project manage of the American Bar Association's committee on Education against Communism, D Harry Richardson, founder and first presi dent of the Interdenominational Theologica Center in Atlanta, Ga. and a 4th speake not yet announced.

It is hoped that the women in EVER district will get busy and plan to be i High Point for this conference. Distric presidents have been asked to help publiciz the meeting. Car pools may be formed i order to defray expenses. There should b MANY cars from each district and eac car should be FULL of interested churc people eager to learn of ways to comba this threat to Christianity.

A registration fee of $2.00 will defra the cost of lunch and of kit of materia to be given delegates.

WATCH for further news in your Christian Advocate. SAVE Nov. 10th as the da to go to High Point. ASK someone to g with you. BE there for the whole program

Light The "Lit–Lit" Tree

The Wesleyan Service Guild of the Western North Carolina Conference has a ver wonderful Christmas project each yea They call it, "Our Christmas Tree" project They wrap money in attractive little package and put it on the Christmas tree at th December meeting.

Each year they choose some project o special interest to which this money shoul be given. "This gives Guilders an opportunity to give out of their overflowing jo and abundance to a need which is great, says the current issue of *Guild–O–Gram* the World Literature and Literacy program, commonly called, "Lit–Lit" program So it will be a "Lit–Lit" Christmas tree

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Some of the Guilders have visited th international writing centers in Africa an Asia and have first hand knowledge of th needs at these centers.

Watch the Guilders have BIG "Lit–Lit Christmas trees.!

Miss Laura Wells In Kentucky

Miss Laura Wells. who was for five year a church and community worker in Cla

ɔunty, has been transferred to her native ıte of Kentucky.

She has been assigned to Lawrence ɔunty, Ky. by the Woman's Division of ıristian Service for the same type of work.

recent letters to her friends, she sounds ısy as can be—just as busy as she was in ay County.

Her work at Hayesville terminated Au–ıst 31. Her work there was so outstanding at she received national recognition in ticles published in *The Methodist Woman*. ne of the women in Clay County writes, 'he people of Clay County feel the loss such a capable worker and wish for Laura most successful service in Kentucky."

So do all of us who love Laura Wells!

Thomasville District

The women of the Thomasville District ade plans for a district mission study orkshop to be held at First Methodist urch, Lexington, on Sunday, October th, from 2:30 to 4:30 p.m. The plans ere made at a meeting of the executive mmittee held October 1st.

Miss Carolyn Thorne, church and com–nity worker for the Denton area, and the v. Herman Nicholson, district superin–ident, were present for the meeting.

Mrs. Julian Lindsey, district secretary of ssionary personnel, exhibited a chart owing the relationship of missionary per–nel from the local churches, through tricts, conferences, jurisdictions and on the national level of the Board of Mis–ns.

Mrs. Arnold Kirk, district president of ming events.

Asheville District Quiet Day Service

The women of the Asheville District will ve two services in observance of a Quiet y on Tuesday, Oct. 27th. One will be d at the Snow Hill Church near Ashe–le from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. and the er will be held at the French Broad thodist Church from 7:30 p.m. until 9 n.

Mrs. Moody Dunbar of Limestone, Tenn., retary of spiritual life of the Holston nference, will lead both services. Mrs. mon Hall, secretary of spiritual life of Asheville District, is in charge of ar–gements.

—Louise Wright

igh Point College Offers husual Course

Tim Bellinger of South Gate, California attending High Point College on a Los geles Reliance Universal Scholarship. He l be majoring in Paint Chemistry.

High Point College is the only college in country which offers paint and polymer mistry as an integral part of the cur–ılum for the B.S. degree in Chemistry. Dr. E. O. Cummings, Director of the ustrial Coatings Center at High Point es that Mr. Bellinger will receive a oretical and practical foundation for a eer as a research paint chemist.

Reliance Universal, a paint manufactur–company on the west coast which has nts in High Point, Louisburg, and other es across the nation, provides a $750 a year, four–year renewable scholarship to High Point College.

Bellinger is also provided with a summer job at the company while in school. Upon graduation he will probably become a re–search chemist for the company.

Greenville District Meeting Hears Dr. Arnold K. King

Greenville district laymen and ministers of the Methodist Church were told last Thursday night that "the only way to break the cycle of poverty is to break the cycle of ignorance." Dr. Arnold K. King of the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and a trustee of N. C. Wesleyan College was one of several speakers to address the Methodists following a banquet at the col–lege.

"I believe in Christian Higher Education as the most important and dynamic element in the higher education of our society," Dr. King emphasized. He said that a study just completed by Dr. Horace Hamilton of North Carolina State indicated that "if faci–lities are provided a total of 157,000 stu–dent will be enrolled in North Carolina colleges by 1970." The church and private colleges will have to take care of forty per cent of these students, according to Hamil–ton's study.

Dr. King expressed the opinion that as a result of his study of the network of community colleges expected to be in opera–tion by 1970, that only 18,000 of these students can be cared for by the new Community Colleges.

"The explosion of knowledge has made it impossible for ignorant men to live pro–ductively in our society," Dr. King con–tinued, "and the greatest need, next to dedicated religion, of our modern world is more education.

"To have people of good intentions and ignorant minds will not do in our society today. Next to the smart crook, the uneduc–ated man of good intentions is the most dangerous person in our society," he con–cluded.

Some 110 ministers and laymen through the six–county Greenville District were present for the Christian Higher Education rally, one of eleven currently being held throughout the conference.

Bishop Paul N. Garber of the Raleigh Area also addressed the meeting. Bishop Garber thanked those present who sup–ported the building of North Carolina Wesleyan and Methodist College, two col–leges chartered in 1956 which opened their doors in 1960.

He noted that Methodism supports 143 colleges and universities and that since the church's beginnings in the 18th century "higher education and evangelism" had been a primary interest of the Methodist Church.

Roy L. Turnage of Ayden, the N. C. Conference Lay Leader, and Dave Spier of Bethel, district lay leader, also spoke to the delegates. The Rev. James A. Auman of Raleigh executive director of the Association of Methodist Colleges, and Dr. T. A. Collins of N. C. Wesleyan were also pre–sented and spoke briefly. Rev. W. R. Stev–ens, Greenville District superintendent, pre–sided.

Red Hill-Tipton Charge Has New Parsonage

Sunday, September 27, was an important day for the pastor and laymen of the Red Hill–Tipton Hill charge in the Marion dis–trict. At the eleven o'clock service which was held at the Tipton Hill church, the district superintendent, the Reverend Charles



E. Shannon, brought a most inspiring and challenging message. He then conducted the first quarterly conference.

In the afternoon, Open House was held at the parsonage. Members of the parsonage committee served as hostesses. Mrs. Ken–neth Johnson directed the guests. In the receiving line to greet the guests were the Reverend and Mrs. Shannon, Reverend and Mrs. Ervin S. Cook, and Claude Hughes, chairman of the building committee.

In June of this year, the new parsonage for the Red Hill–Tipton Hill Charge was completed and ready for occupancy by the new pastor and his wife. The Reverend Collins Benfield, former pastor, contributed much of his time and skill and energy to the construction of this fine home.

This lovely home is located in Red Hill about two hundred yards from the Red Hill church. The house stands on a site which affords a wonderful view of the surrounding mountains. This land was do–nated by Mr. Rayburn Yelton of the Red Hill church.

The parsonage contains three bedrooms, a large living room, two bathrooms, a com–bination den and kitchen, pastor's study, a full basement, and carport. Total value of parsonage, furnishings, and land is ap–proximately eighteen thousand dollars.

The people are to be commended for their sacrificial giving, their earnest labors, and their far–sighted vision in providing this home that anyone could take pride in.



Sunday School Lesson

For November 1

By Raymond A. Smith
Head, Department of Religious Education
Greensboro College

Stewardship Of Possessions

Background Scripture: 1 Timothy 6
Lesson Scripture: 6:6–12, 17–19

It is necessary, in order to understand our Scripture for this lesson, to read carefully the entire 6th chapter of 1 Timothy. The New English Bible has a striking translation of some of the introductory verses, especially 3 through 5, which are a vital part of the thought expressed in verses 6–12. It runs thus: "This is what you are to teach and preach. If anyone is teaching otherwise he will not give his mind to wholesome precepts—I mean those of our Lord Jesus Christ—and to good religious teachings, I call him a pompous ignoramus. He is morbidly keen on mere verbal questions and quibbles, which give rise to jealousy, quarrelling, slander, base suspicions, and endless wrangles: all typical of men who have let their reasoning powers become atrophied and have lost their grip of the truth." These same people, according to verse 6 "think religion should yield dividends; and of course religion does yield high dividends, but only to the man whose resources are within him."

These quotations are a proper introduction to our theme, which is "Stewardship of Possessions." The temptations of wealth, and the harmful indulgences which often go along with it, are here contrasted with the virtues of simple living. The words "For we brought nothing into this world, and we cannot take anything out of the world" is another way of saying "You can't take it with you." There is a story of a wealthy man who had died, leaving the neighborhood where he had lived very curious as to how much he really possessed. A day or two after the funeral a man asked his pastor this question: "How much did he leave?" The minister looked straight at his questioner and said one word—"*Everything.*"

In our lesson occurs one of the most famous verses in the Bible: "The love of money is the root of all evil." This verse has often been misquoted as follows: "*Money* is the root of all evils." However, this is not true. Our Lord talked a great deal about money, pointing out ways in which it could be either a curse of a blessing, depending upon the way it is used. One may own money, or money may own him. John Wesley urged upon early Methodists the duty of "*earning* all you can, *saving* all you can and *giving* all you can."

Timothy is urged to avoid becoming a money-grabber and to concentrate rather upon the development of his character (see verse 11). He is to "fight the good fight of faith." The figure of speech used here is from the boxing arena; indeed there are many times when Paul used the imagery of the athletic contest to illustrate the nature of the Christian life (see, for example 1 Corinthians 9:24–27, or 2 Timothy 4:7). It will be remembered that in the Greco-Roman world much attention was given to keeping physically fit.

Notice that there is no suggestion that the Christian life is easily attained. On the other hand, it demands great effort. Once a man remarked that "It doesn't take much of a man to be a Christian, but it takes *all there is of him.*" In other words Christian living at its best is what is sometimes referred to as "a body and soul proposition." And, if the rewards are what the New Testament says they are, why shoudn't the struggle be worth the effort?

In verse 17–19 the letter turns to the rich. They are not condemned, but they are urged to "do good, to be rich in good deeds, liberal and generous." We know that some people of great wealth have an art of giving away money. Amid many appeals, from all sorts of sources, they must choose which response to make and decide which of many causes is most deserving.

There is a story to the effect that Dean Swift, of St. Paul's, London once concluded a sermon on giving this way: "He that hath pity on the poor lendeth to the Lord, and that which he hath given will he pay him again. Now my beloved brethren, you hear the terms of his loan: if you like the security, down with your money!"

Emory University Announces Ministers Week Plans

One of American Methodism's most creative ministers will share the platform with the president of the British Methodist Conference at Emory University's annual Ministers Week January 18–21, 1965.

Dr. Ron Meredith of First Methodist Church, Wichita, Kansas, will appear with Dr. Harold Roberts, principal of Richmond College in London and president of the British Methodist Conference.

A major Christian leader in Japan who is also an alumnus of Emory's Candler School of Theology will return to the campus. Dr. Kiyoshi Tanimoto will speak on "The Peace Movement in Japan Viewed from Hiroshima."

Emory dean Dr. William R. Cannon, one of the two official Methodist observers at the Vatican Council in Rome this fall, will give a report on his impressions and the implications for the Protestant world of actions taken in Rome.

Dr. John O. Gross, general secretary of the Division of Higher Education, Board of Education, will deliver an address and participate in the dedication of Bishops Hall.

This dedication of Bishops Hall will be one of the most important features of the week. The structure was erected several years ago by conference of the Southeastern Jurisdiction in honor of their bishops. The dedication, under church rules, takes place after a structure is completely paid for. The debt-free building symbolizes the achievement of Methodists in this region working together.

Conference groups and others will arrange special luncheons and dinners during the week, Dr. G. Ross Freeman has announced. Dr. Freeman is in charge of arrangements for Ministers Week.

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According to the National Safety Council, teen-agers who have had drivers education are involved in only half as many accidents and are convicted of only one third as many violations as those who have not had it.

Greensboro College Names Student Dean

Dr. Samuel R. Smith, educational director of the Firestone Plantations Co. in Harbel, Liberia, until August of this year, has been named dean of students at Greensboro College.

Dr. Smith first went to Africa under the auspices of the Methodist Mission in Liberia in 1943. During the following four years, he served as the acting president as well



Dr. Samuel R. Smith

as an instructor in the College of West Africa, dean of Stokes Bible School, associate pastor at the First Methodist Church in Monrovia, and business manager of the Methodist Mission in Liberia.

Other Activity

Returning to the United States in 1957, he became the midwest field representative for the Student Movement and pastor of the Methodist Church in Midlothian, Ill. He was appointed educational director of the Firestone Plantations in Harbel in 1949.

The plantation, in Harbel and Cavalla, consist of 100,000 acres and have a total population of 60,000. Of these, 21,000 are employes of the Firestone Co. In 1949 the entire educational program consisted of 3 schools, 4 teachers, and 150 students. In 1964, there were 15 school buildings, 36 teachers and 2,000 students at Harbel and 5 schools, 11 teachers and 630 students at Cavalla.

During his years as educational diector Dr. Smith developed an entirely new program for the staff school, an adult education program, literacy classes, clerical training, and industrial vocational education.

Ohio Native

A native of Ohio, Dr. Smith attended Ohio Wesleyan University, Yale University, Northwestern University, and Hartford Seminary where he did special work in African studies. He is an ordained minister of the Methodist Church and has been a member of the Northeast Ohio Methodist Conference since 1941.

He was made a grand commander, Order of the Star of Africa, by the Liberian government in 1954. The Grand Band, the highest decoration given by the same order was conferred on him by the Liberian government in 1959. Ohio Wesleyan University conferred the degree of Doctor of Human Letters (L. H. D.).

WNC Methodists To Face "Christianity and Communism"

Methodists of the Western North Carolina Conference will grapple with the mechanics of battling communism Nov. 0 during a "Christianity Confronts Communism" meeting in High Point College.

Four speakers will divide a morning–afternoon program with talks about the dangers of communism to a free society and the best means of using Christianity to combat this godless way of life.

Morning speakers will be Charles T. Vetter, Jr., of Washington, D. C., an officer with the U. S. Information Agency; and Dr. Harry Richardson of Atlanta, Ga., founder and first president of the Interdenominational Theological Center.

Afternoon speakers will be Dr. Frank R. Barnett of New York City, program director of the Institute for American Strategy and Bishop Earl G. Hunt, Jr., who presides over the Charlotte Methodist Area.

The purpose of the rally is "to provide basic information about the nature of the threat facing Christianity and the free way of life, to make churchmen aware of the resources available for learning about this challenge, and to help them arrive at personal convictions concerning a responsible strategy in a revolutionary age."

The meeting will convene at 10:30 a.m. in High Point College auditorium. There will be lunch for those who register, and also featured will be an afternoon question and answer session which will be followed by a closing talk by Bishop Hunt.

Conference leaders of both men's and women's organizations are being invited, along with young people.

Others on the program will include Dr. Wendell Patton, president of High Point College, who will give the invocation Dr. Colt McPherson, editor of the High Point Enterprise and chairman of the High Point College Board of Trustees, who will give the welcome; and Dr. Russell Montford, associate minister for First Methodist Church, High Point, who will lead the singing, and serve as registrar.

Robert M. Smith of Mount Airy, lay leader of the Western North Carolina Conference, is chairman of the meeting, and will preside over the afternoon session. Bishop Hunt will preside over the morning session.

The Rev. Ray Swink of Granite Falls, pastor of First Methodist Church of that city and president of the Conference Board of Christian Social Concerns, will be in charge of the program.

The meeting is being arranged by a special Conference Committee on Christianity Confronts Communism, appointed during the 1964 annual meeting of the Conference at Lake Junaluska.

The Committee, besides Mr. Smith, the Rev. Mr. Swink, Dr. McPherson and Dr. Montford, includes Dr. Ralph H. Taylor of High Point, the Rev. Julian A. Lindsey of Lexington, Carl B. Hyatt, Jr., of Asheville, Mrs. Carl H. King of Statesville, Dr. Cecil Heckard of Gastonia, and R. Powell Majors, Mrs. Leslie E. Barnhardt and John Borchert, all of Charlotte.

Advisor to the Committee is Peter White of Atlanta, Ga., an official for Education for Freedom, Inc.

Brevard College Briefs

A musical group from Brevard College, under the direction of Nelson F. Adams, recently gave the program for the Henderson County Classroom Teachers' meeting.

According to Admissions Director, W. Glenn Hardesty, Brevard College's present freshman class has the highest scholastic standing of any class to enter in the history of the college. Eighty–two per cent of the women and seventy–six per cent of the men are from the top three–fifths of their high school graduating classes.

A new International Relations Club was recently organized on campus. The first program of the year was given by Professor Ray Burson, a new faculty member, who showed slides of his visit to Cyprus and discussed the political crisis of that war–torn island. Professor Burson has spent considerable time in foreign service, having taught language schools in Columbia, South America, and in Izmir, Turkey.

The new Beam Administration Building, which is presently under the Admnistration scheduled for completion in the early winter months. The Administration Building will be the second unit of a three–building grouping, which will form the South Campus Quadrangle. Next year, the addition of a new classroom building will complete the quadrangle. Just completed is the new drive and parking areas in the vicinity of these facilities.

Homecoming will be observed on October 17 at Brevard. All alumni among ministers and laity of the area are cordially invited to spend the day at Alma Mater. The classes of '36, '40, '44, '48 '52, '56, '60, '64 will hold reunions, and many activites of interest have been planned. Registration and a morning coffee will begin at 10:00 a.m. and continue until 12:00 noon. Luncheon will be served in the Faculty Dining Room at 1:00 p.m. The afternoon will feature class meetings, a cross–country track meet with Wingate, a soccer game with Kings College, and swimming from 4:00–6:00 in the college's heated indoor Olympic pool. The evening activities will include the annual Homecoming Dance and the crowning of the campus choice, Queen Billie Hazelton of Fanwood, N. J.

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Worship Guide For "Great Day Of Methodist Singing"

Every Methodist church is encouraged to celebrate "A Great Day of Methodist Singing" Sunday, November 8.

A special hymn service, *We Believe* (9090–B), is available free from the Service Department, P.O. Box 871, Nashville, Tenn. 37202. It uses the twelve hymns of Methodism's current *Hymn of the Month* program.

The National Fellowship of Methodist Musicians (NaFOMM) recommends use of the service on November 8 to emphasize the great value of church music in the development of personal faith of persons and the singing traditions of the congregation. Methodism has always been known as a singing people.

Council Executive Committee To Meet In Kingston, Jamaica

Jamaica Methodists, affiliated with the Methodist Church in Great Britain, will be hosts to the 1964 meeting of the Executive Committee of the World Methodist Council.

This body of about seventy church leaders from all parts of the world will be in session at the Kingston Sheraton Hotel, Kingston, October 28 to November 2.

The World Methodist Council is an association of the churches "in the Methodist tradition throughout the world." It does not seek to legislate for them nor to invade their autonomy. In the language of the constitution "it exists to serve them and to give unity to their witness and enterprise."

Bishop Fred Pierce Corson of Philadelphia is president and Dr. Lee F. Tuttle of Lake Junaluska, N. C. and New York is the American secretary.

A feature of the session was a dinner at Old George's Church where district superintendents, their wives and other Philadelphia Conference dignitaries welcomed the guests. The Rev. Dr. Frederick E. Maser is minister of this historic church.

Among agenda items for the Jamaica meeting will be a progress report on the proposed union of British Methodism with the Church of England.

Another subject for discussion will be the trend toward the creation of autonomous churches and its probable effect on the World Methodist Council.

Preliminary plans will also be made in Kingston for the next World Methodist Council and Conference to be held in London, August 18–26, 1966.

An exchange of information between the member churches on "special ministerial appointments" in the several bodies will be undertaken at the coming meeting. Bishop Paul N. Garber is to present the facts as they are in the United States.

Action was taken in the Philadelphia meeting to clarify the legal status of the World Methodist Council, American Section. The committee voted to make the officers and members of the executive committee of the section the officers and members of the corporation. The American Section was incorporated in 1953.

Three new members of the American Section executive committee were elected: Mrs. Glenn E. Laskey, Ruston, La., Bishop Reuben H. Mueller (EUB) of Indianapolis, Ind. and Dr. Paul Washburn, Dayton, Ohio, executive director, Commission on Union, EUB Church. The Evangelical United Brethren Church had earlier been made a member of the World Methodist Council.

Representation of the Council at a conference of officials or world confessional bodies was authorized. It is to be held in Geneva, Switzerland, October 16–17. Bishop Corson, Dr. Tuttle and Edwin L. Jones of Charlotte, N. C., the Council's treasurer will attend.

Bishop Corson and Dr. Tuttle will be in Rome, October 9–14 and October 17–21 as official Methodist Observers. Later they will visit Australia, New Zealand and the Fiji Islands in the interest of the World Methodist Council.

Carolina Beach Church Will Observe Homecoming Oct. 25

By Dallas Mallison

St. Paul's Methodist Church at Carolina Beach will hold its 21st Annual Homecoming Day on Sunday, October 25th, with a former pastor, The Reverend C. D. Roettger, the guest speaker, it is announced by the Reverend Jack Martin, pastor.

The Reverend Mr. Roettger now minister at the West Rockingham Methodist Church, will bring the morning message at 11 o'clock, preceded by the morning church school session. Following the worship services a picnic dinner will be served on the ground. Several hundred persons, including former members and ministers are expected to attend.

During the past six years, under The Reverend Mr. Roettger and The Reverend D. L. Byrd, St. Paul's has carried on a very extensive modernization program. During this period it has erected a new sunctuary and educational building. Last Spring the new parsonage was completed. Recently, storm windows have been installed and repainting done. Including equipment the plant is now worth over $100,000.

The Church was organized on July 18, 1943 with 33 Charter Members. The membership of the old Federal Point Methodist Church was absorbed in the new church. Today the church membership is 306 and the church school enrollment is 178.

A native of Mississippi, the present pastor came here the first of July. He came here from a three-year pastorate of a three-point charge of the Alaska Mission of the Methodist Church. Previously, he had served the four-point Pinebluff Charge.

The Reverend Mr. Martin completed his B.D. degree at Duke Divinity School in 1961 and is a member of the North Carolina Conference. A native of Mississippi, he did his B.S. degree at Mississippi State University at Starksville. Mrs. Martin is also a Mississipian.

Including the present pastor, St. Paul's has had 10 ministers. These are the late Reverend E. W. Downum (1943); the Reverend Paul Carruth (1943–45), at Hayes-Barton Methodist Church in Raleigh; The Reverend J. Edwin Carter (1945–49 associate at First Methodist Church, Hickory, The Rev. H. L. Harris (1949–50), of Wendall, Retired; The Reverend L. D. Hayman (1950–54), Southport, retired; The Reverend M. W. Wells, Jr. (1954–57), Greensboro, State Director of the Methodist Student Movement; The Reverend John S. Pearsall (1957–58), Chaplain at the Eastern North Carolina Sanatarium at Wilson; The Reverend C. D. Roettger (1958–60), West Rockingham; The Reverend D. L. Byrd (1960–64), Mt. Sylvan Methodist Church, Durham; and The Reverend Mr. Martin.

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Church School Institutes Planned For North Carolina Conference

Church School Institutes will be held in Subdistrict areas throughout the North Carolina Conference November 2-18 on the theme, "Reaching More Persons With The Gospel." Featuring workshop groups for all church school officers and teachers, Commission on Education Chairmen and Pastors, they will be conducted in each of the eleven districts by teams of workers who have had special training for this purpose. They are sceduled for the hours of 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. each evening. The major workshops groups and schedule of these Institutes are as follows:

Workshop Groups

I. *General Church School Workers.* For General Church School Superintendents, Membership Cultivation Superintendents and Commission on Education Chairmen.
Theme: Reaching More Persons With The Gospel
Leaders: District Directors of General Church School Work

II. *Adult Workers.* For Adult Division Superintendents, Officers and Teachers of Adult Classes (at least one representative from each adult class), and pastors.
Theme: Taking Bible Study Seriously
Leaders: District Directors of Adult Work

III. *Workers With Youth.* For Youth Division Superintendent, Teachers and Counselors of youth.
Theme: The New Adult Worker with Youth
Leaders: District Directors of Youth Work

IV. *Workers with Children.* For Children's Division Superintendents, Counseling Teachers and Classroom Teachers.
Theme: Christian Studies for Methodist Children—Evaluation and Planning
Leaders: District Directors of Children's Work

Burlington District
November 2-Prospect Church (Yanceyville Charge)
November 4-Pittsboro
November 5-First Church, Graham

Durham District
November 9-Long Memorial, Roxboro
November 10-Oxford
November 12-Duke Memorial, Durham

Elizabeth City District
November 9-Ahoskie
November 10-First, Elizabeth City
November 11-Roper
November 12-Mount Olivet, Manteo
November 13-Buxton

Fayetteville District
November 9-Christ Church, Fayetteville
November 10-Lillington
November 11-Chestnut St. Church, Lumberton

Goldsboro District
November 9-Mount Olive
November 10-Fremont
November 11-First Church, Clinton
November 12-Selma
November 16-St. Luke's Church, Goldsboro

Greenville District
November 9-Queen Street Church, Kinston
November 10-Jarvis Memorial Church, Greenville
November 11-Snow Hill
November 12-First Church, Washington
November 13-Belhaven

New Bern District
November 10-Centenary, New Bern
November 11-Trinity, Jacksonville
November 12-First, Morehead City
November 13-Williston

Raleigh District
November 10-Edenton Street Church, Raleigh
November 11-Franklinton
November 12-Norlina
November 16-First Church, Henderson

Rocky Mount District
November 16-West Nash Church, Wilson
November 17-First Church, Rocky Mount
November 19-South Rosemary Church, Roanoke Rapids

Sanford District
November 9-Trinity Church, Troy
November 10-Southern Pines
November 12-First Church, Laurinburg
November 16-First Church, Rockingham
November 17-Steele Street Church, Sanford

Wilmington District
November 9-Grace Church, Wilmington
November 10-Whiteville
November 11-Elizabethtown
November 12-Burgaw
November 17-Southport

Pastors and Church School Workers are urged to take advantage of these timely training opportunities and to attend he Institute most convenient for them since the content of each will be identical.

A Churchman's Tour in '65

Around the World via the Orient, Bible Lands and Europe

June 28-August 20, 1965; or departing New York to Cairo July 15

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The Twenty-Year-Long-Range Building Plan of the Sedge Garden Methodist Church. From left to right the buildings are: the present sanctuary, the present educational building, new classroom wings, and the new sanctuary. Directly behind the new sanctuary is the fellowship hall. To the right of the fellowship is a wing including offices, conference room, parlor, choir room and library. The present sanctuary would be remodeled into a beautiful chapel and three classrooms.

SEDGE GARDEN METHODIST CHURCH, KERNERSVILLE, ENTERS LONG RANGE BUILDING PROGRAM

After three years of intensive study and planning the Sedge Garden Methodist Church, Route 3, Kernersville, North Carolina, has adopted a challenging building program to be completed in units over a period of twenty years or longer as the needs of a growing community make the expansion of church facilities necessary. The total project includes a new sanctuary to seat 676 persons in air-conditioned comfort; 17 new classrooms meeting modern Christian Education specifications; a fellowship hall to seat 300 persons with adequate kitchen and stage for drama and worship; adequate facilities for an expanding youth program; church offices, conference room, parlor, choir room and library. The present sanctuary will be remodeled to provide three additional classrooms and a lovely chapel.

The Methodist Men's Club and the Boy Scout Committee have already begun the construction of a new Scout Hut on the church property on Oak Garden Road. The concrete block building will be 1,800 square feet in size and will include an assembly hall, instruction rooms, storage space and rest rooms. The hut will be used primarily by the Boy Scouts, and the Girl Scouts; but the building will be available to other church and community groups.

In a Church Conference on Sunday, October 11, the members of the church voted overwhelmingly in favor of the first major unit to be constructed—the new sanctuary and four of the new classrooms. Construction will begin when detailed plans and cost estimates have been approved and necessary funds have been secured. A building Fund Campaign will soon be initiated. In preparation for this new construction and in preparation for units which will be built at a later time, the following work is included with the first unit: the installation of a new boiler with heat conversion units to replace the outmoded heating system in the older buildings, to heat the present educational building, the new sanctuary and classrooms, and with sufficient capacity to heat later buildings; a new well and water system; installation of electrical supply outlets sufficient for present and future use; developing, landscaping and paving of a large new parking lot to the west of the new sanctuary. The maximum estimated cost of this project is $250,000. The firm of Lashmit, Brown and Pollock, Inc. of Winston-Salem, North Carolina, has developed the twenty-Year-Long-Range Plan and will continue to serve as the church's architects. The Building Committee consists of Mr. Ray Cates, Chairman; Mr. Edwin Swain, Mr. Roger Hastings, Mr. Fred Campbell and Mrs. Stacy Kirkman. In developing the plans the Building Committee has been assisted by the recommendations of a Long Range Planning Commission of the Church which studied the needs of the church and community for an entire year, the Board of Christian Education of the Western North Carolina Conference of The Methodist Church, and the National Board of Missions of The Methodist Church.

CAROLINA BRIEFS

¶ Dr. Fred W. Paschall, of Hendersonville, retired, preached at the East Flat Rock Methodist Chruch, Sunday October 18 at 11:00 a.m. Rev. W. A. Kerr is the pastor.

¶ The new addreses of Rev. R. L. Young, retired member of the Western North Carolina Conference, after October 30, will be Box 571, Umatilla, Florida.

¶ Woodington Methodist Church will conduct Revival Meetings November 8 through 13 nightly, with Rev. D. E. Earnhardt of Durham, N. C. as guest evangelist. Rev. Henry F. Pollock is the pastor.

¶ Dr. J. Ralph Jolly, president of Greensboro College, was the featured speaker last Thursday evening at the Sub-District Methodist Youth Rally of Rockingham County held at Woodmont Methodist Church, Reidsville. Dr. Jolly spoke on "Protestantism."

¶ Rev. Andrew K. Meeder, pastor of Northview Methodist Church, Hollins, Va., preached at Noble Chapel Church homecoming service October 18. Mr. Meeder also assisted the pastor, Rev. D. W. Charlton, in revival services Sunday through Wednesday of last week.

¶ Bishop Earl G. Hunt of the Charlotte Area will preach in Broad Street Church, Statesville Sunday, November 1 at 11:00 o'clock. Following the worship service there will be a luncheon at 12:30 honoring Bishop and Mrs. Hunt. Rev. Walter Lee Lanier is the pastor.

¶ Rev. Horace McSwain, executive secretary of the Board of Missions of the Western North Carolina Conerence will be one of the leaders in the workshop on Missions at the North Alabama Conference workshop on missions held at Camp Sumatanga, Alabama, October 30-31.

¶ North Carolina Wesleyan College at Rocky Mount is inviting college counselors from the various churches to attend a workshop on the campus October 30, 1964. Information concerning deserving youth and the possibilities of needed scholarships assistance will be available.

¶ Bishop Paul Hardin of the Columbia (S. C.) Area is this week conducting the Houston Preaching Mission at Central Church, Concord. Services are held each evening at 7:30 The Bishop is also speaking in the morning hours Monday at the High School; Tuesday at noon to the ministers; Wednesday to the Rotary Club. Rev. Roy E. Bell is pastor of Central Church.

¶ Dr. John Rustin will be the speaker at the Long's Chapel Methodist Church, Lake Junaluska, Sunday November 1 through Thursday, November 5. Dr. Rustin is a resident of Atlanta where he will begin teaching duties at the Candler School of Theology. He has served the Broad Street Methodist Church in Kingsport, Tenn., Belmont Methodist Church, Nashville, Tenn., and the Mount Vernon Place Methodist Church in Washington, D. C. Rev. James S. Bellamy is the pastor.

¶ Important notice—Any small church or parsonage needing a good stokol coal stoker may have one free of charge by contacting Mr. D. M. Davidson, Box 46, Gibsonville, N. C. Telephone 449-4625, Gibsonville. Mr. Davidson has replaced the stoker with an oil furnace and is willing to donate the stoker to a church or parsonage. It is in good condition.

¶ Rev. and Mrs. J. Doane Stott, who have spent some 16 months in missionary work in Japan, have just returned to the States, and are making their home at 903 N. Eugene Street, Greensboro, N. C. Mr. Stott is a member of the North Carolina annual conference. The Stotts have a daughter, Mrs. Charles E. Gilbert, who resides in Greensboro.

¶ Rev. Jack C. Smith, a missionary to Hawaii who is home for a brief furlough spoke last Wednesday night at the Main Street Church, Reidsville. It was a covered dish supper. Mr. Smith is partially supported by funds provided by members of Main Street Church. Mr. Smith is a member of the Western North Carolina annual conference. Rev. D. Edwin Bailey is pastor at Main Street Church.

¶ Rev. Freeman Heath, director of evangelism for the North Carolina Conference, spoke last Sunday at the Mount Olive Methodist Church, and conducted an all-day program of training in evangelism, including workshops, as well as preaching services. A covered dish supper was served in the evening, followed by the closing workshop. Rev. Christian White is the pastor at Mount Olive.

¶ Pfeiffer College has received a gift of $1,250 from the Alcoa Foundation in support of the college's liberal arts program. The presentation was made to Pfeiffer President Dr. J. Lem Stokes, II, by J. B. Holmes, Works Manager, The Badin Division, Aluminum Company of America, Badin, North Carolina. The gift will be used by the college to supplement its $100,000 yearly scholarship program.

¶ Robert W. Delp, assistant professor of history at Atlantic Christian College in Wilson will lead a one-session study of "The United States and The New Nations" at First Methodist Church, Washington, N. C. November 11 from 7:30 to 9:00 p.m. The study is sponsored jointly by the Woman's Society of Christian Service and the Commission on Christian Social Concerns. Rev. T. J. Whitehead is pastor of First Church.

¶ On October 14, the Rockingham County area ministers and wives met and organized. The second Monday of each month was designated as the meeting date—Separately for meetings at 10:30 a.m. Jointly for covered dish at 12:00 noon. The following officers were elected with Mrs. Thornton Hawkins, First Methodist, Reidsville serving as temporary chairman of wives: Pres. Mrs. Worth Royals, Spray; Vice Pres. Mrs. Larry Wilkinson, Woodmont, Reidsville; Sec. Treas. Mrs. Donald George, Mayodan.

¶ Rev. A. F. McClung, pastor of the Lakewood Methodist Church in Durham, participated in the simultaneous district-wide revival effort of the Richmond District by being guest preacher at St. Paul's Methodist Church, at Ruther Glen, near Richmond. Rev. William R. Kyle, Jr., a former student at Duke Divinity School and former Student Associate at Lakewood Church, is pastor of St. Paul's.

¶ Bishop Francis E. Kearns, Canton, Ohio, was elected chairman of the Interboard Committee on Christian Vocations of The Methodist Church in a meeting held in Nashville Oct. 18-19. Bishop James S. Thomas, Des Moines, Iowa, was elected vice chairman. The Rev. Fred Cloud, Nashville, staff member of the Editorial Division of the Methodist General Board of Education, was re-elected secretary.

¶ The Fayetteville District Workshop and Sub-District members of the Woman's Society of Christian Service of all Methodist Churches in the Fayetteville district was held at Cokesbury Methodist Church in Stedman Tuesday October 13, 1964 at 9:30 a.m. Lunch was served for ninty-eight people by the ladies of the Cokesbury Woman's Society of which Mrs. Lloyd Langley is president. The Stedman Church has been remodelling the parsonage. All rooms have been painted and new bed rooms have been added.

¶ Homecoming services will be held at Wharton Trinity Methodist Church on the Washington Circuit in Beaufort County Sunday November 8th. The pastor Rev. Nelson Fulford and the membership extends a cordial invitation to all former pastors, former members and friends to attend. A picnic dinner will be served on the grounds following the 11:00 o'clock worship hour. The Reverend William R. Frost, Mocksville, North Carolina will be the guest evangelist for the week beginning November 2nd and closing the revival on Homecoming day.

¶ The editor spoke to the Methodist Men's Club at the Ardmore Methodist Church in Winston-Salem last Wednesday evening. It was a supper meeting and a goodly group of some fifty men were present. It was a delightul experience to have fellowship with our good friend, the pastor, Dr. Eugene C. Few, and a fine group of his members. Ardmore is one of the outstanding churches of the Western North Carolina Conference. Incidentally, they handed the editor a good number of new subscriptions to the Advocate. They plan a campaign to place it in many homes.

¶ The Advocate office was visited Thursday by a group of ministers from the Western North Carolina Conference who were on the orientation tour. This is directed each year by Rev. Garland Stafford, and is designed to acquaint the men coming into the conference with the various institutions of the church. Visits are made to Brevard College, Pfeiffer College, Greensboro College, High Point College, Home for the Aging at Charlotte, Children's Home at Winston-Salem, Hugh Chatham Hospital at Elkin, and the North Carolina Christian Advocate at Greensboro. Some 15 to 20 ministers were on the tour.

¶ Dr. Mark Depp of Winston-Salem will be the preacher for the annual preaching mission at Christ Methodist church in Greensboro November 1-4. Rev. Charles G. Beaman is the pastor.

¶ Rev. and Mrs. William H. Dingus of Asheboro announce the birth of a son, William Derek, October 14. Mr. Dingus is pastor of Grace and Union Grove Methodist churches in Asheboro.

¶ Dr. Harry V. Richardson, president of the Interdenominational Theological Center, at Atlanta, Ga., will speak at the 4 p.m. vesper service at Bennett College, Greensboro on Sunday, November 1, in Pfeiffer Chapel.

¶ Dr. J. V. Early of Rockingham is preaching this week in revival services at Culbreth Memorial Methodist Church in Fayetteville. Rev. Paul Scott, pastor of St. Andrews church, Fayetteville, is leading the song services. Rev. Gilbert Beeson is the pastor of Culbreth Memorial.

¶ The Boone Methodist Church conducted fall revival services October 18-22. Rev. Tom Stockton, minister of Dilworth Methodist church, Charlotte, was the revival preacher. Dr. John Barden, a member of the church, led in the congregational singing. Rev. Richard J. Crowder is the minister of the church.

¶ Hickory Grove Methodist Church, near Greensboro, Rev. F. W. Dowd Bangle pastor, observed Layman's Day Sunday, October 18 with Mr. Zell Ford, associate lay leader of the Greensboro District, as the speaker. His subject was "Christ Calls Men." Mr. Ford is an active member of the Leaksville Methodist Church having served as chairman of the official board, and in other positions. Mr. John D. Carroll is lay leader of the Hickory Grove church and directed the program.

¶ The Finch Preaching mission at Memorial Methodist Church, Thomasville will be held November 1-5. The preacher will be Dr. Bryant Kirkland, Minister of Fifth Ave. Presbyterian Church, New York City. Rev. Kenneth Johnson, Pastor of Asbury Memorial Church, Asheville, will lead the singing. Guest soloist will be Mrs. Arthur Gray, Jr., who is a sister of Mrs. Kenneth Johnson, the song leader's wife, and is a member of Dr. Kirkland's Church in New York. Rev. Melton E. Harbin is the minister of Memorial church.

¶ The month of October was set aside for the observance of Layman's Day and the sacrement of Holy Communion in each church of the Weaverville Circuit of the Methodist Church at Weaverville, N. C. The church having the 10:00 a.m. service had Layman's Day. No speakers were brought in from other areas as the laymen of each charge presented the worship service, including several short sermonettes with spiritually rewarding results. The church having the 11:00 a.m. service observed the Lord's Supper with the pastor in charge. Alexander's Chapel, Clark's Chapel, Pleasant Grove, Union and South Fork Methodist Churches make up the Weaverville Circuit being served by the Rev. Philip S. Barnes.

¶ A special Billy Graham Film entitled "Almost Persuaded" will be shown Sunday night, November 1, at 7:00 p.m. at the Mt. Tabor Methodist Church, of which Rev. E. L. Murpy is the pastor. The public is cordially invited to attend te showing of this special film.

¶ Dr. Truman Potter, minister of Christ Methodist Church, Charleston, W. Va., preached in First Methodist Church, Hickory last Monday and Tuesday evenings. His subject Monday evening was "Finding Renewal", and Tuesday evening, "The Key to Happiness." Dr. R. G. Tuttle is pastor of First Church.

¶ The Mount Olive Sub-District MYF will meet Sunday, November 1 at 2:30 p.m. at Browning's Methodist Church. All members of the local MYFs from the sub-district are urged to attend. The treasurer, Debbie Jackson, and chairman of the Program Area of Outreach, Walter Patten, will lead the discussion following the showing of the filmstrip "Counterfeit."

¶ Revival at Gideon Grove Methodist church on the Flat Rock charge, Greensboro District will begin Sunday, November 1 with the 11:00 oclock service, and continue through Friday evening of the week. Song services begin promptly each evening at 7:30 and special music is being arranged for each service. The Rev. Buford M. McElroy, pastor of the First Methodist Church of Camp Hill, Alabama will be the visiting minister. Rev. David E. Hubbard is the pastor.

¶ The Editor preached last Sunday at Smyrna Methodist Church in the new Sanford District. Rev. Tom R. Conway is the pastor. Smyrna is an excellent rural church of brick construction, and has a very beautiful and worshipful sanctuary. They are now completing a new education building to take care of the growing Sunday school. They are also working on their Advocate subscription campaign. It was a pleasure to be again in the pastor's home and enjoy the delicious dinner with the family.

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Parent's Day At Louisburg

Parent's Day at Louisburg College was held Wednesday, October 28. Around 400 parents attended.

Events for the day began with registration at 9:45 in the Fine Arts Center, followed by a chapel service and a meeting of all parents in the college auditorium. A buffet luncheon in the Benjamin N. Duke College Union, informal visits with students followed at 2:45 p.m. A special musical program under the direction of Miss Sarah Foster and the Music Department was presented in the college auditorium, followed by a Parents-Faculty Tea in the Fine Arts Center.

Parents heard reports from President C. W. Robbins, Dean John B. York, Dean of Students T. A. Patterson, Director of College Relations David Daniel, President of the Student Government Association Earl Ridout of Durham and Vice President of the Association and President of the Women's Council Frances Dawn West of Elizabethtown.

Homecoming At Richlands

Homecoming was held at the Richlands Methodist Church October 18th. The weather being lovely, a large crowd of members as well as former members and friends gathered to renew friendships and enjoy a bountiful picnic lunch served on the church grounds.

The Homecoming sermon was delivered by Rev. Harvey Davis of Littleton, N. C. a former pastor of this church, and was enjoyed by all.

The highlight of the day came as much deserved honor and recognition was paid a beloved member of our church. Mrs. Hazel N. Cox was honored during the service for her unswerving and dedicated devotion to her church and her God. She has served for over 50 years as Nursery-Kindergarten teacher in the Sunday School and has sung in the Church Choir all these years as well. She was presented a wrist watch by the church, a corsage and a decorated plaque from her Sunday School class. Mrs. Byron Frazelle hand painted a registration book to be signed by all her former members. Her life continues to be an inspiration and blessing to all who know her and may she have many more years of service ahead.

DCEs To Meet In Raleigh

The North Carolina Fellowship of Directors of Christian Education, The Methodist Church, will hold a biennial meeting Nov. 2-4 in Edenton Street Methodist Church.

Dr. Howard Grimes, professor of Christian education at the Perkins School of Theology, Southern University, Dallas, Tex., will lead workshop sessions on the theme: "The Nature and Mission of the Church."

The Rev. R. Delbert Byrum, minister of education for Wesley Memorial Methodist Church, High Point, is president of the Fellowship and will preside.

The meeting will begin at 10 a.m. Nov. 2 with registration. The first workshop is scheduled from 2-5 p.m. that day. Other workshop sessions are sceduled for 9:15 a.m.-Noon, 2-3:15 p.m. and 8-9 p.m., Nov. 3, and 9:15-11 a.m., Nov. 4.

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EDITORIALS

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"And Their Works Do Follow Them"

The American people, regardless of partisan political affiliations, mourn the passing of a great American who served his country magnificently and extended his service far beyond the borders of his own native land. Herbert Clark Hoover will be remembered as a man who rose from poverty to wealth, but who never failed to express his interest in the common man. Having been born in a two-room cabin in West Branch, Iowa, the son of a blacksmith father and a devoutly religious mother, he was orphaned at the age of 10 years and in his boyhood knew poverty. His first paid job in his native Iowa was picking potato bugs at a penny a hundred. He worked his way through Stanford University and as a mining engineer amassed a fortune of $6 million dollars. In the White House he turned every dollar of his presidential salary over to charity or public service, as he did also the $25,000 a year pension voted to former presidents by congress in 1958. He was a prodigious worker whose energy was a constant source of amazement to his aides.

Mr. Hoover was a pioneer in the modern problem of mass food relief, and nearly every relief project of this type since World War I is indebted to his energy and daring in this field. He served well as Food Administrator during World War I and following. He never accepted pay for his services and usually paid his own expenses. On many occasions his food relief agencies influenced the course of history, particularly where the organization could feed people who otherwise would have fallen prey to communism. He served as director of 12 educational and scientific institutions and received honorary degrees from many of them. He also took part in numerous fund-raising drives for the betterment of humanity.

Men of both national political parties, including former presidents Harry Truman, and Dwight D. Eisenhower and President Lyndon B. Johnson, pay high tribute to Mr. Hoover as a great American who has rendered a noteworthy service to mankind. President Johnson has proclaimed a 30 day mourning period, and directed that American flags be flown half staff at the White House on all buildings, grounds, and naval vessels of the nation and at embassies and other facilities abroad.

Mr. Hoover's religious convictions were deep and meaningful and he expressed them in a practical way as he lived and served humanity during his day. To him may be applied the scriptural words: "Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord from henceforth: Yea, saith the Spirit, that they may rest from their labours; and their works do follow them." A great American has fallen, but a grateful nation will continue to cherish his memories.

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THEME FOR THE WEEK

"Behold what manner of love the Father hath bestowed upon us, that we should be called the sons of Gods therefore the world knoweth us not, because it knew him not."
—John 3:1

Young People Involved In U.S.-2 Mission Work

The Western North Carolina Methodist Conference gave up two girls to U.S.-2 mission work elsewhere in the nation this fall, and received two in return.

The four girls are part of 25 young people who comprise the 1964 class of U.S.-2—young churchmen who will serve Methodism in its missionary outreach in the U. S. in a variety of ways.

Miss Nancy Weldon of Greensboro and Miss Mary Eunice Benfield of Mill Spring have departed for work outside their conference. Miss Weldon will be a social worker at the Wesley Community Center, a Methodist institution in Atlanta, Ga. Miss Benfield will be a rural church and community worker in Howard Count, Mo.

Miss Rosemary Shireman of Rt. 1, Salisbury, Ind., has arrived at the Cherokee Methodist Center to do church and community work. Miss Donna Grim of Rt. 1, Wilmington, Pa., will be a teacher for two years in Allen High School, Asheville, a national Methodist mission school.

The 20 women and five men took six weeks of training at Scarritt College this summer. Altogether 19 states are represented among the group.

Miss Weldon is a native of North Carolina and was graduated this past spring from Duke University with an A.B. degree in religion. She is a member of West Market Street Methodist Church, Greensboro, where her father, Dr. Wilson O. Weldon, is pastor. At Duke she was a member of the Duke Religious Council, Methodist Student Council and the Duke chapter of CORE, as well as being secretary of the Methodist Student Movement of North Carolina and a meber of the YWCA.

Miss Benfield spent her early life in North Carolina and this spring received an A.B. degree in Christian education and English from Pfeiffer College. She was president of the Missions Club, a member of the Christian Education Fellowship, Christian Life Council and Methodist Student Movement while in college. She is a member of the Methodist church in Red Hill, N. C.

Rev. Mr. Heath Leads "E" Day At Sunset Church

On Sunday, October 18, Rev. C. Freeman Heath, director of the Conference Board of Evangelism, visited Sunset Park Church, Wilmington, and led in a special "Evangelism Sunday," according to word received from James C. P. Brown, host pastor.

At 9:45 a.m. Mr. Heath challenged the adult division of the Sunday School to let their Sunday School classes become mighty forces for evangelism in the community. He urged all Sunday School members to invite the unchurched to come with them to Sunday School and then the church worship services. He visited classes in the children's and youth division also.

At the 11:00 a.m. worship service, Mr Heath preached on "When You Are Converted, Strengthen the Brethren." Each church member was challenged to a renewal of church loyalty and, specifically, to promise to do his best to get to at least one of the services of worship for the next 10 Sundays without missing a Sunday. In the afternoon, following a period of instruction by Mr. Heath, visitors went out to offer the same challenge to all church members not in attendance at the morning service. At the evening service Mr. Heath preached on "I Am Not Ashamed of the Gospel."

" 'E' Day was a good day in our church," writes Mr. Brown. "We used it to launch our Church Attendance Crusade, which will continue through December. We expect visible benefit Sunday by Sunday." The chairman of the commission on membership and evangelism at Sunset Park is S. D. Albright, and the director of the Church Attendance Crusade is Mrs. Jack Yarboro.

G. C. Chaplain Gives Series At College Place

Donald Stanton, chaplain and professor of religion at Greensboro College recently engaged in a series of six Sunday morning lectures at College Place Methodist Church in Greensboro. Directed primarily toward college students and presented during the Sunday School hour, the purpose was to help those students who are struggling to find a faith by which they can live in today's world.

Mr. Stanton used the first five weeks of the program to define the different positions of the world's thinkers on religion. He covered such topics as fundamentalism, liberalism, neo-orthodoxy, existentialism, naturalism, and atheism and defined the ideas of Karl Barth, Bertrand Russell, Paul Tillich, and others. In the last session, he tied these together and discussed their implications in the students' lives.

Mr. Stanton's belief that below many students' surface indifference to religion lies a deep concern was proved in the first few weeks of his lecture. The attendance increased by about twenty each week until it more than doubled the maximum attendance for previous similar programs at the church.

Chaplain Stanton admitted that his lectures probably raised more questions in the students' minds than they had when they came. "But that's not too bad," he said. "Raising questions is a part of growing."

Concert Lecture Series At Methodist College

The Public Occasions Committee at Methodist College has announced the 1964-65 Concert-Lecture Series at the college.

In announcing the series Dr. Willis Gates, professor of music at Methodist College and chairman of the Public Occasions Committee, pointed out that two of the artists will come to the college through the fine arts program of the Association of American Colleges and two will come through the Danforth Foundation Visiting Lecturer Series.

The first two programs, which have already been presented, were:

October 4, 1964, Sacred Music Recital, Jean Ishee, organist, and Alan Porter, tenor, members of the college music department.

October 21, 1964, Concert, Luebeck Choir, well-known European singing group.

The remaining schedule is as follows:

October 28, 1964, Recital, Raul Spivak, Argentine pianist, who has played recital at Town Hall and Carnegie Hall, New York, and has appeared in solo performances with many of the major symphony orchestras of the world.

November 17, 1964, Lecture, Lisa Sergio, Danforth Lecturer on World Affairs. In 1962-63 she was a State Department Lecturer in India and Pakistan.

December 5, 1964, Concert, Fayetteville Symphony Orchestra, Willis Gates conductor, Harriet Prevott, piano soloist.

December 17, 1964, Christmas Concert, Methodist College Chorus Alan Porter, conductor.

February 9, 1965, Recital, Alan Porter, tenor.

March 2, 1965, Recital, Anne Rothgeb, soprano, who has sung in concert and opera in the United States, Austria, Germany, Switzerland, Belgium, Holland, France, and Italy.

March 20, 1965, Concert, Fayetteville Symphony Orchestra.

March 30, 1965, Lecture, Ira Progoff, Danforth Lecturer in depth Psychology. He is director of hte Institute for Research in Depth Psychology at Drew University and also practices psychotheraphy in New York City.

April 13, 1965, Concert, Methodist College Chorus.

April 27, 1965, Concert, Chamber music program to be presented by the Methodist College music department faculty and guest players.

May 15, 1965, Concert, Oratorio Methodist College Chorus and Fayetteville Symphony Orchestra.

Other members of the Methodist College faculty, in addition to Dr. Willis Gates, who have served on the scheduling committee making arrangements for this series are Dr. James Heffern of the biology department, and Mrs. Gretta Duncum of the psychology department and director of testing and guidance.

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Board Of Pension Pays Extra Bonus To Pensioners

Early autumn has had some of the aspects of Christmas this year for individuals or organizations with funds invested in programs of the General Board of Pensions of The Methodist Church.

More than $1.6 million is being paid as an extra bonus to individual pensioners, credited to reserve accounts, or added to funds deposited with the board annual conference, according to the Rev. Claire C. Hoyt, general secretary. The Board of Pensions has its headquarters in the Methodist Building in Evanston, Ill.

About $450,000 has been distributed to retired pastors, widows, or lay employees who are members of the Ministers Reserve Pensions Fund or the Lay Employees Pension fund, the Rev. Mr. Hoyt said. Amounts were computed on the basis of 70 per cent of a regular monthly check.

Another $400,000 has been credited to accounts of active pastors or laymen covered by the respective plans on the basis of one per cent of the total amount in their accounts at present.

About $800,000 has been credited to annual conferences having items such as endowment funds invested with the board.

The amounts come from the sale and exchange of securities by the board, the Rev. Mr. Hoyt said, and are made possible by a successful investment policy.

More than $3 million has been distributed as bonuses in the past three years by the Board of Pensions to participants in the various programs.

To Hold Laboratory School

A laboratory school for teachers using the new Methodist curriculum materials for children will be held November 1-5 at St. Paul Methodist Church in Goldsboro. The school is being sponsored by the Goldsboro Area Christian Worker's School, headed by the Reverend Mr. James Miller, pastor of St. Luke Methodist Church.

There will be three classes of twenty children each, and each class will be observed by twenty adults. Instructors for the classes will be: Mrs. W. R. Stevens, Greenville, Nursery-Kindergarten; Mrs. P. F. Newton, Snow Camp, Elementary I-III; and Mrs. O. V. Elkins, Littleton, Elementary IV-VI.

Scarritt College Trustees Elect New Officers

Bishop H. Ellis Finger of Nashville was elected chairman of the Scarritt College board of trustees during the board's regular fall meeting, Oct. 13, on the Scarritt campus, Nashville, Tenn.

Bishop Finger replaces Bishop Roy H. Short of Louisville, who was resident bishop of Nashville before his transfer last July. Bishop Finger was president of Millsaps College in Jackson, Miss., from 1951-1964, when he was elected bishop at the Southeastern Jurisdictional Conference. Since July, he has been bishop of the Nashville area, which includes three annual conferences in Tennessee.

Dr. D. D. Holt, president of the college, announced to the board that Scarritt has been ranked 23rd out of 76 Methodist colleges in the United States in growth of endowment by the Methodist Board of Education. The book value of Scarritt's endowment increased from $1,056,396 in 1959 to $1,494,515 in 1964. The market value is now $2,089,145.

Dr. Holt also reported on progress in Scarritt's $5,000,000 75th Anniversary Development Program. An apartment building for married students, a men's residence all, and the president's home now under construction have been obtained during the past five years. In addition to these, a new women's residence hall and another apartment building are projected for the near future.

Board Member George Cate, Jr. will organize a Development Council which will guide the college's expansion program. The council will coordinate the work of eleven committees of volunteer workers who will seek funds for new buildings and endowment from all parts of the nation. Mr. Cate is vice-mayor of Nashville and was a lay delegate to the 1964 General Conference from the Tennessee Conference.

J. Jay Gerber of Chicago, a consultant in public relations and development spoke to the board on its role in the expansion program. Mr. Gerber has been employed by the college for three years to assist trustees and the administration of the college in this program.

The board elected Mrs. J. Fount Tillman of Lewisburg, Tenn., first vice-president, and Bill Price of Burlington, N. C., second vice president.

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Bishop Earl G. Hunt Speaks To Ministers And Laymen

Bishop Earl G. Hunt of the Charlotte Area spoke to the ministers of the High Point District at Welch Memorial Church Tuesday October 20 at a luncheon at 12:00 noon. Ladies of the church served a delicious lunch to the some 60 ministers present. Dr. Ralph H. Taylor, District Superintendent, presided and presented the speaker. Bishop Hunt spoke in an informal manner to the preachers about their work, reminding them of the challenge that faces the Christian church today and the part the minister must play in meeting that challenge. It was a kind of pastoral exhortation the Bishop gave as he told the ministers that if he were in the pastorate today he would try to be well-read and well-prepared by being acquainted with the situation which confronts us. He urged the necessity of pastoral visitation to keep in close touch with the people; and the importance of being the very best preacher possible. Ministers should think through matters and arrive at conclusions, thereby being able to speak with authority to the waiting, anxious hearts of their parishoners.

In the evening at 6:15 Bishop Hunt spoke to the Methodist men at West Market Street Church in Greensboro. It was a supper meeting, and several hundred men were present. Mr. Roger Soles, vice chairman of the official board presided, and Mr. Kennedy Harris, church lay leader, presented special guests which included a number of the Greensboro ministers together with visitors who were guests of members. Dr. J. Garland Winkler, District Superintendent, gave the invocation, and the ladies served a delicious evening meal. Mr. William H. Jordan, choirmaster of the church led the men in singing a number of familiar songs.

Dr. Wilson O. Weldon, the minister, introduced Bishop Hunt, who brought an inspiring message in which he challenged the men to give themselves diligently to the cause of Christian living and service. He emphasized the importance of a personal commitment to God, reminding them that men are remembered for what they are and what they do. The times in which we live call for us to make a choice and determine where our interests are.

In presenting Bishop Hunt Dr. Weldon referred to the manner in which he is familiarizing himself with the interests and program of the Western North Carolina Conference and giving of his best and finest efforts in promoting them.

Success

Success is speaking words of praise,
In cheering other people's ways,
In doing just the best you can,
With every task and every plan,
It's silence when your speech would hurt,
Politeness when your neighbor's curt,
It's deafness when the scandal flows,
And sympathy with others' woes,
It's loyalty when duty calls,
It's courage when disaster falls,
It's patience when the hours are long,
It's found in laughter and in song,
It's in the silent time of prayer,
In happiness and in despair,
In all of life and nothing less,
We find the thing we call success.

—*Author Unknown*

Gastonia District Shows Good Gain In Missions

At the annual District Mission Rally recently held in the Gastonia District of the Methodist Church leaders from the 90 churches in Cleveland, Gaston, and Lincoln Counties heard a compelling message from Rev. Lonnie Turnipseed, Missionary from Hong Kong. A fine presentation of the work



Rev. Carl Judy

in the W. N. C. Conference was made by Dr. H. R. McSwain, Executive Secretary.

The District Missionary Secretary, Rev. G. W. Bumgarner, pastor of Boger City Methodist Church, reported on the success of a District Project. The Laymen of the District accepted the challenge to subscribe $5,000 to build a Layman's Training Center in the Chungju Methodist District in Korea. Amounts were subscribed by 54 churches varying from $5.00 up to $1,050.-00.

The Laymen's Training Center will be built under the supervision of Rev. Carl W. Judy, missionary from the W.N.C. Conference to Korea. There is much interest in this project which has now been assured. The importance of such projects can be seen in the fact that during the Korean War five hundred top Church leaders were taken beyond the 38th parallel and have not been heard from since. The people of Korea have been turning to the gospel in amazing numbers. Leaders there tell us that there could be a Protestant church in every village in Korea if there were trained leaders. Dedicated Korean people have said "We will do the job ourselves if we can get the training." So such centers are being built to give this training.

District Superintendent, Rev. Cecil L. Heckard, reports that acceptances for mission specials are running over $5,000.00 ahead of last year in the Gastonia District. 98.3% of the charges in the district have accepted World Mission Specials including 93.3% of the churches. 89.7% of charges and 86.7% of churches have accepted National Mission Specials. 91.4% of charges and 88.8% of churches have accepted specials for the Methodist Committee on Overseas Relief. The increase in these three categories average from 4% to 7% above the previous conference year.

Leading this work in the district, along with the District Superintendent and District Missionary Secretary are the 60 pastors and 90 Chairmen of the Commissions on Missions in the local churches.

A Workshop on November 1, 2:30-4:30 p.m. at First Methodist Church in Gastonia will train teachers of Children, Youth and Adults from the District to teach in the Church-wide School of Missions which will be held in each local church sometime during the conference year. The theme this year is "Spanish Americans."

Children's Literature Complimented

Carl H. King

A number of church bulletins are received by the Executive Secretary of the Board of Education and are appreciated. The following interesting paragraphs are taken from the bulletins of a rural charge and of a large city church. Both are excellent statements.

"Our New Literature"

The teachers in the Children's Division of the Sunday School are simply thrilled with the new literature, so are the children.

I think that this is something wonderful for the children of Methodism. However, there are some Methodist Churches who do not use our Methodist Literature. I happened to be in a Methodist Church this summer that was using some cheap substitute. I could hardly realize that I was in a Methodist Church. Children in Sunday Schools like that are being ungratefully cheated. This new literature is really opening a new door to Christian study for the children of the Methodist Church. I would urge every Methodist Church to give its children the opportunities this literature offers them.

—Earl A. Cook, *Pastor*
—Friendship-Boger Chapel

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No other protestant church in America prepares such varied and extensive helps for the teacher. Scholars in the field of Christian Education from all denominations rank the study program of the Methodist church as one of the best in the world. Our literature is used in part or in its entirety by many other denominations.

Particular mention should be made of the curriculum in the children's division which began with the month of September. This offers a program of work and study for pupils, parents, and teachers. It represents an exciting new approach to the study of the Bible and of our Christian faith.

As Methodists we do not believe that our church or our literature is necessarily better than that of other protestant denominations, but we are Methodists and proud of it. We feel that through the proper use of our church school literature we will not only understand our church better but will become more effective members of it. Our materials are designed to help us grow in the Christian faith and become more useful members of the Methodist Church.

—J. Clay Madison, *Pastor*
—Myers Park Church

Henry Pfeiffer Chapel To Have New Organ

A custom designed, three manual, five division Schantz pipe organ has been ordered for the Henry Pfeiffer Chapel at Pfeiffer College.

College President J. Lem Stokes said the 27–rank instrument will cost in excess of $43,000 and was designed with two of America's leading organist and teachers of organ as consultants.

Its purchase is a reflection of the college's expanded emphasis in Church Music and the teaching of Organ, Dr. Stokes noted. It will take two years to build.

The organ was designed by Professor Stanley Scheer, head of the college's De–partment of Organ and by Dr. Richard H. Brewer, head of the college's Music Department. Its tonal qualities will reflect the current revival of the classic organ.

Cosultants were Dr. Alexander McCurdy, head, the Organ Departments, Westminister Choir College and the Curtis Institute of Music, and organist at the First Presbyterian Church, Philadelphia; and Dr. George Markey, head, Department of Organ, Guil–mont Organ School, New York City, and organist at Madison Avenue Presbyterian Church, New York City.

Also working in the design of the organ was A. E. Lunsford, Knoxville, Tennessee, a representative of the Schantz company.

Professor Scheer said that the organ was designed for teaching all periods and styles of playing; for use in congregational sing–ing in worship services; choral accompani–ment, and for recitals.

The new organ will replace the chapel organ given in 1943 by the late Gustavus Pfeiffer, patron of the college. The present chapel organ will be moved to another lo–cation and used as a practice organ.

The five divisions of the organ will in–clude a swell and a choir organ in enclosed chambers with the great, positive and pedal organ division pipes unenclosed.

The 850–student liberal arts college offers a Music major with emphasis upon Church Music (organ and choral work) and upon Music Education (choral). Currently the college has three organs for use by its organ students.

Mrs. Lillie Guyer Given Lifetime Membership In WSCS

The Woman's Society of Christian Service of Northwood Methodist Church, High Point, N. C. honored Mrs. Lillie Guyer of 1402 Eastchester Drive, High Point, N. C. at a Sunday morning worship service with the presentation of a lifetime membership in the WSCS.

Mrs. Guyer—a Christian for many years—committed her life to Christ at the age of 15, joining Hickory Chapel Wesleyan Meth–odist Church. She now is a member of Northwod Church, having joined soon after the organization of this church in her home neighborhood. She has served in the WSCS as corresponding secretary and is a member of the senior adult Bible class.

The life membership is the highest hon–or that the Methodist women can bestow on one of their members. This was the first such presentation ever made by the North–wood WSCS.

N. C. Conference Commission On Worship Met Oct. 16-17

The North Carolina Conference Commis–sion on Worship met October 16-17 at Camp Chestnut Ridge. Twelve commission members, led by chairman the Rev. R. T. Commander of Burlington, heard Duke Uni–versity's Dr. Thomas Langford assert that worship "is the integrative principle of the Church."

Dr. Langford addressed the group on "The Church as the Worshipping Commun–ity" and "The Church at Sunday Morning Worship." Reminding the commission that responding to God in worship is to be given responsibility 'not to escape to God in wor–ship, but to go with God to the world," Dr. Langford structured the theological back–ground for the commission's deliberations.

With the additional background report of past chairman Dr. John Rudin on the purposes and accomplishments of the com–mission, the members approved plans for 1964-65 activities. An Executive Commit–tee was named to carry out commission re–sponsibilities between regular commission meetings. Mrs. Marilyn Johnson of New Bern and Dr. Rudin of Durham were mem–bers-at-large of the Committee, to work with the three officers, chairman, the Rev. R. T. Commander of Burlington; vice-chairman, the Rev. R. E. L. Moser, Raeford; and sec–retary, the Rev. F. Belton Joyner, Jr. of Wilmington.

In February there will be a series of District Seminars for Pastors on the Revised Ritual of the Methodist Church. Bishop Nolan B. Harmon will be the guest speak–er at these Seminars.

The commission mapped plans to at–tend the Southeastern Jurisdictional Work–shop on Worship in Atlanta, Georgia, at Emory University, in late April 1965. Oth–er long-range planning included the nam–ing of a committee to develop a plan for the new Hymnal in 1966. This special com–mittee is composed of the Rev. R. W. Mor–gan, Spring Hope; the Rev. R. L. Bame, Hertford; the Rev. R. E. Fowlkes, Broad–way; Mrs. Marilyn Johnson, New Bern; and Mrs. Marvin Burke, Raleigh. In addition, the Rev. John Andrews, Dr. John Rudin, and the Rev. Walter Feltman were assigned responsibiliiy of considering a proposed se–ries of articles for publication.

In closing, the commission accepted an invitation to conduct its January meeting at Pine Forest Methodist Church, Golds–boro. Members who attended the planning retreat include the Rev. Walter Feltman, Havelock; the Rev. L. A. Dillman, Golds–boro; the Rev. R. W. Morgan, Spring Hope; the Rev. R. T. Commander, Burlington; Mrs. Marilyn Johnson, New Bern; the Rev. Dr. John Rudin, Durham; the Rev. R. L. Bame, Hertford; the Rev. F. R. Randolph, Stantonsburg; the Rev. John Andrews, Hen–derson; the Rev. Ralph E. Fowlkes, Broad–way; the Rev. F. Belton Joyner, Jr., Wil–mington; and the Rev. Dr. C. P. Morris, Raleigh.

Dr. Joseph P. Bartak Dies In Americus, Ga.

Dr. Joseph Paul Bartak, 77, former secre–tary of missions for The Methodist Church in Vienna, Austria, died Tuesday, Sept. 30 in Americus, Ga.

A native of Bohemia, Dr. Bartak came to the United States in 1907. He attended Southwestern U niversity in Georgetown, Tex., and received his B.D. degree from Vanderbilt University. Later he served for eight years as pastor of Bethleheme Chapel in Chicago, Ill.

In 1921 he went to Czechoslovakia as a Methodist missionary and met his future wife, Marion P. Draper of Springfield, Tenn., also a Methodist missionary. He was im–prisoned by the Nazis in 1941 and ex–changed to the Allies a year later. He then came to the United States and spent two year in Texas.

In 1945 Dr. Bartak again returned to Czechoslovakia with Bishop Arthur J. Moore as a missionary and from 1951-58 was sec–retary of missions of The Methodist Church in Vienna, Austria. On returning to America in 1958 he retired from service of the church and resided with a daughter in Sa–vannah before entering the nursing center.

Survivors include two daughters, Mrs. Berry Malac, Savannah, and Mrs. Anthony Trimarchi, Baldwin, N. Y.; one son, Capt. J. P. Bartak, Jr., Savannah; one sister, Mrs. Charles Chovanetz, Shiner, Texas, and six grandchildren. Funeral services were held in Shiner, Texas.

Dr. Bartak was on honored retired mem–ber of the North Carolina Annual Confer–ence.



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New Bern District Methodists Holds College Meet At Centenary Church

The New Bern District Christian Higher Education Rally was held Tuesday, October 13th, at Centenary Church, New Bern. About 175 laymen and ministers, representing the 74 churches of the New Bern District, came together for an evening of inspiration and information about the College Development Crusade.

Presiding over the program was the Rev. R. Grady Dawson, District Superintendent of the New Bern District. The challenge was presented by Bishop Paul N. Garber, newly appointed head of the Raleigh Area. Bishop Garber's remarks directed the attention of the assembly group to the unfinished work of the College Crusade during the next fourteen months.

Stating the purpose of the meeting at the outset, Mr. Dawson reminded the group that eastern North Carolina Methodists are engaged in raising funds for the support of the Methodist colleges of our area—Louisburg College at Louisburg, Methodist College at Fayetteville, N.C., Wesleyan College at Rocky Mount, and The Divinity School of Duke University at Durham. The current drive began in December, 1963, aimed at a goal of $3 million. The churches of the area responded by pledging to raise this sum, and have already sent more than $750,000 to support these institutions.

Guests at the meeting who spoke to various areas of interest in the college program included Roy Turnage of Ayden, lay leader of the North Carolina Conference, who commented on the leadership that guided the college program into being and brought the two new colleges into life by saying we had, "the right man at the right time in the right place." The Rev. W. M. Howard of Durham, chairman of the Board of Education of the Conerence, spoke about the responsibility of the church to provide a place for the education of our youth. Dr. Thomas A. Collins, president of N. C. Wesleyan College at Rocky Mount, expressed the appreciation of the colleges for the support given, and invited interested persons to "come, see' what had been done with the funds contributed. The Rev. James A. Auman, director of the Association of Methodist Colleges, distributed a report showing the contributions of the various churches in the New Bern District, revealing payment of $49,000 to date against the pledges of $189,500 made by the churches of the district at the outset of the college campaign.

Bishop Garber brought the meeting to a climax with his address, "We Are A People Blessed." In his remarks, Bishop Garber reminded the meeting that, "We must give thanks for what the people of eastern North Carolina have done." One of the purposes of the meeting, he declared, was to give information to the people of the churches, showing that 1,800 students are now being educated in facilities not in existence five years ago. The future is now the time for which the plans and energies of the Methodists of eastern North Carolina must be rallied, as Bishop Garber challenged the assembly to return to their respective churches and conclude the college drive in December, 1965, with great enthusiasm and great results.

—Bill Sherman
New Bern District Director



"The Lad Who Shared His Lunch"

A biblical drama, "The Lad Who Shared His Lunch," was presented by the M.Y.F. of Sparta Methodist Church, September 27, at the Sparta Church.

The two-act play, written by Charles D. Hazel, ministerial student at Emory at the time, revised by Roger Pearson, was well received and opened the door for similar presentations in the future.

Jesus' feeding of the multitudes, recorded in John 6:1-15, is the basis of the play.

The setting of Scene I is the lad's home. He expresses desire to accompany some friends to the seashore to see Jesus, called the "wonder-worker." David's father objects at first because there is much work to be done in the grain fields. Also, he questions the sincerity of this Jesus. Old Simon down at the fish market said he would bear watching. However, he decides to allow the lad to go, but with the warning to be careful and to bring back a good report. David departs for the seashore, carrying his lunch—one small fish and two barley loaves.

Scene II consists of David's return and report. Almost out of breath, he explains how everyone was tired and hungry as the day wore on. He would never forget how, when he took out his lunch, Jesus looked at him and at the crowd and at his lunch. At first he was frightened. Then, when Andrew came over to him and said, quietly, "David, the Master has need of your lunch," his fear subsided.

"Then an amazing thing happened," continues David. 'Everyone began taking out food and hard and selfish people shared with friends and strangers alike, and there was plenty left for the poor back home."

David's father, listening intently, reacts: "Then this man is not really a wonder-worker." "Oh Father, don't you see," replies David's sister, "He works wonders with people he changes their lives, the way they think and act."



Left to Right: Tim Reeves, Lee Nipper, Sylvia Reeves, Pam Reeves, Stan Jordan.

"Could it be?", muses David's father. "Yes," exclaims David with increasing excitment, "He is the Christ, and He is come. And just think: if he could use my small lunch to feed those people today, what can he do in the world and for men if I give him my life and all that I possess."

The characters were as follows:

David (Lad who shared his lunch)—Stan Jordan
Phillip (David's younger brother) —Lee Nipper
Sarah (David's sister)—Pam Reeves
Mother—Sylvia Reeves
Father—Tim Reeves

Sharon Davis operated the spotlight; Mrs. Faye Reeves handled stage properties; costuming was in the charge of Mrs. Pearl Reeves. The youth choir under the direction of Mrs. Joyce Nipper and Mrs. Emogene Porter, sang "All to Jesus I surrender" as the play concluded.

Iron Station Plans Parsonage

The dreams of a Methodist parsonage in the Iron Station community may become a reality in the near future. With the giving of a lot by Mrs. Edna Nantz and the parsonage building fund growing to near the $2,000 mark, enthusiasm is beginning to grow.

This rural community is anxious for the day when they will have a Methodist minister living within their community.

Highland Parsonage, Hickory Holds Open House

Highland Methodist Church in Hickory, N. C. held Open House on Sunday, October 11, upon final completion of a new parsonage. The District Superintendent, Rev. Cecil Hefner, was present and led in a service of dedication. The new parsonage is valued at $23,000, including lot and furnishings. Some $3000 worth of new furnishings was donated through the generosity of certain furniture manufacturing firms in Hickory. In the receiving line during the Open House were Rev. Cecil Hefner, District Superintendent of the Statesville District, Mr. and Mrs. Marshal Beard, Mr. and Mrs. Steve Hollar, Mr. and Mrs. Gaither Killman, Mrs. Fred Pope, and Rev. and Mrs. Barrett Wilson. The Highland Methodist Church congregation is to be commended for providing these living quarters for their ministers. The construction of this parsonage follows the completion only a few years before of a beautiful new sanctuary built during the ministry of Rev. Roy Barnwell who is now pastor of Unity Methodist Church in Thomasville, N. C. Rev. Barrett Wilson is the present pastor of Highland.

The Emergence of The Son of God

ROBERT G. TUTTLE

"For the created universe waits with eager expectation for God's sons to be revealed."
Romans 8:19 (N.E.B.)

Chief of all thy wondrous works, O God,
Supreme of all thy plan:
Thou has put an upward reach
Into the heart of man.
Source Unverified

An unknown author voices his contemporary opinion of man's emergence:

Spun across continents,
Hurled through space:
No wonder we're called
The Human Race.

But Paul speaks of the birth pangs of the new creation, observed in the history of the race and in the history of the individual. He suggests that God purposely makes man the victim of frustration, so that he will be satisfied with nothing less than the completion of his life in God. Furthermore, Paul declares that "the sufferings we now endure bear no comparison with the splendour as yet unrevealed." Man is called to invest himself as the Spirit of God challenges him, and only in this investment is the splendour of life revealed. Paul sees life big; too many of us see it little—and God won't let us be at peace.

Man was created by God to emerge as one of the sons of God, and he acts as if he hadn't heard about it. Man without God has lost his identity. "The landmarks are down." We are in the midst of a moral and ethical revolution where man has lost the essential motivation for achieving moral and ethical living.

A comtemporary book suggests, "Man by nature is a killer." Perhaps man, seen only as an intellgent animal, is a killer, destroying with finesse all those who get in his way. But man, redeemed by the love of Christ, becomes the New Humanity, finding his fulfillment, his splendour, on a cross. Man unredeemed says: "My aim here is making money. What else? Now go away and let me get on with it." Fritz Kreisler speaks as man redeemed "All the homeless of the world have stood between my wife and me ever buying a home for ourselves."

The mother, in Eugene O'Neill's play, "Long Day's Journey Into Night," cries out in despair: "None of us can help the things that life has done to us. They are done before you realize it, and once they're done they make you do other things until at last everything comes between you and what you'd like to be, and you've lost your true self forever."

We just can't get off that easy. We are all played upon by terrific outside enviromental forces. We are acted upon by inside forces, and one thing does lead to another; and yet, in all these birth pang experiences, I deeply know that I am a responsible being, that I am called upon to accept or reject. The play of forces upon me leads step by step to the being that I am to become. Not only is there the negative power which, if yielded to, would crush me forever, but there is the constant positive power that tugs me toward becoming one of the Sons of God. I am not robbed of life; no one takes my heritage from me. If I yield, God Himself brings me through the birth process into being. John Bailie speaks out of faith:

Let each man think himself
an act of God,
His mind a thought (of God),
his life a breath of God.

"What is man that electron should be mindful of him?" Some look backward and find the meaning of man in "tadpoles and spiders;" others look forward and see man's destiny fulfilled in God. With Gilbert Chesterton we see man as "the chief of creatures" and, at the same time, "the chief of sinners." God makes us restless, and uses our restlessness to prod us toward fulfillment; God makes us calm, and uses our calmness to reveal the depths of our being. Man was made to deal with God.



New leaders of the Methodist Board of Christian Social Concerns for 1964 are these bishops, Bishop A. Raymond Grant (right) of Portland, Ore., is the board president. Vice presidents are (from left) Bishop Charles F. Golden, Nashville, Tenn., Division of Peace and World Order; Bishop Paul Hardin, Jr., Columbia, S. C., Division of Alcohol Problems and General Welfare; Bishop W. Kenneth Pope, Dallas, Tex., Division of Human Relations and Economic Welfare. The photo was taken at the Methodist-built Church Center for the United Nations in New York, where the board met in October.

Split the atom to its last neutron. What do you find? Nothing? Or God? Analyze the universe to its irreducible unit. What is there? Nothing? Or God? Probe into the human soul to its final depth. What is it you uncover? Nothing? Or God? We are challenged by the deep insights of Genesis: "The Lord God formed man out of the dust of the earth, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life:" Dust excited into manhood by the breath of God; man translated into eternity by the Spirit of God. God does not create the butterfly without the struggle within the cocoon; God does not produce an immortal soul without the contest in the heart.

Once a man stood before me in my study. He said: "I am frightened, frightened. I am cut off from life. I think terrible thoughts. Life has moved on and left me. I am a spectator. I do not participate." Looking into the mirror that hung on the wall in front of him, he said: "Look at that face. I was trained to be a lawyer. Look at me now. Look at this body which was once strong, and now deteriorates. Look at my clothes." As he continued to despise himself, suddenly I saw a change in his face: I wondered and then I understood: Beyond his own face in the mirror he beheld the face of Christ, which was mirrored from a picture behind him on the wall. His black thoughts arising from the terror within his own soul began to be driven back by the radiance of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

That's what God says to man in Christ: "You don't have to despise yourself; you were not born to be cut off, or to be destroyed by terrible thoughts. No matter who you are, or where you are, or in what state of life or death you find yourself, still there is the offer of life's fulfillment."—"That one face that grows and grows and becomes my universe that sees and knows."

Have you read the fascinating story, THROUGH THE VALLEY OF THE KWAI? This is life in miniature: this story of a horror prison camp, of death and sickness and despair or starvation and evil. Don't you see the whole creation groaning in birth pangs? These men becomng beasts under the cruel heel of their guards, man as an animal living only for survival, stealing food from other men that he might live, each man concentrating on himself, cursing other men, pushing, stepping on each other, consumed by the spirit of evil. You see a strange thing happen. Man cannot continue to survive as a beast. The Spirit of God within him refuses to be quenched. In the midst of this hell, a Colonel stealthily gives away his own food to one of his men who is starving; the Colonel dies. A squad of workers is threatened with being machine-gunned because of the loss of a shovel; an innocent man stands out and says, "I am guilty;" he dies for the group. Two men, because of a strange love welling up within them, give up their own time that they need for survival, build a shack for a dying comrade and with gentleness nurse him back to life. The blackness turns to light. Strange rumors dynamic, touched by love, begin to circulate among the dying men. Men find themselves as men; love transforms hell into heaven. Mysteriously, God walks there; Christ moves there. Birth pangs!

This is history. Man emerging from the beast through birth pangs to become the sons of God! Life is more than survival. Acts of love are the acts of God. They are eternity in action.

Love is life and life is love. The core is akin to the horizon. Man's heart is akin to his destiny. This is my faith; this is my risk. I believe in the heart of God. I believe that Christ reveals the heart of God. Love is my cosmos, and God is love.

Why is man here?

To live in his world, abundantly!
To fulfill his talents, usefully!
To adjust to other men, creatively!
To love God and man, unselfishly!
To come to know God, intimately!
To fit into Eternity, joyfully!

"The Spirit you have received is not a spirit of slavery leading you back into a life of fear, but a Spirit that makes us sons. . . For I reckon that the sufferings we now endure bear no comparison with the splendour, as yet unrevealed . . . For the created universe waits with eager expectation for God's sons to be revealed."
Romans 8 (N.E.B.)

Bishop John Owen Smith Gives Finch Lectures At High Point

The Finch Lecturer this year at High Point College was Bishop John Owen Smith, resident Bishop of the Atlanta Area. The lectures were delivered this week on Tuesday and Wednesday, October 27 and 28.

The Finch Lectures are made possible through funds given to High Point College by the Charles F. Finch Foundation of Thomasville. Those previously delivering the lectures include Dr. Liston Pope in 1960; Dr. Hugh Anderson in 1961; Bishop F. Gerald Ensley in 1962; and Dr. Martin E. Marty in 1963.

The series this year was began on Tuesday evening in the Student Center with a Get-Acquainted session and a discussion led by Bishop Smith on "To Serve the Present Age." A reception followed honoring Bishop Smith.

On Wednesday October 28 in Memorial Auditorium at 10:20 following devotions Bishop Smith spoke on "We Look at The Cultural Situation." A seminar was held at 3:00 p.m. in the Student Center at which time Bishop Smith spoke on "How Does the Church Face Its Task?" At 8:00 p.m. in Memorial Auditorium Bishop Smith spoke on "The Church Responds to the Cultural Situation."

The lecture series was presented by the Department of Religion and the Student Christian Council. Dr. William R. Locke presided at the first session and introduced Bishop Smith. Presenting the speaker at other sessions were Rickie Mills at the Wednesday morning session; Rev. Kelly Jones at the afternoon session; and Dr. Wendell Patton, president of the College, at the evening session.

Virginia Conference Paying On Christian Higher Education

Randolph–Macon College has received more than $800,000 to date from the Christian Higher Education campaign for the schools and colleges and Wesley Foundations of the Virginia Methodist Conference.

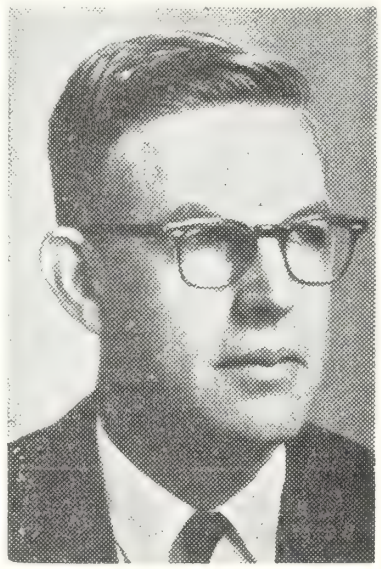
According to the recent report, Randolph–Macon had received $817,988 as of October 1. This Methodist school is scheduled to receive $1,250,000 from the three–year campaign which ends this spring. More than 60,000 Virginia Methodists pledged some $7,000,000 in the campaign for their schools and colleges and Wesley Foundations.

Randolph–Macon has allocated more than $1,000,000 of the money to date. Nearly $800,000 will go into two new buildings now under construction on the R–MC campus. Haley Hall, a teaching building for language and literature, and Crenshaw Gymnasium, are scheduled for completion in early 1965. About $10,000 from the Higher Education crusade went to the renovation of the old library as the new Peele Administration which was completed this summer and $150,000 went for six new faculty houses completed in 1963.

By date of charter, February 3, 1830, Randolph–Macon is the oldest Methodist–related college in America. The college moved from Boydton, Virginia to Ashland in 1868.

Dr. William Locke Placed On Curriculum Committee

Dr. William R. Locke, Professor of Religion and Chairman of the Religion Department at High Point College, has been elected a member of the Curriculum Committee of the Methodist Church. The Curriculum Committee, which is responsible for policies in the area of education and for all publications for Methodist church schools, was set up at the recent organization meeting of the General Board of Education. Membership in the Committee is for four years.



Dr. William R. Locke

The Curriculum Committee consists of voting members, of which only about 12 are elected, with Bishop T. Otto Nall of Minneapolis as chairman. Included in the Committee are editors, educators, pastors, and other churchmen. Dr. Locke, the only college professor in the group, was chosen because of his experience as a college teacher and a church school teacher and as a writer of church materials. For a number of years Dr. Locke has been the teacher of the Family Fellowship Class of the First Methodist Church in High Point. He has written lessons for publication, "Bible Lessons for Adults" and the student's book for a Vacation Church School unit on "The Life of Paul" will be used next summer. At the present time Dr. Locke is writing the student's book for a course in "Jesus as a Teacher," to appear in the Asbury Series of the new Methodist Church School Curriculum.

She Reads "Upper Room"

Vonda Kay Van Dyke, who is Miss America 1964, is among the millions across the world who read The Upper Room as a regular devotional practice. Vonda Kay does this together with her Bible which millions of TV viewers heard her describe as the most important Book she owns.

Miss Van Dyke is a member of Central Methodist Church, Phoenix, Arizona. Her pastor is the Rev. Dr. Kermit Long who speaks of Miss Van Dyke as a splendid example of a practicing Christian who teaches a church school class in his church and leads and influences others, particularly young people.

Charlotte Youth Condemn Liquor Advertising

Methodist youth of Charlotte and Mecklenburg County have called upon "The Charlotte Observer" and "The Charlotte News" to end their use of liquor advertisements.

The Charlotte District Council of the Methodist Youth Fellowship, representing over 5,000 young people, told the two newspapers, "We find that living clean lives as part of the Christian community is difficult enough without the added temptations of liquor advertisements in our daily papers."

The Council also noted, "If the prosperity of our country is dependent on the liquor industry—does the end justify the means?"

The letters to the newspapers were mailed this week, after having been approved during last month's meeting of the Council.

The Council action has received the approval of Charlotte District leaders, including:

The Rev. A. Glenn Lackey, superintendent of the Charlotte District; the Rev. A. L. Maxwell, president of the Methodist Association; Charles J. Henderson, lay leader for the Charlotte District; Mrs. Henry T. Mozeley, Charlotte District president of the Woman's Society of Christian Service; and the Rev. John L. McWhorter, Charlotte District director of Christian Social Concerns.

The full text of the letters said:

"We, the Charlotte District Council of the Methodist Youth Fellowship, representing the 5,075 Methodist youth in the Charlotte-Mecklenburg area, would like to make the following stand on the recent policies of ("The Charlotte Observer") ("The Charlotte News") toward the use of liquor advertisements in your paper.

"We wish to let it go on record that we strongly deplore the use of liquor advertisements in your paper. Why do we feel this way? We find that living clean lives as part of the Christian community is difficult enough without the added temptations of liquor advertisements in our daily newspapers. If the prosperity of our country is dependent on the liquor industry—does the end justify the means?"

The Methodist Church, during its General Conference in April at Pittsburgh, Pa., reiterated its stand for total abstinence among its members.

The Charlotte District Christian Social Concerns Commission has made available to Methodist clergymen post cards to send their local church members, which can be used to mail to the two Charlotte newspapers protesting the use of liquor advertisements.

Mr. Henderson, District lay leader, said several Methodist Men clubs of local churches have passed resolutions protesting the liquor advertisements.

The Rev. Don Bridger of Cornelius is Charlotte District director of youth and advisor for the Methodist Youth Fellowship Council.



John A. Lovelace, an active Methodist layman, has been named associate editor of All-Church Prses of Ft. Worth, Texas, publishers of local church weekly newspapers and printers of two area publications.



CHILDREN'S PAGE

By Mary Gardner

Melville Cox: First Missionary To Africa

In 1831, when the Methodist Church was very new in America, the Methodist Missionary Society sent out a call for a missionary to go to Africa. Many months went by, but no one seemed willing to go.

Then one day a man came to call on one of the bishops. The bishop recognized him as one of the ministers, and after welcoming him inquired, "What can I do for you, Brother Cox?"

"Well," Mr. Cox replied, "I have not been well for many years. I do not want to give up preaching, for I feel that is what God wants me to do. I wonder if I might be sent to South America? Perhaps there I would get well and I could continue preaching."

The bishop looked at the man. He knew that as a boy Melville Cox had grown up in a small Maine village, the son of a sea captain. His father had died when Melville was only ten, and he had gone to work for a farmer. Young Melville liked to read and study, but his work on the farm left him no time to do either, so he was an uphappy boy.

At the age of 17, Melville Cox found a job as a clerk in a small book store. Where he read everything he could lay his hands on.

Finally, he began to feel that God wanted him to be a minister. His first assignment was to a circuit (several churches) in Maine. In his work as a minister there, Melville Cox traveled back and forth between the settlements, often going without food, and sometimes with no shelter at night. All this greatly injured his health.

Now Melville Cox had come to ask the bishop to send him to South America. The bishop thought for a moment and then said: "Young man, we have no place to send you in South America, but we need a man for Africa. Will you go?"

"Liberia, Africa," thought Melville Cox. "Why that's thousands of miles away. But if they need me—" So he replied to the bishop, "Yes, I will go."

As soon as arrangements could be made, he sailed for Africa. For weeks they were on the ocean. Many times Melville Cox thought he would not reach Liberia. But they finally arrived. Immediately he went to work planning the mission. He organized a Methodist Episcopal Church. With seventy members he began a Sunday school. Then just a little more than a month after his first Sunday preaching service he was stricken with malaria. Hundreds of other people were also sick. There was no one to care for Melville Cox but himself. After two weeks he was well enough to sit up. He continued with his work as well as he could in his weakened condition. Then just two weeks later, he had another attack of malaria fever. The one other missionary at the mission decided to sail for home on a ship which was waiting at the harbor. He urged Cox to go with him and return when the epidemic was over, but Cox refused to leave. If he left there would be no one to continue the work.

Daily Cox became weaker, but he would not give up. The church at home had promised to send other missionaries. If they would only come, they could help him to get well. But no one came. From May until July, Cox fought against the terrible sickness. Before he died he said, "Let a thousand fall before Africa be given up."

This was our first missionary to Africa. Melville Cox's work in Liberia lasted less than one year, but as a result of his heroic life and death more missionaries went out the following year. Today the Methodist church has many missionaries throughout Africa.

At the time of his going as a missionary to Liberia, Melville Cox was pastor of a church in North Carolina-Edenton Street Methodist Church in Raleigh.

Just For Fun

Three-and one- half-year old Jennifer was downtown with her mother, who had her arms full of packages.

The little girl, somewhat timid in the rush of things, screamed: "Hold my hand, Mommy, hold my hand!"

"How many hands do you think I have?" replied her Mother.

"Well, just pretend you're a spider," pleaded the little girl.

Halloween

Watch out, watch out! Hear those groans?
Witches! Goblins! Masks and bones!
It's Halloween and all is scary,
Watch your step! Beware! Be wary!

October's Gifts

October gives us deep blue skies,
And leaves of red and gold
That brighten sunny afternoons,
And mornings, clear and cold
The pumpkins look like yellow balls
In every field displayed,
And corn shocks march across the hills
Like soldiers on parade.
October gives us frosty nights,
And then, before it's done,
October gives us Halloween,
With treats for everyone.

—Mary Taylor

Some Words To Think About This Week

Think of these words when you collect for UNICEF on Halloween, or when you give to Church World Service:

Jesus meant ALL children. Mark 10:13-16

This is the story of a man who did not want to give up his possessions Mark 10:17-22

Read again the story of the "Good Samaritan" who stopped to help in time of need. Luke 10:30-37

Compare Matthew 22:37 with Deuteronomy 6:5.

Compare Matthew 22:39 with Leviticus 19:18.

Memorize Matthew 22:37-39.

A Prayer

Dear God, thank you for the chance to help children who need food and medicine from UNICEF. Thank You for people like the missionaries who go into the hard places to help those in need of Your love, who need to learn secrets of good healthy living. Amen.

Bible Quiz

1—Who ordered a cup to be put into the mouth of a sack of corn?
2—Where do these words come from: "My cup runneth over"?
3—Who said, "Whosoever shall give you a cup of water to drink in my name. . . . .he shall not lose his reward?"
4—What outstanding Old Temple charcter was once a king's cupbearer and turned out to be an engineer?
5—To whom did Christ address these words: "Woe unto you, ... and ....., hypocrites! For ye make clean the outside of the cup"?

Answers To Last Week's Questions

1—Paul
2—Daniel
3—Esther
4—The boy who gave his lunch of bread and fish, from which Jesus miraculously fed 5,000 people
5—Exodus

Woman's Activities

Call to Prayer and Self-Denial Offerings

MRS. JOHN C. WRIGHT

Methodist women in the Western North Carolina Conference gave $16,823 to the offering for the Week of Prayer and Self-denial in October, 1963.

Mrs. E. D. Chandler, conference treasurer, stated that she hoped in 1964 the total would be even higher.

During the current week services in observance of the Call to Prayer and Self-Denial have been held in almost every Woman's Society in the Conference. These offerings will be sent to district treasurers and on to Mrs. Chandler for this quarter.

This is how we did last year: Albemarle District, $649 Asheville, 1,075; Charlotte, $1,846; Gastonia, $1,113; Greensboro, $1,-473; High Point, $1,081; Marion, $799; North Wilkesboro, $642; Salisbury, $931; Statesville, $1,364; Thomasville, $1,023; Waynesville, $550; Winston-Salem, $1,753.

The Wesleyan Service Guild contributed $2,525.

Let's watch the 1964 totals!

WNC Women Attend Regional Meet

Three officers of the Woman's Society of this Conference attended the Regional Meeting of the Board of Missions of the Methodist Church held in Miami Beach, Fla., October 13th.

They were Mrs. Leslie Barnhardt, Charlotte, Conference president; Mrs. Carl King, Statesville, member of the Board of Missions, and Mrs. Van Dillon, Jr., Elkin, secretary of Missionary Education and Service.

The purpose of this Regional Conference was "to face together mutual tasks in missionary outreach in the Church in both National and World Missions and in Missionary Education and Cultivation . . . to discuss plans for each Conference for the new quadrennium."

The Conference presidents and Missionary Education secretaries remained in Miami for an extra day of planning.

Mid-Year Executive Meeting Dates

The dates for the Mid-Year Executive Committee meeting have been announced by Mrs. Leslie Barnhardt, president. The officers will meet at Pfeiffer College on Jan. 21-24. Standing committees will meet on the 21st and the full executive session will be held Friday, Jan. 22 and Sat., the 23rd.

The officers of the Wesleyan Service Guild will meet on Friday evening and Sat. morning on the same dates.

New Society In North Wilkesboro District

A new Woman's Society of Christian Service was organized at the Banner Elk Methodist Church in recent weeks.

Mrs. George Bunch was chosen as president of the society. Other officers included Mrs. Ralph Gwaltney, vice-president; Mrs. Charles McKinney, secretary and treasurer; Mrs. Frank Ford, Children's Work; Miss Helen Ford, Christian Social Relations; Mrs. Harry Proffitt, missionary education; Mrs. W. D. VonCannon, membership cultivation; Mrs. Joe McMurry, spiritual life; Mrs. John Dean, campus ministry; and Mrs. Nina Banner Lowe, supply work.

This society will be hostess to the Avery-Watauga Sub-District Workshop sponsored by the North Wilkesboro District.

High Point District Executive Meeting

The executive committee of the High Point District Woman's Society met with Mrs. J. A. Spence in Asheboro on Oct. 8th.

Mrs. J. C. Woodard, district treasurer, said that the reports from local societies during the first quarter showed the largest contributions to mission pledge in the history of the district.

Other officers reported progress in their lines of work.

Mrs. W. Stanley Baker, president, led the group in planning ways to improve the district work. She announced that the annual district meeting will be held on April 29 at Bunker Hill Church in Forsyth County.

New District Officers

Mrs. Ned Gibbs, former president of the Thomasville District Woman's Society, was named district chairman of Public Relations at a recent meeting.

Other new officers are Mrs. E. I. Earnhardt, Thomasville, recording secretary, and Mrs. Don Sinclair, Lexington, Children's Work.

N. C. Conference

MRS. H. W. DOUB

The Land Of Tomorrow

Have you heard of the "land of tomorrow"
Where promises fall by the way?
Tomorrow I'll try to be kinder
But you see I'm too busy today.
Tomorrow I'll find time for smiling
Tomorrow I'll find time for smling
But I don't feel like smiling just now;
I'll have to postpone good intentions
And tomorrow fulfill every vow.
I'll think of some bright words of courage
To comfort a friend who needs cheer
I'll wait until just the right moment
(And somehow it never gets here.)
Have you heard of the "land of tomorrow"?
I have, for I've traveled that way;
Lord, give us the strength and the wisdom
To live our tomorrows today.

Edna Semple

The above poem was read by Mrs. J. S. Hiatt, Jr., Sanford District President as she welcomed the Executive Committee to her home in Southern Pines for the regular fall meeting on Oct. 15th 1964. The poem was followed by prayer.

The newly remodeled home of Mrs. Hiatt was lovely with arrangements of fall flowers and a most profitable day of reporting and planning for the year's work was spent. The following changes in local presidents was announced—Hebron—Mrs. Herbert Chandler, Mount Gilead; Uwharrie—Mrs. Lloyd Henderson, 132 Broughton St., Troy; West Rockingham—Mrs. Eugene Porter, 144 Garret St., Rockingham. The dates of all Subdistrict meetings were given on this page September 17th (except Walter Peele which will meet on Nov. 5th at First Church, Laurinburg). A splendid program for these meetings has been worked out.*

The closing meditation was given by Mrs. H. R. Odom, after which a delicious luncheon was served to the eighteen members present.

*These meetings are a Workshop and much valuable information will be given out.

Rocky Mount District

The Executive Committee of the Rocky Mount District met at the home of Mrs. Rom Parker in Enfield on Oct. 6, 1964.

Mrs. J. C. Reynolds, Secretary of Spiritual Life Cultivation gave the opening devotional on the theme of *Love.*

Mrs. L. G. Hooke, the new president presided and introduced and welcomed the following new officers.

Mrs. Hugh Bryan, Battleboro, N. C.—Program Materials, Mrs. R. G. Bowers, Jackson, N. C.— Missionary Personnel, Mrs. A. D. Haverstock, Roanoke Rapids, N. C.—Public Relations, Mrs. Harold Braswell, Whitakers, N. C.—Chairman Committee on Nominations, Mrs. W. F. Overman, Whitakers, N. C.—Halifax Subdistrict Leader.

Reports were given by all officers which showed the work was progressing well. Plans and goals for the coming year were discussed.

Dates and places for subdistrict meetings were set up as follows:

Oct. 14—Halifax subdistrict at Whitakers witht Battleboro as hostess.

Oct. 22—Northampton subdistrict at Shiloh Methodist Church.

Oct. 27—Tri-County subdistrict place to be announced later.

The Rocky Mount District Workshop was held Thursday, October 8, 1964 at Rocky Mount First Methodist Church using the theme "Program and Purpose in a New Age."

Mrs. C. K. Wright, Vice president of the Rocky Mount District had charge of the program. She presented the new program books and Mrs. P. F. O'Keef, Jr. and Mrs. Rom Parker each gave a model program using material from the new program books.

Following this the women broke up into three groups for the presentation of the Studies, as follows:

1. "Spanish Americans"—Mrs. J. W. Benson

2. "United States Responsibilities in a World of New Nations"—Mrs. R. G. Bowers

3. "The Church's Mission among New Nations"—Mrs. H. D. Stanley

After lunch Mrs. Bill Adlerable discussed

the changes in organization and structure.

Mrs. L. G. Hooks, President of the Rocky Mount First Methodist Church Society, closed the meeting with a dedicated committment service.

Mrs. A. D. Haverstock
District Chairman of Public Relations

New Bern Sub-District Meeting

The Jacksonville Sub-District meeting was held at Trinity Methodist Church in Jacksonville on October 13th, 1964.

Mrs. H. B. Jones, Sub-district Leader presided and presented all the new officers and introduced the minister's wives from the 16 churches in this sub-district. Mrs. Howard Rhodes, President of the New Bern District introduced the district officers present.

Mrs. Hedrick Aman, Chairman of Public Relations, stressed the importance of news coverage of the various meetings and showed the scrapbook which she is compiling to take to the Annual Meeting in March.

The guest speaker was Dr. Howard Powell who used the theme "That All May Have the Spirit of Love." He reminded the women that God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit, that one may receive this spirit of love by simply opening their hearts and receive it as a gift.

Dr. Powell quoted from "Living Letters" by Dr. Taylor, saying that if a person is not kind and loving, he does not know God. Dr. Powell brought his inspirational talk to a close by challenging the women of the church to help God give this love to the world, otherwise Christ is silent.

Following the benediction by Mrs. A. M. Amspacker, District Secretary of Spiritual Life Cultivation, the meeting was adjourned, so that the clinics could be held by the district officers.

A delicious luncheon was served by the ladies of the Trinity Woman's Society to the 110 members and guests present.

The newly formed New Bern District is progressing very well under the leadership of Mrs. Rhodes and her Executive Committee and is well adjusted to the change of becoming a new district. All reports plans show that good work is being done in all lines.

Mrs. Hedrick Aman
Chairman Public Relations

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Book Reviews

PRAYER CHANGES THINGS by Charles L. Allen. $2.50, 128 pages; Pub. date: Nov. 23. Fleming H. Revell Company.

Charles L. Allen, pastor of the First Methodist Church, Houston, Texas, author of 13 devotional books, is widely known through appearances on radio and TV and as a newspaper columnist.

Although the phrase *Prayer Changes Things* may have become trite through careless use, Dr. Allen brilliantly restores the meaning and significance to these simple but power-packed words. After dealing with the basic questions concerning Prayer, he gives helpful counsel concerning man's relationship with God in many areas of life . . . through prayer.



Dr. Harry Denman (right), Nashville, has announced that he will retire as general secretary of the General Board of Evangelism of The Methodist Church as soon as the board chooses his successor. It is expected that this will be at the next meeting of the board April 26-28, 1965. Shown with Dr. Denman is Bishop Gerald Ken-, Los Angeles, who was elected president of the board when it met Oct. 19 in Chicago to organize for the denomination's 1964-68 quadrennium.

Dr. Harry Denman To Retire From Board Of Evangelism

Dr. Harry Denman, Nashville, general secetary of the General Board of Evangelism of the Methodist Church, has announced that he will retire as soon as the Board chooses his sucessor. This is expected to be at the board's next meeting April 26-28, 1965, the place to be selected later.

The announcement was made as the Nashville-based board met October 19 at the Conrad Hilton Hotel in Chicago to organize for the denomination's 1964-1968 quadrennium.

In the meeting, the board elected officers and members-at-large and conducted other business.

Bishop Gerald Kennedy, Los Angeles, was elected president of the board for the quadrennium.

Other officers elected were, vice-president, Bishop Noah W. Moore, Jr., Houston, Texas; recording secretary, the Rev. Truman W. Potter, Charleston, W. Va.; and assistant recording secretary, Miss Lou Dozier, Nashville.

Elected to serve with the officers on the executive committee were the Rev. Warren S. Bainbridge, Salt Lake City; Mrs. Charles W. Mead, Omaha, Neb.; the Rev. Howard E. Mumma, Akron, Ohio; and the Rev. Wilson O. Weldon, Greensboro, N. C.

Twelve members-at-large were elected, bringing the board's total membership to 45. Those elected were Shelby Lee Smith, Shreveport, La. ;the Rev. R. Lambuth Archibald, Birmingham, Ala.; the Rev. Earl N. Dorff, Muskogee, Okla.; the Rev. George Harper, Helena, Mont.; the Rev. Don W. Holter, Kansas City, Mo.; the Rev. Charles S. Kendall, Hollywood, Calif.; the Rev. Maggart B. Howell, Waco, Texas; Herbert Taylor, Park Ridge, Ill.; Mrs. C. Lloyd Daugherty, Nashville; the Rev. Rev. J. Roy Smith, Arlington, Va.; Edwin L. Jones, Jr., Charlotte, N. C.; and the Rev. I. B. Loud, Dallas.

Two persons long associated with and contrbutors to enterprises of the board were elected honorary members. They are Augustus Mertz, Webster, N. Y.; and Mrs. E. V. Moorman, Quincy, Ill.

Dr. Earl Crow Delivered Wesley Society Lecture

Dr Earl Crow delivered the address at the annual meeting of the Wesley Society, held at Duke Divinity School on October 26.

The Carolina's Branch of the Wesley Society was organized last year at Durham. Dr. Frank Baker, Associate Professor of English Church History in Duke Divinity School, is the Covener of the meeting.

Dr. Crow spoke on 'Wesleyan Antinomianism." This subject is in the area in which Dr. Crow wrote the dissertation for his Doctor of Philosophy degree, which he received last year from the University of Manchester, England.

Dr. Crow, Associate Professor of Religion and Philosophy at High Point College, received his A.B. and B.D. degrees from Duke University. He did graduate work at the University of Edinburgh for one year.

Dr. Weldon, Mr. Jones On General Board Of Evangelism

Dr. Wilson O. Weldon of Greensboro, chairman of Board of Evangelism Western North Carolina Methodist Conference, has been elected a member of the executive committee of the General Board of Evangelism, The Methodist Church.

Edwin L. Jones, Jr., of Charlotte has been elected a member-at-large of the General Board of Evangelism. Bishop Gerald Kennedy, Los Angeles, is the new president of the Board.

Dr. Weldon, pastor of West Market Street Methodist Church in Greensboro, will represent the Southeastern Jurisdiction on the Board. Mr. Jones, president of the J. A. Jones Construction Co., and chairman of the Board of the Rea Construction Co., is associate lay leader of the Charlotte District.

Change of Dates

The High Point District of the Western North Carolina Methodist Conference has changed dates of its Missions Study Workshops, it was announced by Dr. Carl King of Statesville, executive secretary of the Conference Board of Education.

The new dates are: Nov. 9 at Central Methodist Church, Asheboro, and Nov. 10 at First Methodist Church, High Point, replacing the former dates of Oct. 26 and 27 for the workshops.

The workshops are emphasizing the Methodist mission study for 1964-65 (church year)—work with Spanish Americans; and are being sponsored in the Conference's 13 districts by the Conference Woman's Society of Christian Service, and the Conference Boards of Educations and Missions.

Sunday School Lesson

For November 8

By Raymond A. Smith
Head, Department of Religious Education
Greensboro College

Fearless Witness

Background Scripture: 2 Timothy 1:3-18
Lesson Scripture: 2 Timothy 1:6-14

"For I recall the sincere faith which is in you—a faith which dwelt first in your grandmother Lois and your mother Eunice, and, I am convinced, dwells in you also. For this reason, let me remind you to rekindle God's gift" (Weymouth Translation of 2 Timothy 1:4-6a).

In the above-quoted passage the young pastor, Timothy is urged to renew his dedication to the fine religious ideals of his mother and his grandmother. We are told that the word "rekindle" refers, not to a fire that has gone out, but to a fire that is burning low. In a word, there was a residue of faith that needed the winds of the Spirit to blow upon it and make it blaze again. It is interesting to recall that both these symbols, the wind and the flame, are often used in the New Testament to refer to the Holy Spirit.

Why did this young pastor need to have his faith rekindled? We are not told in this letter what the reason was. Could it have been the knowledge that Christians were having to suffer throughout the Roman Empire for their bold witness, and this knowledge had made the young Christian leader fear for his own safety? or was the dull routine of pastoral work causing him to lose the glow which he had experienced at his ordination?

Whatever may be the answer, it is clear that he is being called to a renewal, to rededication. It is clear that all of us need these experiences of revival. Some people are inclined to minimize revivals, generally by saying people slip back to where they were soon after they have such experiences. But probably Methodists will go on having their revivals, just as Catholics, Lutherans and Episcopalians will go on observing their type of revival which is found in the Celebration of Lent. Likewise the Jews will no doubt continue to observe Yom Kippur, or the Day of Atonement.

There is also an exhortation here to continue a bold witness to our faith. In the International Lesson Annual Johannaber asks a most embarassing question: have you experienced discomfort, embarassment or opposition recently while witnessing as a Christian? Are we Christian enough to arouse the interest of non-Christians? Or have we remained silent when we should have spoken "a good word for Jesus Christ?"

Young Timothy is warned that the path may sometimes be a thorny one. Have we made the Christian way too easy and pleasant? Have we taken "our share of suffering for the gospel in the power of God?" After this exhortation there appears in 2 Timothy 1:9-10 some words which were doubtless quoted from an early Christian hymn. Printed in the form of a hymn they would appear as follows:

"Who saved us and called us
With a holy calling,
Not in virtue of our works
But in virtue of his own purpose and grace
Which he gave to us in Christ Jesus
ages ago
And now has manifested
Through the appearing of our Savior
Christ Jesus
Who abolished death
And brought life and immortality to light
Through the gospel.

It was necessary then, as it is now, that the truth be carefully guarded so that it should be lost or weakened down. There are so many temptations to make the gospel sound the way we want to have it sound, perhaps because we are afraid of it. But we need to remember the truth expressed in our memory selection for this Sunday: "God did not give us a spirit of timidity but a spirit of power and love and self-control" (2 Timothy 1:7).

Dr. Earl Brewer Spoke To WNC Conference Ministers

If your're a Methodist clergyman, how do you conduct a successful program in your church if:

—A few old families run the church and everyone is afraid to oppose them, despite their outdated ideas,

—Your membership is composed mainly of workers who use their hours of employment as an excuse to not work on boards and commissions.

—Your membership is composed mainly of executives, and those with bigger jobs in a local plant are never opposed by those who work under them,

—Your church has changed from rural to urban through the enlargement of a community, and you have two distinct groups among your membership: one seeking to retain the rural culture of the congregation, the other wanting a change to the urban culture in which the church now finds itself?

Twenty clergymen of the Western North Carolina Conference gathered at the Methodist Building in Statesville Oct. 5 and 6 to discover how the local church can be renewed through group action.

The lecturer was Dr. Earl D. C. Brewer of the Candler School of Theology, Emory University, Atlanta, Ga. This was the second annual workshop he has conducted for the Conference under auspices of the Commission on Town and Country Work. The Rev. Garland Stafford, executive secretary of the Commission, initiated the workshop.

Among the suggestions of Dr. Brewer to the clergymen:

"A person's relationship with other persons in the building block of civilization. The group is the structure of our everyday living. All significant human behavior is carried out in groups, or has group reference."

In the church, he said, this building block must go beyond the secular person-to-person, and must be person-to-person and their relationships to God. It is impossible for a person to know God without knowing another person.

"The church group, because it is triatic, has the chance of being far more significant and dynamic in the lives of people than secular groups."

Dr. Brewer suggested small groups, which can bring renewal to a church, contain from five to seven persons, and never over ten; unless it is a "learned group" which could include as many as 20 persons.

He said prayer, testimony and discussion would be more apt to occur in these size groups, and thus the goals of the local church could be accomplished more rapidly in a Christian context.

Dr. Brewer said the lecture-discussion method is becoming more popular in adult church school classes, and added that all church literature "ought to be used as resource, and not as policy for the group to follow."

He told the clergymen, "Nothing will work any better than for your people to have the freedom to raise and answer their questions, at a level they will understand, of what it means to be a Christian and what is the task of the Church."

The workshop used the text, "Leadership and Dynamic Group Action" by Beal, Bohlen and Raudabaugh. The book, Dr. Brewer said, "Puts together in layman's terms sensible workable statements of what is known about groups and the practical way to work with groups."

Family Life Committee Of N. C. Conference Plans

The Family Life Committee of the N. C. Conference Board of Education had a planning session on October 7. Plans for the year include the following activities.

Family Camps will be held during the summer of 1965 at Camp Don-Lee and either Camp Chestnut Ridge or Camp Rockfish. There will be initiated a trailer camp program at Camp Kerr Lake.

The Ministers and Wives Retreat which was so well received at its first session this past summer will be held again at Methodist College in Fayetteville during the summer of 1965. Rev. Herb Waldrop of Clayton, N. C., will be the director. Members of the committee to work with him are Mrs. R. L. Jerome and these ministers: Paul Boone, Paul Edwards, R. T. Commander, and John Sutton.

Other plans included: (1) Sending a bibliography of Family Life resources to the pastors or Family Life Committee chairmen in each local church. (2) Having a one-day Workshop in each district for the pastors and chairmen of Family Life Committees, to be planned by each district Director, (3) District Directors to assemble lists of all Family Life Counseling Clinics and resource persons in the individual districts and send the composite list to pastors, (4) Working toward the establishment of a Counselling Center to render pastoral service and counsel to ministers and their wives as a long-range project.

Other business accomplished: J. H. Waldrop, Jr., was elected vice-chairman and R. F. McKee, secretary; the secretary was directed to write a note of thanks and appreciation to Rev. Haywood Harrell, the former chairman of the Family Life Committee, for his faithful service as leader in the past; Paul Boone presented a most interesting report of his experience at the Boston University Seminar on "The Church and Famalies" this past summer; Rev. Wallace Kirby of Dunn, N. C. was re-elected director of the Camp Don-Lee Family Camps.

IN MEMORIAM

MRS. BLANCHE INGRAM RAYFORD

Mrs. Blanche Ingram Rayford of Newton Grove Methodist Church died September 17th of a heart attack, after several years of declinng health. She is mourned by a daughter, four sons, ten grandchildren and hundreds of relatives and friends throughout North Carolina.

Her devotion to the Woman's Socety of Christan Service was equaled by her love for children. During more than twenty five years she moulded their lives in the primary department of the Sunday School and in the "Little Missionary Society."

The whole community was enriched by the life of this dedicated Christian. We thank God for her blessed life.

—Woman's Society of Christian Service

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MRS. J. E. SWINDELL

The W. S. C. S. of Englehard's Methodist Church mourns the passing of its oldest member Mrs. J. E. Swindell, who lived to be 94 years of age. For 75 years she was a member of our church entering into all of its activities and contributing to the limit of her means to its support. She was ever ready to aid the needy of her community of both white and colored.

Havng been reared in a Christian home of sainted parents she with her husband established a christian home instilling in her 6 children the elements of christian character, all of whom, "Rise up to call her blessed."

We shall remember "Miss Sallie" with great affection as a gracious hostess, loyal friend and a wise counselor. We can't think of her as being dead, but as one who has entered into Eternal life working with, and, entering into the joys of her Lord.

We reqest a copy of this tribute sent to Miss Bettie, her devoted daughter, for the family, a copy to the Advocate for publication and one recorded in our records.

Englehard Methodist W.S.C.S.

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THOMAS C. HOYLE

The Board of Trustees of Greensboro College passed the following resolutions at its meeting in Greensboro October 12, 1964:

In the recent death of Thomas C. Hoyle, Sr. of Greensboro, N. C., on July 2, 1964, Greensboro College suffered the loss of one of its most faithful and devoted Trustees. He became a member of the Board of Trustees in 1934 and was immediately appointed to the Executive Committee, in which relationships he served until his recent death. He gave of his wise counsel, freely rendeded legal advice, and was ever a confidant of and helper to the successive administrations of the college. No trustee was more faithful in attendance, and even in recent years under difficulties, he continued to attend with great regularity. Greensboro College is greater because of the many contributions and the loyal support of this grand gentleman, able lawyer, outstanding churchman and faithful trustee of Christian Higher Education.

Therefore, be it resolved by the Board of Trustees of Greensboro College, Inc. in session on Monday, the twelfth day of October, nineteen hundred and sixty-four, that we declare our sorrow in the death of Thomas C. Hoye, Sr., extend our sincere sympathy to the members of his family, and hereby record upon our permanent records this statement of genuine appreciation of his long and devoted service to our college.

JOHN WESLEY FOREMAN

J. Wesley Foreman of Elizabeth City, North Carolina, died on September 16, 1964, thereby ending a continuous tenure of service on the Board of Trustees of Greensboro College since the year 1947. A Southern gentleman, with distinctive graces, successful merchant and planter, he was a faithful member of the Methodist Church who gave wise and helpful leadership to the cause of Greensboro College. Faithfully he made the trip from his home in Elizabeth City in order to be present at the meetings of the Board of Trustees and at committee meetings. At the time of his death he was a member of the Finance, Investment and Endowment Committee. He has enriched the college, and this institution will be greater because of his support.

Therefore, be it resolved by the Board of Trustees of Greensboro College, Inc. in session on Monday, the twelfth day of October, nineteen hundred and sixty-four, that we declare our sorrow in the death of J. Wesley Foreman, extend our sincere sympathy to the members of his family, and hereby record upon our permanent records this statement of genuine appreciation of his long devoted services to our college.

Promotional Materials Released

The first materials prepared for use by local churches in the 1964–68 quadrennial emphasis have been released for distribution through district superintendents of The Methodist Church.

Prepared by the Commission on Promotion and Cultivation here, the 'starter kit" provides what the Rev. Dr. Elliott L. Fisher, general secretary of the commission Fisher, general secretary of the commission, terms "basic documents of information and inspiration." The Commission on Promotion and Cultivation was given the responsibility of promoting the emphasis by the General Conference.

Included in the kit is a statement concerning the program by Dr. Fisher; the emphasis adopted by the General Conference; statements on the program by the Rev. Dr. Eugene L. Smith, New York, Bishop Eugene Slater, San Antonio, Texas, and the Rev. Dr. Ben F. Lehmberg, Colorado Springs, Colo.; and an outline of the quadrennial theme book by Bishop Roy H. Short of Louisville, Ky., *One Witness in One World*.

The program will be outlined in detail at the District Superintendents' Convocation in Chicago, Ill., November 13–15, by Bishop W. Vernon Middleton. Pittsburgh, Pa., quadrennial program committee chairman; the Rev. Dr. Frank L. Countryman, Evanston, Ill., program director; Dr. Fisher; and other leaders.

A Methodist Said It

"We cannot afford to support only those projects of which we approve. We must involve ourselves in things for which we have no special taste but which must be done for the sake of God's children and for the reshaping of His Kingdom."—Mrs. Porter Brown, new general secretary of the Board of Missions, at a two-conference meeting in Salisbury, Md.

On and Off Campus At Methodist College

President L. Stacy Weaver was the Laymen's Day speaker at the Gibson Methodist Church on Sunday, October 11, and at Trinity Church, Durham on October 18. On Thursday evening, October 15, he was the speaker for Charter Night at the Sanford Kiwanis Club. As chairman of the State Evaluation Committee of Teacher Education Programs, Dr. Weaver was with the committee evaluating the program at Western Carolina College, October 19-21.

The freshman class has elected the following officers: president, John Gardner, Fayetteville; vice-president, Jerry Smith, Fayetteville; secretary, Anna Gail Dixon, Burlintgon ;treasurer, Walter Shearin, Whiteville. Mr. Robert Ambrose of the math department will serve as advisor.

Mr. Allen Wadsworth, instructor in sociology, was the speaker for the Homecoming service at Calvary Baptist Curch, Fayetteville, on October 18.

The Eastern North Carolina District of Sertoma International met on campus Friday, October 9. Dean Millard Burt is District Governor of Sertoma International.

Dr. Vearl G. McBride, area chairman of education and psychology, has been elected president of the Higher Education Division of the Southeastern District of the N. C. E. A.

The Student Education Association, with Mrs. Pauline Longest of the Biology department as advisor, has elected the following officers for the 1964-65 academic year: president, Roger Williams, Clinton; vice-president, Ella Rose Hall, Fayetteville; secretary, Patricia Canady, Hope Mills; and treasurer, Mary Barbara Raynor, Fayetteville.

Memorial Fund To Dr. A. J. Hobbs

The members of the Lucy Procter Unit of the Weslevan Service Guild of Edenton Street Methodist Church, Raleigh, have contributed a gift of $200 to the Dr. A. J. Hobbs Memorial Loan Fund at Weslevan College. This memorial fund has been established for the use of students from the North Carolina Conference who are attending North Carolina Wesleyan College at Rocky Mount.

As their project throughout the coming year, members of the Lucy Procter Unit have voted to contribute to this Fund.

Mrs. A. J. Hobbs and her children are deeply grateful to the members of the Lucy Procter Unit for honoring the memory of Dr. Hobbs in this way. Dr. Hobbs was pastor of Edenton Street Church from 1942 to 1947.

The family has asked the NORTH CAROLINA CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE to express for them their heartfelt gratitude and thanks to all those who have contributed to the Memorial Fund at Weslevan and who have honored the memory of Dr. A. Jarvis Hobbs in other fine ways.

If some people would get hatred out of the heart instead of going to the doctor for medicine they would find a remarkable cure.

—W.E.I.

WHY

Do Methodists Believe in Total Abstinence from the use of alcoholic beverages?

BECAUSE:

(a) Human beings are precious in the sight of God.

(b) Anything that subtracts from human value should be avoided completely.

(c) The use of alcoholic beverages bring a minus sign into human life and can only subtract from what is there.

BUT some will ask:

CONCERN

(a) What's wrong with a few social drinks?

Methodists answer, "We have a stewardship of influence and there is no drink so small that it does not affect one's awareness of God and one's fellow man."

(b) Isn't the Methodist Church moving in the direction of moderation?

Methodists answer, "DEFINITELY, NO! There is greater need today than ever before for commitments to abstinence. Alcohol advertising, general tensions of modern day living, and acceptance of ABC systems have resulted in more users of alcoholic beverages. There is a need through society for this clear stand and witness by the church."

(c) Isn't the Methodist Church interested in anything other than abstinence regarding alcoholic beverages?

Methodists answer, "DEFINITELY, YES! We believe in education so that a commitment to abstinence may be undergirded with knowledge. Alcohol brings progressive physical damage. This can be proved. We believe in proper legislation and also are actively interested in the rehabilitation of alcoholics."

COMMITMENT DAY

has been authorized by the General Conference "To enlist Methodists and encourage others to commit themselves to personal abstinence from alcoholic beverages, to temperate living and to challenge church members to creative action for a sober home and social life."

Bishop Hunt Edorses Commitment Day

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—Bishop Earl G. Hunt, Jr., The Charlotte Area of The Methodist Church

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Hungry World!

(Isaiah 25:9)

Dermont J. Reid

There is something deeper than political manipulation that is spawning the seething caldron of restlessness in our tottering world. It is deeper than the thinking of an individual or a group. Its depth reaches far beyond a "political philosophy" or the glittering guarantee of a higher "standard of living" or a more pleasant "way of life." These are nothing more than symptoms of a deeper and more dangerous malady. Seeking to restore peace and harmony on the basis of improving man's environment or offering him more of life's luxuries is like treating cancer with aspirin! The problem of restlessness was not born yesterday, nor with the splitting of the atom, or at the outbreak of our world conflicts. It is as old as Adam! Adam became piteously dissatisfied with his lot in life and that heartbreaking discontent has marched its unhappy way right through the centuries to our present generation—demanding to be recognized, seeking to be answered, confronting every human heart, and consulting every human mind.

This is a hungry world! seeking bread. A suppressed world, hungry for freedom. A dark world, hungry for light. A sick world, hungry for healing. An unequal world hungry for equality. A backward world, hungry for knowledge. A tottering world, hungry for stability. A lame world, hungry for strength; a frightened world, hungry for peace.

Moreover, this hungry world is a restless world on the march. A new light is shining—let us pray that it is The Light of Life! A new day looms on the battered horizon of a billion hearts—let us pray that it is "the day of joy and gladness!" A new hope has been born—let us pray that that hope has an anchor—and that the anchor is not the false philosophy of a godless social idealogy, nor the gaudy parade of a glittering economic structure that offers everybody everything! The anchor and ballast of our human hope must be found in the heart cry of Isaiah who shouted—"Lo, this is our God; we have waited for Him, and He will save us: This is the Lord; we have waited for Him, we will be glad and rejoice in His salvation."

Is this world hungry for food? Yes! Hungry for freedom? Yes! Hungry for peace? Yes! And a thousand more hungers gnaw away at the heart like a giant cancer. But underneath all this hunger, there is a deeper and more persistent hunger for God! All other hungers are cradled in and over-shadowed by this one hunger. Until we satisfy this hunger we will continue to be a restless, waiting, hungry world shuffling our weary feet from "mountain to hill," always searching—never finding, always hungry, never fed.

"Rise up O Men of God" and offer Christ "The Living Bread" to a hungry world!

CAROLINA BRIEFS

¶ The Eastern Catawba County Leadership Training School will be held November 8-12 at First Methodist Church, Newton.

¶ Rev. R. C. Mooney and family have moved into the new parsonage of the Chestnut Street Church in Lumberton. Open House will be held in the near future.

¶ Rev. Cecil G. Hefner, Superintendent of Statesville District is preaching this week in revival services at Bethlehem Church, Claremont, of which Rev. Robert L. Oakley is the pastor.

¶ Rev. John K. Miller, pastor of Race Street Church, Statesville, will preach in revival services at Park Avenue Church, Salisbury, November 15-20. Rev. C. C. Murray is pastor of Park Avenue Church.

¶ Dr. Carl J. Sanders, pastor of Centenary Methodist Church, Richmond, Va., will preach in revival services at Chestnut Street Church, Lumberton, the week of Novemebr 15-20. Rev. R. C. Mooney is the pastor.

¶ Bishop Earl G. Hunt will preach at Ardmore Methodist Church in Winston-Salem next Sunday on the occasion of the observance of the fortieth anniversary of the church. Dr. Eugene Few is the pastor.

¶ Rev. and Mrs. T. Dixon Adams announce the birth of a son, Neil Smith Adams, on October 26 at Cone Memorial Hospital, Greensboro. Mr. Adams is pastor of Lee's Chapel Church, Greensboro District.

¶ Dr. Robert G. Tuttle, pastor of First Methodist Church, Hickory ,will preach in revival services at Aldersgate Church, Shelby beginning November 16. Rev. George W. Thompson is the pastor.

¶ Mr. Holt McPherson, outstanding civic leader and editor of the High Point Enterprise, has been elected president of the North Carolina Division of the American Concer Society. Dr. Mark M. Lindsey, prominent Hamlet surgeon was elected chairman of the board of directors.

¶ Rev. Richard Ernest Campbell has been added to the staff of the Chestnut Street Church, Lumberton. He is a graduate of West Virginia Wesleyan College, and is a first year student in the Duke Divinity School. He will work with the youth of the church each week-end.

¶ James W. Fowler, III, a senior in Drew Theological School, Madison, N. J., son of the Rev. and Mrs. James W. Fowler, Jr., Lake Junaluska, N. C., recently played the role of Jonah in Gunter Reutinborn's play "The Sign of Jonah." The play was produced by the Couples Club of the Methodist Church, Madison, N. J.

¶ Bishop R. Marvin Stuart, Denver, has been elected chairman of the Interboard Committee on Christian Education of The Methodist Church. He and other officers were elected as the committee met Oct. 22-23 at the Methodist Board of Education headquarters in Nashville to organize for the denomination's 1964-68 quadrennium.

¶ Rev. D. B. Alderman of Wilkesboro is preaching this week in revival services at First Methodist Church, Jonesville of which Rev. H. L. Blackwelder is pastor.

¶ The following invitations have been sent out: "The Reverend and Mrs. Barney L. Davidson cordially invite you to attend the Open House of the new Fayetteville Methodist District Parsonage Sunday, November 8, 1964, from two o'clock until five o'clock, 1911 Raeford Road, Fayetteville, N. C."

¶ Rev. W. A. Kerr, pastor of East Flat Rock Methodist Church, Hendersonville, brought the morning message at Clover Hill Methodist Church, Route 1, Casar, N. C., October 18. While there Mr. Kerr also baptised the pastor's son, Mark Kerr Strickland. Rev. Elton L. Strickland is pastor at Clover Hill.

¶ Revival services were held Oct. 18-23 at Mt. Pleasant Church on the North Davidson Charge with Dr. John R. Church preaching. Laymen's Day was held at Mt. Pleasant on Oct. 25 with Mr. Roy M. Cochran of Kannapolis bringing the message. Rev. J. Ed Cochran, pastor; Rev. Ervin Houser, associate.

¶ Cedar Cliff Church near Saxapahaw is holding a Lay Revival this week with different laymen speaking each evening. Mr. Harvey Mitchell, Lay Leader of the Davis Street church in Burlington, will speak on Thursday evening. Sorry we do not have the names of other speakers. Rev. J. D. Aycock is the pastor.

¶ The Tabernacle Methodist Church in the Greenville District is having an annual Harvest Sale on November 6, at the Stantonsburg Community Building. This Church has progressed through this Harvest Sale, and Lord's Acre Project, and by these means it can carry on a more effective work for the church. Rev. C. R. Hollowell is the pastor.

¶ The Editor preached last Sunday at Davis Street church in Burlington, where he served as pastor for four years during the building program of the church. He also assisted in the service for reception of members into the church. Two of his granddaughters, Cynthia Carol Byrd and Cathy Gail Manning, were among those joining the church. Rev. Howard M. McLamb is the pastor and he is doing a fine job in promoting the cause of Christ and his kingdom.

¶ Hayesville Area Leadership Training School was held October 21, 22, 23 at First Methodist Church, Hayesville, in Clay County. Instructors and courses included: "The Life and Mission of the Church" by Rev. Herchel Sheets, Canton, Georgia; "What It Means to Be a Christian" by Rev. Henry Justice, Robbinsville; "Working With Elementary Boys and Girls" by Miss Virginia Miller, Church and Community Worker, Franklin, N. C. Rev. G. W. Dalton was director of the school.

Methodist News In Brief

The new $1.6 million Bethany Village Retirement Home in Shiremanstown, Pa., will be consecrated Oct. 31 by Bishop Newell S. Booth of Harrisburg and Bishop W. Vernon Middleton of Pittsburgh. The home is composed of 94 living units.

Mrs. J. R. Henderson, Methodist churchwoman of Little Rock, Ark., has been named a vice-president of the United Church Women, a department of the National Council of Churches.

Dr. Harris F. Rall, 94, noted religious educator and writer died Oct. 13 in Evanston, Ill. He was professor emeritus of theology at Garrett Theological Seminary where he taught from 1915 until 1955. Prior to that he was president of Iliff School of Theology in Denver. In 1949 a lecture series was established in his honor at Garrett and in 1960 a professional chair was endowed.

The Rev. Seth Mokitimi became the first African to head a major church in South Africa when he was elected president of the nation's Methodists.

Bishop Fred P. Corson of Philadelphia was received in private audience by Pope Paul VI while in Rome as an observer at Vatican II.

Two new members have been added to the editorial staff of *The Upper Room*, daily devotional guide published by the Methodist General Board of Evangelism—Joginder Singh Sandhu of Punjab and the Rev. Chan-Hie of Korea.

Easter of 1980 has been suggested by a Faith and Order Conference in Great Britian as a target date for union of members of the British Council of Churches.

Bishop H. Ellis Finger of Nashville has been elected chairman of the Scarritt College board of trustees.

Next Sunday, Nov. 8 Is Commitment Day

Methodism will point to a happy and useful life for those living without alcoholic beverages during the annual Commitment Day, Sunday, Nov. 8.

The General Conference of The Methodist Church, law-making body for 10.3 million Methodists, sets aside this day "To enlist Methodists and encourage others to commit themselves to personal abstinence from alcoholic beverages, to temperate living and to challenge church members to creative action for a sober home and social life."

Bishop Earl G. Hunt, Jr., who presides over the Charlotte Area, which encompasses the 268,000 member Western North Carolina Conference, said:

"My heartfelt endorsement of Commitment Day and its holy purposes springs from my intimate exposure to the problems of modern youth on a college campus during the last two quadrennia.

"I am convinced that beverage alcohol constitutes a major menace to the good society in our time, and a person's individual decision to avoid this menace is the only real answer under the present circumstances. I am honored to urge full observance of Commitment Day's opportunities to our great Conference."

Student Center Honors Dr. J. Lem Stokes II

Bishop Earl G. Hunt, Jr., will be keynote speaker for the formal opening of the one million dollar J. Lem Stokes, II, Student Center on the Pfeiffer College Campus Sunday, November 8.

About 400 colleges trustees, faculty members, student leaders, alumni representatives and other invited guests will attend a 7:00 p.m. dinner in the Center, during which the bishop will speak, then all will insect the facility.

The following day, November 9, the college trustees will hold their annual meeting in the college, located at Misenheimer.

During the dinner, a portrait of President J. Lem Stokes, II, will be unveiled. The portrait was painted by Mrs. Sam Banks of Lakeland, Fla., and will be placed in the lobby of the Center.

The three-story Stokes Center went into use in the late summer and is still in the process of being finished. It houses the college's dining hall facilities, student lounges and meeting rooms, various offices including that of President Stokes, and infirmary wing, game room, soda shop, book store, and student publication office.

Bishop Hunt presides over the Western North Caroilna Conference, to which Pfeiffer College is a related institution of higher learning. The bishop himself was a college president, heading Emory and Henry College from 1956 until this summer, when he was elevated to the episcopacy of The Methodist Church and assigned to the Charlotte Area.

District Superintendents Conference In Chicago

"One Witness in One World" will be formally launched as the Methodist Church's emphasis for 1964-68 at the quadrennial District Superintendents' Convocation in Chicago November 13-15.

More than 900 church leaders from across the nation are expected to attend the sessions in the Conrad Hilton Hotel. Included will be all district superintendents, all active bishops of the church, representatives of annual (regional) conference finance and promotion commissions, and consultants from the church's national boards and agencies.

Highlights of the convocation will include addresses by churchmen from this country and abroad, introduction of the study book for the quadrennial emphasis, an explanation of benevolence goals for the 1964-68 quadrennium, and the premier of "And The Eighth Day. . . ", the first motion picture ever produced in color to interpret Methodist World Service, the church's basic benevolence fund.

"The convocation is held at the beginning of each quadrennium to present an explanation of the benevolence program of the church to the district superintendents and to correlate with this an explanation of the quadrennial emphasis and to discuss the work of the superintendents in fulfilling their responsibilities," said the Rev. Dr. Elliott L. Fisher, Evanston, Ill. Dr. Fisher is general secretary of the church's Commission on Promotion and Cultivation, sponsors of the convocation.

Churches Will Observe College Sunday Nov. 15

Methodist Churches in the North Carolina Conference will observe College Sunday on November 15 as they place special emphasis on the program of Christian Higher Education and the development of the three Methodist colleges in eastern North Carolina. Focus will be centered on Louisburg College, Methodist College, Fayetteville, and North Carolina Wesleyan, Rocky Mount.

The Association of Methodist Colleges has provided for each local church information for bulletin inserts and suggestions for presentation of the progress of the three colleges since the beginning of the present College Develoment Program three years ago. Along with the report of advancement and development, will be an appeal for bringing up to date pledges for the support of the colleges. With November 15, two-thirds of the goals for the support of the college development program should have been met; on this special College Day an effort will be made to reach this financial goal.

In 1956 the North Carolina Conference voted to build two new colleges and expand Louisburg College. In 1960 the two new colleges opened their doors to the first class and Louisburg College was enlarged. Four years later, in 1964, the enrollment at Methodist College, Fayetteville, was 525 with 43 graduating. The student enrollment at N. C. Wesleyan was 495 with 38 graduating. Louisburg College enrollment has grown from 160 in 1956 to 630 in 1964.

The 1964 fall enrollment at the three colleges are: Louisburg College: 662; North Carolina Wesleyan 565; Methodist College 619.

Christian Education Day Held At Whiteville

Christian Education Sunday was observed at First Methodist Church, Whiteville, on October 25, with Rev. Charles McAdams, Director of Public Relations, Methodist College, Fayetteville, was the guest speaker for the morning worship. Church school classes met at 9:45 as usual, with the special emphasis on "Christian Education" coming during the worship hour.

Dinner-on-the-grounds was served at 12:15, with the three MYF groups meeting at 6:30 and the Woman's Society of Christian Service and the Wesleyan Service Guild having their "Quiet Day" service at 7:30 in the Fellowship Hall.

Methodist Relief Unit Elects Bishop Alton

Bishop Ralph T. Alton of Madison, Wis., was elected president of the Methodist Committee for Overseas Relief (MCOR) at the quadrennial organizational meeting in New York.

Requests totalling $45,200 were approved for relief and rehabilitation work overseas. Included are grants of $10,000 for the Christian Committee for Service in Algeria; $10,000 for emergency food assistance in India; and $15,000 to the Heifer Project.

Other officers elected were Dr. James R. Guffick of Ocean Grove, N. J., vice chairman: and Dr. Walter F. Hazzard, Sr., of Philadelphia, secretary.

Special Showing Of Billy Graham Films

Special showings of Billy Graham films will be shown this week-end as indicated in Methodist churches:

The film entitled "Almost Persuaded" will be shown Saturday night, November 7, at 7:30 p.m. at Bethel Methodist church, on the Flat Rock Charge, of which Rev. David E. Hubbard is pastor; Sunday night, November 8, at 7:30 at the Mt. Zion church on the Huntsville charge, of which Rev. E. L. Murphy is pastor.

The film "The Lost Frontiers" will be shown Sunday night, November 8, at 7:00 p.m. at Rehobeth Methodist church, Rev. James Northington, pastor.

The film "Christ's Return" will be shown at 7:00 p.m. Sunday, November 8, at the Jonesville Methodist Church, Jonesville, N. C., Rev. H. L. Blackwelder, pastor.

Heard at the National Conference On Christian Concerns

"We shall be forced by the revolutionary gospel we preach to run the risk of getting hurt, or losing our reputation, our status—and maybe our lives—but this is our commitment . . . Our revolutionary world calls for offensive action not for defensive reaction."—Bishop Charles F. Golden.

"Let's stop being smug in the assumption that the poor like it that way and are merely living at their natural level. And let's stop being silent, because the energy and knowledge and money to fight poverty can't come from the poor; it has to come from us, unless we prefer a political revolution of the dispossessed." Ben Bagdikian, prize-winning author.

"It is those people who do not hate and who do not intend to harm and yet who still insist upon keeping the Negro in a state of inferiority solely because of his color who are the ones who specially need—and should receive—help and understanding." —LeRoy Collins, director of the new U. S. Community Relations Service.

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A man who causes fear cannot be free from fear. —Epicurus

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EDITORIALS

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Duke Convocation And Pastors School Were Enriching

The 1964 Christian Convocation and North Carolina Pastors' School, held at Duke University last week provided an interesting and challenging program for the several hundred ministers from the two conferences who attended.

Beginning on Monday afternoon, the program continued with unabated concern until the final worship service on Wednesday morning at which time Dr. Samuel D. Proctor, the Convocation preacher, brought the final message. Each of Dr. Proctor's sermons was interesting and enlightening. They were a mixture of profound truth interpersed with a twinkle of humor which won the undivided attention of the audience, and gave them new insights to the application and obligation of the Christian gospel.

Dr. Eugene Smith was very helpful in his two lectures on "The Thunder of God," and "The Earthquakes of God." The sound of God's voice is being heard across the land and some mighty changes and new vistas are opening up, according to Dr. Smith. Dr. R. Wright Spears, president of Columbia College, South Carolina, and an alumus of the Duke Divinity School, gave the Alumni Lecture in a most interesting and instructive manner Tuesday morning. Bishop Earl G. Hunt, Jr., of the Charlotte Area, brought a most helpful and thought-provoking message at the Bishops' hour on Tuesday afternoon. Bishop Hunt is an inspiring gospel preacher who always lifts his audiences to higher heights and challenges them to nobler endeavors .The two James A. Gray lecturers were Father Godfrey L. Diekmann of the Catholic church, who is professor of Patrology and Church History in the Major Seminary, Saint Johns University, Collegeville, Minnesota; and Dean Robert E. Cushman, of the Duke Divinity School, who has just returned as an official observer at the Vatican Council in Rome. Both Father Diekmann and Dr. Cushman sought to interpret the actions and spirit of the Council and evaluate its impact upon Protestant-R o m a n Catholic relations. This series of lectures was one of the most interesting the Convocation has had through the years.

The Duke Convocation and Pastors' School is always a time of rich fellowship as well as a time of spiritual renewal for the ministers who are privileged to attend, and this year was no exception. Two notable innovations were injected into this year's program not hitherto followed: One of the Gray Lecturers was of the Roman Catholic faith, and the Convocation Preacher was of the Negro race. Both Father Diekmann and Dr. Proctor were graciously received by everyone and each made a profound impression for good. To us it seemed to indicate what we know is true, namely that our Christian conceptions are being enlarged, and our Christian horizons are being extended to embrace men of all races and people of differing religious backgrounds. There may be and are, different church polities, opinions, and practices, but there is one God revealed in Jesus Christ. The children of God are being drawn closer to each other and are beginning to realize more fully what Jesus must have meant when he said "Other sheep I have, which are not of this fold: them also I must bring, and they shall hear my voice; and there shall be one fold, and one shepherd."

The ecumenical spirit was in evidence as it is at work in the world today and people of different denominations, religious backgrounds, cultures, and race were seeking to come into a fuller realization of the presence of God in their lives and their society.

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THEME FOR THE WEEK

"Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy. Six days shalt thou labor and do all thy work; but the seventh day is the sabbath of the Lord thy God: in it thou shalt not do any work, thou, nor thy son, nor thy daughter, thy manservant, nor thy maidservant, nor thy cattle, nor they stranger that is within thy gates; For in six days the Lord made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that in them is, and rested the seventh day; wherefore the Lord blessed the sabbath, and hallowed it."—Exodus 20:8-11

E-Day In Mount Olive

Sunday October 25 was E-Day or Sunday for Evangelism at First Church, Mount Olive. Rev. C. Freeman Heath was guest teacher for all adult classes at 9:45 a.m. and he preached at the 11:00 a.m. worship service. Mr. Heath led in a consultation period from 3:00-5:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary with the purpose being to h e l p the group become acquainted with various evangelistic methods of finding, cultivating, recruiting, conserving, maturing, enlisting and witnessing. Following a covered dish supper in the Fellowship Hall of the Education Building, another consultation period was held.

The day was a most profitable one for the church.

Dr. Billy Graham Gets "Upper Room" Citation

Billy Graham, world evangelist, is to be honored in Raleigh, North Carolina, his home state ,on Wednesday, November 18, on the occasion of his winning the 1964 Upper Room Citation.

The Rev. Dr. J. Manning Potts, editor of The Upper Room, in making the announcement said the annual Upper Room Citation dinner, is to be held in the Grand Ballroom of the Sir Walter Hotel in Raleigh.

"The award is given to Dr. Graham," said Dr. Potts, "for his outstanding contributions to world Christian fellowship. He is a compelling minister of the gosepl. He has preached to more people in person and has worked with more Christians of many denomination than anyone else. His work has been on all of the continents and on many islands of the sea."

The Upper Room is an interdenominational daily devotional guide published bimonthly in 36 languages and 42 editions. It is distributed in some 120 countries of the world. Its readership is estimated at 10 million persons per issue.

To date sixteen annual Upper Room Citations have been awarded to outstanding individuals for their contributions to world Christian fellowship .Former citees are: John R. Mott, 1949 and 1950; Frank C. Laubach, 1951; Ralph S. Cushman, 1952; Jesse M. Bader, 1953; John A. Mackay, 1954; Margaret T. Applegarth, 1955; Ivan Lee Holt, 1956; Warner Sallman, 1957; Samuel McCrea Calvert, 1958; G. Bromley Oxnam, 1959; Theodore F. Adams, 1960; Ralph W. Sockman, 1961; James R. Mutchmor, 1962; Helen Kim, 1963.

Church Night Proving Very Helpful At Dilworth

Wednesday Evening Church Night program at Dilworth Church, Charlotte is proving to be very helpful and meaningful. Attendance has been very fine. The meals, of course, have been excellent, under the planning of Mrs. Wolfe and Mrs. Wheeler. Several of our Commissions and Committees have had excellent meetings. The Children's Choirs are building in attendance and enthusiasm. Mr. Oliver is working with Grades 4-6 and Miss Nancy Jo Massey is leading the Grades 1-3. This is a wonderful experience for our children. They will be singing in various church services. Our Prayer Meetings, led by Mr. Strader and Mr. Stockton, are providing opportunity for spiritual uplift and enrichment in the middle of the week. Our Young People are studying THE BIBLE SPEAKS TO YOU by Robert McAfee Brown. They are being led by Mrs. James B. Foster, Miss Lynn Bowen, and Miss Barbara Bradley. This time together is giving our young people opportunity to increase their knowledge of the Bible and is proving to be both interesting and helpful. The Discussion Group, led by Mrs. Tom Stockton, is studying Robert Rainers' book, NEW LIFE IN THE CHURCH. This sharing experience is a wonderful time of true understanding of ourselves, our faith and our mission.

—Thomas B. Stockton
Minister

Bishop Garber Addressed Burlington District Group

Bishop Paul N. Garber of Raleigh last week challenged 181 representatives of churches of the Burlington District to display renewed interest in the three colleges of the eastern North Carolina Methodist Conference. He spoke at a supper meeting at Davis Street Methodist Church. (Tuesday, October 20.)

"I am really excited about this thing," Bishop Garber said, as he described the importance of training youth for future churchmen and citizens. He urged the churches to be faithful in paying the college pledges.

The Burlington District rally was the fifth of 11 rallies to be held in eastern North Carolina to re-emphasize the need for completing pledge payments for the colleges. Conference Methodists have paid over $3 million of the $5 million original promise for the building support of Methodist College at Fayetteville, Wesleyan College at Rocky Mount, and improvements at Louisburg College.

Bill Price of Burlington, president of the Conference Commission on World Service and Finance, spoke on stewardship and said all the church's financial problems will be solved when the church members tithe.

Joe W. Holmes, lay leader of the Burlington District, cited the personal and spiritual influences found on the campuses of the small church colleges.

Rev. James A. Auman of Raleigh, director of the Association of Methodist Colleges, said that the crime bill is $23 billion a year. Pointing to Christian education, he said, "It is easier to direct than correct."

Dr. A. K. King of Chapel Hill, Dean of Graduate School at the University of North Carolina, and chairman of the Conference Committee for Christian Higher Education, marshalled statistics showing the rapid student enrollment and needs. He said that college enrollments will increase 135 per cent in the next 10 years, based on the students presently enrolled in the elementary and secondary schools.

Dr. King discussed the value of a balance between enrollments of the state supported and private colleges of the state, and said, "The church colleges have a vigor we can ill afford to lose."

He discussed the "dire crisis" in our civilization which rejects the uneducated and the unskilled.

Dr. C. W. Robbins, president of Louisburg College, traced the history of Methodism in Christian higher education, with 130 such institutions serving today. He said that in 1954 the conference had only Louisburg College with 200 students. In 1964 the enrollment of the three colleges is 1,840.

Rev. H. M. McLamb, host pastor and director of Christian Higher Education of the Burlington District, gave the invocation.

Dr. T. B. Hough, Burlington District Superintendent, presided.

—H. M. McLamb



Principals at the dedication of the Wesley Foundation Center for Appalachian State Teachers College were, (front, from left), the Rev. Richard Crowder, pastor of Boone Methodist Church; Bishop Earl G. Hunt, Jr., who presides over the Charlotte Area; Dr. W. A. Kale of Duke University Divinity School, immediate past president of the Interconference Commission on College and University Religious Work; and the Rev. Maurice Ritchie, director of Methodist student work at A.S.T.C.; and (rear, from left), Dr. Carl King, executive secretary of the Board of Education, Western North Carolina Conference; Dr. Herman Duncan, superintendent of the North Wilkesboro District; the Rev. W. M. (Bill) Wells, Methodist Student Movement director for North Carolina; and Dr. J. Edward Harrill, chairman of the Board of Directors for the Wesley Foundation at the college. Dr. C .P. Morris, executive secretary, Board of Education, North Carolina Conference, SEJ, was absent for the picture but participated in the ceremonies, as was the case with Ed Hinkle, student president of the Wesley Foundation at Boone.

Mrs. Jack Smith Speaks To Pleasant Green W.S.C.S.

The Woman's Society of Christian Service of Pleasant Green Methodist Church in the Durham District had as their speaker for the October meeting Mrs. Jack Smith. Mrs. Smith and her husband are now serving as missionaries under the Division of National Missions of the Methodist Church. They have spent the past five years in Kahuku, Hawaii and will return there for another term of service after this present furlough period. Their church in Hawaii is located on a sugar plantation on the land of Oahu and serves a multi-racial congregation.

Before going to Hawaii the Smiths served at the Cold Springs Methodist Church near Concord and the Pfeiffer Charge at Misenheimer. Rev. and Mrs. Smith are from Lenoir and Mrs. Smith is a native of Durham. They have four children. Their oldest daughter, Courtney, is a junior at the University of Hawaii; Dinah is a freshman at Duke University; and their two sons, Peter and Mark, attend Durham County Schools.

Through the use of a filmstrip and slides, Mrs. Smith gave us the story in picture of the work and life of a misionary in Hawaii and an insight into the life of the people which is not found in travel folders.

Mrs. R. E. Boggan, Jr., President presided over the business session of the meeting.

Dedicate Wesley Foundation Center At Boone

North Carolina Methodist church leaders met at Boone Oct. 18 for the dedication of the Wesley Foundation Center for Methodist students on the Appalachian State Teachers College campus.

The mid-afternoon program included Dr. W. A. Kale of the Duke University Divinity School, immediate past president of the Interconference Commission on College and University Religious Work, and Bishop Earl G. Hunt, Jr., who presides over the Charlotte Methodist Area, and who gave the keynote address.

Also in attendance were Dr. C. P. Morris of Raleigh, treasurer of the Commission and executive secretary, Board of Education, North Carolina Conference, Southeastern Jurisdiction; Dr. Carl H. King of Statesville, executive secretary, Board of Education, Western North Carolina Conference, Southeastern Jurisdiction; the Rev. Maurice Ritchie, director of the Wesley Foundation Center; the Rev. Richard J. Crowder, pastor of Boone Methodist Church.

Also, Ed Hinkle, student president of the Wesley Foundation; Dr. Herman Duncan, superintendent of the North Wilkesboro District, in which the Center is located; Dr. J. Edward Harrill, chairman of the Board of Directors of this Wesley Foundation; and the Rev. William M. Wells, Jr., of Greensboro, North Carolina director of Methodist student work.

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It may be a long, hard, tedious climb to the top, but one leap may take you to the bottom very rapidly. —W.E.I.

Dr. Frank R. Barnett To Speak On "Christianity Confronts Communism"

One of the best informed Americans on the dangers of Communism to a democracy is Dr. Frank R. Barnett, a keynote speaker for the Nov. 10 "Christianity Confronts Communism" meeting of the Western North Carolina Methodist Conference at High Point College.

Dr. Barnett, who will lead off the afternoon session as third of four speakers, is currently director of the National Strategy Information Center in New York City, and project manager of the American Bar Association's Committee for Information Against Communism.

Other speakers will include Charles T. Vetter, Jr., of Washington, D. C., information coordinator for the U.S. Office of Public Information; Dr. Harry Richardson of Atlanta, founder and first president of the Interdenominational Theological Center; and Bishop Earl G. Hunt, Jr., who presides over the Charlotte Area.

Dr. Barnett, formerly a professor at Wabash College, was a Russian interpreter for the 69th Infantry Division, the first American unit to meet the Red Army on the Elbe River in April of 1945 during World War II, He had previously been a student of Russian Conversation, history and culture at Syracuse University.

After having served as a military government official in Berlin, Dr. Barnett won a Rhodes Scholarship from Indiana, and attended Oxord University to read philosophy, politics and economics.

Mr. Barnett was formerly associated with the Richardson Foundation as director of research and in that capacity lectured widely on Cold War topics to foreign relations, university, business, professional and military groups.

He addressed the National War College, the War College, and national conventions of the American Medical Association of Manufacturers, the American Legion and the Reserve Officers Association.

He has also published articles in a number of widely circulated magazines and journals.

The Nov. 10 meeting at the college will begin at 10:30 a.m. and is expected to close at 4 p.m. Following Dr. Barnett's talk, there will be a question and answer period. Bishop Hunt will deliver the closing address.

The meeting is being arranged by a special Conference Committee on Christianity Confronts Communism, appointed during the 1964 annual meeting of the annual Conference at Lake Junaluska.

Robert M. Smith of Mount Airy, Conference Lay Leader, is chairman of the meeting. The Rev. Ray Swink of Granite Falls, president of the Conference Board of Christian Social Concerns, will be in charge of the program. Advisor to the committee is Peter White of Atlanta, an official for Education for Freedom, Inc.

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In the picture are: Ken Davis (partially shown); Jerry Edwards; Richard Daughtry presenting the check to Bishop Garber; Miss Margaret Ann Biddle; Rev erend M. W. Lawrence, Goldsboro District Superintendent; and the Reverend James H. Miller, Jr., pastor.

St. Luke, Goldsboro, MYF Gives $1,005.63 To College Fund

The Methodist Youth Fellowship of St. Luke's Methodist Church in Goldsboro recently expressed in a very tangible way their interest in the North Carolina Conference program relating to the cause of Christian Higher Education when they presented Bishop Paul N. Garber a check for $1,005.63 for the College Capital Fund.

The check represented the gross receipts from various money-making projects in which young people participated, after they accepted a $1,000 goal during the 1962-65 College Crusade. It involved the selling of coco–colas, serving of bar-b-que and spaghetti suppers, Saturday Car Washes, and various other work activities, which were directed by Miss Margaret Ann Biddle, director of Christian Education, and the pastor, the Reverend James H. Miller, Jr.

The young people made the presentation of their check to Bishop Garber at a dinner which was given to honor Miss Biddle, who left St. Luke's recently to further her education and training at Scarritt College. Appearing on the program for the dinner meeting were the minister, Bishop Garber, and representatives of various organizations of the church:

James Rollins, Commission on Education; Mrs. W. D. Edwards, WSCS president; Bill Marley, Methodist Men; Cindy Hasty, 6th Grade; Janet Lancaster, Junior High MYF; Mickey Peller, Senior MYF; Paul Thompson, Official Board; and Preston Smith, Church School Superintendent.

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Until The End

I'm growing old, so here's my rhyme:
I'm swiftly running out of time.
And yet I have this thought sublime:
I'll live with hope, as in my prime.
So I'll not grumble, I'll not whine,
So long as there's a day that's mine.
If there's a year, or month, or day,
With love I'll pass the time away.
I'll seek each day until the end
To be to God and man a friend.

—Ernest C. Durham

21st Anniversary—World-wide Bible Reading

The annual observance of World-wide Bible Reading—often described as the world's largest Bible reading class—will mark its twenty-first anniversary during the holiday season. The theme is "God's World for a New Age."

"Never before has the world so needed the strength and peace of religous teachings as found in the Bible," James Z. Nettinga, Executive Secretary of the Society stated. "Our great challenge for the 'New Age' is to bring the Bible to the 'bewildered' emerging on the shores of civilization at home and abroad."

Co-sponsored by more than fifty denominations with a membership of over 51 million persons, the World-wide Bible Reading program invites Christians everywhere to join in a spiritual fellowship by reading the same pre-selected passage of the Bible on the same day each year between Thanksgiving and Christmas.

"For many Christians, reading the Bible has been practiced infrequently in our hectic lives. Until we can make its teachings a part of our actions—thereby renewing courage, moral strength and love for our fellow beings, we will miss the greatest opportunity in history," Nettinga said.

This year's readings start with the first Psalm. Any version or translation of the Scriptures may be used. Highlights of the program are Universal Bible Sunday, on December 13th, and the simultaneous reading of the Christmas Story on Christmas Eve.

Fourteen million bookmarks which list the daily readings are being distributed free by the Society.

Twenty-two years ago, a lonely Marine on Guadalcanal asked his family to agree to read with him the same passage of the Bible each day to keep alive the family ties despite the separation of thousands of miles. His mother turned to the Society for a suggested list. Realizing that many in the armed forces might wish to maintain this kind of spiritual bond, the Society in the following year decided to make similar lists available on a broad scale. From these humble beginnings grew a movement in which tens of millions of persons, in this country and scores of other nations, now participate.

In addition to the 14 million free bookmarks, pocket booklets containing the Christmas Story are available. These selections from the Gospel of Luke are printed in the King James Version, the Revised Standard Version and, for the first time this year, the New English Bible Translation. Single copies of the bookmark and the Christmas Story are available without charge by writing to the American Bible Society, 450 Park Avenue, New York, N. Y. 10022.

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A study prepared for and published by the American Bar Association holds that "Communists employ the language of peace. . . .to mask their true strategic purpose: the isolation, encirclement, weakening, and final destruction of the free world." It adds the warning that "to mistake the illusion of peace for genuine peace would be a profoundly dangerous, perhaps fatal, mistake."

LETTERS

Dear Mr. Starnes:

May I try to answer Leroy Scott's recent letter to the **Advocate** concerning the Bible and science? It was a thoughtful letter and shows that he is aware of the complex and serious issue at stake here.

In our day things are being said in the name of science which do not represent the views of many scientists. I was reading a book the other day, "Religion And The Schools" by Paul Blanshard. In this book the author gives the opinion that one of the reasons why many people object to the reading of the Bible in public school is because of the conflict between science and Genesis One. He writes: "The most se ere criticisms have centered upon the story of creation in Genesis I . . .a popular story for public school children . . .pictured God as making the world in 6 daily installments with the land and the sea and the animals coming before man, and the whole process being completed by almost all the latest discoveries in archeology, geology and astronomy." The queston is: Is Genesis I as naive as he thinks it is and is the conflict with science as great as he implies it is?

Now let me turn to Leroy Scott's questions. First, I would point again to the book, "The Evidence of God in An Expanding Universe (Ed., John Monsma, G. P. Putnam's Sons, N. Y., 1958). Here 40 American men of science testify that in their respective scientific fields, they find facts which strengthen rather than weaken their faith in the existence of God. A biologist, for example, says: "Today, I am happy to say, after many years of study and work in the field of science, my faith in God, rather than being shaken, has become stronger and acquired a firmer foundation than heretofore."

Secondly, let me say that many of these scientists are excited and thrilled at the way Genesis I IS being validated by the discoveries of science. I quote a mathematician and astronomer: "The first four words of the inspired Scripture are: 'In the beginnng-God! I would make them the introductory words—the basic theme—of my own personal life."

The statement of Leroy Scott that "In the beginning God. . ." can never be scientifically proven, and we make all kinds of troubles for ourselves if we help to perpetuate that kind of confusion," does not hold water, according to the way some scientists of world-wide renown, a recipient of decorations from many American and foreign institutions as a physiologist, writes: "The existence of God can be logically demonstrated. . .the formal proof was first accomplished by Thomas Aquinas . . .the existence of God has been proved logically to the satisfaction of millions of profound and critical thinkers, many of whom have been the greatest contributors to science and to human welfare. "Could it be that some of our scientists know something we ministers don't know?

Brother Scott next says in his letter: "We are asked to accept the age of the earth, the sun, our galaxy, and the 'known universe' as 'nearly the same-six billion years. But this is not what present-day scientists are saying: they are estimating the age of the solar system at about half or less the age of the galactic universe." I frankly don't know what he means by "galactic universe." Scientists disagree on the age of the universe. Some say two billion years, others 6 billion. Dr. Peter W. Stoner, mathematician and astronomer, however is excited about this and this is my point: science can set tentative ages by their instruments of our know universe. "These ages all turn out to be nearly the same—in the neighborhood of six billion years. So what if they are a few billion years off. The point is that all creation according to modern science GOES BACK APPROXIMATELY THE SAME POINT IN TIME!

The order of creation in Genesis I and the order according to science prompts another good question from brother Scott. "Light two days BEFORE sun and moon?" he asks. This is drawing a fine point especially when we realize that the writer of Genesis I wrote in the language of poetry. This gets us into Biblical interpretation. Many scholars believe that verses 1 and 2, according to Hebrew syntax, should be translated as dependent clauses stating the time and conditions of the bold affirmation of verse 3. Thus, as noted in the R. S. V. footnote to verse 1, and the first three verses of our Bible perhaps should be translated: "When God began to create. . . the earth being unformed and void. . . . God said, 'Let there be light;' and there was light."

Beyond this we must not miss the excitement expressed by the scientists in this book that there is amazing correlation between the order of creation given in Genesis I and the order discovered by modern science. Listen to Dr. Louis S. B. Leaky, archaeologist and anthropologist: "we find that the order of appearance, as described in Genesis, is much the same order as science has discovered for itself. First, plant life appeared. Then some invertebrate life, followed by the birth of fishes in the fifth period, and the conflict?" Except for the late appearance of the heavenly bodies in the series, this logical order is surprisingly close to science.

But Leroy Scott has put into focus an important point. Our main purpose in going to the creation story should not be to discover whether it correlates or does not with science. As someone has said, "The first chapter of Genesis was not written primarily to explain HOW God created the universe. That is the scientific problem. Rather, it was written to explain WHY." Ours is a religious interest. HOW the universe was created is a secondary consideration. But WHY, for what purpose to what ends?

—Barrett Wilson

Methodist Youth Fund Giving Increases

Giving to the Methodist Youth Fund totaled $945,295 last fiscal year, an increase of more than $22,500 over the previous year.

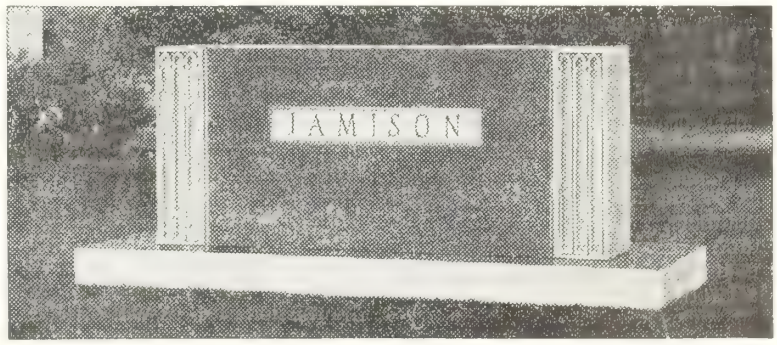
The fund, contributed by Methodist youth, helps missions, Christian education, and youth work around the world.

The announcement for the fiscal year ending May 31, 1964, was made by Miss Emeline Crane, Nashville, Methodist Board of Education staff member who has responsibility for education concerning the fund.

Miss Crane reported to the Interboard Committee on Christian Education of The Methodist Church, which met Oct. 22-23 at the Methodist Board of Education headquarters in Nashville to organize for the denomination's 1964-68 quadrennium.

Miss Crane said giving to the fund over the 23 years since it was established totals $11,900,584.

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Decrease In Members On Profession Of Faith

Though total membership of The Methodist Church in the United States has been increasing slowly, the number of new members received on profession of faith has decreased slightly each year for the last five years.

Dr. Harry Denman, Nashville, general secretary of the Methodist General Board of Evangelism, called attention to the decreases when the board met Oct. 19 in Chicago to organize for the denomination's 1964-68 quadrennium.

Membership of The Methodist Church in the United States was reported in 1964 as 10,304,184, a net increase of 63,198 over last year.

The number received on "profession of faith or restored" has decreased gradually from 380,204 in 1959 to 316,826 in 1964.

To be received on profession of faith, a person must have been baptized, profess faith in Christ, and assume vows of membership in The Methodist Church.

The "restored" refers to persons who have withdrawn but later been restored to membership in the church.

Methodist churches also receive members by transfer from other Methodist churches and from other denominations.

The 1964 report showed that Methodist churches in the U. S. received a total of nearly 690,000 memebrs during a 12-month period. However, members removed from the rolls by transfer to other Methodist churches and to other denominations and by withdrawal, death, and quarterly conference action cut the net increase to 69,198. (The quarterly conference is the basic body of control of the local church or pastoral charge.)

Dr. Denman said the 69,198 net increase in total membership reported in 1964 was the smallest of any year except one since the unification of three branches of Methodism to form the denomination in 1939.

In his report, the evangelistic leader emphasized that each statistic represented a person.

"Jesus was person-minded," he reminded the board members.

"The church will be renewed when it renews its evangelistic concern for all persons," he declared.

Rev. Howard Washburn To Join Board Of Hospitals And Homes

The Rev. Howard W. Washburn, Dallas, Texas, will join the staff of the national Board of Hospitals and Homes of The Methodist Church, in Evanston, Ill., February 1, 1965, as Consultant in Services on Aging.

Announcement of Mr. Washburn's appointment was made by Bishop W. Kenneth Pope of the Dallas-Fort Worth Area and Dr. Olin Oeschger, general secretary of the Board of Hospitals and Homes which has its headquarters in the Methodist Building, Evanston, Ill.

A native of New Jersey, Mr. Washburn for the past five years had been administrative director of the C. C. Young Memorial Home in Dallas. His ministry began in southern Iowa in 1948 and he has served parishes in New Jersey, also.



Groundbreaking ceremony was held at Morven Methodist Charge October 4, 1964, for the erection of a new parsonage. Plans are well underway now and it is hoped that construction will start immediately. The new parsonage will be of brick construction, four bedrooms, two baths, and a study.

Rev. Gus Highfill of the Lilesville Charge gave the address and even though it was a rainey day many attended the service.

The Building Committee consists of chmn. Mr. Ray Thomas, Morven Church, Mrs. J. B. Vaughn, Sandy Plains Methodist Church, Mr. Calvin Phillips, Pleasant Hill Methodist Church, Mr. Roy Staton, Morven Methodist Church, and not shown Mrs. Charles Little, Shiloh Methodist Church.

Missionary Families Will Attend Luncheon Nov. 11

Seven missionary families of the Western North Carolina Conference have been invited to a November 11 luncheon meeting of the executive committee of the Conference's Board of Missions in Myers Park Methodist Church, at Charlotte at 12:30 p.m.

Bishop Earl G. Hunt, Jr., will meet with the missionaries, as will officials of the Conference Board, including Dr. J. Clay Madison, president of the Board, who is pastor of the host church; and Dr. Horace McSwain of Statesville, executive secretary of the Board.

Missionary families invited include:

Dr. and Mrs. Charles Clay, who serve in Brazil; the Rev. and Mrs. Ed Hackney, who serve in India; the Rev. and Mrs. Jack Smith, who serve in Hawaii; the Rev. and Mrs. David Swain, who serve in Japan; Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Vuncannon, who serve in Costa Rica; Mrs. Ralph Ward, who serves in Taiwan and the Rev. and Mrs. William Bigham, who serve in Brazil.

All the missionaries are home on furlough from their overseas assignments. Several of these missionaries have been involved in district missions rallies throughout the Conference this fall, as well as having made individual appearances in local churches for worship services.

Dr. Bauman To Be Pastor Foundry Methodist Church

The Reverend Dr. Edward W. Bauman, 37, widely-known professor of television Bible courses, will become pastor of the Foundry Methodist Church, Washington, D. C., on December 1, according to an announcement by Bishop John Wesley Lord of the Washington Area, The Methodist Church.

Since 1959, Dr. Bauman has been professor of theology and Christian ethics at the Wesley Theological Seminary, also in Washington, and is a faculty member of the American University where his Bible Telecourses are available for college credits.

Dr. Bauman will continue his relationship to both institutions and will also continue as instructor of the national Bible Telecourses, seen in Washington on WMAL-TV and on other stations throughout the country. In his seventh year of television teaching, Dr. Bauman has won an EMMY from the Washington Chapter of the National Academy of Television Arts and Sciences. Films of his telecasts are used by the United States Air Force at bases throughout the world.

The pulpit of Foundry Church has been vacant since September 1, when the Rev. Dr. Theodore H. Palmquist resigned to become pastor of the First Methodist Church in Palo Alto, California.

Church School Institutes In Greenville District

Five Church School Institutes have been announced for the Greenville District of The Methodist Church the week of November 9-13.

The Institutes are planned for Kinston, Greenville, Snow Hill, Washington and Belhaven Sub-Districts and will feature workshop sessions in four areas of Methodist church school work.

The institute sessions will be led by the Rev. Owen Fitzgerald, Snow Hill, "General Church School Workers;" the Rev. Ellis Bedsworth, LaGrande, "Adult Workers;" Mrs. Willis R. Stevens, Greenville, "Workers With Children;" and Miss Charity Holland, Kinston, "Workers With Youth." Other instructors assisting in the sessions are Miss Louise Greene, educational assistant at Queen Street Methodist Church, Kinston, and Mrs. Vernon Law, also of Kinston.

The Kinston Sub-District will meet Monday, November 9, at Queen Street Methodist Church.

Jarvis Memorial Methodist Church will be host to the Greenville Sub-District on Tuesday, November 10. The Snow Hill Sub-District meet at Calvary Memorial Methodist Church, Wednesday, November 11.

The Washington Sub-District will meet at First Methodist Church in Washington November 12 and the Belhaven Sub-District at the Methodist Church in Belhaven, November 13. Each of the Institutes will begin at 7:30 p.m.

All work related to teaching and leadership in the Methodist Church Schools will be emphasized in the evening workshops.

The Greenville institutes are among a series planned in each of the eleven districts of the North Carolina Annual Conference.

Sub-District Of WSCS At Trinity, Fairmont

The fall meeting of the Robeson Methodist Sub-District of the Woman's Society of Christian Service was held last Thursday at Trinity Methodist Church in Fairmont with Mrs. V .F. Teal, president of the group, in charge.

Eighty-one delegates from Methodist Churches throughout the area registered at 9 a.m. An opening meditation was presented by the Rev. Paul Browning of the local church and Mrs. F. D. Nance, president of the Fairmont organization, welcomed delegates. Response was led by Mrs. W. G. Hardin of Bethesda Methodist Church.

An introduction to the W.S.C.S. spiritual life program was presented by Mrs. Sam McMillan, and delegates from Chestnut Street Methodist Church in Lumberton presented a short dialogue entitled "A New Age."

This was followed by remarks by Mrs. T. B. Upchurch on "Our Challenge," and a special musical number, "Grant Me, Dear Lord, Peace of Mind," sung by Mrs. Wayne Floyd.

The morning session was concluded with presentations of the four study courses to be presented by the women during the coming year. Mrs. T. B. Upchurch introduced the mission study on "The Church's Mission Among New Nations."

Mrs. E. T. Ballance presented "The U. S. Responsibility in the World of New Nations." Mrs. David Padget introduced the study, "Spanish America." And Mrs. W. M. Clark gave a review of the study on "Organizations and Functions."

Members of Trinity Methodist Curch W.S.C.S. served the luncheon in the church fellowship hall.

The afternoon session featured a commitment service conducted by Mrs. A. G. Hall.

Mount Olive Sub-District Woman's Society Meets

The Newly organized Mount Olive Sub-District, Woman's Society of Christian Service met Wednesday, October 21 at the Warsaw Methodist Church, with the sub-district leader, Mrs. A. J. Davis, III of Rones Chapel Church, presiding. Mrs. W. R. Crowder, wife of the pastor, gave the opening devotional. Mrs. E. H. Daughtry, Secretary, called the roll of churches in the sub-district. Miss Camille Staton, Vice-President of the Conference Woman's Society of Christian Service, gave the main talk, using as her subject, "Summoned To A New Age." District officers and secretaries of lines of work in a clinic for local officers preceded the business session that was helpful to those in attendance. A delicious lunch served by the host church concluded the meeting after an invitation had been extended by the Woman's Society of Woodland Church to meet with them for the spring meeting.

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"You plead guilty to stealing this man's overcoat," said the judge, "and now you want me to reduce your fine. Why"

"Please, your honor," begged the man. "I had to have the sleeves shortened."



ALDERSGATE TENTH ANNIVERSARY

Left to right: George W. Thompson, Pastor; Arch Lee, Church Lay Leader; Bishop Earl G. Hunt, Jr., Cecil L. Heckard, Gastonia District Superintendent.

Aldersgate, Shelby, Celebrates Tenth Anniversary

Aldersgate Methodist Church of Shelby recently celebrated their Tenth Anniversary. Mr. Arch Lee, Church Lay Leader, welcomed Bishop Hunt, Rev. Mr. Heckard, special guests and friends of Aldersgate. Mr. Heckard, Gastonia District Superintendent, introduced Bishop Hunt to the congregation. After the morning worship service, the ladies of the church spreaded a bountiful picnic lunch which was enjoyed by 200 persons. This meaningful celebration, which gave all an opportunity to reflect on past accomplishments under God's providence and to look toward the future, will long be remembered by the congregation!

The church was organized on September 28, 1954. A Church Conference was held, followed by a Quarterly Conference, at which time 52 persons presented themselves for membership. The Church kept its charter membership open until May, 1955. At that time, the membership had grown to 162. Today, 1964, the church has a membership of 452.

In October, 1954, Rev. W. B. Davis was appointed as the first pastor. He served until October, 1955. He was called of God to the church invisible Setember 1, 1964.

The Church School was organized on October 17, 1954, with 68 present. Today, the Church School enrollment is 456.

The six acre lot on West Dixon Boulevard was purchased in November, 1956, for $11-000.

In October, 1955, Rev. C. Harley Dickson was appointed as the second pastor. The parsonage was completed in January, 1956, at a cost of $23,000. The W. Baxter Davis Class led the church in paying for the parsonage. The parsonage was dedicated January 8, 1961, by Rev. C. W. Kirby, who was at that time the District Superintendent.

Groundbreaking services were held on April 8, 1956, for the erection of our Educational Building and Fellowship Hall. The contract price for this project was $115,000. This work was completed and the first service held in the new building on January 6, 1957. The Adult Educational Unit or West wing, was completed in July, 1959, at a cost of $35,000. The pastor's study and church office are housed in this unit.

Rev. Edgar Price began his services as the third pastor in June, 1959. Under his leadership plans for the sanctuary were begun and a building fund was started for this project.

Rev. George W. Thompson came as the fourth pastor in June, 1963. With his guidance, the church is continuing a full program.

We look ahead to completion of plans for the building of the sanctuary and a widening of the avenues of service to Christ and His Kingdom.

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Among the consultants for the Knox Seminars in Educational Management during the coming year will be Dr. W. Astor Kirk of Washington, D .C., director of public affairs for the Methodist Board of Christian Social Concerns.


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Activities At North Carolina Wesleyan College

President Thomas A. Collins preached the Homecoming for Horne Methodist Church on Sunday, October 25. He addressed the Riverside MYF banquet in New Bern on Monday evening. Dr. Collins taught in the Christian Workers School at Centenary Methodist Church, New Bern, October 18-22, 1964.

Dean Jack Moore preached at First Methodist Church, Williamston on Sunday, October 18 and 25, 1964.

Dr. Arnold K. King, Vice-president of UNC, addressed the Founder's Convocation Tuesday, October 27, 1964. His theme was "New Dimensions in Christian Higher Education."

Dr. Jack Teagarden has served as lay leader for services of the Church of the Good Shepherd in Rocky Mount.

Dr. Raymond Bauer was elected president of the Higher Education Division of the N. C. E. A. meeting in Rocky Mount this month.

Professor Ralph James spoke to the Worthwhile Book Club this month. Dr. James R. Hailey addressed the Rocky Mount Masons and Eastern Star last week.

Raul Spivak, distinguished Argentine pianist, presented a piano concert on the evening of Founder's Day, October 27, 1964.

The October issue of *Writer's Digest* carries a report commending the North Carolina Poetry Circuit and Wesleyan College, one of the eight college participants.

Dr. C. Edwin Harwood, professor of English, was guest minister for Whitaker's Methodist Church, Sunday, October 25. Professor Larry Bond will preach at Whitakers on Sunday, November 1, 1964.

Philander Smith College Has New President

The Rev. Dr. Ernest T. Dixon, Jr., Nashville, staff member of the Board of Education of The Methodist Church, has been elected president of Philander Smith College, Little Rock, Ark., effective Jan. 1, 1965.

The announcement was made jointly by Bishop Noah W. Moore, Jr., Houston, Texas, and the Rev. Dr. John O. Gross, Nashville. Bishop Moore is chairman of the Philander Smith Board of Trustees. Dr. Gross is chairman of the executive committee of that board and general secretary of the Division of Higher Education of the Methodist Board of Education.

The four-year, coeducational, liberal arts college has an enrollment of 512. Owned by the Methodist Board of Education, it has been historically operated for Negroes.

Dr. Dixon has been on the staff of the Board of Education's Division of the Local Church since 1952.

Appointment

Bishop Earl G. Hunt, Jr. has approved the appointment of the Reverend Alvin B. Pope, a local preacher of the Thomasville District, to finish out the year as the pastor of the Macedonia Church, Southmont, North Carolina.

R. Herman Nicholson, Supt.
Thomasville District

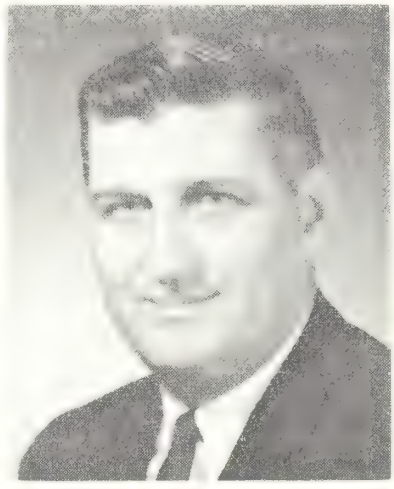


Showing Mr. Arch G. Finch, director of projects, and Rev. R. M. Gradeless, pastor, standing in the six-acre potato field.

Evansdale Church Grows "Potatoes For Colleges"

The cooperative efforts of a rural Methodist congregation will enable the Evansdale Methodist Church between Stantonsburg and Black Creek to give $2,500.00 to Methodist Colleges in eastern North Carolina.

During the $3,000,000 College Development Crusade of the North Carolina Conference in 1962, the small Evansdale



Rev. Lawrence Lugar

congregation was asked to contribute $2,500 to the drive, The pastor of the church, the Rev. Lawrence Lugar, and officials accepted the quota and then proceeded to fulfill their obligation. The three-year development drive for Methodist College at Fayetteville, North Carolina Wesleyan College at Rocky Mount and Louisburg College will end in December, 1965.

An open country church comprised mostly of tenant farmers, the members decided last Spring to plant sweet potatoes. John and Tom Graves of the First Methodist Church in Wilson loaned the church six acres of rich farmland and Arch Finch was named chairman and overseer of the project. Along with Dow McKeel, chairman of the Official Board and Hyman Amerson, chairman of the finance committee, the members began the cooperative project.

They pooled their efforts to prepare the soil, plant sprouts and set out the 72,750 plants on five and one half acres. They estimate that the cost of the plants, fertilizer and top dressing will come to $100 per acre. An area merchant agreed to harvest, basket and market the potatoes with the church members handling the canning potatoes and selling them. The potato project will gross approximately $3,500 with a net profit of $2,500-$3,000 realized.

The Rev. Mr. Lugar, who was transferred in June, 1964 to New Bern, and the present minister, the Rev. R. M. Gradeless, praised the congregation for their "Potatoes for Methodist Colleges" project. In addition to meeting the commitment in the College Drive, extra income will be realized for the local church building fund.

This is but one of a number of unusual methods used by various groups to support the development of these Methodist institutions.

Greenville District Youth Elect Officers For Year

Methodist Youth of the Greenville District have elected Miss Nancy Thompson of Saint James Methodist Church as the first president of the Distirct MYF. Miss Thompson, a senior at Rose High in Greenville, was chosen at a district rally of the MYF'ers. The rally attracted a total of two hundred forty four High School youth.

Miss Leigh Harvey of the Queen Street Methodist Church in Kinston was chosen vice-president of the Greenville District MYF. Other officers are Miss Kay Kaegebein, secretary and Miss Dianne Howell, treasurer. Miss Kaegebein is also a member of Saint James in Greenville and Miss Howell hails from Washington.

The officers were installed by the Rev. Willis R. Stevens, Greenville District superintendent.

Youth of the district have pledged over $1,600 to the Methodist Youth Fund for the coming year. The MYFund is the mission emphasis of Methodist youth.

The representation by Sub-Districts at the Rally were Kinston, 89; Snow Hill, 27; Greenville, 81; Washington, 42; and Belhaven, 5.

The Greenville District was created at the 1964 annual conference of North Carolina Methodists and embraces Pitt, Greene, Lenoir, Beaufort, Martin and Hyde Counties.

Miss Charity Holland of Kinston is the advisor to the District MYF group.



By Mary Gardner

An Empty Milk Can

Danny loved canned milk. Every day he stepped into the pantry and looked at the row of small cans of his favorite brand of milk. Mother had bought them and placed them on the top shelf. Danny wanted to ask her for one to be his very own.

Danny's daddy was a missionary who did not have any extra money to spend and his mother was very careful of every single can. Every day Danny thought, "I will ask her tomorow."

One afternoon he came into the house and found everyone gone. Mother was attending a missionary meeting and his older brothers were playing ball with the boys in the neighborhood.

Danny went into the pantry. He was thirsty and he wished and wished for a drink of milk. Well, no one had ever told him he shouldn't open a can of milk. He went to the door to see if anyone was coming. He did not see his daddy anywhere. He brought a stool from the kitchen, climbed up on it, and reached for a can of milk near the edge of the shelf. By stretching as far as he could, he was able to get hold of it.

He jumped to the floor and hurried to find the can opener. He had often watched his mother punch two holes in the top of the can and pour the milk into a pitcher. She would put water in the can, rinse it around and pour it into the milk. He wondered if he could do it without spilling it. He went to the faucet, filled the can with water, and poured it into the pitcher. He filled a tall glass.

My, how good it tasted! He drank it all—every precious drop. He left the can on the table and closed the door to the pantry.

When Mother came home, it was time to prepare the evening meal. The older boys had come from their play and Daddy was reading the evening paper.

Mother called from the kitchen, "Danny!"

"Yes, Mother" said Danny, coming into the kitchen.

"Danny, were you in the pantry this afternoon?" asked Mother.

"Yes, Mother. Why?" asked Danny, who was begining to feel queer.

"I found an empty milk can on the table and a stool near the pantry shelf," said Mother.

Danny looked at his feet. He was afraid he might cry.

"I was so thirsty," he said. "I didn't think you would care just once."

"You should always wait for me to get the milk for you. If everyone in the family helped himself to the milk I wouldn't have enough because Daddy only has so much money for our food. You might spill the milk and that would be unfortunate. I always hoped we could have a cow when you and the other boys were old enough to care for it," said Mother.

Danny swallowed. "I guess I was just tempted to take that can."

"We all have temptations, Danny. Remember that Jesus said when Satan tempted him "Get behind me, satan," he said.

"Next time say to him, 'Get behind me and push me out of the pantry,'" said Mother.

Danny laughed at the idea. Mother was not going to scold him too much.

"I'll remember what you said and ask for the milk next tme," said Danny.

When the family was seated at the dinner table, Daddy looked at Danny and said, "It is your turn to ask God's blessings on our food."

Danny said, "Thank You for the world so sweet. Thank You for the food we eat. Bless us as we eat it. Amen.

Then Danny added, "And don't let me take any more milk from the pantry shelf when Mother is away."

Daddy and Mother smiled at each other across the table.

—The Sunday School Times

Andrew And Peter Become Jesus' Disciples

Read John 1:25-42. Then put a cross on the lines in front of all the false statements below:

—Andrew loved Jesus and immediately followed him.

—Andrew forgot everyone else; he was happy to be with Jesus.

—Andrew went at once to tell Peter about Christ.

—Jesus looked at Andrew when he saw the brother, and he praised Andrew for bringing Peter to him.

—Peter's name at first was Simon.

—Jesus said that He would change it to Peter, which means "church."

—Andrew was not as important a disciple as Peter, but he was just as useful.

—Andrew served as a big brother one day when Jesus was preaching.

—He brought a boy to Jesus and he helped link the need of the people with Jesus, who could help them.

God's Love

Through the night the Lord has kept me,
Watching from above;
Thank You, Lord, for guarding me
With Your tender love.
Morning bright and earth so fair—
Your gifts are everywhere.
Thank You, Lord, for keeping me
In Your tender care.

—Mildred Adair

Bible Quiz

1—Who had a coat of many colors?
2—Who made her son a little linen coat to wear in the temple?
3—What kind of coat had Goliath?
4—In the Sermon on the Mount, what did Christ say to do if any man sue thee at law, and take away thy coat?"
5—Of whom was it said: "God made coats of skin, and clothed them?"

Answers To Last Week's Questions

1—Joseph (Genesis 44:2)
2—Psalms 23
3—Jesus (Mark 9:41)
4—Nehemiah 1:11
5—Scribes and Pharisees (Matthew 23:25)

Just For Fun

Tommy, age 9, recently wrote a thank-you note to his uncle Peter for a gift his uncle had sent him last Christmas:

"Dear Uncle Peter—I'm sorry I didn't thank you for my present, and it would serve me right if you forgot my birthday next Tuesday."

The little boy looked up and down the street, then sorrowfully approached a policeman standing on the corner.

"Sir," he asked "did you see a lady going by here without me?"

A little boy pointed to a cage of green parakeets in the pet-shop window.

"Look, Mommy," he exclaimed, "there are some canaries that arn't ripe yet."



Woman's Activities

District And Sub-District Meetings Held

Mrs. H. W. Doub

The Raleigh District Woman's Society of Christian Service recently held three sub-district workshops on Program and Purpose. The sub-districts, dates, and places of meeting include Raleigh, October 7, Westover Methodist Church, Raleigh; Vance-Warren October 14, Norlina Methodist Church, and Louisburg, October 15, Louisburg Methodist Church

Emphasizing the purpose of the WSCS for the new quadrennium, 1964-68, the program for each meeting included a talk on "The Program and Purpose in a New Age," Mrs. R. A. McLean, Norlina, Organization and The New Look, Mrs. John W. Crawford, and Mrs. W. J. Brogden, both of Raleigh; a skit, "Summoned to a New Age," class sessions presenting previews of the current mission study courses and a service of Commitment.

Participating in the skit at the workshop in Raleigh were Mrs. L. D. Gill, Wake Forest; Mrs. A. W. George and Mrs. Holroyd, both of Raleigh. Presenting the skit at Norlina were Mrs. Gill, Mrs. Bruce Pate, and Mrs. Owen Robertson. Mrs. E. G. Griffin and Mrs. Daniel joined Mrs. Gill in the skit at Louisburg.

The four classes and their leaders were Spanish Americans, Mrs. . Marvin Vick, Jr., Raleigh; Mrs. J. W. Lineberger, Raleigh; The Chruch's Missions Among New Nations, Mrs. E. G. Cothran, Raleigh; The United States' Responsibility to New Nations, Mrs. W. M. Bryan, Raleigh, and Program, Mrs. L. D. Gill.

Mrs. Frank Daniels, Raleigh, lead the opening meditations at each of the three meetings, basing her talks on the study course, Genesis.

Mrs. John. W. Crawford, is the district president. The three subdistrict leaders are Mrs. Harold Seavers, Wendell; Mrs. L. R. Harris, Macon, and Miss Blanche Penny, Raleigh.

Miss Mary Gardner, Raleigh District, Public Relations.

The Executive Committee of the Burlington District of the Woman's Society of Christian Service met at the home of the President, Mrs. P. F. Newton at Snow Camp, Tuesday, October 20.

Mrs. P. F. Newton presided and we were honored by having the District Superintendent of Burlington, Dr. Hough, with us.

In the absence of our Recording Secretary, Mrs. J. R. Lloyd of Graham, Mrs. Robert Shelf of Route 6, Burlington, took the minutes.

The following District Officers gave their reports:

Mrs. William W. Newman—Vice-President

Mrs. R. Z. Hornaday, Sr., Snow Camp—Treasurer

Mrs. Thomas Merriman, Jr., Burlington—Children's Work

Mrs. H. T. Winstead, Leasburg—Christian Social Concerns

Mrs. Welker Shue, Graham—Membership Cultivation

Mrs. W. B. Carroll, Pittsboro—Spiritual Life

Mrs. V. L. Warren, Mebane—Supply

Mrs. Hubert Sally, Burlington—Youth Work

Mrs. Melvin D. Wilson, Burlington—Film Librarian

We were real happy to have the following sub-district leaders:

Mrs. Harvie B. Carter, Danville—Caswell Sub-District

Mrs. W. A. Andrews, Graham—North Alamance Sub-District

Mrs. T. J. Jones, Saxapahaw—South Alamance Sub-District

Mrs. Jasper Braxton, Graham—Siler City Sub-District

Church Wide School of Missions Institutes will be held at the Pittsboro Methodist Church, Pittsboro, N. C., October 29. The theme will be "Spanish Americans."

The annual meeting will be held at Duke Memorial Church, Durham, N. C. on March 15, 1965.

The next executive meeting will be in the home of Mrs. W. B. Gibbs, Burlington, N. C. A delicious luncheon was served immediately following the meeting.

Mrs. R. M. Janey,
Dist. Sec'y. Public Relations

The first Wesleyan Service Guild meeting of the Sanford District was held in the Page Memorial Methodist Church of Aberdeen on Sunday afternoon, October 25th, 1964, at 2:00.

Prior to the meeting, Miss Nora Norris rendered a piano solo, which was followed by singing "In Christ There is No East or West" by the group.

Mrs. Robert Yates, District Secretary of Spiritual Life Cultivation gave the Meditation. In the absence of Mrs. Pat Satterwhite, local Guild President, Mrs. Yates welcomed the visitors.

Mrs. H. Pat Nixon, District Secretary, called the meeting to order, and asked that "THE NEW PURPOSE" be repeated in unison.

Miss Betty Chang, Recipient of Wesleyan Service Guild Scholarship, and who is attending Wesleyan College, was introduced. Miss Chang warmed the hearts of those present by the manner in which she expressed her gratitude for the Scholarship.

During the business, the election of the District Nominating Committee resulted in the following being elected:

Miss Vivien Avent of the Jonesboro Heights Church

Miss Frances Wright of the Star Church

The question of deciding on method of choosing sites for future meetings was discussed. Miss Pete Hill of Sanford, offered the following motion: "I move that site for our meeting be held according to alphabetical list of Guilds in the District." The motion was seconded by Frances Wright of Star, and was unanimously caried.

Mrs. H. W. Doub, Public Relations Chairman and Contributing Editor of the North Carolina Christian Advocate, moderated a Symposium *"SUMMONED TO A NEW AGE."* She was ably assisted by Mrs. Sam A. Dunn, President, Woman's Society of Christian Service, who gave the introduction to *"THE NEW AGE."*

Mrs. Fred Lemond, Conference Secretary, W.S.G., told about the program of "Christian Social Relations," while Mrs. Harold Mann, Conference Treasurer, gave information on "Finance Channelling."

In the absence of Mrs. Pat Sattedwhite, Mrs. Henrietta Courway, made a plea that pledges to Missions and Supply Work be sent in promptly. She introduced Miss Martha Schlapbach, one of our workers in the Pembroke Area, who told something of her work.

Mrs. H. Pat Nixon gave thoughts on "Membership Cultivation," and Miss Hazel Yates, District Secretary of Missionary Education of Spiritual Life Cultivation, stressed the importance of prayer groups throughout the District.

Mrs. John Bowman represented the METHODIST WOMAN by speaking in behalf of that magazine. She was presented in a poster interestingly and uniquely the work of Mrs. Pat Satterwhite, President of the Aberdeen Guild.

Mrs. Doub and Mrs. Nixon expressed appreciation to those taking part in the Symposium.

A skit of "Program Types" was given, depicting the *Old Fashioned Program;* the *Fast Program;* the *Slow Program*, and the program that is *thrown together.*

Mrs. Pat Satterwhite, who is in the hospital facing surgery, was remembered in prayer and with an offering for a gift to express the love of the Sanford District.

"Take My Life and Let It Be" was sung, followed by Commitment Service and the Benediction.

The visitors were invited into the Fellowship Hall for a social period.

—Mrs. E. E. Pleasants
Acting Recording Sec'y.

W. N. C. Conference

Mrs. John C. Wright

North Wilkesboro District Holds Workshops

Four workshops of Purpose and Program were held in the Sub-districts of the North Wilkesboro District in October. They met at Blackburn's Chapel, Grassy Creek, Taylorsville and Banner Elk Methodist churches with 215 women and 25 ministers attending.

Mrs. Van Dillon, Jr., Elkin, secretary of missionary education and service of the

Woman's Society of the Western North Carolina Conference, conducted the meditation for each workshop.

Mrs. John Barden, Boone, district vice-president, was in charge of the program which had as its theme, "New Horizons and Programs Buildings."

Mrs. Fred Hobson, Yadkinville, told how the mission studies are related to the total church program, then had four women present sketches of the studies. These speakers were Mrs. James McNeeley, Booneville, Mrs. R. H. Lankford, Elkin, Mrs. Melvin Sullivan, Elkin, and Mrs. William Waring, Elkin. The Reverend James McNeeley, Booneville, discussed the churchwide study.

Mrs. J. B. Winkler, Boone, spoke on, "Sharing Our Gifts," and Mrs. A. J. Harrell, Elkin, led in a program, "Peace and World Order." Mrs. Neil Summers, Jr., Hiddenite, was in charge of the display of literature and program materials.

Mrs. John White, Moravian Falls, district president, conducted an evaluation period.

Greensboro District Workshops

233 members of the Woman's Society of Christian Service of the Greensboro District attended the Workshops on Purpose and Program held during September. Sub-district 2 met at the Pleasant Garden Methodist Church with 125 in attendance, and sub-disrtict 1 and 3 met at First Methodist Church, Draper, with 88 women present.

Mrs. Max Tucker, district president, and Mrs. H. I. Swink, district vice-president, both of Greensboro, heard many comments from the women who attended, saying that the workshops had been more informative and helpful than any held previously.

The women of the Greensboro District had a Bible Study on, 'Genesis, the Beginning of Biblical Drama," at the West Market St. Methodist Church on Sept. 21-24. The Rev. Charles Beamoan, pastor of Christ Methodist Church, Greensboro, was teacher for the class, which was open to all societies in the district.

Special music was presented each day by members of West Market St. Church.

Waynesville District Spiritual Life Retreat

The Woman's Society and the Wesleyan Service Guild of the Waynesville District had a Spiritual Life Retreat at the Hinton Rural Center the weekend of Oct. 16th.

The Hinton Center is situated on Lake Chatuge. With the beautiful lake and the mountains in their glorious fall colors was a perfect setting for helping one have a mountain-top experience with the Lord, said the women.

Mrs. Margaret Pilarski, Waynesville secretary of spiritual life cultivation, planned the devotional program for the 39 women in attendance.

Mrs. C. F. Devenish, Asheville, was guest speaker, using as her theme, "God's Looking Glass." The music was under the direction of Mrs. Clarence Williams, Canton.

The women were divided into three groups, with Mrs. J. L. Fesperman, Franklin, Mrs. Frances Dudley, Greenville, S. C. and Mrs. C. G. Norton, Hendersonville, as leaders.

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NORTH WILKESBORO OFFICERS HELP WITH WORKSHOP PROGRAM

Left to right, front row, Mrs. Frank Welch, Newland; Mrs. Fred Hobson, Yadkinville; Mrs. John White, Moravian Falls, district president; Mrs. John Barden, Boone. Second row, Mrs. Robert Brinkley, Elk Park; Mrs. R. H. Lankford, Elkin; Mrs. A. J. Harrell, Elkin; Mrs. James McNeeley and the Rev. James McNeeley, Booneville. Not shown were Mrs. J. B. Winkler, Boone; Mrs. William Waring, Mrs. Melvin Sullivan and Mrs. Van Dillon, Jr., all of Elkin.

Duke University Seminars Planned For November, January In Series

The Duke University Divinity School Seminars—field operations designed each year as refresher courses in topics of current interest to ministers—will be held in Columbia, S. C. on Nov. 11-12; in Greensboro, N. C. Jan. 18-19, 1965; and in Fayetteville on Jan. 21-22, according to Dr. Kenneth W. Clark, director of the seminars for many years.

The sessions in Columbia will be hosted by Dr. Carlisle Smiley, minister of Washington St. Methodist Church, where the meetings will take place.

Assisting will be Bishop Paul Hardin, Jr. of the Columbia Area, and Superintendent R. N. Dubose of the Spartanburg District, The Methodist Church.

In January, Greensboro's West Market St. Methodist Church will be the scene of the seminars with Dr. Wilson Weldon as host pastor. Following will be the sessions in Fayetteville's Hay St. Methodist Church, where Dr. C. D. Barclift is host-minister.

Each of the 1964-65 seminars will be on the subject, "Current Interpretation of the New Testament," with leaders who are authorities in the field.

Dr. Krister Stendahl of the Harvard University Divinity School, Dr. H. Clark Kee of Drew University's Theological School, and Dr. Hugh Anderson of Duke are the speakers and discussion leaders.

The two-day study courses are expected to attract upwards of 125 ministers to each of the three cities holding the meetings, Dr. Clark stated.

"The ministers trained 35 years ago in historical and literary approach," he said, "had to adjust to the later 'neo-orthodox' studies. One trained 15 years ago faces an adjustment in a day of reaction from Tillich and Rultmann.

"This is why our Duke Divinity Seminars this year turn to discussion of today's interpretation of the New Testament, with attention being given particularly to the effect of the Qumran discoveries on the understanding of the New Testament, to the modern eschatology in relation to ethical sanctions, to the 'new quest' for the historical Jesus, and to a synthesis pertaining to the Resurrection of the light of history and faith," he continued.

"The scholars speaking in the seminars have written extensively on the themes of their lectures," Clark said. "Dr. Anderson's recent volume, Jesus Christian Origins, has stimulated much interest and discussion among ministers of many faiths both here and abroad.

Earlier works by Dr. Stendahl are similarly relevant to his talks, especially his 'Scrolls and the New Testament' and 'The School of Matthew,' while Dr. Kee's 'Making Ethical Decisions' and his 'Understanding the New Testament' have bearing on his seminar material," the seminar director concluded.

Ministers attending the Columbia, S. C., seminar in November should write now for reservations. No registration fee will be charged, and overnight accomodations will be provided without cost if requested.

A check for $4 to cover the cost of three meals to be served at the church during the two-days should be drawn to Washington St. Methodist Church, c/o Dr. Smiley not later than November 5.

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Of Historical Interest To Women Of WSCS

MRS. JOHN C. WRIGHT

What did Methodist women do at their missionary meetings one hundred years ago?

Some of the same things they do today, and yet there is a difference in many types of activities.

This is revealed in an old book of the minutes of the Woman's Missionary Society of Weaverville brought to light recently by Mrs. John A. Reagan. The book begins in October, 1870, and the last recorded minutes are November, 1886. It has been in seclusion 60 years, probably with a grandmother's things, stored in an attic. About 20 year ago Mrs. Reagan heard about it and asked that it be placed with other old records of the society in her possession. It has been in her care since that time.

It is a worn little book, only 6 by 7 inches in size and less than a quarter of an inch in thickness. the pages are carefully written in an old-fashioned spencerian hand with elaborate flourishes on the capital letters. The ink has dimmed little with the passing of the years.

In those days they met once a month, on the first Friday. They opened the missionary program with a devotional message (usually by the preacher), they answered roll call by repeating "pieces of Scripture" and they paid dues ($10 per month).

They were deeply concerned over "the destitute families in our immediate neighborhood," especially those who had no Bible in the home. They were concerned over the "heathen" in foreign lands. Thev elected a delegate to attend the annual Conference in Knoxville, Tenn (This section was then in the Holston Conference of Tenn. and Western Carolina).

Their differences from today include their mode of travel, the total amount paid to missions, the size of the society and other things. It seems that the preacher always attended the missionary meetings and he always preached. In one place it said, "It was an appropriate and sensible lesson."

Their mode of travel is revealed indirectly by the oft repeated phrase "few were present because of the inclement weather." On another page. "only three members were found present because of the inclement weather ," and "The society did not meet this month (July) it being so near commencement and it was raining on the day of the meeting."

The women seem to have had two favorite meeting places—the house of the president or the parsonage. Perhaps it was easier to get to those places.

Their topics of study were similar to those missionary societies today. Thev were, "Our Mission Work in China," "Our Mission Work in Mexico," "Why We Attend the Woman's Missionary Society," and "Excuses for Not Attending WMS."

At each meeting a member was assigned to prepare an "essay" for the next meeting—perhaps these were similar to our "devotionals." for the subjects mentioned are. "She hath done what she could," and, "Whose Sheaves?"

One member. Miss Maggie McDowell, (who later established the first subscription school in Weaverville) was so good in preparing essays that they passed an official resolution, "in the minds of the society she is worthy intellectually and morally to go as a missionary to Brazil." This was sent to Mrs. Peas of Asheville, evidently a district or conference officer, as a recommendation.

Their most oft sung hymn was, "From Greenland's Icy Mountains," and this is still sung in Methodist churches.

So many quaint phrases creep into the language found there. "We proceeded to tend to business." "20¢ was contributed by a spectator." 'After tending to the usual business and speaking socially with each other a short time, the meeting adjourned." "Only 6 members were present but we felt the Lord with us."

Reference is made to a "Dime Reading," evidently an afternoon program where one paid a dime for admission. It says a committee was "appointed to make all necessary arrangements in regard to a Dime Reading which is to take place the first Friday in March at the Boarding House."

An interesting account is given of a talk made about the Seminole Indians. Mrs. Lucy Goolsby spoke on the need among the Indians and the members responded. "A collection was taken amounting to $1.00. Rev. Doan and Rev. John B. Weaver gave 25¢ each."

Children's work is mentioned as early as 1880.

Many names still common in Western North Carolina Methodism are included in the roster of members: Atkins, Baird, Cheek, Eller, Lyda, McDowell, McElroy, Parker, Pickens, Reagan, Taylor, Vandriver and many Weavers.

The presidents seem to have served long terms. Those mentioned in the 16 year history were Mrs. M. W. Kennedy, Mrs. Mary A. Reagan, Mrs. R. W. Pickens and Annie Atkins.

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During the first six months of this year, the FBI's Crime Index recorded a nation–wide increase of 15 per cent over the same period in 1963. All crime classifications were up significantly. The violent crimes were led by rape, followed by aggravated assault, murder and robbery.

God And Country Award

Daniel Allen Portaro, son of Mr. and Mrs Sam Portaro, of Shady Grove Methodis Church, received the coveted God And Country Award of the Boy Scouts of America during the morning service on October 4 1964, in Shady Grove Church.

Guests of the Church on the occasior were Scout Executives from High Point and Winston-Salem; Boy Scout Troop



DANIEL ALLEN PORTARO

Number One, High Point, of which Daniel was a member, and his Scoutmaster Mr. Milford Byerly and three of the Assistant Scoutmasters of the troop.

Assisting in the Presentation Service was Mr. A. F. Brucke, Sr., Lay Leader of the Congregation.

After Daniel received the Award, Mr. Milford Byerly, Scoutmaster, escorted Daniel's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Sam Portaro, to the Chancel; the replica of the award was presented to Mrs. Portaro by the Minister.

Letters of congratulation to Daniel were presented to him also from the Resident Bishop of the Charlotte Methodist Area, Earl G. Hunt, Jr.; Governor Terry Sanford; Senator B. E erett Jordan; Dr. Harry Denman of the national Board of Lay Activities, and Dr Herman Nicholson, District Superintendent of the Thomasville District.

Daniel was escorted to the chancel by two of his brother Scouts; he is a Star Scout and on his graduation from the Wallburg Elementary School last Spring was awarded the Good Citizenship Award.

His father has been Lay Leader, Board Chairman and now is Chairman of the Stewardship and Finance Commisson; his mother has held all affices in her Woman's Society; his brother, Sam, Jr., was recently awarded the Eagle Award; Sam, Jr., a talented organist, is Assistant Church Organist and Church School Pianist.



Sunday School Lesson

For November 15

By Raymond A. Smith
Head, Department of Religious Education
Greensboro College

Equipped For Service

Background Scripture: 2 Timothy 2:1 through 3:9, 14-17.

Lesson Scripture: 2 Timothy 2:8-15; Timothy 3:14-17.

The Abingdon Bible Commentary begins its discussion of the Bible materials for this lesson with these words: "The old campaigner for the gospel, convinced his campaigning days are over, appeals to Timothy to see to it that the campaigning shall not cease. He is to recruit and train helpers who will pass on the things learned from Paul and proved in so many testing experiences. Any good soldier will suffer hardship for his cause! The service of Christ calls for the same kind of fidelity and rigorous devotion."

Paul, the foremost Christian soldier of the early church, knew many hardships, trials and disappointments. Timothy is reminded that prison bars will never be strong enough to bind the gospel. Rather, it will find its way everywhere in spite of opposition. And so it has proved throughout all the Christian centuries since that time.

In verse 11-13 we have what may have been an ancient hymn, or a creed. As printed in the Revised Standard Version it reads thus:

"The saying is sure:
If we have died with him, we
Shall also live with him;
If we endure we shall also reign with him;
If we deny him, he also will deny us;
If we are faithless he remains faithful—
For he cannot deny himself."

The figure of speech employed in the second line refers to the new life in Christ which is expressed in many places in the New Testament, but in Romans 5:17 the idea is very clearly set forth as follows: "If because of one man's trespass, death reigned through that one man, much more will those who received the abundance of grace and the free gift of righteousness reign in life through the one man Jesus Christ."

In verse 14-15 there is a stern warning against "word battles," that is, religious arguments, the purpose of which too often is to prove someone else wrong, rather than to build up a constructive faith in the church. Timothy is urged to be a "workman who has no need to be ashamed" and, in the words of the New English Bible "driving a straight furrow in your proclamation of the truth." The late Dr. Roy Smith tells of a Chinese who remarked that Christianity is a "very *talky* religion," a criticism that we should all examine carefully. Another critic of our faith has said "Christianity is a certain way of talking." The only thing that will render ineffective such criticism is by exhibiting lives of unselfish service.

Writing on the above topic Dr. L. F. Stearns once wrote: 'Character is a means to an end; that end is service. We are to be sons of God in *doing* as well as *being*. The effort of many Christians seems to be devoted solely or chiefly towards the formation of character. Character has its great preciousness, but its preciousness is revealed only in service. Heaven is not a mutual admiration society where the redeemed will exhibit their characters to each other, as prize fighters might show their muscles. God has put us into this universe to do his work. There is work to be done in this world and work to be done in heaven. The Christian's work here is to build up the Kingdom of God. Every believer has a share in it."

Now we turn, in closing, to a consideration of the place of the Bible in the development and equipment of the Christian Worker. Verses 14-17 are made to read this way in the J. B. Phillips translation: "All Scripture is inspired by God and is useful for teaching the faith and correcting errors, for re-setting the direction of a man's life and training him in good living. The Scriptures are the comprehensive equipment of the man of God, and fit him fully for all branches of his work." Here we have Scripture suggested as a standard of belief, that is a sort of divine compass which we may consult to get our bearings in a sea of conflicting doctrines. It is also a training manual in good character. How important this is in any age! None of our schemes for the betterment of society are any better than the character of the men who make up that society. Finally the Bible is the "comprehensive equipment" of the one who aspires to Christian faith and life. It deals in a definitive way with most of the problems that humans will ever face in this life. *There is a new ground swell of interest in the Bible today.* Let us pray it may last until we all know it better!

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My Garden Was Nervous

Last Summer I didn't plant my garden plot. It was a riot of weeds. I wondered how it felt. I decided that it must feel "nervous." With no central purpose it seemed to be more active and prolific than ever, being caught up in the cross purposes of weeds. I know it was nervous because in its memory were thoughts of other days—ordered rows of growth, bright colored vegetables, and the presence of a joyful gardner. Today I see its latter end—a melancholy hard, brown through which the autumn wind hisses in derision. Everyone knows of reaping where you sow, for this is the message of autumn with its rows of golden fruit; but it takes a prophet to see that we reap also where we don't sow.

I know what people mean when they say they are nervous. If we do not let the Gardner have his way in our hearts, we cannot get ourselves into rows or bring forth a proud harvest and the winds of time hiss over our graves.

—Sherrill Biggers

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Interboard Missionary Committee Headed By Bishop Booth

Bishop Newell S. Booth, Harrisburg, Pa., has been elected chairman of the Interboard Committee on Missionary Education of The Methodist Church.

Now head of the Harrisburg Area of the church, the bishop concluded 34 years of service in Africa in July of this year. For the past 20 years he has headed The Methodist Church in the Congo.

He and other officers were elected for four-year terms as the committee met Oct. 20-21 at the Methodist Board of Education headquarters in Nashville to organize for the denomination's 1964-68 quadrennium.

The Rev. Eugene L. Stockwell, New York City, assistant general secretary of the World Division of the Methodist Board of Missions, was elected vice-president of the committee. Miss Miriam Brattain, New York City, staff member of the Joint Commission on Education and Cultivation of the Board of Missions, was elected secretary.

The committee made plans for the Methodist part of a nationwide interdenominational mission study for 1966-67, "Affluence and Poverty; Dilemma for Christians."

The study will deal with "the acute theological and moral issues with which Christians around the world are faced by the sharp contrasts of poverty and affluence in the contemporary world scene."

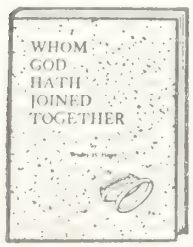
The Rev. Horace W. Williams, Nashville, executive secretary of the interboard committee, said the new study is projected for children, youth and adults.

He added that the study was conceived and plans begun two years ago, before the federal government anti-poverty project was announced.

Mr. Williams also said that reports in the committee meeting indicated that there is evidence of a new awakening among college students in America to the mission of the church in society today.

The group voted to have its 1965 annual meeting Oct. 18-20 in New York City.

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Fine Arts Festival At High Point District

High Point College will hold its first Fine Arts Festival during the week of November 15 through 21.

The Festival will commemorate the 40th anniversary of the birth of William Shakespeare and will consist of the Folger Library Shakespeare Exhibit from Washington; a film play, "Henry the Fifth;" Recordings of various Shakespearean plays; a lecture by a noted Shakespearean authority; exerpts from several Shakespearian plays acted out by the "Carrodines" of New York; and an opera, "The Merchant of Venice," written especially for the festival by Dr. Low Lewis, Chairman of the Fine Arts Department at High Point College.

The idea for the Fine Arts Festival had its origin after President Wendell Patton and Dean David Cole agreed to a sabbatical leave for Dr. Lew Lewis in order that he might write an opera for the college. In a meeting with Dr. Lewis, President Patton and Dean Cole discussed the use to be made of the opera after it was written and plans for the Fine Arts Festival were formed. By the end of August this year, Dr. Lewis had completed his opera based on Shakespeare's "Merchant of Venice" and with the aid of the Fine Arts Festival Committee, Dr. Dan Cooke, Don Drapeau, Mrs. Dorothy Griffiths, Dr. Williams R. Locke, Dr. C. E. Mounts, and Raiford Porter, devised the program for the festival. The Festival is to one of High Point College's contributions to the advancement of culture for the college family and the community at large.

The community is encouraged to participate in these cultural events and times, place, and ticket purchases will be announced later.

"Church Fellowship Night" At McMannen In Durham

McMannen Methodist Church had its first "Church Fellowship Night" on Sunday, Oct. 25. It was a delightful occasion. About one hundred people, (men, women, and children), come at 6:00 o'clock and ate a covered dish supper together. All new members of this conference year were special guests and sat at the head table. After the meal the special guests were introduced and presented to the group. Then followed a period of warm fellowship around the open fire place. Then the group viewed the movie on the life of John Wesley. The Nursery was available for the small children during the showing of the movie.

These fellowship nights are planned for each Fourth Sunday Night. The primary purpose is for the people of this rapidly growing church to get and keep acquainted with each other. And if this first one is any indication of the value of this kind of service, this activity will become a vital part of McMannen Church. Vassar W. Jones is the pastor of this church.

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Six of the courses that will be offere are designed to implement the effective us of the new curriculum materials that we introduced into the Children's Division i September. *Working With Nursery Chi dren* will be taught by Mrs. Marvin Vick Raleigh. *Working With Kindergarten Chi dren* will be taught by Mrs. Wesley Broga of Raleigh. *Working With Elementary I-I Children* will lbe taught by the Reveren Wesley Brogan, Conference Director Children's Work, Raleigh. *Working Wit Elementary III-IV Children* will be taugh by Mrs. H. H. Hodgin, Route 1, Grahan *Working With Elementary V-VI Childre* will be taught by Mrs. J. W. Lineberge Jr., Franklinton. A course on *The Work the Counseloring Teacher and The Chi dren's Division Superintendents* will b taught by the Reverend Paul Bunn, Rout 1, Orrum.

In addition, these courses will be offere to other workers. *Counseling Youth* to b taught by the Reverend J. Conrad Glass, Jr Conference Director of Youth Work, Ra leigh. *The Christian Family Facing Prob lems* to be taught by the Reverend R. T Commander of Burlington. A course i Evangelism, *The Christian Witness In To day's World*, will be taught by Dr. W. A Kale, Professor of Christian Educatior Duke Divinity School, Durham.

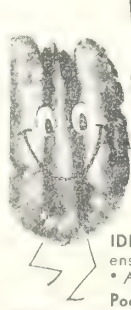
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Fuquay Springs Church Holds Dedication and Home-Coming Services

Last Sunday was a red-letter day in the life and program of the Fuquay Springs Methodist Church. It marked the dedication of the new education building, and was also homecoming day.

Bishop Paul N. Garber delivered the sermon at the 11:00 o'clock worship service, and led the congregation in the dedication ceremonies, Assisting in the worship program were a number of former pastors, including Rev. E. C. Maness, retired, who was pastor when the present church was built; Rev. S. J. Starnes, pastor when the educational building was planned and the building fund began; Rev. John R. Poe, pastor when the actual construction was carried out; Rev. Norwood L. Jones, the present pastor, under whose leadership the entire debt has been paid; and Rev. N. W. Grant, Raleigh District Superintendent. Present also was Rev. J. W. Lineberger. Mr. Lineberger is a former pastor of the church. Rev. E. D. Dodd, an honored former pastor, now retired, living in the community, was unable to attend. Bishop Garber traced the history of the beginning of Methodism in England and America, and drew interesting conclusions from experiences of the pioneers. The Choir of the Church, under the direction of Mr. James L. Piver, led the congregation in an inspiring program of music. At the close of the sermon, Mr. Davis Reams, Chairman of the Commission on Education, made the presentation of the building for dedication, and Bishop Garber, Rev. N. W. Grant, and Rev. Norwod Jones participated as the congregation joined in the responses.



Left to right, front row: Rev. N. W. Grant; Bishop Paul N. Garber; Rev. Norwood L. Jones; back row: Rev. E. C. Maness; Rev. John R. Poe; Rev. J. W. Lineberger; and Rev. S. J. Starnes.

Following the act of dedication a bountiful and delicious luncheon was served in the basement of the church.

Fuquay Springs church is a well-equipped plant, consisting of its worshipful sanctuary, education plant, and lovely chapel. The church is composed of a fine group of loyal people who are able and willing to do whatever is necessary to make the church the kind of institution it should be in the community.

CAROLINA BRIEFS

¶ The daily meditation in the Upper Room for November 11 is by Rev. Max Lowdermilk, a missionary who is on furlough.

¶ Rev. Orin N. Hutchinson, pastor of Love Methodist Church at Walkertown, was the speaker at Vesper services last Sunday at 4:00 p.m. at Bennett College in Greensboro.

¶ Dr. A. Purnell Bailey of Richmond, Va., will preach in revival services at the Farmville Methodist Church November 15-18. Rev. Wayne Wegwart is pastor at Farmville.

¶ Rev. Philip Gibbs, pastor of Proximity Church, Greensboro, will preach in revival services at Konnoak Hills church, Winston-Salem, for four nights, November 15-18. Rev. Walter Cooper is the pastor.

¶ Dr. Ralph W. Sockman, minister emeritus of Christ Church, New York City, is preaching this week in services at Hayes Barton Church, Raleigh, of which Rev. Paul Carruth is the pastor. The services will end Wednesday night.

¶ First Methodist Church, Morehead City, Rev. Harold Leatherman pastor, will hold a Layman's Revival the week-end of November 14-15, with Mr. Walter F. Anderson, Director of the SBI in North Carolina as the speaker.

¶ Dr. John R. Church, is the evangelist for revival services being held at Hiatt Memorial Methodist Church of Winston-Salem, November 8-15. Services began with the morning Worship Service on Sunday the 8th and will continue through next Sunday evening. Rev. Gayle Ford is the pastor.

¶ The MYF of the Snow Creek and Friendship churches on the Friendship charge in Statesville District collected $41 for UNICEF during te recent campaign. Ladies of the WSCS served refreshments to the group and thanked them for their work. Rev. John S. Oakley is the pastor.

¶ Dr. Walter Miller, pastor of Central Church, Asheville, will preach at both services of worship at Wesley Memorial Church in High Point next Sunday morning. Dr. Miller is a former pastor of Wesley Memorial. Dr. James G. Huggin is the present pastor.

¶ Revival Services will be conducted at Zion Methodist Church, on the Milwaukee Charge, Rt. 2, Conway, N. C., beginning November 15th and continuing through Friday. The revival will begin on Sunday night and continue each night at 7:30. The Rev. J. Thomas Smith of the Hawkins Tabor Charge will be the visiting preacher..

¶ The Baptist, Methodist, and Presbyterian churches of Rocford will hold revival services jointly beginning November 15. Services will begin in the Methodist church November 15 and continue through the 20th, each day at 12:10 p.m. in the Baptist church, and at 7:30 p.m. each evening in the Methodist Church. Dr. R. J. Robinson, pastor of First Baptist Curch, Augusta, Ga., will be the evangelist, and Mr. Frank Boggs will lead the musical program.

¶ On November 13th, 14th, and 15th, at Boonville Methodist Church there will be special services on Deepening Our Christian Life. The Rev. Courtney B. Ross will be the guest and lead in these services, each night at 7:30. The Rev. James E. McNeely, Jr. is the minister.

¶ Dr. Ralph W. Sockman, minister emeritus of Christ Church Methodist, New York, will be the guest speaker for the chapel hour at Louisburg at 10:00 a.m., Wednesday, November 11. He is in North Carolina leading a series of preaching services at Hayes Barton Methodist Church, Raleigh.

¶ Dr. Norman A. Derosiers, Medical Director of North Carolina Rehabilitation Center at Butner preached at Grace Church, Burlington last Sunday morning. Mr. Derosiers is a member of the North Carolina Annual Conference. Rev. Charles Bryant is pastor at Grace Church.

¶ Paul Hickfang, Director of Opera at the University of North Carolina at Greensboro, will sing the leading role in the High Point College opera 'Merchant of Venice" during the College's Fine Arts Festival November 15-21. The original opera was written by Dr. Lew Lewis, chairman of the Fine Arts Department at High Point College.

¶ A breakfast meeting of the Methodist Ministers serving churches in Haywood County met for discussion about the work of Rev. Jack Smith, of the Kahuku Mission, on Island of Oahu, Hawaii. The meeting was held October 26, 1964, 7:30 a.m., at the parsonage home of Rev. and Mrs. James Bellamy, Long's Chapel Methodist Church, Lake Junaluska, North Carolina.

¶ The Hellman Concert Trio was featured as the third concert of the season by the current Louisburg College Concert Series November 9, 8:00 p.m., in the College Auditorium. Directed by Daphne Hellman, harpist, who is a graduate of the Roval Academy in London, the trio has recently returned from a successful State Department tour of South America, Europe, Africa and Australia.

¶ During the 36th annual session of the North Carolina State Grange, which met at Asheville October 21-24, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Allen Pope of the Monogram Subordinate Grange in Catawba County were selected as "Young Couple of the Year." Mr. and Mrs. Pope are members of the Concord Methodist Church of Route 1, Catawba, North Carolina. Both of them are active in various areas of the church work.

¶ Dr. G. Byron Deshler, director of the Prayer Life Movement of the Methodist Church, will lead in a "Spiritual Renewal" revival in the Avden Methodist Church during the week of November 15-20, 1964. Dr. Deshler spoke at the N. C. Pastors' Conference on Evangelism in Rocky Mount in 1963. He is one of the most spiritual of the leaders of Methodissm. Many people in the surrounding areas will want to hear him. The public is cordially invited to attend the services at 10:00 a.m. and at 7:30 p.m. Rev. W. D. Caviness is the pastor.

¶ Rev. H. Langill Watson, pastor of First Methodist church in Graham will preach in revival services at Swepsonville Methodist Church November 15-19. Rev. Rufus H. Stark is pastor at Swepsonville.

¶ Dr. Charles P. Bowles, pastor of Centenary Methodist Church, Winston-Salem, will be the speaker at the Methodist Men's meeting at Broad Street Church in Statesville Thursday evening, November 19.

¶ The Harnett MYF Sub-District will meet November 15 at 3:00 p.m. at Divine Street Methodist Church in Dunn. Joe Mann, MYF Conference president, will be the speaker. All members are urged to attend.

¶ Rev. Walter R. Kelly, pastor of Coburn Memorial Church, Salisbury, has just sent sent us 14 new subscriptions to the Advocate which he said were secured by two members of the Official Board, Messrs. B. W. Eagle and H. M. Brawley who gave just a little time to this cause. We thank these brethren. Any church can do the same with a little effort. Send them in brethren.

¶ First Church, Troutman, conducted a "Week-End Revival" on the nights of November 6-8, with Dr. Robert G. Tuttle, pastor of First Church in Hickory as the guest speaker. His topics were "Christ and our Christian Experience;" "The Holy Spirit, Our Most Intimate Contact With God;" and "What Is Christian Experience?" G. G. Adams, Jr. is the pastor at Troutman.

¶ The Burke County Methodist Youth Fellowship Sub-District Christian Youth Week will be held at Bethlehem Methodist Church from Sunday, November 8th through Thursday, November 12th. Meeting time each evening will be 7:30 p.m. Guest speaker, the Reverend Charles E. Shannon, new Superintendent of the Marion District of the Western North Carolina Conference of The Methodist Church. The theme for the week's activities is: "We Test Our Lives by Thine."

¶ Greensboro College English professor, an authority on Shakespeare, and Renaissance literature and music, Dr. John H. Long, will be High Point College's Fine Arts speaker. Dr. Long will speak on "Renaissance Literature and Music" when High Point College celebrates the 400th Anniversary of William Shakespeare November 15-21. The lecture will be held in the Fine Arts Building, Rehearsal Room on Thursday November 19th, at 7:00 p.m. The public is invited to hear this exceptional speaker.

¶ Homecoming Day is being planned for Zion Methodist Church on November 22, 1964 at 11:00-12:30 p.m. Homecoming Day speaker will be the Rev. W. E. Herbert, pastor of the Woodland Methodist Church. Friends, Former Pastors, and neighbors are invited to attend the Homecoming Services. Zion Methodist Church is one of the oldest churches in Northampton County. It is the mother Church of several Methodist Churches in the county. The church has recently completed a $25,000.00 Building program, which has added to the over-all effectiveness of the Church program. Thus we invite you to come to our homecoming and help us to celebrate our progress.

¶ First Methodist Church, Hickory, held layman's day services last Sunday with Dr. William B. McPherson, associate of the Board of Lay Activities of the The Methodist Church, as the speaker. Dr. R. G. Tuttle is pastor at Hickory, Dr. McPherson led a group in "Lay Speaking" at the Training School in Newton during the week.

¶ Dr. Thomas A. Collins, President of N. C. Wesleyan College, Rocky Mount, N. C., will preach Nov. 13. 14, and 15 Friday night, Saturday night, and Sunday night in the Pine View Methodist Church, Lumberton, N. C., Rev. D. M. Lewis, pastor. He will also show slides of the European MYF Caravan, when he and Mrs. Collins were counselors a few years ago. Everyone is cordially invited to come and hear Dr. Collins, and to see the interesting slides of the European Caravan.

¶ St. Andrews Methodist Church, Fayetteville District, will hear Professor George P. Chandler Sunday, November 15 during special "College Day" services, ac .rding to the minister, Rev. Paul Scott. Mr. Chandler is professor of philosophy at Methodist College and a native of Fayetteville. A member of Hay Street church, he attended Fayetteville High School, Elon College and continued his graduate work at Vanderbilt Divinity School and Emory University. A candidate for the Ph.D. degree, he is married to the former Miss Tona Watt of Sumter, S. C.

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Beauty Everywhere

I've never seen so much of beauty—beauty everywhere;
And everywhere I went today, I knew that God was there.
I saw the colors He had painted on each lovely tree;
And everywhere I went today I heard Him speak to me.

—Ernest C. Durham

Church-Related Colleges Challenged by Methodist Bishop to New Excellence

Methodist Bishop Earl G. Hunt, Jr., told Pfeiffer College Trustees and over 475 friends of the college last Sunday night that the church-owned college must become the North Star of higher education again.

The leader of Western North Carolina Methodists also declared that the campus of the church-owned college offers one of the most strategic evangelistic frontiers in the world today.

Bishop Hunt addressed a dinner marking the formal opening of the college's new one million dollar student center. Named in honor of Pfeiffer President Dr. J. Lem Stokes, II, a portrait of President Stokes to be hung in the center was unveiled during the program.

A tribute to the leadership of President Stokes was made by Charlotte Attorney Paul R. Ervin, Chairman of the Pfeiffer Trustees. Mr. Ervin traced the growth of the college from a small junior college to its present status of a widely known and respected 850-student liberal arts college.

Formal presentation of a large bronze plaque bearing the college seal was made by Harold A. McFeely, Greer, South Carolina, president of the Class of 963. The seal, centered in the entrance lobby of the building, was the gift to the Methodist-related college by the class of 1963.

Bishop Hunt, a former college president, describing this generation as one deeply immersed in personal and social sin, declared "Many of our great educational institutions need desperately to recover an absolute, a constant by which to check and evaluate relatives and variables.

"The Christian college must attain unassailable academic integrity if it is to earn a hearing in the world of higher education at large. It cannot offer inferior instruction and expect its function as "conscience" to other institutions to long survive.

"Accuracy of fact must always reinforce accuracy of moral precept. Commitment to higher religious principle is incentive for excellence rather than excuse for mediocrity in academic affairs."

Bishop Hunt described college students in America today as "a complex, lovable individual with a little bit of the beatnik in temperament and personality. He is devastatingly and brutally honest. He despises sham and hypocrisy in all their forms.

"The Church has never seen his like before. He is not anti-God—indeed he could become like Spinax, God-intoxicated. And, he can be had—had for God. But it will take a new approach on the part of the church, together with deep understanding, infinite patience, and a determination not to be shocked."

Bishop Hunt declared the campus of the church-related college offers an evangelistic situation far more significant than Billy Sunday's sawdust trail or Billy Graham's Weby Stadium."

"The church-related college campus offers the most strategic evangelistic frontier on this earth tonight. It can shine like a beacon whose light reveals the far stretches of freedom and reverence and idealism in the life of mankind."

The new building honoring Dr. J. Lem Stokes is a beautiful structure of modern design and is well equipped to perform its functions. The large number present, including trustees, and invited guests, enjoyed a bountiful dinner preceeding Bishop Hunt's address and the unveiling of the portrait of Dr. Stokes.

Unique Talent Propect At Trinity Church, Raleigh

On Sunday, November 1, Trinity Church, Raleigh, started a unique talent project. The Commission on Stewardship and Finance presented the pastor, Rev. W. A. Tew, with $1,000 in new $5.00 bills for him to dedicate to God. Following the sermon on "A Divine Talent Show" (based on the parable of the talents) the pastor gave members of the commission the bills, who in turn gave a new $5.00 bill to any person who would come to the altar and get it. These persons are to invest these bills and bring back the returns on Christmas Sunday, December 20, as a birthav gift for Christ. A similar project was used at Trinity some years ago and the increase was between 300-400 percent.



Parents' Day Observed At Louisburg College

Approximately 400 parents and friends joined students, faculty, and staff in observing Parents' Day at Louisburg College Wednesday, October 28. The program began with registration at 9:45 in the Fine Arts Center. Then followed a chapel service and a meeting of all parents in the college auditorium. After a buffet luncheon in the Benjamin N. Duke Cafeteria, the parents and friends were given time to visit informally with the students.

The highlight of the afternoon was twofold. At 2:45 the Music Department, under the direction of Miss Sarah Foster, presented a program of music which featured solos by various music students, as well as selections from the Chapel Choir. The second highlight was the Parent-Faculty Tea in the Fine Arts Center. This tea not only provided a time for fellowship, but also gave opportunity for the parents to talk to the members of the faculty.

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EDITORIALS

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Democracy At Work

The feeling of the American people following the election is somewhat like that of the calm after the storm. The campaign, both national and state, has been long and hard-fought, and sometimes there have appeared elements which are unfortunate, in that candidates and parties have resorted to unnecessary abusive tactics in an effort to win votes and carry their point. This has been less true in North Carolina than it has on the national scale. Mr. Gavin, when it was evident that Dan Moore, his Democratic opponent had won the election for governor, called Mr. Moore and congratulated him, and offered his service in any way he could be used in the advancement of better days ahead. He said the campaign had been conducted in a manner which brought credit "to both of us," and pledged his readiness to work with the Democratic administration. Mr. Moore expressed his acceptance of Mr. Gavin's proffered help, and said "we need the help of all working together." He extended an invitation to Mr. Gavin and his followers to "join us and help make the next four years a good four years." This is a fine expression of democracy on the part of both men.

On the national scene President Johnson won a smashing victory over his opponent and pledged to continue the march of progress which has characterized his administration. Mr. Goldwater wired President Johnson, when it was clear that the President had won the election, saying "Congratulations on your victory. I will help you in any way I can toward achieving a growing and better America and a secure and dignified peace." The President likewise "called for a united America facing the world as one."

These election victories place a heavy responsibility upon the shoulders of those elected, and should elicit a spirit of humility on the part of each one. This is no time for boasting about victory but a time for dedication of talents and energies to accomplish the best for all the people. We may not alway agree, but we can work together. As a matter of fact we don't have to agree in order to co-operate. A minister expressed it facetiously sometime ago when he was preaching and referred to the fact that we have divisions, but one purpose. He said, "Why my wife and I do not always agree. Sometimes she's wrong."

An election such as this should make us glad to be citizens of a democracy, where people of differening political ideaologies can express themselves through the ballot, and then accept the outcome of the majority opinion and pledge to work together. In some countries men rise or fall politically by use of the bullet instead of the ballot, but in America it is different. Here we believe in exercising intelligence and respecting every man's preference and opinions, and then accepting the combined expression as the majority desire and co-operating with it. This is the spirit and practice that has made America great and will keep her great. Abraham said to lot in the long ago, "Let there be no strife between me and thee, and between my herdmen and thy herdmen, for we be brethren." This is good advice for all of us in these days. Rather than magnify the things that divide us, let us emphasize the things that unite us and face the future with confidence and purpose. "United we stand; divided we fall."

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THEME FOR THE WEEK

"It is a good thing to give thanks unto the Lord, and to sing praises unto thy name, O Most High. To shew forth thy loving kindness in the morning, and thy faithfulness every night." —Psalm 92:1, 2

Duke to Open Second Conference On Ministry To Area Students

Duke University's second annual Conference on the Ministry is expected to attract more than 100 college and university students from about 25 institutions in Virginia and the Carolinas.

Participating will be an interdenominatcnal and inter-racial group of young people who are interested in the Christian ministry as a possible career,

To provide them a first-hand insight into such career opportunities will be nationally known churchmen and educators who will speak on challenging subjects in the various fields of the ministry.

Major addresses will be presented by Dr. Benjamin Mays, president of Morehouse College, Atlanta, Ga., and the Rev. Peterson, executive director of the department of the ministry of the National Council of Churches.

The Rev. C. Shelby Rooks of the Fund for Theological Education is also listed as a speaker on the three-day program.

Sponsored by the Duke Divinity School, the Department of Religion, and the Religious Life Staff at the university, the conference is made possible through the generosity of the Hanes Hosiery Mills Foundation and the Fund for Theological Education, Princeton, N. J.

LETTERS

Dear Brother Starnes:

We are now engaged in a special "Higher Education" Rallies in which we are urging our people to complete their commitment to our three colleges, so that they can effectively lead our young people in securing a college education in the environment of Christian principles and in schools whose policies remain true to the policies and pronouncements of our great Church. I have been most fortunate in both campaigns in our Conference to have had lay people who have responded in a fine way to these causes.

At our Wilmington District Rally one of our ministers suggested that we should give serious consideration to re-naming one of our colleges in honor of Bishop Paul N. Garber. Our Bishop responded as expected with the statement, "Thank you, but I had rather our people would go back to the churches and raise the remaining $2,000,000.00." "What else," I told this colleague, who wishes his name not be mentioned in this letter, "did not expect him to say?" "He couldn't say that it was a fine idea."

My colleague has asked me after our conversation to pursue this matter further and to write an open letter to you. I am sure he approached me because of my feeling about Bishop Garber and the many statements I have made regarding his leadership among our people called Methodists. I have said in letters to friends that "Bishop Garber, representng the clergy, and Dr. Harry Denman, representing the laity, are Methodism's Prophets of the Twentieth Century." It is my feeling that Bishop Garber has been able to accomplish not only in the Areas he has served, but in World Methodism, more than any American Bishop in the Twentieth Century.

So outstanding has been his leadership that I feel the usual procedure of waiting until a man is deceased to honor him should me by-passed. Surely he will say when he learns of this effort, "No, don't do that."

If he said any differently, then he would not be the man to so honor. I feel that we should give serious consideration to this proposal in the near future.

I am interested in seeing the reaction of our ministers and laymen in our Conference as well as friends of Bishop Garber in other American Conferences and throughout World Methodism to this proposal.

Bishop Garber remarked in his address in our District that Dr. John O. Gross of our General Board of Education said to him that he must do something before he retired to express his appreciation to our Area for its uparalleled contribution to Christian Higher Education. I am sending Dr. Gross a copy of this letter asking him to give serious and prayerful consideration to the possibility that this might be a valid way to show his feelings by lending his support to this project.

—A. D. Byrd, Jr.

Whiteville, N. C.

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To "Meet with Triumph and Disaster and treat those two imposters just the same" is a worth-while goal for all of us.

Methodist College Receives $50,000 Foundation Grant

A $50,000 grant from the Z. Smith Reynolds Foundation has been allocated to Methodist College to be applied to the construction of the administration building.

Dr. L. Stacy Weaver, president of the college, announced the grant during the fall meeting of the Board of Trustees following the Founders' Day service on November 2.

The $50,000 foundation grant is the second gift toward the administration building, which is expected to cost about $250,000. An earlier donation of $100,000 was made by W. E. Horner of Sanford, a trustee of the college.

Dr. Weaver also announced that the Alcoa Foundation of the Aluminum Company of America had recently made a contribution of $1,000 to the college through J. D. Holmes, the Badin plant manager.

President Weaver in his report to the trustees said that Methodist College has enrolled 619 students this year. He added that they come from 49 counties in North Carolina and from 15 other states.

Governor Terry Sanford, chairman of the board of trustees, announced the apopintment of Henry B. Dixon of Mebane to succeed J. Nelson Gibson of Gibson on the Executive Committee of the board.

Gibson has been appointed to the Commission on World Service and Finance of the North Carolina Conference of the Methodist Church and, consequently, is not eligible to serve on the college's board.

The Reverend James A. Auman, Executive Director of the Association of Methodist Colleges of the North Carolina Conference of the Methodist Church, was introduced to the board. He reported a renewed interest in support of the college and that the observance of College Day on November 15 would be a significant day in the conference calendar.

Prior to the trustees meeting college students, faculty and visitors filled the student Union for he Founders' Day observance of the signing of the College Charter on November 1, 1956.

Dr. Allen P. Brantley, Burlington, a member of the original board of trustees and still active on the board, gave the keynote address.

Dr. Brantley said that the main concern in constructing the college was "to create an institution of higher learning to educate young men and women within the framework of Christian ideals and in order to provide the highest quality education."

He stressed the importance of Christian higher education, adding, "Living in an age of turmoil, tension and confusion, we must have an inward directiveness that guides us in our living. If not, life becomes merely a dead end."

Governor Terry Sanford in introducing the speaker told the college students that the greatest strength of the future rests with them.

Special music was presented by the Methodist College Chorus, directed by Alan M. Porter; and Dr. Willis Gates, violinist, accompanied by Mrs. Jean Ishee.

The invocation was led by the Reverend V. E. Queen and the benediction by the Reverend O. L. Hathaway, both trustees of the college.



Western North Carolina Methodist Conference clergymen who participated in the fourth annual Orientation Tour, sponsored by the Commission on Town and Country Work, pause at The Methodist Home for a picture with their bishop. Bishop Earl G. Hunt, Jr. (second from left, front row), who presides over the Charlotte Area, is shown here with the Rev. Garland Stafford (front, second from right), executive secretary of the Commission, and the two administrative assistants of the Home, Donald Penley (left, front) of the Wesley Nursing Center and John Lambeth (right, front) of the Methodist Home. This group visited Brevard College, Hugh Chatham Hospital, Children's Home at Winston-Salem, Greensboro College, and North Carolina Christian Advocate at Greensboro, High Point College, Pfeiffer College at Misenheimer, and Home for the Aging and Wesley Nursing Center at Charlotte, and the Methodist Building at Statesville.

Layman Choose Theme

"My Christian Witness in Today's World," has been chosen as the theme for the Fourth National Conference of Methodist Men to be held July 9-11, 1965, at Purdue University.

Planning for the conference is well along, according to Dr. Robert G. Mayfield, general secretary of the church's General Board of Lay Activities, who announced selection of the theme, and Dr. Lloyd M. Bertholf, Bloomington, Ill., program committee chairman. The week-end is sponsored by the Board of Lay Activities which has its headquarters in Evanston, Ill.

More than 5,000 men are expected to attend the meeting, representing annual conferences across the country. Many conference groups are planning to charter buses, trains, or planes to attend, Dr. Mayfield said.

"The conference is closely geared to the great need of the Church in the world today—the need for total Christian witness of men in all of life," according to Sidney R. Nichols, a Board of Lay Activities staff member in the Men's Work Section.

Noted Teacher At Pfeiffer

One of America's most noted teachers of Philosophy, Dr. Brand Blanshard, led an upper-classman's convocation at Pfeiffer College on November 3.

Dr. Blanshard spoke at 10 a.m. in the Pfeiffer Chapel on the subject "The Problem of Conformity."

His visit to Pfeiffer College was under the joint sponsorship of the college Convocation Committee and the Visiting Schotvocation Committee and the Visiting Scholars Committee of the Piedmont University Center, Winston-Salem.

A widely published author in the area of philosophical thought, Dr. Blanshard has served as Chairman, Department of Philosophy, Yale University. He is a Rhodes scholar, a Guggenheim fellow, a past president of the American Theological Society, a past officer of the American Phiposophical Society, and the American Academy of Arts and Science. Dr. Blanshard is a member of Phi Beta Kappa.

Arrangements for the visit of the noted scholar were under the direction of Dr. Roger Kusche, Pfeiffer representatives to the Piedmont University Center.

Obstacles To Faith

By R. B. Scales

Text of talk to MYF Group, advisors and guests at Wither's Chapel Methodist Church.

When I was asked to come to speak to you, it was pointed out that most of the group attending would be young people. As I look out, I can only conclude that this description of those who would be listening also included the "young in heart."

At any rate, these remarks are intended for those of us who because of our age or our backgrounds or our experiences, occasionally have to deal with some serious doubts about things we have held to be reliable, but now no longer seem sufficient as we grow up or get out on our own.

It is painful to live with doubts. If you have believed something with all your heart and then that belief is shaken by some event beyond your understanding, it hurts.

When you are young the pain is often more severe than at any other time because one has not had the experience often enough to dull the hurt.

But though doubts inflict pain, that pain can be like a tunnel to lead to some larger experience of life. Doubt can blast us loose from our attachment to earthy possessions and enable us to see what things are lasting and what things will pass away.

As the experiences of life unfold before us, doubts about our ability to cope with them, doubts about the intentions of other people, doubts about the goodness or even the existance of a God who cares for us may come up.

We see someone who has had very little contact with the church. They seem strong and secure. They may be prosperous. What more could God do for them?

Someone we know to be good and kind and all the things we believe to be right for a person, may be struck down by a serious disease or killed in a traffic accident. We might ask, "Does God really care what happens? How can God be good and allow that to happen?

Such experiences are typical of those faced by all people in the modern world. Each day, the circumstances of life brings each of us face to face with doubt. As you are growing up each day will bring questions about the belief you have had since you were very small.

Now just as the body grows and matures by daily exercise and eating food and drink, a person's faith matures by daily doubts. Which are studied about and thought about until the answers becomes a clear lesson in Faith.

There is a real danger that a young person may become alarmed by his doubts. He may be ashamed that his faith is not strong enough to avoid doubt.

The people who knew Jesus best were constantly doubting many things they could not understand. They were ashamed by their lack of faith many times.

Even in the Old Testament story Job this rightous man of God was afflicted with terrible misfortune. His friends tried to explain the events and even suggested that he had brought it all on himself because of some bad deed that he had done.

But Job doubted that God would treat him unjustly. In the face of this trouble, Job found his faith growing until at one point he cried out "Though he slay me, yet will I trust in Him."

When we doubt in the matter of our relationship to God, we are creating an opportunity to learn a greater faith.

It has been said that Faith is as instinctive as breathing. Every act of life is based on some form of belief or faith.

Many people foolishly believe they do not have much faith in other people. Many will tell you so. Yet watch these same people eat food prepared by someone else and never worry about being poisoned. Or watch them drive automobiles down the road at greater speed without considering the possibility that someone has tampered with the steering mechanism or the tires. We could not live wthout some form of faith in God or in other people.

To a young person, the process of doubting and forming a real and enduring faith in God may seem to take too long.

We may be content to just let it go, or to do what others in the group are doing. But sooner or later each individual will have an experience in life that involves his faith in some way.

Another obstacle to greater faith is that God is most often pictured by young people to be some kind of a super policeman, who is wating for us to break a law so we can feel his punishment.

Because of this it was necessary for God to send Jesus to live with us as one of us. It was demonstrated the infinite love and patience of God. It was to demonstrate his capacity to teach and correct, to forgive and to inspire. It was not to make life more difficult or painful, it was to make it more abundant and joyful.

Another thing that interferes with getting a stronger faith is the tendency of some young people to consider everything that is happening is happening only to them. It is far from their minds that they have a past and a future, not only a present. How easy it is to forget the sacrifices or hardships our fathers and grandfathers as we enjoy the fruits of their labors. How easy it is to forget that we have a duty to pass this on to someone else.

If it is easy to fail this responsibility where material things are concerned, it is even easier sometimes to forget it where spiritual things are concerned.

How easy it would be if we could just take our relationships with each other and turn them on and off like a light switch. To have people close to us when we need them or want them and then put them away like some tiresome toys when we have finished with them.

Some of us even go far as to do this very same thing in our relationship to God. When life is going against us and it is convenient to have God with us, we are very mindful of Him. But when the going gets smooth again and it appears that we have things under control, we are inclined to say, "Thanks a lot, God, I'll call you again when I need you."

To do this is to forget that we—all of us—exist for God. God does not exist to do for us, we exist to do for God.

Yet we are not the victims of God's will for us. This is the root of all faith. Faith is an awareness of God's action. It is not something we apply for, or a book to be read or a course in school or college. It is a gift from God and His love to all mankind. We open our minds for truth, we search for evidence upon which our faith is built, we dedicate ourselves to His will and way, but the full power and joy of faith comes as the gift of gracious love.

This faith is individual and is an intimate and personal possession. We can't compare it to somebody else's. It is constantly changing and growing with each experience.

But each of us has to recognize the need for this kind of faith. He has got to want it, before he can have it.

Remember Jesus said He would stand outside and knock and if any man would open the door then he would come in and eat with him. We must open the door. Each individual. Not a group or a church or a party or a congress.

How unfortunate also that young people have another big obstacle to forming their faith. They have to overcome the obstacle of criticism and sometimes ridicule from adults. Sometimes even from their parents. This is very serious, and any adult who is guilty of keeping some young person from finding a faith in God through Jesus Christ, should think upon the terrible words of Christ himself concerning those who would lead youngsters to harm. (Mark 9:42 And whosoever shall offend one of these little ones that believes in me, it is better for him that a millstone be hanged about his neck, and he were cast into the sea.) These were some of the strongest words used by our Lord.

Another obstacle that young people face in forming a faith is that they see Christ as a weak "do gooder." Nothing could be further from the truth. Read your Bible! Jesus was a tradesman! A carpenter, who handled heavy timbers and tools. Remember that he walked the many miles on his journeys through desert and mountain. Remember that he drove a crowd of money changers from the temple. This was angry, powerful Christ capable to stirring action. He could handle a boat in a stormy sea when men who made their living at sea were quaking with fear!

He could face his accusers bravely when his band of followers had deserted him on the loniest night of his life. And he submitted to being brutally killed for crimes he did not commit, to reassure each of us and everyone for all time that faith could conquer even the grave.

Do you begin to see how the lives of each of us and each person in the world is affected in some way by the other. Do you see how a greater faith in the Creator of us all would help us understand the Master Plan that we are part of? Do you see how we cannot escape our part because we were purchased at a great price to do the job?

Do you begin to see how this kind of faith would provide you with the understanding you will need as you live your lives? How it would see you through your mistakes and hardships through your joy and sorrow and piece by piece as you add to it as you grow in body and spirit, it could provide you with a foundation no one could shake, nor any law change, nor any service diminsh?

Let us pray.

Lord, I believe: help my unbelief!

Amen

Reuben Ellis: Pioneer North Carolina Methodist Preacher

Dr. W. W. Sweet, late great historian of American Christianity, writes in his *Men of Zeal* (p. 140) that Reuben Ellis "was a native of North Carolina and was one of the first itinerants to be "raised up" in that state. Though large of frame he burned himself out in less than twenty years and died in 1796, "leaving few behind him who were in every respect his equal." His brother Ira was a preacher also, serving in the Kent Circuit (Pennsylvania) in 1787. Ira left a sketch of his travels and labors (1781-1795).

A. W. Cliffe has written of Ellis in *The Glory of Our Methodist Heritage*. He stated that Ellis served in the American Revolution. He was admitted to the Conference on trail in 1777 and became an assistant in in 1778. The Conference of 1783 appointed him as a pastor of historic Old St. George's Church in Philadelphia. He was one of the original elders of the Christmas Conference. He was a weighty and powerful preacher and traversed the colonies from Philadelphia to Georgia. Serving with him at Old St. George's Church were John Hagerty and Thomas Haskins in 1783.

Reuben Ellis came to be closely associated with Bishop Francis Asbury for several years. Apparantly he was the bishop's traveling companion for sometime. Asbury mentioned him numerous times in his *Journal* from his initial visit to the state in 1780 onward. In 1795, Asbury wrote in his *Journal*: "Brother Reuben Ellis is certainly married, for the first time; may it be for the glory of God, and the good of the Church, and comfort of the dear man and his wife." On May 1, 1796, he wrote: "I was somewhat alarmed at the sudden death of Reuben Ellis, who hath been in the ministry upwards of twenty years; a faithful man of God, of slow, but very solid parts; he was an excellent counsellor, and steady yoke-fellow in Jesus." (Reference: W. W. Sweet, *Men of Zeal;* A. W. Cliffe, *The Golry of Our Methodist Heritage;* Clark, *The Journal and Letters of Francis Asbury*).

—Grady L. Carroll

Methodist Women Restore Shrine

The small parlor of a church in Boston where Woman's Foreign Missionary Society of The Methodist Church was founded on Mar. 23, 1869, is being restored in Victorian style as a shrine for visiting Methodist women all over the world.

The meeting of a group of eight women in the parlor 95 years ago resulted in formation of what is now known as the Woman's Division of Christian Service. Today it has 7,750,000 members and 30,000 societies in Methodist churches, one of the largest societies of its kind in the world.



On A Wide Circuit

By W. W. Reid

Spiritual Rules for Overcoming Poverty

We have earlier noted in this column some aspects of the *physical poverty* that keeps a large percentage of the peoples of the world—including millions of Americans—from having their share in the vast wealth with which God has endowed Earth and entrusted man. We have spoken of hunger for food, hunger for education, ignorance of sanitation and health necessities, lack of decent housing and related facilities that prevent people from achieving—or even trying to achieve—the potential good inherent in every person. And we have said that this *physical poverty* is not due to lack of knowledge of what should or can be done to relieve it—but to a *lack of will* to do, and a lack of concern for others.

I am indebted to the Rev. Paul L. Dick, of the Westminister Presbyterian Church, Roswell, New Mexico, for pointing in greater detail to the *vast spiritual poverty* out of which it has been possible for mankind to permit *physical poverty* and lack of concern to emerge. And he notes three rules enunciated by Jesus that would enable us to release and use *existing spiritual resources* to overcome this poverty. The resources of the Spirit become available, Mr. Dick quotes Jesus as saying: (1) if you abide in me; (2) if my works abide in you; and (3) if you ask in my name. (Mr. Dick is not to be held accountable for my "exegesis" here!)

"If you abide in me." *Abide* is apt to give us some difficulty, if one thinks of it in terms of merely remaining or stopping at the same house (or abode). How can being in the presence of Jesus—and being passive, as the word suggests— help to give us the spiritual power to be so concerned for men that we seek to relieve their physical wants? We need rather an *active* verb—and that is perhaps better expressed by the more modern figure *identify with*. If we *identify with* Jesus we must not just say, "Yes, yes, I believe—I go along—I agree:" we must have the same goal, the same purpose, the same understanding, and most important of all, *take the same actions* that we know would be those of Jesus. *Abiding*—in this sense is not verbal or blind acquiescence of followership; it is actively doing the intelligently-arrived-at will of the Heavenly Father. To give adequate and permanent "relief" to the physically impoverished and the spiritually impoverished will require not only the "mind" but the driving purpose and the self-forgetfulness and surrender of Jesus the Christ—the mind, the purpose, and the self-surrender that finally sent him to Calvary's cross. As individuals, as a nation, as a race we may have to travel far in Calvary's direction if we are to lift the burden of poverty from long generations of tomorrow's children.

"If my words abide in you." This rule does not differ much from the first, but here the emphasis (and indeed, the possible confusion) lies in the meaning of *word*. This is not any single noun or verb; not even the whole body of Jesus' teachings, commands, insights, counsels, and revelations. It includes all of these, but also the objectives for which the Master taught, lived, and died, and the methods by which he communicated truth to the people. If these abide in us *actively*, can we not change the heart and mind of the world?

"If you ask in my name." That brief phrase "in my name" has far deeper significance than just a few words at the close of a prayer—a phrase that may be merely asking God to acknowledge what may be entirely unworthy prayer, and attempting to fool the Giver of Gifts by saying that these requests have the seal of Jesus' approval. Indeed, such prayers are little more than sacrilege—and it is usually for our own good that they are denied. The point is that a prayer, to be asked in the name of Jesus, must be in harmony with the long-range purposes and plans of his ministry. We might well recall that one of the last and most agonized prayers of Jesus was answered in the negative, but for the greater and lasting blessing to all mankind. The deepest desires of *our* spirits may do most for mankind when God in his external wisdom says, "No."

Now I am under no illusion that the mere "assent to" or 'adoption of' these *rules* will *per se* abolish physical poverty. But I am certain that they must find deep and lasting place in men's hearts, and minds, and wills before the real causes of such poverty can be isolated, understood, attacked, and overcome.

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Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., Baptist minister and president of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, has presented to Methodist-related Boston University all his personal papers and manuscripts. He will add to the files annually. The collection be will housed in a planned $5.5 million central library at the university.

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Then And Now

Delivered at the WCTU Convention

This the 90th anniversary of the largest interdenominational organization of Christian women on earth, "all 'round the world the rbbon white is twined." We are organized in every state of the union and in 72 countries of the world. Our purpose is still the same, "Christian women banded together for the protection of the home, the abolition of the liquor traffic, and the triumph of Christ's golden rule in custom and law." It is the first time that a woman's organization of national and international scope has marked its 90th year of progress, and in the next decade we move "On To The Century Mark."

Started when women had put little part in public life, when only a few were college educated, when none had access to the right of franchise, when woman's sphere was greatly circumscribed, an organization has been built which encircles the globe. While it remains a distinctly temperance organization, the WCTU has originated, promoted and aided in many other worthwhile causes. Prob bly Miss Willard was more influential in obtaining suffrage for women that any other suffrage worker, not excepting Susan B. Anthony, because Miss Willard built and had an organization of active women behind her who followed her advocacy of suffrage for women, as well as her leadership in the temperance reform.

Money spent for liquor advertising controls agencies of public opinion. Both liquor and beer interest unite in powerful public relations organizations to offset and attack any criticism of or threat to their business, even when that business is destructive to everything that is good in our nation's life. They have put on "respectable clothes" and entered the church and in many instances have gained appointment on church boards; they have entered men's and women's civic and welfare organizations; they have made contributions to colleges and established in some instances four-year scholarships; they have made large contributions to hospitals and other community and civic enterprises.

For years through all advertising media they have continued to enter the sanctity of our homes. Their advertising budget of over $400,000,000 annually gives them a good return in sales and an appeal to the youth market. By 1965 one-half of the nation's population will be 25 years of age or younger. And no one is more aware of the importance of this group than are the brewing and liquor industries. Look at their ads. They are full of illustrations of young people, ideas and suggestions which appeal to young minds, entire campaigns geared to deceive the young. It is up to us to continue our work in the field of alcohol education, to show these youth and adults, too, the truth about alcohol, a drug that causes more distored minds and more twisted bodies than the drug thalidomide which aroused world concern a few months ago. We must make vocal our lamenthing of these liquor ads and what message they carry. Billy Graham, famous evangelist, warns, "The unwillingness to speak out publicly against the evils we lament privately is an issue which every human being must apply to himself."

All alcoholic beverages are dangerous commodities whose use by drinking people frequently leads to embarrassing scenes at situations, sex complications, marital difficulties, separation or divocce. Strong drink, no matter how sophisticated its advertising, is a powerful destroyer of the finer values of human life and is the plan and purpose of the liquor industry, through advertising, to weaken women's resisance, mother's resistance, wife's resistance, daughter's resistance, so each and all of them will accept and become steady drinkers of hard liquor regardless of the social and moral consequences to them and to the nation. The expenditures for newspapers advertising of alcoholic beverages alone last year amounted to $126,720,000. This sum does not include radio and television, magazine or poster advertising. This amount would have to be increased by $300,000,000, if these other media were included. The increased billions of dollars being spent for social drinking promoted in the advertising of the distillers and brewers are dollars spent only for a national hangover which yields no constructivity. These are dollars taken away from the building of homes, the purchase of consumer goods, retail sales of clothing and grocery stores, and from the people themselves who become impoverished as the result. "The best way to declare an all out war on poverty is to declare an all out war on the traffic in beverage alcohol."

The WCTU for years has been solidly behind all proposals to ban liquor and beer advertisements, and it will continue to work for the passage of legislation in this area.

We would remind again all concerned citizens that drinking among drivers and pedestrians is a factor in accidents, especially automobile accidents. The 1964 edition of **Accidents Facts,** released by the Natonal Safety Council, says: "Research studies show that a blood alcohol concentration of 0.05 per cent (about two or three drinks) impairs to some degree the driving as the blood alcohol concentration of 0.10 per cent (five to six drinks), all individuals are definitely impaired. Most state laws recognize that all individuals are legally "under the influence" at a concentration of 0.15 per cent and above.

At several of the conferences and conventions of the major denominations in the United States, strong resolutions were adopted for action against the liquor traffic. The resolutions will supplement and implement the local church program in the field of Christian social concerns.

The General Conference of the Methodist Church strengthened its stand for abstinence and encouraged better solutions of alcohol problems. The Episcopal Address by Bishop Gerald Kennedy voiced the sentiments of the Council of Bishops in language no one can misinterpret when he said: "We pledge a continual warfare against the liquor interests, being more convinced with every passing year that they represent a destructive force in our society. Why any ntelligent people hesitate to discourage the sale and curb advertising of alcoholic beverages is beyond our comprehension. The broken homes, the highway slaughter, and the alarming increase in alcoholics are tragedies familiar to every pastor, and we shall continue to fight until one day, God willing, America wakes up."

The final report by the Committee on Christian Social Concerns, as amended and adopted, leaves no doubt that ministers of the church are challenged as never before to encourage discinles for Christian living that will cancel out drinking.

In a recent quarter Southern Baptists had several lessons in their Sunday School quarterlies on alcohol and temperance question. These materials and notes were compiled by C. Aubrey Hearn. Many excellent comments have been heard relative to this effort.

Church leadership in the past was strong against drink and drinking, but now the liquor industry has succeeded in convincing many church members, includng women, that it is both proper and fashionable to serve alcohol as a social drink. In many churches the issue is just evaded. We need to become vocal in our opposition to the social glass. The pulpit must again be a sounding board against this evil and promote total abstinence as the only way of life for a Christian.

In recent years we have intensified our educational work along this line. Fifteen motion pictures and 13 filmstrips have been produced by the WCTU: these are being used by schools, churches, societies, clubs, and industries plants, as well as other temperance organizations. News releases, radio and television appearances have given publicity to our cause and an opening to relate information regarding the effect of alcohol upon the human body and society as a whole.

The noontde hour of prayer has been observed for 90 years by our organization.

The total abstinence truths that were taught in the past blossomed and bore much fruit. God hath not left us without witness and without faith in the future of America.

In order to acomplish this end we shall need to face the fact that simple, certain, eternal, spiritual standard of public morals will have to replace the secularism and atheism of today. The most serious portent of our country and our day is the defection of some of the leaders in the church and state from the highest principles, and, as a consequence, the open contempt of the masses for moral law. We call upon the men and women of today to help establish righteousness in government, and to return the Bible to its rightful place in our schools, with greater emphasis on its reading in our homes. If ever our nation needed consecrated Christian citizens to uphold high morals standards in law, Government, and politics, that time is surely now.

Thus spoke Mrs. Tooze at National WC TU Convention in Rochester, New York.

—Mrs. J. B. Davis
N. C. President of WCTU

Mission Studies Planned

The Woman's Society and Guild from churches in the Concord area have planned for two of their Mission Studies. "The Church Mission Among New Nations" combined with "The United States and New Nation." This has been planned under the leadership of Miss Bonnie Barnhardt, the Salisbury District Secretary of Missionary Education and Service. The four night sessions will be held at Cold Springs Church. The best teachers have been secured and careful planning has been made to make these studies of great value to each one attending.

The time is 7:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. The dates and teachers are:

November 10—Mrs. Bill Ashley
November 17—Mrs. E. L. Murph
November 24—Mrs. Edwin Boone
December 1—Rev. Orin N. Hutchinson, Jr.

The Woman's Society from Ann St., Center Grove, Cold Springs, Epworth, Forest Hill, Friendship, Kerr St., and Mt. Pleasant will participate with these studies. The Guild from Ann St., Cold Springs, Forest Hill and Kerr St., will also participate.

We are so thankful to have this opportunity to work together in this wonderful way, and learn more about our Missions today.

This will be a real treat for each one attending, you are welcome.

Committee On Family Life Plans For 1964-68 Period

The General Committee on Family Life of The Methodist Church met recently in Cincinnati and organized for the denomination's 1964-68 quadrennium.

Bishop W. Vernon Middleton, Pittsburgh, who had been selected by the Methodist Council of Bishops to be chairman of the committee, presided over the meeting at the Netherland Hilton Hotel Oct. 19.

The committee elected Bishop Eugene M. Frank, St. Louis, vice-chairman.

The Rev. Dr. Edward D. Staples was elected secretary and the Rev. Leon Smith, treasurer. Dr. Staples is director of the Council on Family Life of the Methodist General Board of Education in Nashville, and Mr. Smith is a staff member of the board.

The following were elected to serve with the officers on the executive committee: Dr. Floride Moore Gardner, Milledgeville, Ga.; Dr. William L. McDivitt, La Junta, Colo.; Dr. Dan Dodson, New York; the Rev. Dr. Elliott Fisher, Evanston, Ill.; the Rev. Dr. Spencer Stockwell, San Antonio, Texas; and the Rev. Dr. John Wayhinger, Denver.

Five committee chairman were elected, as follows: Finance, the Rev. Dr. Leon M. Adkins, Nashville; research and legislation, the Rev. Dr. Paul Bumpers, Lubbock, Texas; cooperation with theological schools and other agencies, Dr. Vayhinger; National Conference program and planning, Bishop Frank; and World Family Life Emphasis, the Rev. Dr. J. Otis Young, Chicago.

The committee set its next meeting for Oct. 18, 1965, the place to be selected later.

There was discussion of plans of a world Methodist conference on family life to be held Aug. 17, 1966, in London, England, and the fifth National Methodist Conference on Family Life to be held Oct. 14-16, 1966, in Chicago.

A committee representing world-wide Methodism and chaired by Bishop Hazen G. Werner is making plans for the world family life conference in England.

Miss Mary Bethea Named To Missionary Personnel Committee

Miss Mary Bethea, Dean of Women at Pfeiffer College, has been elected to membership on the Durham Regional Committee on Missionary Personnel of The Methodist Church.

Election of Dean Bethea for a four year term was announced by L. R. McCory, Executive Secretary for Missionary Personnel, The Methodist Board of Missions, New York City.

This committee is charged with the responsibility of screening Missionary candidates from a four state area. Bishop Charles Golden is Chairman of the Joint Committee on Missionary Personnel of The Methodist Church which elected Dean Bethea to this post.

Dean Bethea, a Methodist Deaconess, is currently President of The Deaconess Board of The Western North Caroilna Methodist Conference. She served for eight years as Secretary of Student Work for the Conference's Woman's Society.

A Thanksgiving Prayer

Holy Father, today I would thank thee,
For thy love and thy sweet tender care,
Thank thee now for the blessed assurance,
That our God is still answering prayer.

Most of all I would thank thee for Jesus
Who came down from that bright world above,
To be beaten, despised and rejected,
To tell men of thy wonderful love.

And then Father I thank thee for calling,
Men to preach and teach thy holy word,
To repeat the sweet old gospel story,
Until all of the nations have heard.

Bless thy word as they strive to proclaim it,
As they seek to drag souls from sin's mire,
Give them wisdom and strength as they labor
Give them souls, precious souls, for their hire.

I would thank thee for home and for loved ones,
For my kind friends and neighbors, so good,
For raiment, for the rain and the sunshine,
And a gracious abundance of food.

I have so many blessings dear Father,
That I can't think of each when I pray,
But deep down in my heart I am grateful
So I want to say, "Thank you," today.

If I ever should cease to be thankful,
If the tempter should lead me astray,
Draw me back to thy side I beseech thee,
Keep me safe in the Heavenly way.

When at last I shall meet thee in glory,
Where there'll be no more sorrow or pain
With the ransomed up there I shall praise thee,
Forever and forever. Amen.

—Mrs. R. M. Gatlin
Franklinville, N. C.

Kappa Chi Fraternity At Greensboro College

Kappa Chi, pre-ministerial fraternity at Greensboro Colelge, recently installed seven additional members. They are: George Delamater of Danbury, Conn.; Charles Dudley, Newport News, Va., David Greenfield, Newport, N. Y.; Stephen Knitter, Avoca, N. Y.; Eric Matthews, Sussex, N. J.; Alan Rigsbee, Durham; and Lee Roberts, Drexel Hill, Pa. The membership now constitutes seventeen men who intend to enter the Christian ministry.

The Greensboro College chapter of Kappa Chi established last vear. Since that time, the group has engaged in many significant activities. It holds regular meetings, prepared a journal of opinion, sponsors service and recreational projects, and renders leadership in college chapel services.

Teams of pre-ministerial students from Greensboro College are available for programs at local churches. Persons interested may contact the Reverend Donald S. Stanton, chaplain of Greensboro College.

The president of the Greensboro college chapter is Arden Schessinger of Hamburg, N. Y. Other officers include Lee Roberts, Robert Weeks of Mt. Tisco,N. Y., Robert Spencer of Morganton, and William Wombaugh of Pine City, N. Y.

Wills A Long-Term Project

Development of wills that include church causes is usually a long–term project involving much personal contact, representatives of about 60 Methodist anual (regional) conferences were told in Chicago September 22–23.

"It often takes up to 20 years for a wills program to mature," the Rev. Dr. T. K. Thompson of New York told the group. Dr. Thompson is executive director of the Department of Stewardship and Benevolence of the National Council of Churches.

Importance of personal contact was cited by speakers representing the wills program of two other denominations—Leslie G. Allenstein of Gadsden, Ala., of the Lutheran Church, Missouri Synod, and Harl L. Russell, Elgin, Ill., Church of the Brethren.

The consultation was sponsored by the General Board of Lay Activities of The Methodist Church. Development of future programs of wills and bequests for the church was assigned the board of Lay Activities by the 1964 General Conference.

The emphasis previously was a responsibility of the Council on World Service and Finance, but the General Conference decided it should be moved to an agency that had programming as a primary responsibility.

"Wills and bequests are the largest untapped resource the church has," the Rev. Dr. J. Homer Magee, associate secretary of the Council on World Service and Finance, said in summarizing the development of the program to date. Dr. Magee had been in charge of the emphasis before it was assigned to the program agency.

Editor Speaks To Civitan Club

The editor spoke to the Mount Gilead Civitan Club's Ladies' Night Banquet last Thursday night at the school building in Mount Gilead. They were celebrating the 25th anniversary of the club. There were almost 100 people present for the banquet, including Professor and Mrs. H. A. Nanney of Rutherfordton, and Professor and Mrs. I. B. Shive of Monroe. Both Mr. Nanney and Mr. Shive served many years as principal of the Mount Gilead School and were active in the Civitan Club. The editor, while pastor of the Methodist Church in Mount Gilead, served as president of the Club for a year. It was a delightful occasion for all, and was certainly a high privilege for this editor and his wife to renew friendships and have fellowship with former parishoners and friends. The club received five new members into the club, and Mr. Shive conducted the initiation ceremonies.

Mission Study On New Nations

Boonville, Center, Mitchell's Chapel, and Yadkinville Methodist Churches will have a study on "The Christian Mission Among New Nations." Mrs. James E. McNeely will lead this study on November 8th and on November 22nd at Mitchell's Chapel and Boonville. This is an important subject for our day and the whole church should become involved. The time for these study sessions is 7 p.m. The Rev. Everett Freeman and the Rev. James E. McNeely, Jr. are ministers of these churches.

List Top Conferences, Churches in Giving to Overseas Missions

The Virginia Conference, largest of the 93 annual conferences of The Methodist Church in America, led all other conferences in its giving to the denomination's program of overseas mission special contributions during fiscal *1964*. The local church giving the largest amount was the Marvin Methodist Church in Tyler, Texas.

The name of the 15 highest-giving conferences and local churches to overseas Advance Specials for fiscal 1964 (the 12 months ending May 31, 1964), have been announced by the Rev. Ashton A. Almand, New York, treasurer of the World Division of the Methodist Board of Missions.

(Advance Specials are voluntary gifts to overseas and home missions and to overseas relief by churches, classes, groups and individuals over and above the giving to World Service, the basic Methodist general benevolence fund to which churches pay on apportionment. In Advance Specials, the donor designates the project to which his gift is to go, and all of the money goes to the project, with nothing being taken out for overhead expenses).

The 15 conference giving the most in fiscal 1964 to overseas Advance Specials gave a total of $3,767,605. That was almost half of the over-all total of $7,643,975 given for overseas Specials by Methodism as a whole during the year.

The 15 highest-giving local churches contributed a total of $436,531 to overseas Advance Specials.

The Virginia Conference through its 1,200 local churches gave a total of $449,715 to overseas Specials. Second high was the Florida Conference, which gave $368,286. For the last several years, until this year, the Florida Confernce had led Methodism in giving to overseas Advance Specials. Other conferences giving more than $300,000 were Ohio with 321,309, Western North Carolina with $314,952 and Southern California-Arizona with $311,262.

Marvin Methodist Church gave $63,828 in leading all of Methodism's approximately 29,000 local churches in giving to overseas Specials. Marvin church has led Methodism in giving to overseas Specials for several years. Second was the Highland Park Methodist Church in Dallas, Texas, Methodism's largest congregation, which gave $51,753.

Of the 15 highest-giving conferences and local churches, Dr. Almand said: "They symbolize in their giving the concern which Methodists have for the extension of the Gospel around the world. The World Division is grateful to these conferences and churches—and to every conference and every church which gives to Advance Specials—because the Advance makes up more than 40 per cent of the World Division's income. If it were not for the Advance, the Division's Funds, and thus its work, would have to be cut by almost half. Advance Specials are essential to the carrying-on of Methodist mission work around the world."

As might be expected, Dr. Almand pointed out, the 15 conferences and 15 local churches are among the largest in Methodism and thus presumable [illegible] substantial financial resources. "Hence," he added, "in singling out these conferences and churches for special recognition, the World Division in no way lessens its appreciation of all other conferences and churches which, like the top 15, are testifying to their missionary concern by giving to Advance Specials."

The 15 highest-giving conferences to overseas Advance Specials:

1. Virginia Conference—$449,715
2. Florida Conference—368,286
3. Ohio Conference—$321,309
4. Western North Carolina Conference—$314,952
5. Southern California-Arizona Conference—$311,262
6. North-East Ohio Conference—$257,711
7. North Georgia Conference—$237,572
8. Indiana Conference—$228,601
9. North Texas Conference—$211,294
10. Oklahoma Conference—$204,011
11. Holston Conference—$180,889
12. North Alabama Conference—$176,464
13. Western Pennsylvania Conference—$174,879
14. Texas Conference—$171,108
15. South Carolina Conference—$159,552

The 15 highest-giving churces:

1. Marvin Methodist Church, Tyler, Texas—$63,828
2. Highland Park Methodist Church, Dallas, Texas—$51,753
3. Hennepin Avenue Methodist Church, Minneapolis, Minn.—$35,893
4. St. Luke's Methodist Church, Oklahoma City, Okla.—$34.301
5. First Methodist Church, Grand Rapids, Mich.—$33,396
6. First Methodist Church, Coral Gables, Fla.—$27,843
7. First Methodist Church, Orlando, Fla—$26,434
8. Centenary Methodist Church, Winston-Salem, N. C.—$23,878
9. First Methodist Church, Sioux Falls, S. D.—$23,081
10. Centenary Methodist Church, Chattanooga, Tenn.—$21,274
11. First Methodist Church, La Mesa, Calif.—$20,581
12. Myers Park Methodist Church, Charlotte, N. C.—$19,425
13. First Methodist Church, Montgomery, Ala.—$18,724
15. First Methodist Church, Lubbock, Texas—$17,510

A Prayer For Thanksgiving

Let each of us pause today,
Dear Father, if only here to say,
"Thank you," for the beauty of the earth
And the sun which brings the morning light.

Thank you for our families we love so dear,
And our many friends both far and near,
For the stars in the heaven that shine night
And the sun which brings the morning light.

For food, shelter, and clothes we are thankful, too,
And the majestic universe with its sky of blue,
So let us be grateful and not forget to say,
"Thank you," dear God, on Thanksgiving Day.

—Mrs. J. R. Regan, Sr.
Ellerbe, N. C.

Woodrow Wilson Fellows Teaching At Paine College

Teaching at Paine College this year are two former Woodrow Wilson Fellows, Mr. and Mrs. William Gohlman, under a special internship plan worked out between the college and the Woodrow Wilson National Fellowship Foundation. A graduate of the University of Michigan, Mrs. Susan Gohlman is a teacher of English, and Mrs. Gohlman, a graduate of the University of Washington, is a teacher of Political Science and History.

Within this same program, fifty young men and women will be teaching for a year at 33 Southern colleges, most of them predominately Negro institutions. All are former Woodrow Wilson Fellows who have had at least two years of graduate study. The majority are between the master's and the doctoral degrees. Fifteen will have received their doctorates by the end of the year.

Unusual feature of the program is that the colleges will release the Wilson interns from one quarter of more of their teaching time. This will enable the Intern to encourage bright students, through extra-curricular seminars and individual tutorials, to consider graduate school and careers in college teaching. The Woodrow Wilson National Fellowship Foundation—whose special interest is seeking "College Teachers for Tomorrow"—pays for the time release for this purpose.

The program is supported by a three-year $405,000 Rockefeller Foundation grant to provide a means of access to good training may have lacked breadth in the liberal arts.

The participating colleges are both private and public and range through 15 states from Delaware and Ohio to Texas and Georgia. The colleges made their faculty needs known to the Wilson Foundation which in turn offered the names of likely candidates. The colleges then negotiated directly with the candidates and contracted for their teaching services for one year.

The Paine College faculty are at present considering possible nominations of candidates for Woodrow Wilson Fellowships for 1965-66.

Faculty Member Is Theatre Secretary

Louisburg College Drama Director Bob Versteeg has been appointed Secretary of the Junior College Section of the American Educational Theatre Association, a professional society for those engaged in educational theatre in this country.

The Association attempts to improve the quality of theatre production and training in community, school, college, and university theatres.

Mr. and Mrs. Versteeg will attend the Association's annual convention being held this year in Chicago on December 27-January 1.

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CHILDREN'S PAGE

By Mary Gardner

Marie's Answer To Prayer

Marie had lived in the city only a ew weeks when a visitor from the mis-ion nearby called to invite her to Sun-lay School. And oh, how Marie longed o attend Sunday School. She just ouldn't tell this nice lady that Mother ad no faith in God because she thought Ie didn't care for them any longer.

So Marie said: "Please Ma'am, my nother goes to work every day. Could ou come to see her some evening, and naybe she will let me come."

Miss Brown loved all the children, and er kind heart was touched deeply. She aid: "Of course, I'll call again, my dear. Ve have Friday evening meeting for hildren, and at the same hour a meet-ng for mothers. Maybe you and your nother could come together. I'll talk o her, dear; and whatever is worrying ou, just you tell it to the Lord Jesus. Ie is the children's friend, you know."

Marie and her mother lived in two ooms. When the little girl came home rom school she went quietly upstairs, nd did her best about getting supper.

This particular day there wasn't much o get for supper. At bedtime she had old Marie: "We will just have a can of oup for supper tomorrow night, Marie, nd there's enough tea and bread and utter. Bring a pint of milk home, when ou come from school."

Marie did her best to try to make the upper table look nice. She got a nice mbroidered tea cloth Mother had made n happier days, and she put their best hina out, and the table did look pretty.

But Marie felt lonely and worried bout her mother. She sat down by the vindow to watch for her, then she re-emembered what Miss Brown had told er about the Lord Jesus being the chil-ren's friend.

Marie was puzzled about many things.)ne was that ever since Daddy left hem, Mother never spoke of Jesus o her, and before that they were happy, xcept that Daddy used to drink some-imes. Mother used to meet Marie after unday school and together they atten-d church service. Mother would say, We must keep praying for your Daddy, Iarie." Now, she never said anything bout prayer.

The little girl slipped to her knees y the chair at the window ,and so much n earnest was she, that she didn't hear er mother come in, but Mother heard Iarie say in a tearful voice, "Oh, please, dear Jesus help my mother to believe in You again."

Into that mother's heart came a great sorrow for ever doubting her Lord, and she knelt down beside her little daughter and told Him so.

When they arose from their knees she said: "Marie, next Sunday you and I are going back to our old way of worshipping God. I'll meet you after Sunday school as we used to do, but, tonight, we're starting anew to serve Him. Thank you for showing me the way back to Him. Together we'll trust Him for the future."

Miss Brown proved a true friend to Marie and her mother. She found a nicer place for them to live, and helped her mother get a better position.

Sunday School Times

The Land Of Just Pretend

After prayers I go to bed,
Snowy pillow at my head.
Nor am I afraid at all
Of the shadows on the wall;
For I am a soldier brave
And my bed a snowy cave,
Or perhaps a polly tar,
Than my compass is a star.
When at last too tired to roam
I will steer again toward home.
Mother dear will come to peep
And she will find me fast asleep.

The Presbyterian

Bible Jumbles

Can you untangle these twisters? Each answer is one word—the name of a book in the Old Testament.

VEIL IS CUT
SEE SING .....
MAPSIS
SOB REVRP .....
AND LIE .....
TON MEAT NAILS
SOX DUE .....
MINAHEHE
RUBS MEN .....
RICH CONELS .....
O NERO MY DUET
CIC SEES SLATE .....
OUJASH .....
JUG SED .....

A Thank You Prayer

My God, I thank Thee who hast made
The earth so bright,
So full of splendor and of joy,
Beauty and light;
So many glorious things are here,
So pure and right.
I thank Thee, too, that Thou hast made
Joy to abound;
So many gentle thoughts and deeds
Circling us around,
That in the darkest spot of earth
Some love is found.

Author Unknown

Bible Quiz

1—There is something special mentioned about the coat which Christ had worn just before the crucifixion, and over which the soldiers "cast lots"—What was it?
2—What men were told by Jesus to take two coats on their journey?
3—Who said, "He that hath two coats, let him impart to him that hath none"?
4—What woman, whom Peter raised from the dead, had made coats for the poor and needy?
5—What three men were cast into a fiery furnace "bound in their coats," yet their coats did not burn?

Answers To Last Week's Questions

1—Joseph (Genesis 37:3)
2—Hannah (1 Samuel 2:19)
3—A coat of mail (1 Samuel 17:5)
4—"Let him have thy cloak also" (Matthews 5:40)
5—Adam and Eve (Genesis 3:21)

Just For Fun

"I don't feel good, Mama," said the little boy.

"I'm sorry, dear. Where do you feel the worst?"

"In school, Mama."

Teacher: "Mary, tell me one use for pig's skin?"

Mary: "Um. . . .to keep the pig together.

Two small boys were out hunting in the woods and one of them picked up a chestnut burr.

"Tommy," he called excitedly, "come here quick. I've found a porcupine's egg."

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Woman's Activities

Christian Vocations Conference

Mrs. John C. Wright

Thirty-one girls from conferences in the Southeastern Jurisdiction attended the annual Christian Vocations Conference at Scarritt College, Nashville, Tenn. October 23-24. This is the largest number of students to attend this meeting, said Mrs. Clarence C. Cranford, Asheboro, secretary of Missionary Personnel of the SE Jurisdiction Woman's Society of Christian Service.

The two representatives from the Western North Carolina Conference were Miss Sue Wiseman, Pfeiffer College, and Miss Phyllis Reynolds, High Point College. Miss Wiseman is from Newland and Miss Reynolds from Hiddenite.

Mrs. Robert M. Smith, Mt. Airy, secretary of Missionary Personnel of the Woman's Society of the W. N. C. Conference, also attended the meeting.

This is a conference planned to introduce the various types of Christian work to students who may be considering such a vocation. It began Friday at 4 p.m. and closed after an evening service on Saturday. The entire program was planned by Mrs. Cranford. Scarritt College was the center of the meeting.

The evening program featured a welcome by Dr. D. D. Holt, president of Scarritt College, and an inspirational address, "The Guy in the Glass," by Miss Betsy K. Ewing, deaconess and dean of Students at Scarritt College. A movie, "On Square Mile of Hope," was shown.

Saturday was a full day. The students spent the morning on a tour of a Bethlehem Center in the heart of Nashville. Miss Pauline Goodwin, deaconess and program Center's basketball team played an exhibition game.

A panel discussion was held during the afternoon, using the theme, "The Church's Mission—Dare I Say 'Yes'?" Those on the panel included students now at Scarritt preparing for church-related work. Miss Margaret Biddle and Miss Janet Cates spoke on "Christian Education." Two nurses, Miss Maureen Carr and Miss Joan Cleland, spoke on "Medicine." Miss Shirley Manning discussed "Education." Miss Laurie Jones and Miss Martha Perry told of, "Socio-Religious Work in the Inner City." Miss Carol Parrish spoke on, "Overseas Work." Miss Betsy K. Ewing was moderator.

The evening session was a service of Holy Communion at the *Upper Room* Chapel with the Rev. Ronnie Goh, Methodist minister from Malaysia and Crusade Scholar of the Methodist Church, in charge.

After communion, the visiting students were invited to a United Nations Birthday Fun Night. A fellowship time planned by the Social Concerns Committee of the Scarritt College Student Council. 14 nations were represented at the gathering.

As the students from the southeastern states began their trip homeward, all of them carried in their hearts an unanswered question, "The Church's Mission—Dare I Say 'Yes'?"

Let's Save Coupons!

If all of the Methodist women in the Western North Carolina Conference would save the coupons included on *Red Scissors* products and send them to the two Bethlehem Centers in Charlotte and Winston-Salem, they would be amazed at the wonderful new equipment the proceeds would buy.

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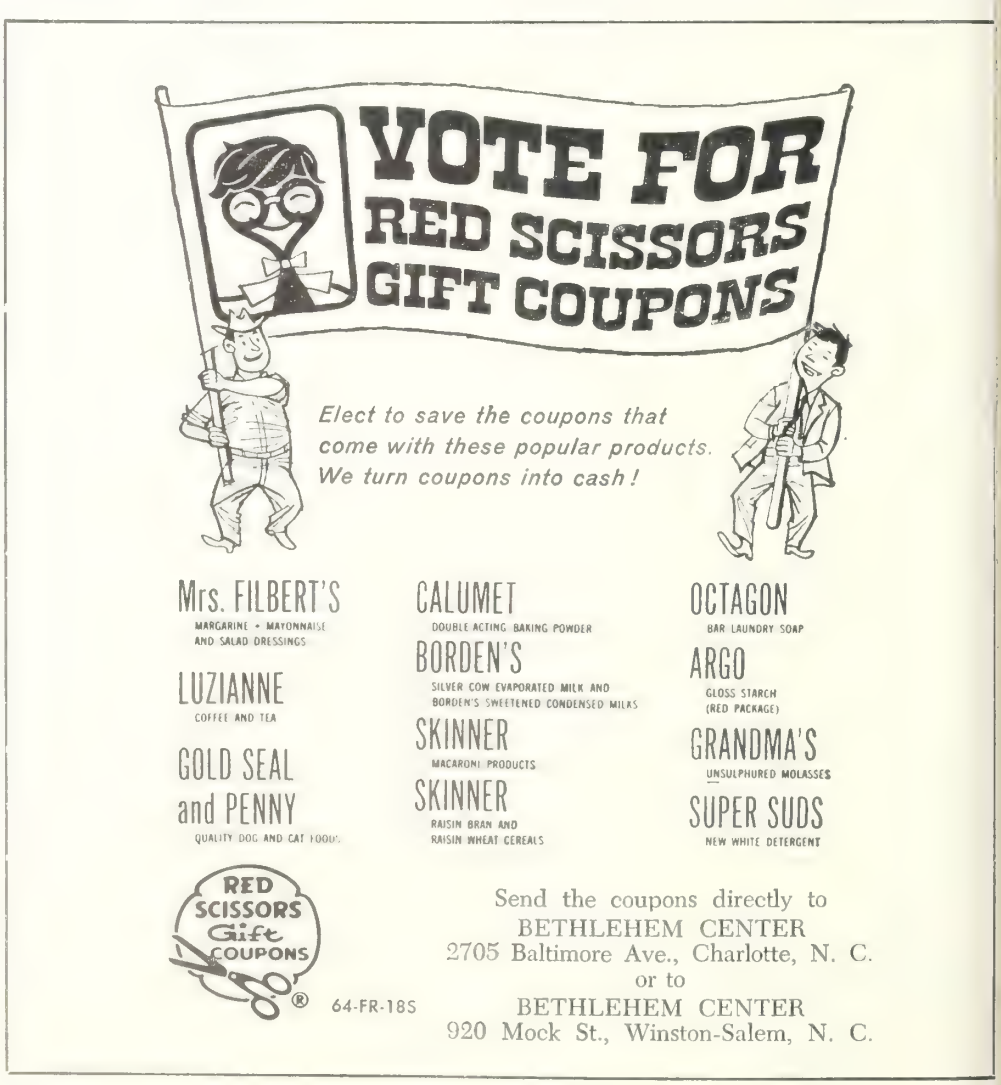
Mrs. James A. Auman, Conference Secretary of Children's Work, calls the attention of everyone to the following information:

One of the services of our Conference Television, Radio and Film Commission Library, this year, has been to provide a list of available audio-visuals to be used in the Woman's Society of Christian Service study program. These filmstrips may be secured for a small rental fee from the TRAFCO office, 215 Methodist Building, Raleigh.

The mimeographed lists have been distributed in each of the Sub-District Workshops, so that our women may be informed about possible audio-visuals to enrich the missionary education program of our local Woman's Society of Christian Service. The film library carries quite a complete selection of filmstrips that are recommended for use with each of the study themes, plus a number of the filmstrips suggested for use with the 1964-65 program book, "Summoned To A New Age."

Mrs. May Preddy, Librarian, reminds us that the filmstrips are in demand and when ordering for a specific date, it is always wise to include a first and second choice—and that in returning, promptness is a necessary courtesy.

Since the Conference TRAFCO Library carries only a limited number of 16mm



films, Mrs. Preddy adds the following information:

"Harambee," the 16mm film recommended for use with "The Church's Mission Among New Nations" is available from Cokesbury, for $12.00 rental. The 16mm film "The Only War We Seek," recommended for use with "United States Responsibility In A World Community of New Nations," is available from Cokesbury for $5.00 rental, but might also be secured through the Public Library in the various counties, free.

Burlington District

The Burlington District Workshops on "The Program and Purposes of the Woman's Society of Christian Service was held at First Methodist Church in Graham.

The four studies for the year were taught by the following:

The Church's Mission Among New Nations—Mrs. H. H. Hodgin

The United States' Responsibility in the World of New Nations—Mrs. H. A. Cazel

Children's Studies, Mrs. T. C. Merriman

Spanish Americans—Mrs. Welker Shue and Mrs. T. J. Jones

Studies for Youth—Mrs. H. H. Sally

Genesis—Mrs. W. B. Gibbs and Mrs. R. T. Hobbs and Mrs. H. H. Dixon

Mrs. W. W. Newman presided at the meeting. Music by Mrs. Fitch Hensley; introduction to a "New Age" was by Mrs. P. F. Newton, Mrs. W. E. Carroll and Mrs. F. D. Hornady. Mrs. W. B. Gibbs, Mrs. Welker Shue, Mrs. H. T. Winstead and Mrs. Newman discussed organization and structure.

Others participating in the program were Mrs. M. E. Rudisill, Mrs. R. Z. Hornaday, Sr., Mrs. W. A. Andrews, Mrs. Melvin Wilson, Mrs. V. L. Warren and Mrs. Bobby Dollar."

Mrs. Ray Janey,
Dist. Sec'y. Public Relations

Burlington District Wesleyan Service Guild

The meeting of the Burlington District of the Wesleyan Service Guild was held in the Chapel of Front Street Methodist Church of Burlington, N. C. on Sunday, October 11, 1964 at 2 p.m.

The call to order was given by Miss Sarah Kunz, Secretary of the Burlington District, who presided over the meeting.

Welcome was extended by Mrs. Harvey Newlin, President of the Front Street Guild. Mrs. Joy Hough, President of the Siler City Guild, gave the response to the welcome.

Special music was presented by Mrs. Robert Fonville from the Front Street Church, who sang "Come Ye Blessed."

The Roll Call of Guilds was taken with the following reported:

Davis Street Guild	5
Efland Guilds (Units 1 and 2)	8
Front Street Guild	23
Prospect Hill	3
Siler City	3
Visitors	9
Total	51

Miss Kunz called for nominations to be made for members to serve on Nominating Committee for the District. Mrs. Lester Ridenhour of the Front Street Guild nominated Mrs. Harvey Mitchell of Davis Street Guild. Mrs. Norman Wood of Front Street Guild nominated Mrs. Kenneth Wood of Front Street Guild. Miss Mary Murray of Efland Guild nominated Mrs. William C. Ray of Efland Guild.

Mrs. David Hopkins of the Prospect Guild was recognized as Chairman of Christian Social Relations for the District.

Mrs. Harvey Mitchell, Chairman of Missionary Education and Service for the District, told about the studies planned for the year and suggested that we have the studies church-wide rather than just limited to women's organizations.

Miss Kunz stated that she had received a letter from Mrs. Pat Nixon, Secretary of the Sanford District, advising that their meeting would be held in Aberdeen on October 25th and extended invitation to any who care to attend.

Special visitors recognized were Mrs. Hattie Reid and Mrs. Grey of Rocky Mount, who accompanied speaker Miss Betty Chang, and Mrs. Roy Knight and Mrs. James Bridges of Sanford, who accompanied Mrs. Lucille Donnell.

The Devotional was presented by Mrs. Max Morris of the Front Street Guild, who is Burlington District Chairman of Spiritual Life Cultivation. She used as her theme: "The Purpose of the Wesleyan Service Guild and the Woman's Society of Christian Service."

Mrs. Lena Grey of Rocky Mount introduced Miss Betty Chang, special speaker for the meeting. Miss Chang is from Taiwan, Free China, and is presently studying at Wesleyan College in Rocky Mount. She is to be the first recipient at Wesleyan of the Scholarship Fund established by Guilds of the District, and plans to continue studies at Scarritt College. In studies and extra-curricular activities she is outstanding.

Miss Chang told how the minister in her homeland, who was from North Carolina, proved instrumental in her coming to this country. She stated that she arrived in the states on January 28th, but her first impression obtained of Spring was in Burlington, North Carolina, which is a memory she will treasure to our city. Formosa is the Dutch name for her country and her family originally came from Peking but moved when the Communists took over. She worked for two years in the church and with Good Will Service and MYF. She expressed appreciation for all the help we had given and mentioned specifically the Christmas cards used as rewards for children.

Mrs. Lucille Donnell, Conference Secretary of Spiritual Life Cultivation, was introduced by Miss Kunz. Her timely topic was "Summoned To A New Age." She stressed the fact that today the W.S.C.S. and W.S.G. are closer than ever before, as we have the same purpose, the same work, and the same evaluation reports. We must work together to get into the total program of the church.

She gave the following suggestions for Special emphasis in local church:

1. Work toward a church wide Mission Study Class if there is no such in your church. If there is, cooperate in the plans and in participation.
2. Encourage the church nominating committee to use Guild members in the Commissions.
3. Ask that the Guild membership chairman be included in the Commission on Membership and Evangelism. Ask the same for the Chairman of Christian Social Relations and Chairman of Missionary Education in corresponding commissions.

Miss Donnell also advised that correct terminology to be used for the Woman's Society of Christian Service and the Wesleyan Service Guild are to be found in the October issue of the Methodist Woman. She closed with "Call To Renewed Commitment."

The meeting adjourned following the Guild Benediction.

A social hour followed in the Fellowship Hall of the church, at which time refreshments were served by the hostess Guild.

Mary Hope, Recording Sec'y.
Burlington District
Wesleyan Service Guild

Remember, persons in the North Carolina Conference should send their coupons to The Methodist Home for Children, 1001 Glenwood Avenue, Raleigh, N. C. Rev. J. W. Lineberger, Superintendent.

Golden Cross Sunday To Be Observed In November

Methodist churches of the Western North Carolina Conference will observe Golden Cross Sunday during their November worship services, according to the Rev. W. Q. Grigg of Kannapolis, Conference director of Golden Cross.

Golden Cross is the arm of The Methodist Church which provides care for the sick. It is not an insurance program or a welfare plan, but a method whereby all those who need it and are in extreme financial need.

The Conference hopes to secure $31,000 for Golden Cross use this year. However, the need for these funds is far in excess of the goal, according to the director. The Golden Cross program is associated with the Conference Board of Hospitals and Homes, with the Rev. E. H. Nease, Jr., of Rutherfordton, chairman.

Golden Cross funds are used principally for a group of people who fit between those people who have money or resources with which to pay for their own hospitilization, and people on welfare who are thus aided with their hospitilization.

Each case is investigated by one of 13 district directors of Golden Cross. Reports recommending financial assistance are sent to the Rev. Mr. Grigg, who then determines the amount of help to be given "on the basis of need and the state of the treasury."

The Golden Cross funds also go for support of the chaplain's work at Duke University, and toward a scholarship fund used for the training of ministers in hospital work.

District directors of Golden Cross include:

Albemarle District, the Rev. I. L. Sharpe, Oakboro; Asheville District, the Rev. A. J. Cox, Hendersonville; Charlotte District, the Rev. John A. Lowder, Charlotte; Gastonia District, the Rev. N. H. Pusey, Kings Mountain; Greensboro District, the Rev. W. W. Blanton, Gibsonville; High Point District, the Rev. M. P. Hughes, Jr., Ramseur.

Marion District, the Rev. E. H, Nease, Jr., Rutherfordton; North Wilkesboro District, the Rev. Wayne W. Woodward, Rhonda; Salisbury District, the Rev. K. trici, the Rev. Byron Shankle, Newton; Thomasville District, the Rev. G. S. Miller, Mocksville District, the Rev. D. S. Bullins, Waynesville; Winston-Salem District, the Rev. J. S. Gibbs, Kernersville.

Communicating the gospel is the greatest of all privileges that God gives to mortal man.—Farris D. Whitesell *in Power in Expository Preaching.*

High Point Woman Edits Missions Prayer Calendar For 1965 Due Off Press Soon

One of the most widely used publications of the Methodist Board of Missions, the annual *Prayer Calendar* for 1965, will be off the press in November and will be available for use by chruches, classes, groups, families and individuals.

Considered a must for Methodists who are concerned about the missionary outreach of their church around the world, the *Prayer Calendar* increases each year both in use and in the number of copies published. Suggested uses include private prayer for missions, family devotions, worship by informal groups, Christmas gifts, use at churchwide schools of missions and other mission-related meetings, gifts to shutins and use in church school classes.

The *1965 Prayer Calendar* provides an 'itinerary of prayer" to all the missionary projects conducted or aided by The Methodist Church around the world. It serves as a useful reference guide for missionary leaders in the local church. Several new features are included in the 1965 edition, as well as several familiar continuing ones. Among the principal features are:

Prayers by missionaries and deaconesses; their favorite Scripture quotations; mission work, in the U. S. and abroad, alphabetized under the geographical headings (countries, states, and towns); commissioned workers (principally missionaries and deaconesses) listed chronologically on birthdays and in an alphabetical list of names and addresses; officers of the Board of Missions listed on the days of the Board's annual meeting in January; bishops overseas listed within the country of their service; a full color photograph of the Sadie Wilson Tillman Chapel in the Church Center for the United Nations on the inside front cover; 12 sketches showing missions in action; maps locating Methodist mission work around the world; quotations providing inspiration and "Spiritual bouquets."

The *Prayer Calendar* is edited by Miss Frances Eshelman, New York, an associate editor of literature for the Board of Missions. The price is 60¢ per copy. It is available from: Service Center, Board of Missions, The Methodist Church, 7820 Reading Road, Cincinnati, Ohio 45237.

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Bobby Collins, left, lay leader of the North Wilkesboro District presents a Chatham blanket to bishop and Mrs. Earl G. Hunt, Jr., during the Oct. 14 District Men's Fellowship Dinner in First Methodist Church.

North Wilkesboro Laymen Hear Bishop Hunt

Religious dedication is something "you don't find on the bargain table," Bishop Earl G. Hunt, Jr., told those attending the North Wilkesboro District Laymen's meeting Oct. 14.

The bishop, who presides over the Charlotte Area, said some of the ingredients of are: a religious experience of God in our lives, a genuine concern or compassion for people, and a creative faith.

Bishop Hunt urged the local church to renew its former great concern and compassion for people and said, "The average church needs the gift of tears."

"A religious experience," he said, "senses the wideness of God's mercy. We see our sinful selves as recipients of that mercy and grace."

The bishop said a creative faith involves three things: it must be intelligent and informed; it must be a faith that has initiative; and it must be one that learns to trust not in what God seems to be doing, but to trust God no matter what He seems to be doing.

About 200 men and women attended the meeting in First Methodist Church. District Lay Leader Collins of Boonville, on behalf of the District, presented Bishop and Mrs. Hunt with a blanket.

New Church Using Chapel

For the first time in its history, the Chapel in the Methodist Building in Washington, D. C., is the home of a church congregation.

The congregation is that of Capitol Hill Methodist Church, whose new $800,000 sanctuary and educational facilities will soon be rising a few blocks away. It expects to use the temporary arrangement until spring of 1966, with two Sunday morning services because of the chapel's size.

Simpson Memorial Chapel was placed in the building in 1929 but was rebuilt completely some 15 years ago. It is used largely for meetings of boards, committees and seminar groups, as well as for occasional worship services and weddings. Its name comes from Bishop Matthew Simpson, who served in Washington during the Civil War, was a close friend of President Lincoln, and a leader in the temperance movement.

"Share Our Substance Program' Thanksgiving Opportunity

Protestant congregations throughout t United States will be asked to contribute $1 073,850 during the Thanksgiving season finance the annual Share Our Substan program through which millions of nee persons overseas receive life sustaining foo

Church World Service, the overse agency for the National Council of Churc es of Christ, announced that during 19 approximately one third billion pounds foodstuffs donated from U. S. Governme stocks, and valued at $18,000,000, in a dition to 5,000,000 pounds donated by t Christian Rural Overseas Program (CROP will be sent to areas of acute need in ma parts of the world. Church World Servi conducts programs of relief and rehabil tation in 42 countries in Africa, Asia, t Near East, Latin America and Europe.

The big Protestant agency works close with the Division of Inter-Chruch Ai Refugee and World Service, its counterpa branch of the World Council of Church with headquarters in Geneva, Switzerlan

Kinds of foods shipped to the needy a principally wheat, flour, bulgar (a whe compound processed to withstand spoilage beans, cheese, butter, cornmeal, powere milk and cooking oil.

In many of the countries where U. foods are distributed, the programs hav progressed from direct emergency feedin to "food for work" projects. In these unde takings, recipients build roads, replant ra aged forest lands or do other forms of co structive labor to help raise the econom level of their lives and their nations.

GC Professor To Publish Book On English Dramatic Music

The University of Florida Press has not fied Dr. John H. Long, Professor of Englis at Greensboro College, that it has accepte fo- publication a book on English dramat music edited by Dr. Long. Publication tentatively scheduled for Spring 1965.

Entitled *Music on the English Renai sance Stage*, the book is a collection of or ginal scholarly papers designed to prese a survey of the use of performed music i English drama from medieval mystery cycl to the Cavalier Drama of the seventeet century. The symposium is international i that papers have been contributed by ou standing scholars of music and literature i Australia, Canada, and England in additio to those in the United States.

The significance of the book, Dr. Lon states, derives from the nature of early En lish drama, which frequently combined a integral parts the sister arts of music an poetry as well as the art of drama and sceni design. A better understanding of the play may be gained by the collaboration of mus cian, musicologists, and literary scholar Dr. Long believes, than by completely in dependent studies.

Dr. Long is the author of two books o the use of music in the comedies of Shakes peare.

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Sunday School Lesson

For November 22

By Raymond A. Smith
Head, Department of Religious Education
Greensboro College

Keep The Faith

Background Scripture: 2 Timothy 3:10-13; 4

Lesson Scripture: 2 Timothy 39:10-13; 4:1-8, 17-18

This is the last lesson from the Timothy letters. Our lesson for next Sunday will be from Titus. In our consideration of these letters we have had opportunity to view the life of the early church. We have witnessed, through the writer of these letters, the problems, the successes and the leadership of these early Christian groups.

Our lesson for this Sunday is a fitting close to these letters since it deals with the apostle Paul's last spiritual "will and testament." His many sacrifices for the faith are reviewed and the young pastor, Timothy, is urged to imitate his father in the faith. What a wonderful thing it must have been to be able to have said to a younger man "you have done well in following me!" Not many of us can say that!

But the old warrior then goes on to warn the young man that "everyone who wants to live a godly life as a follower of Jesus Christ will be persecuted, and bad men and impostors will go from bad to worse, deceiving others and deceiving themselves" (Goodspeed's translation). In a time when it is the popular thing to be only a *nominal* Christian, we need to be reminded that discipleship can be costly; in fact it is almost sure to be so if we are really Christians. Dr. Roy Smith has said "Nowhere in the New Testament is there a promise that if one should become a follower of Jesus Christ he would be saved from hardships. Jesus promised his disciples that they would suffer grievously, and, judging from the traditions that have come down to us, they did."

One of the best known passages of the Bible is found in 2 Timothy 3:16 (though this is not printed in most of the lesson helps as part of this lesson). It reads: "All Scripture is divinely inspired, and is useful in teaching, in reproof, in correcting faults, and in training in uprightness, so that the man of God will be adequate, and equipped for any good work." Following this statement the young pastor is urged to use his knowledge of the word to "preach the message," "to convince, reprove, exhort people, with perfect patience and willingness to teach." The warning is then given that the time will come when "people will not endure sound teaching, but have itching ears and accumulate to themselves teachers to suit their own likings, and will turn away from listening to the truth and wander into myths."

The young pastor is then urged to "do the work of an evangelist" and to "fulfill his ministry." Summing up the teachings of these last few verses we may say that if we are to "keep the faith" we need (1) to know our Bibles (2) to prepare ourselves to teach (3) to be on guard against false interpretations of the faith (4) to be evangelists, that is, witnesses (5) to be willing to endure suffering, if need be, for what we believe to be true and right.

The concluding verses of our lesson Scripture are the reported words of St. Paul when he was on the very eve of his execution: "For I am already on the point of being sacrificed; the time of my departure has come. I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith." However this is by no means a mere boast of St. Paul's. He says "the Lord stood by me and gave me strength" and also "the Lord will rescue me from every evil and save me for his heavenly Kingdom."

We are told that Paul was executed by beheading, since no Roman citizen was ever crucified. Tradition says Peter (who was not a Roman citizen) asked to be crucified head down, since he felt he was unworthy to die in the manner as Jesus, his Lord.

These words are being written on the eve of Election Day. We, as a people, have been reminded many times in these last months that our liberty was bought and preserved with the lives of patriots all through our history. Most of the signers of the Declaration of Independence paid dearly for that act. But we need to remember too, that our Christian faith was purchased with the blood of the martyrs. We need also to realize that the way to "keep the faith" is not to put it in some museum and guard it from contact with the evil of the world. Really to keep it, means to *Keep Our Promise* that we made when we committed ourselves to this faith. It can be kept only by being continually given away to others.

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Methodist Study Book To Be Released Nov. 13

A book expected to become a "best seller" in The Methodist Church in the next few months will be released in Chicago November 13.

. . *One Witness in One World* by Bishop Roy H. Short of Louisville, Ky., is the study book for the Methodists 1964-68 quadrennial emphasis. It is being unveiled in conjunction with the District Superintendents' Convocation at the Conrad Hilton Hotel in Chicago.

Based on the book of Ephesians in the Bible and the hymnody of The Methodist Church, the volume has been developed as the basic resource for use in the self-analysis asked of each local church as a part of the quadrennial program.

"Today we hear much about the renewal of the Church," said Bishop W. Vernon Middleton of Pittsburgh, Pa., in a foreword. "It is entirely possible that through the faithful and proper use of this book we, as a people of God, could experience a whole world of new beginnings and of new relationships to each other and to all men."

Bishop Middleton is chairman of the quadrennial emphasis committee which functions as a part of the national Methodist Commission on Promotion and Cultivation.

The volume is written in ten chapters, each considering one aspect of the central theme. At the conclusion of each chapter is a set of "Questions to Ponder."

"The style is so simple that it is disarming," Bishop Middleton says. "The author combines an awareness of the vexing problems of our time with an appreciation of the relevancy of the Gospel and a great love for the church."

Church leaders stress that the study book is to be used in conjunction with the Bible. A special edition of Ephesians in the Revised Standard Version has been prepared by the American Bible Society in format matching the study book and this will be available Nov. 15.

Bishop Short, author of *One Witness in One World*, is resident bishop of the Louisville (Ky.) Area of The Methodist Church and is secretary of the denomination's Council of Bishops. Prior to his election as a bishop he was editor of "The Upper Room," a daily devotional guide.

Included in the book is a leader's guide and bibliography prepared by the Rev. Dr. Harold F. Carr, who for three years has directed the Seminar for Ministers at Garrett Theological Seminary in Evanston, Ill. Prior to that Dr. Carr served as a pastor and as president of Iliff School of Theology, Denver, Colo.

Lent of 1965 has been suggested as an appropriate time to utilize the study book, however, many churches are expected to begin their self-analysis ahead of that.

. . *One Witness in One World* is published by the Commission on Promotion and Cultivation which has its headquarters in the Methodist Building in Evanston, Ill. It will be distributed through the Commission and will be available in Cokesbury book stores, also.

The special edition of Ephesians prepared in conjunction with the study book is being distributed by the American Bible Society which has its headquarters in New York.

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Minister's Wives Spiritual Life Retreat In Thomasville District

The Ministers' Wives Spiritual Life Retreat for the Thomasville District will be held at Pleasant Grove Methodist Church near Thomasville Wednesday, November 24. Bishop Earl G. Hunt, Jr., and Dr. R. H. Nicholson, District Superintendent, will be the resource leaders. The Rev. H. T. Penry, Jr., District Director of Evangelism and pastor of Pleasant Grove church, is host pastor. The Spiritual Life Retreat is being sponsored for the second year by the District Committee on Evangelism.

From 9:30 until 10:00 a.m. there will be a time of fellowship as the group gathers with the Retreat itself getting underway at 10:00 a.m. with devotions led by Mrs. G. C. Starr, Jr., President of the Ministers' Wives of the Thomasville District. A luncheon will be served to the ladies and special guests at 1:00 p.m. by the WSCS of the church. After the luncheon the Retreat will come to a close.

Macon County Group Ministry

The Methodist Group Council held its regular meeting Oct. 26, 1964 at First Franklin Church.

Mrs. Cecil Parker gave the devotional.

The meeting was called to order by Mrs. L. C. Howard, chairman.

A workshop for the follow up on the new curriculum literature will be held Nov. 8 and 15 at 7:30 at Clarks Chapel Church. Also another workshop is being planned for the purpose of those who was unable to attend the first workshop.

A Spiritual Life Retreat will be held Nov. 13 and 14th at Hinton Rural Life Center, Haynesville, N. C. Our theme is "Jesus Christ is Lord." We have as our speaker Mr. Harry Bell who is lay leader of the High Point District.

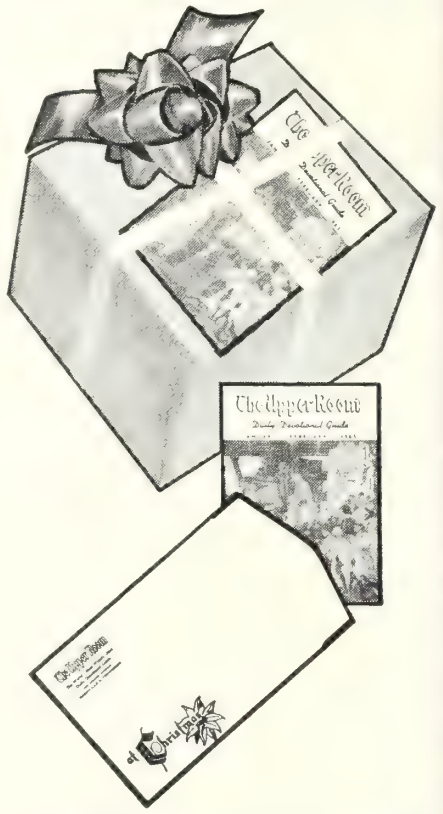
The committee met and discussed plans for the religious census and was decided that it will be carried out as an Evangelic Census.

Our next meeting will be held Jan. 25, 1965 at First Franklin.

Reporter,
Mrs. R. L. Hodlen

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NEW FACILITY AT PFEIFFER

New J. Lem Stokes Center at Pfeiffer College, which was formally opened Sunday evening, November eighth. Several hundred invited guests attended the Dinner Meeting, at which time Bishop Earl G. Hunt, Jr. delivered the address. The million-dollar facility adds greatly to the already fine group of buildings in use at Pfeiffer College.

CAROLINA BRIEFS

¶ Dr. A. R. Keppel, executive director of the Piedmont University Center, Winston-Salem, will speak at the Sunday vesper service at Bennett College on November 22.

¶ Rev. H. Lawrence Bond, assistant professor of religion, North Carolina Wesleyan College, was the College Day speaker at Edgerton Memorial Methodist Church in Selma, November 15.

¶ Rev. James Speight, pastor of Union Chapel Methodist Church, near Kittrell, has been elected director of the North Carolina Congress of Parents and Teachers, representing Vance County.

¶ Revival meeting will be held at Rosemary Church, Roanoke Rapids, November 29 to December 4, with Dr. Howard P. Powell of Raleigh as preacher. Cottage prayer meetings will be held during the preceding week.

¶ Plans are being made for a Greater Durham Evangelistic Crusade beginning March 19 and running through April 4, 1965. Dr. Leighton Ford, an associate of the Billy Graham evangelistic team, will be the preacher.

¶ Charles McAdams, director of public relations at Methodist College, Fayetteville, was guest speaker for the morning worship service at First Church, Mount Olive, Sunday, November 15, in observance of College Day.

¶ Rev. Edmund Lynn, pastor of the Reidsville Charge, Greensboro District, will preach in revival services at Bethany Methodist Church, Greensboro District, Nov. 15-20. Rev. Philip Vaughn is pastor of Bethany.

¶ Rev. Ernest R. Porter, pastor of Edgerton Memorial Church in Selma, was the preacher for a revival in the Westminster Methodist Church of Kinston, November 15 to 19. Rev. G. Robert McKenzie, Jr., is the pastor of Westminster Church.

¶ Canaan Methodist Church, Rt. 5, Winston-Salem, will have a Thanksgiving Enrichment week of services November 22-26. Rev. R. Herman Nicholson, Thomasville district superintendent, will be the preacher. The minister is Rev. Ed Cochran.

¶ Dr. A. Purnell Bailey of Richmond will preach in revival services at the Farmville Methodist Church November 15-18. Rev. Wayne Wegwart is the pastor. Dr. Bailey will also be the preacher at Garner Methodist Church beginning November 22. Rev. J. Kern Ormond is pastor at Garner.

¶ Dr. Wilson O. Weldon, pastor of West Market Street Church, Greensboro, will be one of the speakers at the Urban Church Seminar to be held in Knoxville, Tennessee November 20-21. The seminar is for the Holston Annual Conference.

¶ Friendship charge, near Statesville, will have a charge-wide get together service at Friendship Church at 11:00 a.m. Nov. 29. Dr. H. G. Allen will preach. Families are invited to bring lunch for a fellowship dinner. They will go to the new parsonage. Rev. John Oakley is the pastor.

¶ Waynesville District Rally for Senior and Junior MYF was held November 1, from 3:00 to 6:00 at the Cullowhee Methodist Church. The Waynesville District members of the Conference Youth Council which met at Pfeiffer College in August decided to have two rallies this year.

¶ John Hubner of Pittsburgh, Pa., a first-semester freshman at Brevard, recently set such an outstanding record as winner of the Western Carolina Junior College cross-country event that he was selected to participate in the National Junior College Athletic Association meet.

¶ A recent issue of *The State* magazine featured Transylvania County with its varied economic, cultural, and educational assets. Brevard College was featured in an article which gave the school considerable recognition for the part it plays in helping to make this an outstanding section of the state.

¶ Rev. Dennis Chandraraj of Malaysia, who is studying in the Duke Divinity School will be guest speaker at Trinity Church, November 22. A Thanksgiving Eve worship service will be conducted at 7:45. The Communion Elements will be on the altar during Thanksgiving for those who wish to come and partake of The Holy Supper during Thanksgiving Day. The Committee on Family Life is planning a "Family Night Affair" for Sunday November 29. Rev. W. A. Tew is pastor.

¶ The Goldsboro District MYF Fall Rally will be held at St. Paul Methodist Church, Goldsboro, November 22, beginning with registration at 2:15 p.m. This will be a Recreation Workshop, with members present being able to choose an area of recreation they prefer for discussion and participation. Four areas of concern will be drama, folk dancing, active games, and singing. All senior high youth in the district are urged to attend. The rally will end at about 5:45 p.m. Paul Couch of Goldsboro is president.

¶ A widely known South Carolina Methodist minister, Rev. Ed Jones, led Pfeiffer College's 1964 Religious Emphasis Week, November 15 to 19. The minister at the First Methodist Church of Lancaster, S. C., Rev. Mr. Jones spoke on the theme "You, The Church, The Nation, and The World." The student committee was headed by Miss Karen Hodges, Charlotte, as chairman with Danny Neuschafer, Wenonah, New Jersey, co-chairman. Advisor for the week was College Chaplain Glenn Bush.

¶ Senior high youth from the Methodist, Baptist, Presbyterian, Christian Churches in Mount Olive and Rones Chapel Methodist Church gathered at First Methodist Church Saturday night, October 31, to receive assignments to get out over the community to "Trick or Treat" for UNICEF. Approximately 65 young people collected $132.75 which will go to needy children around the world. The youth are to be commended for participating in such a worthwhile project, and doing so in such a fine, orderly manner. Walter Patten is president of the MYF and Rev. Christian White is pastor.

¶ One hundred and twenty-eight attended the Thomasville Sub-District Youth Fellowship Christian Vocations Workshop at Fairgrove Methodist Church Monday evening November 9. Rev. George C. Starr is director of Christian Vocations in the Thomasville District.

¶ Friends of Mrs. Earl Cook, wife of the Rev. Earl Cook, of Friendship Methodist Church, near Kannapolis, will regret to learn of the death of her father, Mr. Hurley J. Melton of Route 4, Monroe, who died Saturday, November 7, after a long illness. Incidentally, Mr. Melton was a first cousin of the Editor of the Advocate.

¶ Pastors of the North Carolina Conference are now receiving their packages of the new Conference Journal for 1964. Each minister receives a pack of six Journals, and he is to give one of those to the Lay Delegate to the last annual Conference. The Journal this year is larger and more complete than ever. They are to go into the hands of key leaders of the churches. Rev. W. Carlton Wilson is the Conference Secretary and edits the Journal.

¶ The Rev. M. Dewey Tyson, pastor of the Calvary Methodist Church in Durham will be the guest evangelist for revival services at the Salem Methodist Church in the Greenville District. The services will begin each night at 7:30 with a supervised nursery for the young children. Special music during the week will be given by the Salem Adult Choir and by other near by community church choirs and quartets. The Rev. John R. Blue, pastor of the Salem Church extends a cordial welcome to the public.

¶ The Mount Olive Subdistrict MYF met Sunday, November 1, at Brownings Methodist Church with the president, Bette Walson of Warsaw, presiding. The MYF of Brownings gave the devotional. Following the showing of the filmstrip, "Counterfeit," the group was divided into three smaller groups for discussion of the filmstrip and the importance of giving to MYFund, which supports projects around the world. During the business session it was announced that the next subdistrict meeting will be held at Warsaw Methodist Church with Rev. Conrad Glass, Jr., Conference Director of Youth Work, as guest speaker. It was stressed that only senior high MYF'ers are urged to attend this meeting on December 6 at 2:30 in the afternoon. Refreshments were served by the host MYF in the Fellowship Hall.



"Friendship"

It is the little things in life that count.
Words of Encouragement!
Love and Friendship!
A clasp of a friendly hand in thine
Through the span of time.
These things mean more than riches and gold.
To a weary and lonely soul.
Riches and gold are fleeting things
That last for only a day.
But Love and Friendship
Will live in thy heart alway.

Mrs. W. H. Booker,
Williamston, N. C.

District Superintendent's Convocation In Chicago Was One of the Best

Many regarded the District Superintendents' Convaction held last week at the Conrad Hilton Hotel in Chicago as one of the best yet held. Around 1000 persons, including practically all the District Supertendents and a large number of guests made up the attendance.

The Convocation is designed to get the program of the quadrennium, especially the benevolent program, before the superintendents, that they in turn may be able to direct in their particular districts.

The whole spirit of the convocation was excellent. It was inspiring, as always, to hear the group of ministers and laymen sing. Mr. Bill Mann, minister of music in First Methodist Church, Dallas, Texas, was in charge of the musical program, and did it in a masterful way. He was assisted at the organ by Mr. Donald Larson, who likewise made a fine contribution to the program. On Saturday evening the student nurses' choir from the Wesley Hospital rendered a program of songs.

The addresses by various selected leaders were of a high order, and were factual as well as inspiring. After each address in the Grand Ball Room, the groups were given some time for round table discussions and to formulate an expression of their impressions upon each subject. These proved to be most helpful. A number of banquet-style luncheons were held, at which a part of the program was emphasized. Theme of the Convocation was "One Witness In One World." Bishop Gerald Kennedy gave the keynote address on Thursday, and he sought to interpret to the group the full meaning of the slogan. Dr. Roy H. Short has written the study book to be used, and it will be placed in the churches throughout the connection and will be a basis for the quadrennial emphasis.

The Convocation came to a fitting climax on Sunday morning when Dr. Robert E. Goodrich, pastor of the First Methodist Church in Dallas, Texas, brought a challenging message to the group on the subject "A Memo to Christians."

Methodism, as usual, has a big and meaningful program set for itself for the next four years, and its effectiveness will be determined by the devotion with which its ministers and laymen give themselves to carry it out. The District Superintendents' Convocation will make a large contribution to that end.

Oxford Area to Hold Thanksgiving Service

The annual Thanksgiving service for the greater Oxford area will be held on Thanksgiving morning at 10:00 a.m., in the York Rite Memorial Chapel. Participating will be the Methodist, Baptist, and Presbyterian congregations of the area.

The Rev. Walter L. Mitchell of the Delrayno Baptist Church, will deliver the sermon.

Other ministers participating include the Rev. Louis A. Aitken, Oxford Methodist Church; the Rev. Lester Lane, Oxford Baptist Church; the Rev. John Duvall, resident chaplain, Oxford Orphanage; the Rev. Thomas T. Traynham, Oxford Presbyterian Church; the Rev. Robert Ossman, Oxford Methodist Circuit; and the Rev. A. D. Leon Gray, superintendent of the Oxford Orphanage.

The John Nichols High School Senior Glee Club, under the direction of Miss Virginia Blackwood, will present special music.

The acolyte for the service will be Stanly Pike, a fifth grade student in the Nichols School and formerly from Raleigh.

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Mary Gilley and John Bowman To Sing In "Merchant of Venice"

Mary Gilley, a senior voice major at the University of North Carolinan at Greensboro, will sing the role of Jessica in the original opera, *The Merchant of Venice*, when it premiers at the Memorial Auditorium at High Point College November 20-21.

Mill Gilley's previous roles include Susanna in *Marriage of Figaro*, Genevieve in *Sister Angelica*, and Frasquita in *Carmen* in UNC-G Theater Productions.

She has been the soloist with the Greensboro Symphony and with the university choir and chorale.

Miss Gilley is from Leaksville and studies under Paul Hickfang of UNC-G. She is a member of Mu Phi Epsilon, International Music Sorority, the German Club, and Opera Workshop.

John Dieter Bowman, Professor of Voice at Southern Pilgrim College, will sing the role of Bassanio.

Bowman is a graduate of Houghton College, is a graduate student in applied voice at the University of North Carolina at Greensboro.

Dr. G. Ray Jordan Died in Atlanta Last Sunday

Dr. G. Ray Jordan died in Atlanta, Georgia, last Sunday at the age of 68 years. Dr. Jordan was a member of the Western North Carolina annual Conference, and served in that conference for many years until he was made professor of Preaching in the Candler School of Theology at Emory



Dr G. Ray Jordan

University some twenty years ago. He was known as a dynamic preacher, and was in demand for preaching engagements at conferences as well as in many revival meetings across the nation. He was a world traveler, and a prolific writer.

A native of Kinston, N. C., Dr. Jordan was Candler Professor of Homiletics at Emory University's Candler School of Theology. He was the author of 20 books, the most recent of which, "Life-giving Words," was published this year.

Prior to joining the faculty at Emory in 1945, Dr. Jordan preached at several churches in North Carolina, including the First Methodist in Charlotte, the Centenary in Winston-Salem, Wesley Memorial in High Point and College Park Methodist in Greensboro.

Dr. Jordan also preached in Formosa, Pakistan, India, Germany, and Norway. He died of a heart attack at Emory University Hospital.

He is survived by his widow, the former Carolina Mooday; two sons, Gerald Ray Jordan, Jr. and Terrell Franklin Jordan, both of Los Angeles. And two brothers, George L. Jordan of Kinston and W. Eugene Jordan of Charlotte.

Funeral services were held at 3:00 p.m. Monday at the Durham Chapel on the Emory campus.

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The 118 first-year students at Emory University's Candler School of Theology this fall are a cosmopolitan group. They come from 63 different colleges. The largest group from any one college is seven from Wofford. Florida Southern and the University of Georgia are next with six each. Five come from Tennessee Weslevan and four each from Emory and Birmingham-Southern.

There are 13 states and one foreign country represented in the freshman class.

EDITORIALS

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How Thankful Are We?

Since we approach the Thanksgiving Day it is proper that we should begin to enumerate the many things for which we should be especially grateful. We are not heard for our much speaking, but it is proper that we should come with real humility and deep gratitude to God for the many blessings that have crowned our lives. There is a song which says "Count your many blessings, name them one by one." We realize that would be an impossibility, because they are so many, but we can recall at least some which are so evident that we cannot fail to recognize them.

Just to realize the priceless privilege of being numbered among God's people would be sufficient, but that is not all. We live in a goodly land, blessed with an abundance of the material things so necessary to our well-being and happiness. Health, home, loved ones, employment, friends, opportunity and responsibility of rendering service, along with many other privileges should certainly stir within us a spirit of undying love and inexpressible gratitude. There are some countries where these things are not enjoyed as they are here. Shall we prove ourselves worthy by properly acknowledging and using these blessings? We know we cannot prove worthy in the finest sense, for we are told "When ye have done all these things, still say, we are unprofitable servants; we have done that which was our duty to do." But we can give an expression of our gratitude by properly observing the day, not in a hilarious, self-indulgent manner, but in quiet meditation and reflection. We can follow the admonition of the Psalmist when he said "O give thanks unto the Lord; call upon his name; make known his deeds among the people. Sing unto Him, sing psalms unto Him: talk ye of all his wondorous works."

Watch Your Language!

No sin is more inexcusable than taking the name of the Lord in vain. Scripture clearly warns us at this point: "The Lord will not hold him guiltless that taketh his name in vain." And yet many people flippantly use the sacred name in a way that cannot possibly bring any satisfaction, but only guilt and reproach. Sometimes they try to justify themselves by saying, "O well, I didn't really mean any harm. It's just a habit." But the command still stands, and excuses will not be sufficient.

Just the other day while the World Series baseball game was in progress we happened to be in a business place which had set up a television set for the benefit of its customers. A young man was watching intently as his favorite team was at bat. The batter missed the ball, and the young man exclaimed, "O for God's sake hit the ball." We felt sure he did not mean it in a reverent manner, but was probably not even conscious of what he had said—a victim of a cultivated habit. And still, he has no excuse. He must be responsible for his conversation just as truly as he is responsible for his conduct.

It seems to us that parents would do well to take some time with their children and warn them that under no circumstances should they ever use the name of the Creator in a vain or frivilous manner. People need to cultivate a reverence for that which is holy, otherwise they impoverish themselves and sacrifice their hope of redemption.

Why any person would deliberately or otherwise misuse the name of God by profaning it is beyond understanding. We owe all that we have that is good, even life itself, to God. He provides richly for us and we are forever in his debt. We get from profanity nothing but guilt and condemnation and doom. Why should we not rather cultivate our intelligence and avoid making the sacred secular, or dragging the name of Deity into dust. We cannot say we have not been warned.

THEME FOR THE WEEK

"Labour not for the meat which perisheth, but for that meat which endureth unto everlasting life, which the Son of man shall give unto you: for him hath God the Father sealed."—JOHN 6:27.

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LETTERS

Dear Brother Starnes,

If I may, I would like to make some response to Brother Barrett Wilson's answer to my criticism of his article in the **Advocate** for September 24th! I do feel that these are important matters and that our evangelism among the "outsiders" will be far more effective if we can come to some understandng of where we stand on the issue between science and faith. I would like to touch on three points.

The first point is the one alluded to in paragraph three and four of Brother Wilson's letter. I am convinced that everyone, even the scientist, has to have a "faith" of some kind. Everyone has to deal with the ultimate, that is, everyone who lives has to take some attitude toward the deepest things of life. As a human being he cannot escape making decisions which are ultimately based on that which he cannot logically prove or demonstrate; even the assumption that the world is entirely materialistic and mechanistic is such a "faith," however inadequate we Christians think it to be. Thus the scientist, as a person, even though sceptical, has to go on living and making decisions and therefore showing faith in whatever he believes about ultimate questions. It is not news nor surprising that many scientists are Christian in their faith, but this need not and should not be confused with the "scientific method" of their daily work.

The second matter is taken up in paragraph five of the letter published November 5. A scientist, unnamed, is quoted as saying that "the existence of God can be logically demonstrated . . ." If the reference is to the God of the Christian faith, I would like to observe that any God that could be logically demonstrated or proved would be an idol, a creation of man, far too small to merit the worship of Jesus Christ, and certainly not the God of the Bible who says of himself, "My thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways." The opinions of Thomas Aquinas to the contrary notwithstanding!

The third thing I would like to comment on is the issue raised in paragraphs seven and eight of Brother Wilson's letter. As interesting as it might be that a part of the order of creation as indicated in Genesis I seems to correlate with some of the theories of modern science, this does not necessarily indicate that either one proves or supports the other. The writer of the Book of Genesis was referring to the creation of "three-story universe" such as conceived by ancient man; the modern scientist is trying to understand the "creation" of a far different type of universe, a universe which would have been inconceivable to the ancient Hebrew. Even if every point the Genesis writer makes in chapter one were validated by science, Brother Wilson and those whom he represents would have an exceedingly difficult time with Genesis 2:4-24.

I believe that the real problem many people have is that they would still like to believe in the "literal infallibility" of the Holy Scriptures. Literal infallibility may seem to be necessary to the faith of many people and surely there are many who cling stubbornly to this theory, but I cannot find it in my heart to encourage them to believe that they will receive the support of "modern science;" the "literalists" are entirely right in their suspicions that "science" is against them, as well as the words of the Bible itself.

I am happy to say that I agree wholeheartedly with the last paragraph of my friend's letter! If this really represents his faith, then why was the other article and the first eight paragraphs of his present letter necessary?

Sincerely yours,
LeRoy A. Scott

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Let Us Face the Facts

Recently there appeared on the front page of the North Carolina Christian Advocate an article written by Reverend D. J. Reid in which he stated that underneath the hunger of the world, "There is a deeper and more persistent hunger for God." I wish that were the case. However, a careful investigation of the matter proves the opposite. As Soren Kierkegaard said in his book, **Attack Upon Christendom**, "The Christianity of the New Testament on the contrary it what displeases and shocks man in the highest degree. When it is truly preached it neither wins men by the mil-

lions nor wins reward and profit. He further accuses us of populating heaven with a superficial gospel. With these words demanding to be heard today, what has the church to say in rebuttal? A survey of the facts in the matter will prove conclusively that the churches over the world are losing thousands of members today by what Richard Niebuhr calls, "A psychological mechanics of a shabby revivalism, with its mass production of renovated souls, and the sociological science of that part of the social gospel which expected to change prodigal mankind by improving the quality of the husk served in the pigsty."

There are literally tens of thousands of people in the churches today that could not give a real reason for their being there. Rather than the fact that it is the fashionable thing to do. Or, that they just came to be with a friend. The average person would be embarrassed to give an account of his experience with Jesus Christ. If we think we are doing the will of God by the mere facts of numbers and that the budgets are being paid on time, we are of all people most deceived. Therefore, I cannot see that there is a deep hunger in the world for God. Quite the contrast, never in the history of the world has there been more ungodliness. In the past twenty years communism has swept over half of the world. And its terrible influence has infiltrated much of the rest—including America. Juvenile gangs and street mobs run unchecked and unpunished all over the world. This total disregard for law and order has become the fad in many of our colleges and universities today. Easter and Christmas, and other great days of the Christian year, have been set aside by the lawless generation to desecrate the holy things of God. If anyone doubts these facts, all that is necessary to convince him is for him to read the local paper or tune in the TV set.

What is the answer to our sagging morals, spiritual lethargy, lack of ethics, and indifferences to the church and God? The Hebrews have a word for it, it is **shaqedh,** "The awake tree." In other words, the church of God stands called and commissioned by the active God who is **awake** over His world. God is calling upon the church to gird up its loins, which means immediate preparation "For energetic action or strenuous conflict." And with this summons to act comes, also, the assurance of the Lord's strengthening, heartening and rescuing presence.

It is only when the church is willing to go back to the old paths, as the prophet Jeremiah puts it, can we hope to win the world for Christ and His church. Bishop Gerald Kennedy states it thus: "Our worship services ought to be filled with a great sense of expectancy. . . I would like our preachers to act like they are sold on what they are talking about." Further it can best be stated by the historical statement in discipline of our own church: "Our task is to seek and save the lost, to disseminate the Pentecostal spirit and life, to spread scriptural holiness, and to transform all peoples and nations through the gospel of Jesus Christ."

For the next four years the Methodist Church will be in a program of a great spiritual renewal through out the world. This great and noble challenge should be a constant reminder that we cannot do God's will without God's power. Consequently the great commission by our Lord is to go back until we are endued with power from on high. Only then can we hope to have the power to witness to all the world and to fulfill God's divine commission and have a great church.

Walter C. Feltman

Havelock, N. C.

Let's Give God Thanks

From day to day we breathe God's air,
Enjoy His love and tender care
Live on the substance He provides,
Protected by His hand that guides;
Enriched by His amazing grace
Along our rugged earthly race,
With promise of eternal life
When we shall leave this world of strife;
Therefore let's give Him thanks.

From day to day God gives us health
That we should value more than wealth;
Yes, sends the sunshine and the rain
That grows our crops and fields of grain,
From which we're amply clothed and fed
In answer to the prayers we've said;
Indeed He's mindful of our need
When we go where His footsteps lead;
Therefore let's give Him thanks.

From day to day God's blessings flow
Upon our lives where'er we go;
For ev'ry good and perfect gift,
And all He sends for our uplift,
Is from the bounty of His store
That feeds His children evermore,
While here upon the earth we stay
Awaiting heaven's golden day;
Therefore let's give Him thanks.

From day to day God's love comes in
To save us from the blight of sin;
To make us soldiers brave and strong
Lest we should yield ourselves to wrong;
That we should be both kind and sweet
To those with whom we live or meet;
That we may go to God's right hand
When at the judgment we shall stand;
Therefore let's give Him thanks.

Rev. Walter E. Isenhour

Taylorsville, N. C.

Methodist College Accredited By N. C. College Conference

Methodist College has received full accreditation by the North Carolina College Conference.

Official action was taken at the annual meeting of the College Conference in Charlotte, November 4-6.

According to Conference standards: "To be accredited, a college must have been inspected, and a report with recommendations must have been made to the Conference by the Committee on Standards. The college must have met current standards for a full academic year before it will be eligible for accreditation."

The Committee on Standards reported that Methodist College had operated under senior college standards during the 1963-64 academic year; and therefore, is eligible for formal accreditation as a senior college as of the academic year 1964-65.

Under this status Methodist College's graduates will be fully certified by North Carolina Department of Public Instruction without any special dispensations.

As a full member of the North Carolina College Conference all other colleges in the state will accept credits from Methodist College, a relationship which the college has enjoyed from the beginning by agreement with individual institutions.

88 Are Crusade Scholars

One of the largest groups ever to study in America under the international Crusade Scholarship program of The Methodist Church is well into the 1964-65 academic year on campuses from Massachusetts to Oregon.

The 88 young men and women are from the United States and 21 other countries. They are studying in 40 colleges, universities and seminaries in 16 states.

Now in its nineteenth year, the Crusade Scholarship program continues to train qualified students from the United States and other countries for top-level leadership in the church, business, the professions, the arts and other fields. Since the program was started by The Methodist Church in 1945, about 1,500 persons from 60 countries have studied as Crusade Scholars. Most have returned to their homelands to become leaders in the church and in secular fields such as journalism, music, medicine, agriculture, education, government, and business. Several former Crusade Scholars are bishops of The Methodist Church.

The 88 Crusade Scholars studying in the United States this year number 11 more than last year. In addition to those studying in America, 14 are studying in other countries, making a total of 102 Crusade Scholars for the 1964-65 academic year. Those studying outside the U. S. are attending schools in England, Taiwan, Australia, Portugal, Switzerland, India, and Hong Kong.

Jurisdictional Ruling Delayed

Decision as to whether the General Conference or a jurisdictional conference has ultimate authority in the integration of annual conferences was postponed by the Methodist Judicial Council meeting Oct. 29-31, in San Antonio, Texas.

In order to put the constitutional issue on a broad basis, to face it more directly and to give all concerned parties adequate hearing, the council set a second hearing for April 22, 1965, in Evanston, Ill. It urged church-wide participation in considering the issues.

The council was faced with a request from the Southeastern Jurisdictional Conference for a ruling on the constitutionality of its July action recommending that Central (Negro) Jurisdiction annual conferences within the jurisdiction will be a jurisdictional matter to be worked out when such merger mutually agreeable to the conferences concerned, the boundaries of the transferring conferences to remain intact until they may be changed by voluntary action of the Southeastern Jurisdiction."

The Central Jurisdiction, which had asked to be a party to this petition for a declaratory decision, was not heard at the meeting and therefore asked for the postponement. Its session in July recommended that its annual conferences will not be continued on a racial basis. This is on the principle that the church's goal is not only elimination of the Central Jurisdiction, but "inclusiveness" as well.

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The pretty economies of the rich are just as amazing as the silly extravagances of the poor. —William Feather

'Christianity Confronts Communism' Topic of Speakers at High Point

Bishop Earl G. Hunt, Jr., who presides over the Charlotte Area, struck out at "those who employ communist weaponry to combat communism" during a talk in which he outlined how the Christian church can effectively combat communism.

The bishop was one of four speakers for a "Christianity Confronts Communism" program of the Western North Carolina Methodist Conference November 10 in High Point College. Co-sponsors were the Education for Freedom organization and the North Carolina Educational Council.

Bishop Hunt said the Christian church, to combat communism, must:

Face the fact that an eternal dichotomy between Christianity and communism does exist; learn and teach the nature of communism; determine that we will not employ communist weaponry to combat it; recover our sense of responsibility for the remaking of life on this planet; and renew the vitality of the church.

The bishop said, "Even a democracy is in grave danger of becoming fascist when it descends to the use of fascist means to achieve democratic ends.

"The appearance of vitriolic lies in the form of pseudo-patriotic literature; the near-libelous ranting of radio preachers who have mastered the satanic art of clever capitalization upon the gullibility of good but uninformed people; the arbitrary classification of any liberal mind with the despicable tenets of Russia or China; the issuance of proscription lists, with malice and without documentation—these are techniques that belong in the Kremlin, and those who do these things are more like the communists than the folk they accuse of being 'fellow travelers!'"

The bishop said, "No Christian who knows what Christianity is can be a communist, if he knows what communism is. A convinced Christian and a dedicated church represent an impassable barrier in the way of any effort to popularize communism."

"The Christian church," Bishop Hunt said, "will make its greatest contribution to the free world by deepening the moral convictions and strengthening the faith of its members."

Dr. Frank R. Barnett, a national authority on communism, said the denunciation of Stalin, the removal of Khruschchev from power, and the continuing split between Russia and Red China has shaken the faith of those "waiting in the wings to take power in the next decade" in the communist system.

He told an audience of 850 people attending a November 10 "Christianity Confronts Communism" rally at High Point College that "If we can keep communism contained another ten years, it will no longer have its momentum. All dictatorships thrive by convincing others they are the wave of the future.

"The communist juggernaut has split up," Dr. Barnett said. "If we are willing to bear the burden and pay the price, it is highly possible that the new generation in Russia may cynically decide it is not worth playing Russian roulette with the U. S.

"Russia," he said, "will be harassed by China and this may encourage Russia to build bridges to the West. China can't swim to the U. S. as easily as it can go into the more thinly populated areas of Russia." He said he foresees a victory of the Free World over communism by the end of the 20th century.

Dr. Barnett said often repeated myths about Russia and communism which U. S. citizens must recognize and combat are these:

That new personalities in the Kremlin will bring reform; that communism is a misguided, but well-meaning religion; that the present Russian leadership is pledged to peaceful co-existence and has abandoned its drive for world domination; and that to be anti-communist is ipso facto to being anti-progressive.

Dr. Barnett said if the U. S. allows itself to be destroyed by communism, this epitaph might be written by a future generation:

"Here lies the only civilization which perished at the peak of its power, unused. Here lies a nation of advertisers who learned how to change consumer tastes in cigarets—but were themselves manipulated on all the issues that really mattered to their salvation and survival. Here lies a decent people who wanted love, not empire, and got neither; an earnest people who tried to trade power for popularity and lost both. Here died a sort of Lancelot in the Court of Nations who, granting all his flaws, was still the noblest knight of all; except this Lancelot, crippled with an undeserved guilt complex, let his weapons fall unused and so condemned all to the 1,000-year night of the Russian Bear and the Chinese Dragon.

Dr. Barnett said this epitaph need never be written, "and if a few more of the faiths have the good sense to follow the lead of the Methodist Church in fighting communism, this epitaph will never be written."

In the next decade Americans will be "challenged to excellence" in the world arena "in an area where we've never been challenged before—the area of ideas," said Charles T. Vetter of Washington, D. C., during a "Christianity Confronts Communism" meeting.

Mr. Vetter, information coordinator for the U. S. Information Agency, spoke to 850 persons in High Point College. He said Americans must:

Be strong; catch the communists when they don't tell the truth; and project positive alternatives to communism from democratic sources if we want to get world attention.

He said Americans, to do this, must enlarge their areas of mutuality with other peoples, become good listeners and do a "lot of homework" regarding the communist threat.

Mr. Vetter said communism often makes headway with its plan which analyzes the past (the class struggle), depicts the present (where a nation or individual is now in that struggle), and predicts the future (the triumph of communism).

He said the U. S. doesn't have just one plan, but many, such as religion, political parties, ethical standards, the U. S. Constitution, etc. —"through a democracy we have so many ways of approaching and solving problems, of becoming productive. Our main problem on the world stage is that we have so many voices that we don't speak with one voice."

One of the greatest assets of Americans, Mr. Vetter said, is teamwork. "In many nations we have found that people from different ethnic groups or parts of their nation not only won't work together or speak to each other, but often work against each other."

Dr. Holt McPherson, editor of *The High Point Enterprise* and chairman of the High Point College Board of Trustees, in his words of welcome to those attending, said:

"Our hope in the struggle with communism lies in endurance, not in rashness; in reason, not in hate; in skilled dealings with reality, not in simplification of dogma, and therein lie today our challenge and opportunity to strike here a great blow for liberty, for freedom and for a Christian world."

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"The basic problem of a declining church is her failure to face up to the sin problem and to God's cure for sin."—Dr. L. Nelson Bell.

Christianity and Communism Compared

During his talk, Dr. Barnett gave this comparison of what Christianity says and its counterpart in communist thought:

Christianity—"I am my brother's keeper;" Communism—"I am my brother's warden and drill sergeant."

Christianity—"Love thy neighbor for all men are brothers." Communism—"Original class warfare vs. thy neighbor for most men are exploiters."

Christianity—"In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth." Communism—"In the beginning was the word, and the word was economics, and economics said, 'let there be history' and lo, there was the dialectic."

Christianity—"Help the poor." Communism—"Form the poor into a shock battalion and hurl them into battle. The poor are too stupid to improve themselves. They must be shaped into a weapon."

Christianity—"Forgive them for they know not what they do." Communism—"Destroy them for they are persons of outmoded burgeois morality."

Christianity—"The spiritual is more important than the wealth and vanity of this world." Communism—"Only the material is real. The spiritual is elusive, myth, superstition."

Christianity—"Each man must wrestle in his own soul with the problem of 'good and evil.' In the struggle to improve his moral life, an imperfect man needs God's help." Communism—"Man invented God as an 'intellectual tranquilizer.' Man can shape his own destiny, create his own salvation."

Christianity — "Material surroundings do not necessarily affect the soul. A beggar can become a saint; a rich man a thief." Communism—"There is no evil in the human heart except from environment. Abolish private property and you shall fashion on earth the kingdom of heaven."

Reflections On My First Week At The Vatican Council

By
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I have been an official observer for the World Methodist Council at the Third Session of the Second Vatican Council in Rome since Monday, October 19. Since there are so few places open, most of the Protestant bodies appoint an observer, not for an entire session, but for only a portion of one, so that, when his time expires, another may take his place. I succeeded Walter Mueler, the dean of the School of Theology of Boston University, and I plan to remain in Rome until the end of this third session, which is November 21. He was here from the opening on September 14.

The place where we sit is called a tribune. It is just to the right of the General Secretary's desk. In fact, on rainy days when I carry my umbrella, I could easily stretch it out from where I sit and lift the cap right off Archbishop Felicis' head. He is a rather rotund Italian. As Secretary, he makes all the announcements and keeps the audience laughing at his wit, even though it is expressed in Latin. Last Friday he told us a fourth session would be held. When? Well, that's left entirely to the decision of the Pope.

The Council opens at 9 a.m. Mass generally lasts half an hour. The Council closes for the day at 12:30 p.m. The afternoons are spent reading and studying the schema (recommendations made by the commissions for the consideration and deliberation of the Council). There are press conferences, committee meetings, social, etc. I must say however, that the pace of this conclave is more moderate than what we have in our Methodist Conference. It is far less grueling than a General Conference. It is more orderly, too. If a man wishes to speak on an issue, he merely submits his name to the secretary. There is no struggle to win the attention of the chair in order to get the floor. This is necessary since the membership of this Council is more than two thousand persons.

The membership consists of the cardinals, the patriarchs, the archbishops, and the heads of the great monastic orders and, where these orders are subdivided into regions, these sub-heads as well. Abbott Walter of Greensboro, North Carolina, for example, is a voting member of the conference as is the Superior General of the Dominicans and Franciscans. There are no Mother Superiors or heads of nuns. It is an all male body. Likewise, it is entirely clergical. There is no lay representative whatever. The counsel of laymen is frequently sought by the various commissions preparing recommendatons for the council. None of these laymen can vote or even appear, for that matter, to be heard by the body. Therefore, the members of the Council are appropriately called the conciliar fathers.

An amusing incident in this regard took place the second day I was here. We began the discussion of the schema, "The Church in the Modern World." This would be called by Methodists "The Social Gospel" or "The Church and the Social Issues of Modern Society." Some of the more liberal Fathers decided that the Council needed to hear a lay expert speak on World Poverty. In fact, they had one picked out. And that expert, the one they particularly wanted, happened to be a woman. She was Barbara Ward of international fame. To invite her would have been so shocking a novelty that it would demand the consent of the Pope himself. They even asked the observers to lend our influence to gain her admission. Some of our members wanted to direct a letter to Pope Paul VII beseeching him to invite Barbara Ward to address the conclave. I felt that, since we were guests ourselves, this was none of our business. We took no action. The liberal Fathers did make the request.

Yesterday I asked the American Catholic theologian Father Murray what happened to the request. He said "The Pope simply smiled and turned it down. Evidently the Second Conclave won't get to hear Barbara Ward.

Schema XIII on the "Church in the Modern World" seems awfully tame to us Methodists, brought up as we have been in the tradition of the social gospel. It is made up of generalities and platitudes. For example, there is no analysis and condemnation of Marxist communism. The race issue as such received only exhortative comment. The bearing of medicine and science on the control of the birth rate is treated at best by implication.

The Archbishop of Westminister in London and primate of Roman Catholic in Britain openly condemned it. He said it was the prelude to a study, not the essence of what the Church should say after the study is done.

I was most moved by the speeches from prelates from behind the Iron Curtain. Both those who spoke from Yugoslavia and those who spoke from Poland asked for guidance from the Council to people living behind the Iron Curtain. Their speeches were brave.

However, the Egyptain bishop made a plea for nationalism. He insisted that patriotism is a virtue that should be nourished and encouraged by the Mother Church. I was sitting next to a Quaker observer who commented, "That speech would have sounded good to the ears of Mussolini or Hitler."

Cardinal Suenens of Belgium has made, in my judgment, the best speech in the Schema I have heard. He spoke specifically to the issue of marriage and the family, insisting that in a world so heavily overpopulated as ours and one where poverty ranks with war as man's most serious problem, the Church cannot do the same old thing in the same old way forever. She needs to give to mankind from her treasury truths new as well as old. Marriage has a purpose other than the purpose of procreation. There is also the giving and receiving of love for love's own sake. "Venerable brethren," he said, "Galileo was persecuted because he was a scientist. Let us not despise or persecute science again."

The Schema was no doubt to be sent back and revised in the light of the speeches on it. I have heard some of the finest and most closely considered speeches I have ever heard at a religious conference These people are down to hard business and they have come prepared.

This Council is determined to lead Roman Catholicism out of the world of the Middle Ages into the very center of modern life. They seek to renew the Church from the wellspring of New Testament faith and in renewing the Church thereby to transform the world.

Let us pray that they will suceed and that we, too, will succeed with them, for all our triumphs and accomplishments are petty and inconsequential compared with the need of the world.



Unanimous attendance is usual for the meetings of the Judicial Council of The Methodist Church. This photo was taken at the first session of this quadrennium's Council in San Antonio, Texas, October 29-31. Seated, from left are the Rev. Dr. Lester A. Welliver, Harrisburg, Pa., a past president; the Rev. Dr. John D. Humphrey, Grenada, Miss., secretary; Paul R. Ervin, Charlotte, N. C., president; the Rev. Dr. Murray H. Leiffer, Evanston, Ill., vice-president. Standing, from left, are Samuel W. Witwer, Jr., Chicago, Ill.; Leon E. Hickman, Pittsburgh, Pa.; Theodore M. Berry, Cincinnati, Ohio; the Rev. Dr. J. Russell Throckmorton, Salina, Kans.; the Rev. Dr. A. Wesley Pugh, Lehigh Acres, Fla. (Willard Heath Photo)



The Retreat From Responsibility

"Oh, my Lord, send, I pray, some other person." (Exodus 4:13)

In this instance—if we know the context out of which this request comes—simple fairness requires that we be a bit charitable with Moses. Ordinarily, we would be entirely justified in condemning him for his hesitancy to accept the responsibility that was being placed upon him. Here, however, he was dealing with an unscrupulous monarch who recognized no moral authority in all the world above his own whim. He was being asked to risk his life in behalf of a horde of slaves who gave small promise of possessing capacity for either nobility or gratitude. He was being called to an extremely dangerous and difficult task by a deity with whom he had no appreciable experience. It is easy to understand why he held back.

But it is different in our case . Throughout large sectors of modern life, there is going on an indefensible retreat from personal responsibility. On every hand efforts are being made to relieve the individual of obligation either for his own life or the lives of others. This is the basic philosophy of the welfare state. More and more the demand is mounting that the state assume responsibility for the care of its citizens, for their future, their economic security, their general well-being.

There is a point, however, beyond which this evasion of responsibility cannot go without doing serious damage to our civilization, for the thing we call civilization is nothing more than the sum total of ideas, ideals, and personalities of individuals. The stability of society depends upon individuals who are willing to accept responsibility.

"Oh, my Lord, send, I pray, some other person." This is the slogan of shame. Let it become universal within the church, the state, or the home, and the doom of civilization is on its way.

The danger sign is already up—for, even now, within many areas of American thinking and living, there is a very evident retreat from responsibility.

One area is that of the economic. Whether intended or not, a number of our contemporary political and economic philosophies tend to make vast numbers of our citizens dependent upon society rather than contributors to it. They tend to illiminate personal initative from vast numbers of others. We will not go into the matter of statistics to substantiate our observations—statistics are often meaningless, and more often, misleading—but only a casual observer will be able to certify the truthfulness of this fact. Many of our citizens, as a result, have neither the desire nor put forth any appreciable effort to support themselves or families, and are perfectly willing to be the object of charity of our society. No one would want to deny aid to that number of unfortunates who, because of adverse circumstances, are temporaily in economic straits; but to set out on an effort to make so large a segment of our society dependent upon the commonwealth for their livelihood, and to take every vestige of initiative from them, is a stab at the "respectability" of human creatures "made in the image of God."

Another area is that of the social. Large segments of our society—states, cities and smaller groups—are forfeiting their responsibility for the fulfillment of their own needs, and are becoming dependents of a centralized government. Already, we are seeing evidences of the fact, that in forfeiting our responsibilities we are forfeiting our rights, and, in the failure to use our initiative, we are losing our liberties.

Let not these words be construced to mean that we are placing ourselves in one political party as against another—elements of both philosophies are to be found in each; rather, let it be said that we are placing ourselves in the category of one philosophy as against another. This is a moral issue rather than a political one.

Another area is that of parental obligation.

For hundreds of thousands of the American people, parental obligation ceases when they bring children into the world. These give no appreciable instruction to their children either by example or precept. Their children go undisciplined and undirected. If by chance they sense any need for direction in the lives of their children, they try to shift the responsibility to other sources. As a result, we have all kinds of maliciousness and vandalism, and such lawless episodes as have taken place on our Florida beaches—and, elsewhere.

In other hundreds of thousands of our homes—sometimes respectable homes—no parental inspiration or direction is given to the children in matters of relgion, relgious faith, or the church. Most of these get little or no instruction at home, and the church has them—if by chance they come to the church—for only short periods durng the week. Thrown into a world where a confident religious faith is desperately needed, these children find themselves, sometimes, with much to live on, but "nothing to live by."

Still another area is that of church membership. Hundreds of people take the vows of church membership to support it with their attendance, their prayers, their gifts and their service; then, by their indifference and negligence, they fail their fellow members, their God, AND themselves.

In all of these areas, the pattern seems to be much the same— LET SOMEBODY ELSE DO IT—THE IDEA OF GETTING SOMETHING FOR NOTHING—A RETREAT FROM RESPONSIBILITY.

But all of us should know that there are some obligations in this life which no one else in all the world can—or, should—carry for us.

The stability of society depends upon individuals who are willing to accept responsibility. At the same time, the spiritual progress of every individual depends upon this identical principle. The request of Moses, "Oh, Lord, send, I pray, some other person," has no place among us.

We may take a lesson from a tradition which took place in ancient Israel: The prophets who preceded Jeremiah to the nation, not to the individual. The salvation they promised was a national salvation, not the work of grace in the life of the person. The sins they condemned were national sins, not personal vices. The God they worshipped was concerned primarily with the preservation of Israel, not the redemption of particular Israelites. In the preaching of Jeremiah, however, we listen to an entirely new sermon—one which emphasized the responsibility of persons as distinct from that of the state. It is the soul of the citizen, not the fortunes of the nation that is to be redeemed. It had been easy for the sinful man to take refuge in the fact that the nation, as such, was adjudged guilty. "I am only one, and what can one man do?" he whimpered. But Jeremiah reversed the process and laid the load of responsibility precisely where it belonged. He said the citizen makes the state; the individual creates public opinion.

This is a lesson we in these contemporary times need to learn. The prophets after Jeremiah preached that every man must assume responsibility for his own life, and his own decisions. The fact that we may be "our brother's keeper," doesn't mean that we can live his life for him. We can't—and we do him a great injustice when we try.

The hope of any person depends upon the way in which he accepts the obligations that are rightfully his.

No other person—or group of persons—can live your life for you. They may try, and often in our day make a great effort to do so.

A multitude of people today do not know what side they are on. Many of them think they are on God's side because they are members of the church, in other areas, because they try to go along with whatever trends are popular. They may subscribe to a pagan pattern, or, a modern philosophy because they are afraid to be different. In nearly every area of life, they are willing to let others do their thinking for them.

Let us take a lesson from Nicodemus. Nicodemus seems to have been an honest sort—a community leader with good intentions. He held Jesus in great respect and recognized in a fashon the profound authority with which he preached. But the proud old Sanhedrinist could not bring himself to break with the Sanhedrin. It represented the prestige and power for which he had striven all his life. So far as we know, he never actually became an out and out follower of Jesus. He never became the Nicodemus he should have been, because he let others become his conscience. He forfeited the responsibility to others which should have been his own.

There are some things others cannot do for you however much they may try and however sincere they may be. There is work for each of us to do which will never be done if we do not do it. No one can cast your ballot for you; no one can bear your testimony; no one else can do your duty; no one else can maintain your honor; NO ONE ELSE CAN BE YOU.

Let us close with these lines from "L'Envoi" by Kipling:—

"The Retreat From Responsibility"

"When Earth's last picture is painted,
and the tubes are twisted and dried,
When the oldest colors have faded, and the
youngest critic has died,
We shall rest, and, faith, we shall need it
. . . .lie down for an aeon or two,
Till the Master of All Good Workmen
shall put us to work anew.
"And those that were good shall be happy;
they shall sit in a golden chair;
They shall splash at a ten-league canvass
with brushes of comet's hair.
They shall find real saints to draw from
. . .Magdalene, Peter, and Paul;
They shall work for an age at a sitting
and never be tired at all!
"And only the Master shall praise us,
and only the Master shall blame;
And no one shall work for money and no
one shall work for fame,
BUT *EACH* FOR THE JOY OF THE
WORKING, AND *EACH*, IN HIS
SEPARATE STAR,
Shall draw THE THING AS HE SEES IT
for the God of Things as They are."

T. R. Jenkins, *Minister*
Haymount Methodist Church,
Fayetteville, N. C.

Publication Board Meets

The Board of Publication of The Methodist Church, in a meeting in Chicago, elected officers, six new members, and an executive committee.

The board also named for The Methodist Publishing House a new executive vice-president and two new administrative vice-presidents and heard an annual report of "unusual publishing achievement."

The 45-member Board of Publication directs and controls The Methodist Publishing House, which has central offices in Nashville, Tenn., and retail and mail order facilities in 17 U. S. cities.

Eugene McElvaney, Dallas banker, was re-elected chairman of the board for the quadrennium. Bradshaw Mintener, Washington, D. C., attorney, was elected vice-chairman after being re-elected to the board. The Rev. Dr. Carl J. Sanders, pastor of Centenary Methodist Church, Richmond, Va., was re-elected secretary.

Lovick Pierce, Nashville, chief executive officer of The Methodist Publishing House since 1949 and an employee 43 years, was re-elected the Publishing House's president and publisher.

Upon Mr. Pierce's nomination, Cecil D. Jones, Nashville, vice-president in charge of publishing, was elected executive vice-president, succeeding Walter L. Seaman, who retired Nov. 1.

John E. Procter, Nashville, a Publishing House employee 24 years, was chosen to succeed Mr. Jones as vice-president in charge of manufacturing, succeeding R. G. Graham, Nashville who retired Nov. 1.

"The year 1964 is significant for the Publishing House in that it marks its 175th anniversary and a long record of service," Mr. Pierce said in his statement to the board. "Equally important, it is a year of organizational fulfillment and unusual publishing acrievement."

The board indicated its confidence for the future by appropriating $700,000 for the support of retired preachers, preachers' widows and orphaned children. This action brought the total of appropriations for this cause to $11,165,000 in the 25 years since Methodist unification.

Ministers And Social Security

Recent amendments to the Social Security law have re-opened participation in its coverage to clergymen.

Ministers not now participating, and wishing to, have until April 15, 1965, to file a certificate with the district director of internal revenue, waiving their exemption; to report their ministerial earnings and to pay social security tax on them for the tax years 1962 through 1964.

Clergymen who participate do so as self-employed persons.

Except for this re-opening, the only ministers eligible for coverage are those newly ordained. The last deadline was in 1962.

The Social Security office has reported that Methodist Bishop Herbert Welch, 102, of New York, is the oldest minister receiving benefits. About 140,000 are now covered.

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The Sabbath, as part of God's moral law, is binding upon all men, not just Christians.



DR. THOR HALL, Duke Divinity School professor, is shown with a part of the group of the ministers who shared in the pilot project in preaching during October and November in Kinston. (Methodist Information Photo)

Conclude Preaching Clinic

Methodist clergymen concluded a Preaching Clinic in Kinston on Monday, November 9, at Queen Street Methodist Church. The clinic, a pilot project of the In-Service Training Committee of the North Carolina Annual Conference, began in early October and has attracted ministers from the Greenville, New Bern and Goldsboro districts.

Financed through a grant from the Duke Endowment, the clinic has provided a refresher course in preaching for over thirty-five Methodist pastors. It was open on a voluntary basis to both seminary graduates and supply pastors in the tri-district area.

Dr. Thor Hall, associate professor of preaching in the Duke Divinity School, has been the visiting lecturer and resource person for the pilot project. Dr. Hall has been assisted in the six preaching sections of the clinic by six pastors chosen by District Superintendents Willis R. Stevens of Greenville, M. W. Lawrence of Goldsboro and Grady Dawson of New Bern.

Sessions have been held each Monday since October 5 from 10 a.m.- 3 p.m. The plenary sessions have been devoted to lectures on the Duke Preaching Method and to discussion groups. During the past two weeks, the participating clergymen have been preaching one of the six sections. The sectional leaders have been the Rev. J. T. Maides, Jacksonville; the Rev. T. O. Fulcher, Goldsboro; the Rev. A. F. Fisher, New Bern; the Rev. William K. Quick, Greenville; the Rev. Earl Richardson, Newton Grove and the Rev. G. R. McKenzie, Kinston.

An evaluation of the project will follow the November 9 session with fellowship by the sponsoring Committee. The evaluation will determine if the clinic will be offered to the remaining districts of the North Carolina Annual Conference.

The primary aim of the pilot project has been to provide the grassroots ministers with additional preaching aids. Planning for the project began early in 1963 following a survey among pastors and laymen in the New Bern and Goldsboro Districts.

The ministers and laymen, polled separately, indicated preaching as the area where the need was greatest. Planning for the 1964 clinic began as the first step to meet the expressed need.

Other areas expected to be covered in future In-Service Training projects include theology, pastoral leadership and church administration, personal evangelism and pastoral counseling, the devotional life of the minister; the priestly functions and worship, and community relations.

The chairman of the In-Service Training Committee is the Rev. Wade Goldston, chaplain at Louisburg College. Other committee members are the Rev. M. W. Lawrence, Goldsboro; Dr. C. P. Morris and B. M. Fesmire, Raleigh; Dr. L. S. Weaver, Fayetteville; the Rev. Key W. Taylor, Chapel Hill; the Rev. R. Grady Dawson, New Bern and the Rev. Rev. Bill Quick, Greenville.

Mitchell's Grove Observes Pastor's Birthday

Almost the entire congregation of Mitchell's Grove Methodist Church met in the education building for a fellowship supper Sunday evening, Nov. 8. The delicious meal was followed by a devotional service in the church sanctuary featuring various groups.

A surprise birthday party for the Rev. J. Edwin Houk, pastor of the church was the next thing on the agenda. The fellowship hall was beautifully decorated in fall colors. In the center of the room was a table with a large arrangement of colored leaves serving as a background for a 50 pound birthday cake, made in the shape of a church. A doll dressed in a minister's black robe stood by the cake. Rev. Mr. Houk was presented with a check to cover the cost of a John Wesley Minister's robe.

Jurisdiction To Launch Evangelistic Program

Leaders of The Methodist Church's Southeastern Jurisdiction will meet in Atlanta Dec. 8-9 to launch a four-year Methodist program of evangelism for the nine states of the jurisdiction.

All ten of the bishops who serve in the areas in the jurisdiction will be on the program of the Convocation on Evangelism at First Methodist Church, Atlanta.

Among leaders who have been invited to attend are all district superintendents in the jurisdiction and executive secretaries and chairmen or presidents of annual conference boards and agencies.

The four-year evangelistic effort was authorized by the 1964 Southeastern Jurisdictional Conference, which accepted a recommendation of the Southeastern Jurisdictional Council.

The four major thrusts of the program are outlined as follows:

1. 1964-65—A year of self-appraisal on the jurisdictional and the local church levels.
2. 1965-66—A year of district-wide evangelism.
3. 1966-67—A year of "simultaneous ingathering" on the jurisdictional level.
4. 1967-68—A year of special emphasis upon cultivation and assimilation of members.

The endeavor will be "harmonized with" The Methodist Church's 1964-68 Quadrennial Program, "One Witness in One World," according to the jurisdictional program outline approved by the Jurisdictional Council and its standing committees.

It is recommended that the outline for the four-year jurisdictional program be "considered and approved in whole or with such adaptations as seem wise" by the 16 annual conferences of the jurisdiction.

The jurisdictional program, which has among its goals the winning of new members and deepening the commitment of present members, comes on the heels of reports of slow growth in membership. The jurisdiction gained less than 10,000 members last year, bringing the total membership in the nine states to a little over 2,800,000.

The ten bishops who will be on the program of the Atlanta convocation are *Paul N. Garber, Raleigh, N. C.*, president of the Southeastern Council; H. Ellis Finger, Jr., Nashville; *Earl G. Hunt, Jr., Charlotte, N. C.*; Paul Hardin, Jr., Columbia, S. C.; Walter C. Gum, Richmond, Va.; Roy H. Short, Louisville, Ky.; James W. Henley, Lakeland, Fla.; J. O. Smith, Atlanta; E. J. Pendergrass, Jackson, Miss.; and W. Kenneth Goodson, Birmingham, Ala.

Bishop Garber will preside Dec. 8 and lead devotions. The other bishops will deliver messages on various aspects of evangelism.

The Rev. Dr. Carl J. Sanders, Richmond, Va., secretary of the Jurisdictional Council, also will deliver a message.

The quadrennial program will be presented to the convocation by the two executive secretaries of the Jurisdictional Council, the Rev. Dr. D. Trigg James and the Rev. James W. Sells, both of Atlanta.

There will be brief statements by officers of Jurisdictional Council standing committees—evangelism, the Rev. Dr. J. Willard Leggett, Jr., Jackson, Miss.; education, the Rev. Dr. E. Wade Weldon, Louisville, Ky.; Missions, the Rev. Dr. Edward L. Tullis, Ashland, Ky.; lay activities, Roy H. Black, Nettleton, Miss.; Christian social concerns, Robert T. Mann, Seffner, Fla.; hospitals and homes, the Rev. Dr. Charles D. White, Asheboro, N. C.; and Town and Country work, the Rev. Dr. Russell R. Patton, Ashland, Ky.

Mrs. E. L. Glossbrenner, Richmond, Va.; president of the Southeastern Jurisdiction Woman's Society of Christian Service, also will speak briefly.

R. Howard Berg, Melbourne, Fla., immediate past president of the Methodist General Board of Lay Activities, will preside Dec. 9.

The convocation is scheduled to begin at 1 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 8, and end by 1 p.m. the next day.

Staff members of the Methodist General Board of Evangelism will be resource leaders for the group meeting.

The states in the Southeastern Jurisdiction are Alabama, Mississippi, Florida, Georgia, North Carolina, South Carolina, Kentucky, Tennessee, and Virginia.

B. W. Lefler, Jr., Journalist For Duke School Of Medicine

B. Wesley Lefler, Jr. of Lincolnton has been selected by a five-man committee as journalist for the School of Medicine of Duke University.

Mr. Lefler is the eldest son of Rev. and Mrs. B. W. Lefler, retired, of Concord, N. C. He is a 1954 graduate of Duke University.



B. Wesley Lefler, Jr.

After four years in the Air Corps he entered the School of Journalism at the University of North Carolina for graduate study.

In 1959 he began work with the *Lincoln Times*, Lincolnton, N. C., and two years later he became managing editor of the *Observer-News-Enterprise*, in Newton.

He is married to the former Miss Charlotta Belle Norman, of Shelby, and they have three daughters.

The Leflers have recently moved to their home in Durham, off Hillandale Road. Mr. Lefler's office is in the Duke Hospital.

Board of Missions Organized In Burlington District

The Burlington District Board of Missions was organized on Sunday, November 8, at a meeting called for that purpose by Dr. T. B. Hough, Burlington district superintendent of the North Carolina Annual Conference of the Methodist Church. The meeting was held at Mebane. Pastors and local church chairmen of the Commission on Missions of the 85 churches of the district elected officers of the new organization. The purpose is to give general oversight to the promotion of missions in the churches of the district with specific attention being given to the future extension of the Methodist Church in the Burlington District.

Officers of the new Board of Missions are as follows: Dr. A. P. Brantley, president and chairman of the executive committee; Robert Pate, vice-president, and Mrs. W. W. Lambeth, secretary-treasurer.

The Rev. L. C. Vereen, executive secretary of the N. C. Conference Board of Missions, commended the Burlington District on "being the first district in the North Carolina Conference to organize such a board of missions." In his address to the meeting. Mr. Vereen outlined the impressive record in church extension compiled by the North Carolina Conference. He noted that $754,000 has been raised through the Ten Dollar Club, a builders club of the Conference, and that $75,000 of the money had been used in new churches in the Burlington District.

Mr. Vereen cited the need for "continuing support of newly organized churches" and said that the chief task of the District Board will be to learn where new churches are needed and to initiate plans for the organization of these churches.

Dr. Brantley, the new president, charged the new board "to move out in a forward thrust to meet the needs of growing communities in Alamance County and the district. He also stressed the need to find established churches that are willing to "mother new congregations. Discussion from the floor raised the possibility of having an associate pastor appointed to the staff of the mothering church for the specific purpose of organizing the mission congregation.

Members at large of the executive committee elected are C. G. Somers, Joe James, and Robert Wilkerson. Jr. Ex-Officio members are Mrs. George Ratterman, J. W. Keziah, Rev. C. D. Brown, Dr. T. B. Hough, Rev. R. W. Ponder, and Rev. R. H. Stark.

In a report to the meeting Mr. Stark, Burlington District Missionary Secretary, noted that 106 persons from 27 churches in the district have attended church wide schools of missions institutes in preparation for the study, "Spanish America."

He also expressed optimism and appreciation in having the assistance and direction of the District Board of Missions in district planning in the future.

—Rufus H. Stark, Sec'y.

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"Conscience is something that makes a kid tell his mother before his sister does."

—Kenny Bennett, Greencastle (Ind.) Putnam County Graphic.



By Mary Gardner

Buddy's Thanksgiving

Buddy turned his tear stained face toward the nurse as he said, "I've nothing to be thankful for, but the hospital and scarlet fever."

"Why," said the nurse with a cheerful voice, "your sickness isn't so bad. There's a boy upstairs who is blind, and there are several boys here who will never be able to run and play. You will soon be well. You have much for which to be thankful."

But poor Buddy could not see that he had any blessings just then. He thought of his home and his paper business. He was a newsboy and had been working hard early and late in all kinds of weather, to help his uncle in whose home he lived, for his father and mother were dead.

After the nurse had gone away, Buddy said to himself, "Tomorrow is Thanksgiving, but nobody will send me any goodies 'less Mrs. Johnson does. She's always been kind to me. But maybe she'll forget this time."

Then Buddy buried his head in the pillow, still thinking of his troubles. But at last he fell asleep.

The next morning, Thanksgiving Day was sunshiny; but Buddy felt gloomy, "This place is just like a prison," he thought. From the window he could see the boys skating and having a wonderful time, and that made him feel worse.

All day Buddy kept thinking of Mrs. Johnson. Would she remember? He knew his uncle couldn't come to see him, for he was out of town.

How long the day seemed! But toward evening Buddy saw the nurse coming down the hall with a package, and she was smiling brightly. "Here's a surprise for you,' 'she said, as she handed it to him and went on her way.

The lonely little boy tore off the paper quickly. And he opened his eyes wide when he saw turkey, cookies and candy inside the box.

Such a feast he had never had before. He ate and ate until he was too full to eat any more.

Then when he was putting the rest of the food away for another time, he felt something hard at the bottom of the box. "A fifty-cent piece," he cried—"and a note from Mrs. Johnson." It read, "Sorry, Buddy, I cannot come to see you at the hospital. I shall be very glad when you come home." Mrs. Johnson.

Also in the package he found a little Book. On it were the words, "New Testament." Never had Buddy seen a book like that before, and it did not look too interesting.

But how different Buddy felt now! The world seemed sunshiney and he liked everybody, especially his kind nurse and his friend Mrs. Johnson.

When the nurse came to bid Buddy good-night, he told her about the little book. He had read in it about a Man named Jesus. "I wish I knowed more about him," said Buddy.

Then the nurse told him the story of Jesus, and of how He loved children, and is always ready to help them and be their friend.

Right then and there Buddy decided to read the Book and learn more about Jesus. 'I'm going to have Him as my friend," he said, "and He will help me."

Soon after Buddy awoke the next morning he heard the bell of the ambulance ringing. He knew something must have happened. And not long after, the nurse came into his ward and told him that a small boy had been brought to the hospital. He had lost his leg in an accident.

Buddy thought and thought of the poor little boy. "I'm thankful I have my two legs," he said to himself. "I'll soon be back on my paper route. And I'm glad I have uncle and Mrs. Johnson, and best of all my new friend."

He tapped his bell and the nurse presently appeared. "Please," Buddy said, "take the rest of my Thanksgiving dinner to the boy who lost his leg, will ya?" And if he don't have a faimly to take care of him Uncle and me can take him when he gets well."

The nurse patted Buddy on the head as she said, "You had a happy Thanksgiving after all, didn't you?"

Buddy replied with a smile and a nod.

Burning Bush

For Your Thanksgiving Dinner

You can make pretty place cards for your Thanksgiving dinner. Cut pieces of bright colored art paper 5½ inches long by 3 inches wide. Fold crosswise. On the front of each, paste a picture of a turkey, some vegetables, or autumn flowers and the name of a family member or guest. Inside, print a verse like those below, or make up others. After all are seated at dinner, with bowed heads, each may read his verse:

T is for the thankfulness in all our hearts today;
H is for happiness in what we do and say.
A is for always-humble souls the pilgrims sought—
N is for never-ending gratefulness in thought.
K is for all the kindness within our family;
S is for the simple things the dear Lord helps us see.
G is for the giving of love to all our brothers—
I is for the interest we have in each other.
V is for the values within our neighborhood—
I is for the industry we show in doing good.
N is for the nearness of Jesus on whom we call;
G is for the gracious God who made and loves them all.

Ways To Give Thanks

We can thank God in words
For food and clothes and friends,
And all the other gifts
He so kindly sends.

But we can thank Him, too,
By helping those in need,
With every friendly word
And every kindly deed.

—Ethlyne Babcock Staples

BIBLE QUIZ

1—When Samuel told the people of Israel that God had chosen them a king, they cried, "God save the king." Who was the king?
2—What king prayed for understanding?
3—What king was hidden in a bed chamber of the temple ,as an infant, for six years?
4—What wicked king ordered the murder of John the Baptist during a birthday feast?
5—Name four of the seven kings of Judah whose names begins with "A."

Answers To Last Week's Questions

1—It was woven in one piece (John 19: 23)
2—The disciples (Matthew 10:10)
3—John the Baptist (Luke 11)
4—Dorcas (Acts 9:39)
5—Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego (Daniel 3:21-27)

Answers to Last Week's Bible Jumbles

Veil is cut—Leviticus; See Sing—Genesis; Mapslms—Psalms; Sob Revrp—Proverbs; And Lie—Daniel; Ton Meat Nails—Lamentations; Sox Due—Exodus; Minahehe—Nehemiah; Rubs Men —Numbers; Rich Conelso—Chronicles; O Nero Duet—Deuteronomy; Cic Sees Slate — Ecclesiastes; Oujash — Joshua; Jug Sed—Judges.

Woman's Activities

On THANKSGIVING DAY

Mrs. H. W. Doub

By Grace V. Watkins

Oh, let us offer thanks for quiet things:
Crimson of dawn and blue of twilight time
And whiteness of the silent stars that climb
The ancient paths of faithful journeyings.
But more, let us be thankful for the fair
And gloried gifts of sight, for hearts to ponder
On the holy words, and surge with wonder.
And let us lift a magnitude of prayer
That all across the shining land we love,
Bright psalms of praise may rise to God above!

The Sacrament Of Thanksgiving

(After the furor of a national political campaign, the holiday of Thanksgiving may seem to commemorate only that idea that we should be thankful that we have survived all the charges and counter-charges. To recall to our minds the meaning of Thanksgiving, we reprint an editorial originally run in 1960 after the last national campaign.)

The act of giving thanks is of the nature of a sacrament. It involves a three-way relationship between him who is thankful, the benefit for which gratitude is felt, and the benefactor toward whom the giving of thanks is directed. This threefold relationship is manifested in the act of thanksgiving, which is the giving of outward expression to a meaningful inner reality. But this is what it means to be a sacrament, the outward and visible sign of a spiritual and inward grace. Thanksgiving is sacramental in three respects:

First, to give thanks is to be aware, and to become more fully and more deliberately aware, of benefits enjoyed. To give thanks is to be alive to that which is good and beautiful and true. That awareness of the good is inward; it is spiritual; and it is a grace.

Again, to give thanks is to be honest. It is a humble acknowledgement of an indebtedness. Thanksgiving is a recognition that there are benefits to be enjoyed which come not by right or desert but as free gifts. Such an acknowledgement is of the very essence of an inward grace.

Thanksgiving means grateful recognition of a benefactor. There can be no thanksgiving in a vacuum. There can be no giving of thanks unless there is one to whom thanks can be given. The overt recognition of the giver as benefactor is a sign and means of grace, and, especially when that Benefactor is God it is to be regarded as a sacred thing, a mystery.

Numbers of Christians, like members of the Society of Friends, deny the validity or necessity of sacraments. Others find sacraments everywhere and in all the nobler actions and reactions of men. The medieval church numbered authentic sacraments as seven. All Christians who recognize sacraments at all acknowledge two: baptism and the Lord's Supper. Perhaps few of our readers would ordinarily think of numbering thanksgiving among the sacraments ordained by Christ and enjoined by the church. But the fact is that thanksgiving is so essential to the proper observance of the Lord's Supper, the sacrament held most sacred by most Christians, that it is often called the Eucharist, literally the Thanksgiving.

Few are the burdens which cannot be lightened, few joys which cannot be sweetened, by the giving of thanks. to God.

—*World Outlook*

Wilmington District

Sub-districts in the Wilmington district, Woman's Society of Christian Service have completed fall meetings. Mrs. A. E. Goldfinch, president, presided at the meetings.

The Brunswick sub-district met at Camp Methodist Church in Shallotte Oct. 11. Mrs. Grady Frink welcomed the group and Miss Ernestine Mercer responded. A training session on the work of the program and finance committees was held and district officers presented a skit.

Singletary Methodist Church hosted the Bladen sub-district on Oct. 13. Mrs. Roy Shaw is sub-district leader.

Mrs. V. H. Jessup gave the devotional and Mrs. Charles Brodeaux welcomed the group. Committees were appointed and an offering for cultivation fund was taken. Mrs. Eula Jeanerrette presented special music. Workshops were held prior to the luncheon.

Mrs. Hilda Harley presided over the Columbus sub-district meeting held at Bolton Church. Mrs. W. D. Bullard gave the devotion and Mrs. A. T. Odom and Mrs. J. D. Peterson gave a duet. Mrs. Frances Sessions responded to the welcome given by Mrs. Weldon Nobles.

A demonstration program committee meeting was held with Mrs. W. R. Heston as leader. Mrs. W. L. Hickmon presented a program on "Women in the Church in New Nations."

"Purpose and Program in a New Age" was the theme carried out at the Oct. 20 meeting of the Burgaw sub-district meeting, Burgaw Church.

Mrs. C. W. Surratt, Jr. gave the call to order. Mrs. C. E. Sparks used "Tree of Life" as meditation and special music was rendered by Mrs. J. H. Peedin and Mrs. A. Batson.

District officers presented a skit and the Rev. C. E. Owen gave the benediction and grace.

The New Hanover subdistrict met at Grace Methodist Church in Wilmington Oct. 23.

Mrs. R. L. Nicks gave the devotional. Mrs. W. L. Hickman gave a demonstration on a typical program. Workshops and a skit were also held.

—Mrs. Leslie S. Thompson
Chmn. Public Relations

W. N. C. Conference

Mrs. John C. Wright

Save Those Coupons!

The importance of Methodist women saving the coupons on Red Scissors products was stressed this week by Mrs. Walter Allred of Greensboro, secretary of supply work for the Woman's Society of Christian Service of the Western North Carolina Conference.

She said, "Please promote the collection of coupons in any way you can. Many women don't realize how much money goes in the garbage can when they fail to save them."

This fact is verified by the directors of the two Bethlehem Centers in this Conference.

Miss Lucy Gist, director of the Charlotte Center says, "Last year we sent in 67,344 Red Scissors coupons, for a cash value of $269.83. This was 7,000 over our quota and we received a bonus of $22.34.

"The money from the coupons has been designated to maintain our Greenbrier station wagon. We do not have any funds for this in our budget to take care of the expense of this much needed vehicle, and we are thrilled with the growing value of the car.

"If we are able to go over our quota again the money will go to help buy equipment for the kindergarten and gameroom. These two areas are in continual need."

Mrs. Earl T. Wooten, director of the Winston-Salem Bethlehem Center, says, "We received 81,075 coupons last year, which we were proud of, because our quota was 70,000. We received a check for $324.30 for our quota and $28.58 for our bonus.

"Since we are in temporary quarters, we are banking this money. When we get in the new building, this money will be used to buy necessary equipment that will be needed. So please ask the ladies to continue to send us coupons. The money will be put to a very good use."

See last week's Christian Advocate for products with Red Scissors coupons and for addresses where they should be sent.

Charlotte District Workshop

Mrs. Leslie Barnhardt of Charlotte, president of the Woman's Society of the Conference, was guest speaker at the Workshop on Program and Purpose of the Charlotte District held at Mt. Holly Church early in October.

At the conclusion of her message, Mrs. Barnhardt led in the dedication service for the women who attended the meeting.

The theme of the day was, "Summoned to a New Age." Mrs. H. T. Mozeley, district president, discussed the Purpose of the Woman's Society and Mrs. Herman Ander-

son described changes made in the organization.

Program demonstrations were given by four Charlotte churches, First Methodist, Calvary, Kilgo and Myers Park.

160 women from 32 churches attended the meeting.

Waynesville District Workshops

The women of the Waynesville District had their Workshops on Purpose and Program in Sub-District meetings in September.

The Western Sub-District met in Andrews, the Macon-Jackson-Swain Sub-District met in Cullowhee and the Haywood group met at First Methodist Church, Canton.

Mrs. Frank Cogburn, district president, presented a challenge to her women by saying, "May we *realize* our responsibility as Christian women. We are, indeed, 'One witness in One World,' 'Summoned to a New Age.' The responsibility of keeping your society interested, informed, alert and active rests in your hands. I know, with God's help, you will help your women 'grow in the knowledge and experience of God as revealed in Jesus Christ' and to challenge them to respond to God's redemptive purpose in the world. and share in the witness, service and outreach of the Church."

Statesville District Workshop

Mrs. Robey Courtney of Lenoir, vice-persident of the Woman's Society of the Statesville District, conducted the workshop for her district at a meeting held at Fairgrove Methodist Church on October 29.

The theme of the all-day meeting was, "The Filling of the Cup." Mrs. Carroll Wooten, Statesville, spoke on, "Understanding and Spiritual Power." Mrs. Earl Townsend, Hickory, discussed "Increasing Knowledge of the Needs of the World." Glenn Palomar, Lenoir, had as her subject, "Sharing in Witness, Service and Outreach of the Church." Mrs. Earl Black, Hickory, spoke on, "Enlisting Workers and Securing Funds."

Mrs. Joseph A. Young, district president, conducted the commitment service. Others on the program included Mrs. Roy Jarmen, Conover, Mrs. T. E. Stough, Statesville, Miss Stanley Hall, Hickory, and Mrs. R. L. Beckham, Statesville.



HALF A CENTURY—Mrs. R. B. Hudson, choir director and organist at Parkton Methodist Church for 50 years, receives a certificate of appreciation from W. D. Sealy, church steward and choir member. Rev. Robert Warren, pastor, looks on. Mrs. Hudson was also presented a silver bowl in recognition of her long service.

Mrs. R. B. Hutson Is Honored By Church

Choirs have come and choirs have gone since Mrs. R. B. Hutson came to Parkton and as a bride of one month, became the organist of Parkton Methodist Church.

Recognized Sunday by her brothers and sisters for her half century as church musician, she was openly pleased with the honor and the handsome silver bowl presented to her but modestly said, "They shouldn't have spent this money on me, there are so many things we need at the church."

Mrs. Hutson took piano lessons when as Caroline Gainey, she was a small Cumberland County girl. But she had little trouble getting used to the wind organ which played only when she pumped the pedals with all her might.

After some 20 years of playing for Sunday school every Sunday and church on fourth Sunday mornings and second Sunday nights, the congregation invested in a piano.

Changing over to the piano was no problem for Mrs. Hutson because she kept one at home until recently when, having no children nor grandchildren, she gave it to her nieces.

In the early 1950's the church, then more than 50 years old and eventually to go on full time service, went back to the organ. But this time it was a modern electric one.

Today, she sits facing her choir and the congregation and joins with the singing as enthusiastically as any member of her three rows of young and old choir members. To boost the quantity and quality of sound coming from behind the choir rail, she began singing to her own accompaniment back during the slack times.

Today, she joins in the singing partly from habit and partly from sheer enjoyment. One only has to watch her expressions on a Sabbath morning to realize the latter.

Recognition day for Mrs. Hutson, who has never been rewarded in a monetary way for her services, was also homecoming day for the church.

The Rev. P. O. Lee of Raeford delivered the morning message and administered the Lord's Supper, assisted by the pastor, Rev. Robert Warren.

W. D. Sealy. church steward and assistant Sunday School superintendent, as well as choir member, made the presentation. He said, "In recognition of her 50 years of continuous service as organist and choir director and of her undying loyalty, we honor her with this token of our love and appreciation."

Women Mark Prayer Week

One of the most important annual events for Methodist women throughout America, the annual "Call to Prayer and Self-Denial," was observed in 36,000 local Woman's Societies of Christian Service and Wesleyan Service Guilds during the last week of October.

The call was sponsored by the Woman's Division of the Methodist Board of Missions, the national body under which Woman's Societies and Wesleyan Service Guilds function. The Societies and Guilds have more than 700,000 members in the United States.

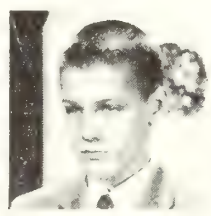
During the observance of the Call to Prayer and Self-Denial, Methodist women gathered in their churches or elsewhere for two events—a program meeting for interpretation of mission projects to which money from a special offering will be given and a "quiet day" service of prayer, meditation, hymns and a silent meal. Each year the Call to Prayer and Self-Denial has a theme, and the theme for 1964 was "Recognition, Renewal, Response."

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Family Life Group Meets

The General Committee on Family Life of The Methodist Church met in Cincinnati and organized for the denomination's 1964-68 quadrennium.

Bishop W. Vernon Middleton, Pittsburgh, who had been selected by the Methodist Council of Bishops to be chairman of the committee, presided over the meeting.

The committee elected Bishop Eugene M. Frank, St. Louis, vice-chairman. The Rev. Dr. Edward D. Staples was elected secretary and the Rev. Leon Smith, treasurer. Dr. Staples is director of the Council on Family Life of the Methodist General Board of Education in Nashville, and Mr. Smith is a staff member of the board.

There was discussion of plans for a world Methodist conference on family life to be held Aug. 17, 1966. in London, England, and the fifth National Methodist Conference on Family Life to be held Oct. 14-16, 1966, in Chicago.

A Church For Everyone

D. W. CHARLTON

One Sunday morning a woman arrived quite early for the worship service. Seeing the usher near the entrance, she inquired, "Is the service over?" He replied, "The worship is over but the service is just begun." So our religion should not be left at church nor solely in the hands of the preacher, but be a matter of every-day living and service.

Today there is renewed emphasis on every church member being spiritually alive and alert. Retreats and conferences are held for laymen, and all are urged to share the burden of sinful men and world conditions.

Christianity began as a lay movement. Jesus, an unordained teacher and preacher, lashed out against hollow, conventional, formal religion of his day. He raised his voice against "professionals" who made "long prayers to be seen of men." He did not hesitate to help and heal men on the Sabbath.

His followers continued his ministry of healing, teaching, and preaching. They sought out others and told them about the Man in their midst. Philip came up with Nathanial and said, "We have found him of whom Moses and the prophets wrote." Andrew found his brother Simon Peter and brought him to Christ.

Long before the day of the printing press, radio, and television, the early Christians were all aglow with the good news of hope, joy, and the assurance of the abundant, eternal life. They were "heralds of a passion."

No one is unimportant in the church, and everyone has time, ability, and money that can be shared. Someone told of a conductor of an orchestra who stopped the concert on one occasion, and asked, "What has happened to the piccolo?" The smallest instrument in the orchestra had ceased to function, and it was immediately detected. The one-talent man was condemned by our Lord because he failed to use what had been entrusted to him. We are not responsible for the number of talents we have received in life but rather for the proper use of them.

The second thing to observe is that we are workers together wdth God (2 Cor. 6:1). Real religion is not sporadic or static, but daily and dynamic. Consider that the heart beats about 103,000 times a day and the blood travels in the arteries and veins up to the astounding distance of 168 million miles a day. Regular, systematic performance of the body makes life possible.

One man was handicapped by a badly-strained wrist. The doctor remarked to the pastor, "I know how the church feels in not having the use of all of its members." Everyone in the church can be an effective part of the spiritual organism.

We once had sit-down strikes in certain factories, and the plants could not operate until the men stood on their feet and began to work. Isn't it true we have sit-down members and mere standing committees in the church? The Bible stresses the urgency of being alert and alive in the church.

Our vows in the church include the promise to be present for worship, to participate in the services, and to be paying or giving members. We should put our money to work for the causes of the kingdom. But there is much unused and uncommitted money. More than 50 million dollars were unclaimed in the banks of our nation in 1959, we were informed. It was called "dead money."

There is a remarkable story in the Bible of the able, patriotic leader, Nehemiah, who grieved about the plight and suffering of his fellow Hebrews, and the ruins of the ancient capitol, Jerusalem. With zeal and a high sense of mission, he led some of his fellow-countrymen back to rebuild the wall around the city. The people set to work—some stood guard, some lifted the stones, some placed them in position. Working from dawn until the stars came out at night, the wall was rebuilt in an incredibly short time of 52 days. The secret of their success! "The people had a mind to work." (Nehemiah 4:6.)

Another thing, effective work is done in cooperation with others. We may be a good person apart from the church, as someone said, but not a Christian. Certainly when we join our strength with others, we magnify our influence and enable the church to make greater strides in the world community.

A child was once lost in the wide wheat field of Kansas. Neighbors hunted frantically for the little girl but were frustrated in their search. Then someone suggested they join hands and tramp through the grain field. In so doing the child was soon found. If we are to have better understanding and cooperation with the peoples of the world, we must act together in many areas within the framework of the church.

We may also think of the church in terms of a team, disciplined and playing together as a unit and in loyalty to the institution. The coach, even as a pastor, trains and directs the group. But the success of the team is made possible by every one doing his level best and taking his full part. Yet there are "stay-homers" and "bench-warmers" in the church, those who watch rather than witness; wait rather than work.

Today the burden of carrying the program should not be left entirely to the preacher. Some 100 million church members, who live and work at their religion, could turn the world "right-side up." While the pastor is in charge of the church, the members are the church's link with the community and the world.

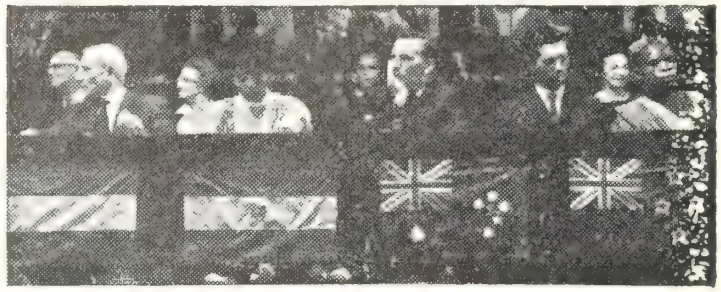
Finally, we are workers together with God. Not only ministers, but many laymen feel they are called of God. Some are called to teach, or to the healing ministry, or to counseling.

A judge of a juvenile court told of his concern for youth who got into trouble. Far from wreaking vengeance on the young people, he sought to help heal them of infection that had gotten into the moral bloodstream.

The common tasks, too, can be by divine appointment. An orderly in a hospital for the aged and incurables had a personal concern for his patients. In his compassion he brought good cheer into the sick room, and did his humble work with dignity and efficiency.

In conclusion, we are called to a life of service in fellowship with others. The question is not simply what the church can do for us, but what we can do for the church and its glorious ministry. Remember: we are not merely going to church, but are the church in the world. "We are workers together with God."

Australian Wins Top Honor In Israel Bible Contest



When the Third International Bible Quiz was held in Jerusalem, Israel, recently there was repesentation from almost all corners of the globe. Bible champions from Australia, Belgium, Brazil, Ethiopia, Finland, France, Italy, Switzerland and the United States, were among those who participated. But, on the day of judgement, it was the Australian, a 29-year-old Seventh Day Adventist, Graham Mitchell, (third from left above) who calmly fielded the queries tossed at him on the Old Testament and who edged out an Israeli Rabbinical student, Yom-tov Krasniansky, for the top honor.

Bible Most Translated Book In The World

The Bible is still the most translated book in the world, according to the American Bible Society.

The statement is based upon lastest figures issued by UNESCO in its 15th volume of the Index Translationum. Seventy nations are covered in the latest available UNESCO report for 1962. There were 251 Bible translations during the twelve-month period. Next in frequency, were 206 books about Nikita Khrushchev and 182 about Vladimir Lenin whose translations have steadily decreased to 50% since 1955. Translations about Khrushchev have also shown a drop since 1959 with a slight recovery in 1962. Bible translations dipped slightly in 1961.

Translations of Joseph Stalin fell from 200 books in 1955 to only one book about him in 1962. Only three translations of books about Mao Tse-ung were made in 1962 against 18 translations previously recorded for 1955. Karl Marx, the father of Communism, dropped 12 points to 55 from the preceding year, 1961 and 26 points from 81 translations made in 1956. No Bibles were translated in the USSR.

Total translations for any one country were highest in USSR with Germany, Czechoslovakia, the Netherlands, Spain, France and U.S.A. next in order. Altogether 32,787 books were translated in the 70 reporting countries according to the UNESCO Index.

Sunday School Lesson

For November 29

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The Gospel of God's Grace

Background Scripture: Titus 1:1-3; 2:11-14; 3:4-8.

Lesson Scripture: Titus 1:1-3; 2:11-14; 3:4-8a.

All of us are familiar with the benediction most commonly used in our churches, the first phrase of which is "The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ." The word "grace," however, is often misunderstood, or not understood at all. Our aim is to discuss this in such a way that those who have already experienced this "grace" may realize what it is, and that all of us may become better witnesses to it. You will wish to read the entire background scripture from your Bible.

We may begin by inviting the reader to think about this definition of grace: "Grace is the name we give to a goodness we have not earned and perhaps do not morally deserve" (from Interpreter's Bible, v. 6, p. 1123). In the ancient world where our Christian faith developed, there were many religions. One of these was Judaism, the "mother religion" of Christianity. We may find one form of the doctrine of grace in the great Covenants of the Old Testament. These Covenants were given freely to the Hebrews by God, not because they deserved them, but because God loved them. However, in the time of Jesus there were many Jews who believed that one had to *earn* the love of God by faithful obedience to the many religious laws and ceremonies which had grown up about Judaism through the centuries. Other religions are known to historians as the "mystery religions" because their rites and ceremonies were held secret from all but those who were initiated in to them. Through those mysterious rites the initiate was said to be "re-born" into a higher state of being. The members of these cults were called "the twice-born."

If we call Judaism a religion of "attainment" we shall have to say that Christianity was more like the mystery religions in its doctrine of salvation. Paul taught that man can never win the favor of God by his own efforts at keeping the Law. On the other hand he writes in Ephesians 2:8f "For by grace you have been saved through faith; and this not your own doing, it is the gift of God—not because of works, lest any man boast." Another great difference between Christianity and the mystery religions was that, in Christianity there were no secret rites, or mysteries. With Christians, *baptism* was the sign of the new birth. As we read in Romans 6.4 "We were buried therefore with him by baptism into death so that as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of God the Father, we too might walk in newness of life." Compare the view expressed in our lesson scripture (Titus 3:4f) "But when the goodness and loving kindness of God our saviour appeared he saved us, not because of deeds done by us in righteousness, but in virtue of his own mercy, by the *washing of regeneration and renewal in the Holy Spirit.*"

Now we may turn to a closer examination of our lesson materials. The little book of Titus is the shortest of the three epistles we have studied. Though Titus was evidently a close friend and companion of St. Paul, there are few references to him in the New Testament. According to Galatians 2:1-10 he was with Paul at the celebrated "Jerusalem Council" when the issue of the status of non-Jewish Christians was discussed. The question was this: Must non-Jewish Christians (such as Greeks) be forced to undergo circumcision and observe the various food laws, and other regulations of Judaism? Titus was sort of an "exhibit A" of what a Gentile might be who has become a follower of Christ. The entire assembly, both "conservatives" and "liberals" were so impressed with Titus that the mission to Gentiles was approved, though not without some debate. We read in 2 Corinthians 7:5-8 and 13-15 that it was Titus who brought to Paul the good news of the reconciliation of the Corinthian church to Paul's leadership. As bishop of Crete Titus had one of the most difficult assignments of any early Christian missionary, but because he was a man of great ability and dedicated purpose he succeeded. Along with this ability and dedication there must have been evident in the ministry of Titus this quality of grace which is mentioned eighty times in the writings of his father in the faith, St. Paul.

One final thought that may help us in our understanding of the doctrine of grace. We are told that the word came from a Greek word meaning something closely akin to the idea of rejoicing, especially a happy, delightful relationship between persons. If this is true the knowledge of God's abounding grace ought to make Christians the happiest and most lovable people in the world!

Logan Preaching Mission Held at Rutherfordton

The Second Annual Logan Preaching Mission was held in the First Methodist Church in Rutherfordton during the week of November 15-20. The preacher for this year was Dr. J. D. Grey, who is pastor of the First Baptist Church, New Orleans, La. Dr. Grey is one of the outstanding ministers of the Southern Baptist Church. As pastor of the First Baptist Church in New Orleans he has seen the membership grow from 1,536 to nearly 4,000 persons.

Dr. Grey is the second preacher to be brought to Rutherfordton under the auspices of the Logan Preaching Mission. Bishop Arthur J. Moore was the preacher last year. The Logan Preaching Mission is to be an annual feature in the First Methodist Church in cooperation with other churches of the Rutherfordton area. It has been made possible through a trust fund established by Dr. F. W. H. Logan, long-standing member in the First Methodist Church. Its purpose is to bring to the church and community an outstanding Protestant clergyman each year to preach the gospel of Jesus Christ.

Rev. Edgar H. Nease, Jr. is pastor of First Methodist Church.

In Memorium

MRS. LUCY BERRY LANGSTON

Mrs. Lucy Berry Langston of Swan Quarter died October 11, 1964, at the home of her niece, Mrs. Rufus Darden, in Como, after a few years of declining health.

She was a most faithful member of Providence Methodist Church and a member of the Woman's Society of Christian Service. She always attended these services when able, and her love and devotion was most outstanding—always willing to render service when needed.

Her contribution to her church and the community, especially to close friends and loved ones, was unsurpassed.

Be it resolved that a copy of this expression of tribute and affection be sent to the family, a copy to the Advocate, and a copy be entered in our minutes.

Respectfully submitted,
Mrs. Ada Reeves
Mrs. Emma Spencer
Mrs. Ora Berry

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F. B. FOSTER

Brother F. B. Foster, affectionately known to his many friends as "Jiggs," passed from our midst on July 31, 1964. The son of the late Frank and Lena Weant Foster of Winston-Salem, he was a chartered member of Centenary Methodist Church in Winston-Salem. His membership resided in our church during his many years in Whiteville, during which time he was active in church, business and civic activities. He served as a member of the Official Board of his church here for 20 years and was chief usher for 35 years. He also served as president of the Worthington Bible class.

Brother Foster organized the Order of Eastern Star, Chapter 211, while he was Master of the Whiteville Lebanon Lodge 207, of Free Masonry. He was president for one term of the Whiteville Rotary Club, and a member of the Junior Order, Fairview Council, Winston-Salem, and was a member of North Carolina and Whiteville Camellia Societies.

Brother Foster died at dawn, his labors over, to join his Maker. The Official Board of Whiteville Methodist Church, in appreciation of his friendship and love for his church, and his faithfulness to the duties assigned him wish to express to his widow, their affection, love, and sorrow at his passing: and have, therefore, resolved that a copy of this resolution be sent to the North Carolina Christian Advocate, a copy to Mrs. Foster, and a copy be kept as the permanent records of the church.

R. Fred Houts,
Church Secretary

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Chaplains Hold Retreat Berchtesgaden, Germany

More chaplains and laymen than ever gathered in Berchtesgaden, Germany, Oct. 26-30 for the inspiration and sharing of the fourth annual retreat for Methodists with U. S. armed forces in Europe. The 1965 gathering was set for Oct. 25-29.

Some 50 chaplains, more than 100 laymen, 57 wives and several dozen children were among attendants this year. Leaders were impressed by the increase in the number of families bringing their children (more than 30) and by the predominance among the laymen of men under 30 years of age. Slightly more than half the laymen were enlisted men. Reporting their homes to be all over the United States, participants came here from military bases in Germany, Spain, France, Italy, Scotland, Crete and Newfoundland.

The program was sponsored again by the Commission of Chaplains and the board of Lay Activities of the Methodist Church, with plans in charge of their general secretaries, the Rev. Dr. John R. McLaughlin and Dr. Robert G. Mayfield.

Principal devotional speaker was Bishop Walter C. Gum of the Richmond Area, whose messages included one calling for the addition of spiritual and cultural values to the strength of material resources, reminding that in Solomon's building of the temple, "upon the top of the pillars was lily work." Bishop Gum is vice chairman of the Commission on Chaplains.

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Board executives and secretaries of the North Carolina Conference with offices in the Methodist Building surprised Dr. F. Olen Hunt with a coffee hour at 10:00 a.m. Wednesday, November 11, on the occasion of his 76th birthday. The picture was taken of Dr. and Mrs. Hunt in his office at the Methodist Building.

Louisburg College To Get New Library Building

The Board of Trustees of Louisburg College in session November 13 voted unanimously to advertise for bids and begin construction on a new library building. The structure, to house 60,000 volumes and seat 200 students, will mark a further step in the development of the college.

With Dr. James E. Hillman of Raleigh presiding, the Board passed resolution presented by President Cecil W. Robbins to facilitate arrangements for opening of bids by December 15.

David E. Daniel, director of college relations, reported that the Development Fund begun in 1962 has received to date $187,432.47 of $265,681.76 pledged. All monies received in the Development Fund apply toward construction of the library since other projects of the fund have been completed.

The Board further authorized grants for faculty members of tenure who seek to receive additional training.

In further action, the Board extended words of thanks to Morris Ball of Louisburg Motors for a 1965 Plymouth for use by the Director of College Relations; to Trustee Edward Yarborough and wife of Louisburg for the gift of some two acres of land adjacent to college property; to Trustee Gregory Poole, Jr. and Gregory-Poole Equipment Company of Raleigh who is supervising the development of an athletic field to be in use in the coming spring; and to the Sears-Roebuck Foundation for a recent grant to the college.

During the luncheon hour, the Board heard a report from Dr. Gerald Shinn, member of the faculty, concerning the restoration of the Franklin Academy Building. This building, erected in 1804, and remodeled several times, stands on the East Campus. Dr. Shinn has been appointed chairman of the Franklin Academy Restoration Committee which is composed of trustees, faculty, alumni, and citizens of Franklin County.

C. Ray Pruette, chairman of the Steering Committee of the College Self-Study, presented a progress report, stating that when the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Committee comes to the campus in March 1965 to evaluate the college's program, the college report will be ready.

New Church Group Holds First Meeting

At the June meeting of the North Carolina Annual Conference the Reverend W. D. Sabiston III was appointed to organize the Southside Methodist Church which is designed to serve several newly-developed suburban communities south of Raleigh. This church is supported by the Garner Methodist Church under the direction of the Raleigh district superintendent and the North Carolina Conference Board of Missions.

The first services of this church were held on November 1 at the Fred A. Smith Elementary School. Seven Sunday school classes were organized with a total church school enrollment of 58. There were 68 people present for the morning worship service. Those participating in the service were Rev. Mr. Sebiston; Rev. H. C. Jones, associate pastor of the Garner Methodist Church; Rev. H. K. King, who brought greetings from the Conference; and Principal Corbett Stewart, who brought words of welcome from the Wake County Board of Education. In addition, several retired ministers and their families attended this first service.

One of the highlights was the recognition of a piano which was given to the church by the retired ministers of the Raleigh Area. This is an act of love and greatly appreciated by the pastor and the members of the congregation. Such benevolence clearly shows the strength of Methodism: we are one family, both young and old, bound inseparably together in the cause of Christ. The rest of the equipment being used was borrowed from several neighboring churches.

Plans are now being made for January 3 when the church will be officially organized by Bishop Paul N. Garber and Rev. N. W. Grant, district superintendent of the Raleigh District.

Bishop Garber To Appear On Television Program

Bishop Paul N. Garber, episcopal head of the Raleigh Area, will appear on the popular eastern North Carolina television program, *Carolina Today*, on Friday, December 4.

Bishop Garber's appearance has been arranged through Methodist Information and is scheduled for the 8:00-8:30 a.m. segment of the program.

With a potential viewing audience of 1.5 million persons, it is estimated that the program is viewed by 250,000-350,000 persons daily in eastern North Caroilna.

The bishop will discuss Methodism in eastern North Carolina with the *Carolina Today* panel: W. E. Debnam, Charles Whedbee, et al.

All Methodist ministers within the veiwing area of WNCT-TV, Channel 9, are requested to note the Bishop's appearance in the church bulletin or newsletter.

It will mark Bishop Garber's first appearance on North Carolina television since assuming his work in the Raleigh Area.



It is not the weapon which causes the crime any more than weapons cause the wars in which they are used. In both cases the cause is in the minds and hearts of men, and that is where the improving must be done.

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Our Thanks and Praise, O Lord, Ascend

By W. W. Reid

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Our thanks and praise, O Lord,
Ascend for harvest wealth from field and seed,
Wealth for our home and for a neighbor's need.
Our little plows but turned thine eager soil,
Thy sun and rain wrought wonders as of yore,
And Holy Earth gave overflowing store.
O teach us, Lord, to share thy gifts and toil,
In thankfulness to thee.

2

Our thanks and praise, O Lord,
Ascend for heritage and history,
And guiding hand that made us strong and free.
When Old World kingdoms prisoned human quest,
Thou wast the Captain of bold pilgrim bands
That forged new freedoms far in virgin lands.
Empower us still to harbor men oppressed,
In thankfulness to thee.

3

Our thanks and praise, O Lord,
Ascend for spirit gifts from heaven to man—
Man's partnership in the Creator's plan;
For faith, hope, freedom to pursue high goals;
For love, truth, courage; boldness struggling on
Assured the dark horizon cradles dawn.
May we, Lord, welcome far-adventuring souls,
In thankfulness to thee.

4

Our thanks and praise, O Lord,
Ascend for vision of that coming day
When human purpose melds with Heaven's Way:
When hunger, strife, and hatred are unknown,
No son denied God's gifts in love bestowed;
When brother men make Earth their King's abode;
Yea, when the nations gather round thy throne,
In thankfulness to thee.

A Thanksgiving Day Prayer

O thou Divine Creator and God, whose love, and concern, and law rule and sustain the universe and every living thing upon each planet, we bow in awe and in thankfulness for the provision thou dost continually make for the well-being of all mankind and for each man. Thou hast placed us upon Earth, in the midst of a universe of beauty, of order, of never-failing law. By thine own example of justice, compassion, righteousness, and renewal of faith, thou hast shown us how to live one with another. In thy neverfailing seasons, in the plenteous harvests that come from thy seed, and soil, and sun, and rain, thou hast taught us to share the riches of Earth with all men as thy children and our brethren.

For all thy goodness, and loving kindness, and mercy, we offer unto thee this day our praise, and thanksgiving, and worship. We confess, with contrite minds and hearts, that we have lived far short of the examples thou hast given us since the Creation, and especially in the life of thy Son, Jesus the Christ. We have accepted thy blessings without sharing; garnered thy bounty into our locked barns; neglected the hungry, withheld mercy, waged war—forsaking thy path of love, compassion, and peace.

Forgive us, O God, these our sins of commission and omission. As we contemplate thy deeds and provisions for us, may our awe and thankfulness inspire us to pattern our own lives in accord with thy example and purpose: through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

CAROLINA BRIEFS

¶ Hoyle Memorial Methodist Church in Shelby will be dedicated Sunday, December 6 at 11:00 a.m. Rev. John J. Powell is the pastor.

¶ Rev. E. H. Nease, Jr, of Rutherfordton is preaching this week in services at Guilford Methodist Church. Rev. B. A. Haire is the pastor.

¶ Rev. J. W. Lineberger, superintendent of the Children's Home in Raleigh, will preach on Thanksgiving Day at Hayes Barton Church in Raleigh at 10:00 a.m.

¶ Bishop Paul N. Garber will preach at Edenton Street Church in Raleigh on Thursday, November 26, at the annual Thanksgiving service. The service will be held at 9:00 a.m.

¶ Rev. Dermont J. Reid, pastor of First Methodist Church, Laurinburg, preached in revival services at First Methodist Church, Hamlet, last week. Rev. Russell S. Harrison is pastor at Hamlet.

¶ The High Point District Conference will convene at Mt. Lebanon Church in Randleman, Monday, November 30, beginning at 7:30 p.m. Dr. Ralph Taylor, district superintendent, will preside.

¶ Dr. Howard P. Powell of Raleigh was the speaker at the Methodist Men's supper meeting at Christ Church, Greensboro, last Monday evening at 6:30. Rev. Charles G. Beaman is the pastor.

¶ Dr. Thomas Langford, professor at Duke University, will preach at Dilworth Methodist Church, Charlotte, at 10:00 a. m. on Thursday. This is the annual Thanksgiving service. Rev. Thomas B. Stockton is the pastor.

¶ Trustees of the Walstonburg parsonage in the Greenville district plan to sell at auction the old parsonage on December 2. The charge will build a new parsonage near the location of the church on land donated by Mr. Carl T. Hicks, Sr. Rev. C. R. Hollowell is pastor at Walstonburg.

¶ A service of dedication will be held for the Monk Memorial Chapel at the Methodist Home for Children in Raleigh next Sunday, November 29, at 3:00 p.m. Bishop Paul N. Garber will lead the service and preach the dedication sermon. Rev. J. W. Lineberger is superintendent of the Home.

¶ Dr. H. G. Allen of Statesville will preach at Friendship Church on the Friendship charge next Sunday morning at 11:00 a.m. Rev. John Oakley is the pastor. A fellowship dinner will be spread in the Fellowship Hall following the service. An offering will be taken to be applied on the new parsonage.

¶ The Editor was privileged to preach last Sunday morning at the Benson Methodist Church, of which Rev. W. M. Ellis is the pastor. Benson has a beautiful and worshipful church, and the people are appreciative and faithful. The noonday meal in the pastor's home with the parsonage family was a pleasure.

¶ Dr. Olen Hunt of Raleigh preached at Sunset Park Methodist Church in Wilmington last Saturday evening at 7:30, and on Sunday at 11:00 a.m. and 7:30 p.m. This was a weekend revival. Rev. J. C. P. Brown is pastor at Sunset Park.

¶ The Rev. H. Glen Lanier was one of 75 Annual Conference chairmen of Christian Vocations, attending a recent national conference in St. Louis, Missouri. The meeting was conducted by the Interboard Commission on Christian Vocations.

¶ Dr. and Mrs. E. C. Few of Ardmore Church, Winston-Salem, are spending a few days visiting their son, Rev. John Few and his family in Jacksonville, Fla. Dr. Toy F. Reid preached last Sunday at Ardmore Church in the absence of the pastor.

¶ Dr. A. Purnell Bailey is this week preaching in revival services at Garner Methodist church, of which Rev. J. Kern Ormond is pastor. Revival breakfasts will be held each morning at 6:45. All are invited to bring the family to the breakfast service to be held around the table. Services continue through Wednesday evening.

¶ On Sunday, November 29, 1964 at 4:30 p.m., Erlanger Methodist Church of Lexington will have their cornerstone laying service. A fellowship supper will follow with the fall revival beginning at 7:00. Rev. Herbert T. Penry, Jr., Pleasant Grove Methodist Church of Thomasville will be the evangelist. Rev. Robert L. Witty, Jr. is the pastor.

¶ The Sesquicentennial Celebration in the Bethel Methodist Church on November 29 will include an address by Mr. Jasper Smith, former North Carolina Conference Layleader and member of the Bethel Church. Seventy-five-page book of the 150-year history, and a fellowship dinner in the gymnasium. Friends, former pastors and members are cordially invited to attend the service. Rev. Kenneth B. Sexton is pastor.

¶ Friends of Rev. Fred Morton, pastor of Harris Chapel Church, near Henderson, will regret to learn of the death of his mother, Mrs. Evelyn Moss Morton, who died Sunday, November 15 in a Memphis, Tenn., hospital, following a two weeks illness. She was 51. Mr. Morton was called to Memphis two weeks ago on account of the illness of his mother, and was present at the time of her death.

¶ Louisburg College has recently received word that Dr. Gerald Harris Shinn of the Louisburg College faculty has been granted a Fellowship for the summer 1965 session of the Southeastern Institute of Medieval and Renaissance Studies. Professor Shinn will be working on "The Relationship of the Vulgarization of Law by Eike von Repow and the Reform Movement of the 14th Century." Dr. Shinn came to Louisburg as Professor of Religion in 1963. He holds the BA, BD, and Ph.D. degrees from Duke University. A member of the North Carolina Conference of The Methodist Church, Dr. Shinn teaches courses in Old Testament and Philosophy.

¶ We regret to learn of the death of Mrs. John W. Moore, widow of the late Dr. John W. Moore, who was a prominent member of the Western North Carolina Conference. Since the death of her husband in 1958 Mrs. Moore had resided at Lake Junaluska. We understand she died in Asheville Tuesday, November 17. We are sorry we do not have further details.

¶ The ADVOCATE Editor is indebted to Mrs. T. C. Harrell, widow of the late Dr. T. C. Harrell of Greensboro, for two old copies of the former Raleigh CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE, which was published in Raleigh. One of these copies is dated January 14, 1880, and the other is dated April 11, 1907. These were found in Mr. Harrell's treasured papers. and we are grateful to Mrs. Harrell for them.

¶ Wofford College honored Dr. Wendell M. Patton, president of High Point College during a reception Wednesday, November 11th. He was the convocation speaker at the college on Thursday. Dr. Patton, an alumnus of Wofford College, spoke to the students and faculty on "New Dimensions for College Students." He was also the guest at a luncheon sponsored by the National Beta Club on the campus Thursday.

¶ Bishop Earl G. Hunt preached last Sunday morning at 11:00 o'clock at Christ Methodist Church in Greensboro. Rev. Charles G. Beaman is the pastor. On Sunday at 4 p.m. the Methodist men of Greensboro District held a workshop meeting at Greensboro College and at 6:00 o'clock Bishop Hunt spoke to the combined group. Leaders for the workshop were C. L. Goodson of Boger City; Charles W. Phillips of Greensboro; and Harvey Smith of Greensboro.

¶ The N. C. Conference was represented by Dr. J. V. Early, chairman of the Board of Ministerial Training and Qualifications. Rev. Ben F. Musser, new registrar, and Rev. Christian White, assistant registrar, in a regional consultation conference on the ministry, which was held in Atlanta, Ga., Nov. 19, 20. About 40 persons from the Southeastern Jurisdiction and Central Jurisdiction were in attendance. Dr. Gerald O. McCullock from the General Board of Education directed the seminar.

¶ Spindale Methodist Church has purchased the former National Guard Armory and 217 front feet of property along Highway 74. This property is adjacent to the present church school buildings. The old Armory will be torn down and the space paved for parking. In this way, the church and property will be in better view from the highway and surrounding area. A smaller building, which the National Guard used for administrative offices, will be renovated for the church's scouting program. Rev. Sherrill B. Biggers is the pastor.

¶ Roy Lee Phillips, 68-year-old retired Negro baker and pastry chef, who served at Greensboro College for 40 years, died last Sunday morning. He had been in declining health for several months. He was held in high esteem by Greensboro College students through the years for the unique quality of his dinner rolls and assorted pastry treats. Dr. Ralph Jolly, president of Greensboro College, assisted Rev. Otis L. Hairston, pastor, in funeral services on Tuesday morning at the Shiloh Baptist Church, of which Mr. Phillips was a member and a trustee.

West End Methodist to Observe Golden Anniversary Nov. 29

The West End Methodist Church located in West End, N. C. and now a part of the new Sanford District of the North Carolina Methodist Conference, will celebrate its Golden Anniversary with Homecoming Services next Sunday, November 29. The church was organized 50 years ago and a year later the present sanctuary was completed at this time of the year. The service next Sunday will consist of the anniversary service of worship of the organization of the church at 11:00 o'clock to be followed by a fellowship dinner and quarterly conference. All former pastors, members, and friends of the church are invited to attend.

The West End Church was organized 50 years ago by the Rev. W. H. Brown who is now living in the Methodist Retirement Home in Durham. The congregation is looking forward to having Rev. and Mrs. Brown with them for this service and to have Mr. Brown bring words of greetings. A brief history of the organization of the church will be given by Mr. Fred Monroe. The sermon will be preached by the Rev. Thomas R. Burns. Rev. Mr. Burns for a number of years has been spending part of the fall and springs months in West End. Mrs. Burns is the niece of Mrs. L. M. Morris, one of the oldest members of the church. Mr. Burns graduated from Reading Massachusetts High School. He received his A.B. and S.T.B. degrees from Boston University and took post graduate studies at Harvard. He served two student charges in Massachusetts and then was pastor in charge of two of the great Methodist churches in the East—St. Johnsbury, Vermont and Fall River, Massachusetts; staying 11 years in the former and 13 years in the latter. From 1953 to 1959 Mr. Burns was District Superintendent of the Providence District of the New England Southern Conference.

The Rev. Vergil E. Queen, District Superintendent of the Sanford District will conduct the First Quarterly Conference following the Fellowship Dinner.

The church began with 13 members. Prior to 1914 there was no organized Methodist church in the village of West End; however for some years the pastor of the Aberdeen-Biscoe circuit had been holding services here on a regular Sunday afternoon each month. The school building was used for these meetings, as there was no church building of any denomination in the community.

In the summer of 1914, when W. H. Brown was pastor of the Aberdeen-Biscoe work, he held a meeting here in which a visiting minister, B. P. Robinson, did the preaching. It was at the close of these services that the "West End Methodist Episcopal Church, South" was organized. The Annual Conference of 1914 placed West End in the Aberdeen-Biscoe charge and returned W. H. Brown as pastor. He has served the church as pastor on three different oppointments.

It was during the year 1915 that I. B. Von Cannon proposed a church building and gave the land for it. Construction was started promptly and the building was completed around the end of that year. Today the congregation is assembled in that building in its almost entire original form. Therefore, next year the congregation will celebrate the 50 anniversary of the church sanctuary. However, in more recent years a Fellowship Hall and Education Building have been added. It is the hope of the congregation to renovate the present building by the celebration next year. The present pastor is the Rev. J. D. Aycock.



Left to right: Bishop Earl G. Hunt, of the Charlotte Area; Dr. J. Ralph Jolly, President of Greensboro College, host to the meeting; Mr. Marcus Deal, District Director of Methodist Men; Rev. J. Garland Winkler, Greensboro District Superintendent.

Greensboro District Methodist Men Hold Meeting

Some 165 Methodist Men representing the churches of the Greensboro District met last Sunday afternoon and evening at Greensboro College for a workshop and supper meeting. Marcus Deal, director of Methodist Men's work in the district, presided. Arnold Hinshaw of Muir's Chapel Church led the group in singing, and Rev. J. G. Winkler, District Superintendent, gave the invocation. A workshop dealing with three phases of the work was conducted. "Planning for Methodist Men" was led by Mr. C. L. Goodson, of Lincolnton; "Programs for Methodist Men" was led by Mr. Charlie Phillips of West Market Street Church; "Projects for Methodist Men" was led by Mr. Harvey Smith of Grace Church. The closing prayer was offered by Mr. Robert White of Centenary Church. The time from 5:30 to 6:00 o'clock was spent in fellowship. At 6:00 the men gathered in the dining room of the college for a delicious supper, with Mr. Charlie Phillips, District Lay Leader as master of ceremonies. Judge B. Gordon Gentry of College Place Church gave the invocation.

Following the evening meal Mr. Charlie Phillips introduced the guests. Rev. J. G. Winkler introduced Bishop Earl G. Hunt of Charlotte, who gave an inspiring and challenging message to the men on the subject: "To Serve the Present Age." Bishop Hunt said if we are to serve the present age effectively we must give attention to at least five things. 1. We must confront this age with its problems and responsibilities. 2. We must evaluate our mission program. One familiar with the situation said sometime ago the brightest hope on the mission field is the emergence of the church. 3. We must take a long look at the educational field. He quoted Dr. Hollis Edens, when he was president of Duke University, as saying our greatest need is to put God at the center of our educational system. Bishop Hunt said this church of ours must find a way of staying in the business of Christian higher education if we are to accomplish our best. 4. We must look squarely into the face of our social and cultural situation. He called attention to the cheap and low type music fed to our youth on the juke box, and said one of our difficulties is to know what is right and what is wrong. We must include the racial conditions. If the church had measured up to its responsibility in this field earlier we would not now have the unsavory situation which we face. 5. We must confront the ecclesiastical problems of our day. Many have been more concerned with records and advancement than with the redemptive influence of the gospel. The church of Jesus Christ is doing battle for its very life in the world today, said the Bishop. We need to start at the home base, our local church, and our personal relation to God if we are to understand the real meaning of religion or help it make its contribution to the world of our day.

At the close of the message Mr. Marcus Deal, representing all the men of the district, presented Bishop Hunt with a beautiful brief case as a token of appreciation of his message and his leadership.



Writing in *Parade* magazine, Lloyd Shearer says that the number-one industry in America is gambling. Its gross annual business runs to an estimated $50 billion, with $10 billion of profit.

EDITORIALS

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"One Witness In One World"

Theme for the District Superintendents' Convocation held in Chicago November 12-15 was "One Witness in One World." Bishop Roy Short called attention to the fact the two little words *one* were the key words to the theme. John Wesley said the "Methodists are *one* people." As we know Methodism today we realize that structural *oneness* was achieved in 1939 when three major groups united to form the Methodist Church. We are now in need of achieving a new degree of oneness among ourselves, and with the other people of God.

Churches are challenged to give themselves to self-examination, that they may deepen their spiritual life; and to cooperatively identify themselves with other churches and other Christians. In this way the cause of Christ can be strengthened and extended. The church and individual Christians are called upon to dedicate self, talents, and possessions.

As one listened to the inspirational singing, which only a group of this kind seems able to produce, and to the splendid addresses and discussions which followed, it seemed that we were on the verge of bringing in the kingdom immediately. But when the actual facts were looked at and conditions studied, it was easy to see that we are only scratching the surface of our potential expansion.

Bishop Gerald Kennedy of Los Angeles, in the keynote address, based his remarks on the scriptural statement that "In Christ all things hold together." He called attention to the fact that it is *one* world, it is in *one* mess, we have *one* faith, and that there is *one* answer—Christ.

While we have all respect for and appreciation of our ministers, it is our feeling that too many are too much concerned about promotions and less concerned about professions; too many become promoters of programs rather than prophets to the people. There is a deep need, and in many cases a sincere yearning for spiritual uplift. We sat next to a fine layman who is a successful business man, and who holds a responsible position in the program of the church. In conversation with the person on the other side of him, he asked about a certain retired minister who lived in the section served by his friend. He was told what a fine job the retired minister was doing and what a helpful influence he was having for good. The layman said, "Twelve years ago he was my pastor, at a time when my wife was seriously ill. He was most faithful and helpful to us in those trying days, and these are things one just doesn't forget. He may not be the finest pulpit man or the best orator, but he has a pastor's heart and a minister's concern."

Bishop Richard Raines said Methodist ministers are carrying more than twice the workload of their counterparts in 1900, and we have six times as many pastors today who are not seminary graduates as we had in 1900. He praised the non-seminary graduates for keeping open many Methodist churches which might have otherwise closed for lack of pastoral leadership. The bishop said we are not doing a good job of leading capable young men into the ministry.

We wonder if some of our best trained men are falling victims to the temptation to become mere counselors who sit in the office and let people come to see them, rather than to spend much of their time in visiting their people and seeking out those who need help. We need good preaching, dedicated pastors, and helpful counselors. It is not a matter of one or the other, but a matter of both if we are to render the most successful service.

Just now, when the Methodist Church is getting set for the quadrennial program it is a good time for us to re-evaluate our practices that we may become more effective witnesses for Christ. We are all in favor of promotional programs on every level of the church concern, and that includes enriching our spiritual life and winning people to Christ and the church. We have not succeeded simply because we raised a lot of money, or built a church or parsonage, or paid a debt, or enlarged our staff, or achieved many other things. As ministers our chief concern and effort should be the winning of people to the kingdom through real conversions, and ministering to the spiritual needs of our people. If these things are successful, other advances will be made in proportion. Let us give full proof of our ministry.

THEME FOR THE WEEK

"If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness." —I John 1:9

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Goodwill Industries, a nonprofit organization which provides jobs and training for handicapped people, earns its income primarily from sale of repaired and renovated articles. Only capital needs, for buildings and equipment, require donations of money. It urges that people contribute usable clothing and household articles or shop in a Goodwill store.

Dr. Billy Graham Awarded Upper Room Citation

Some 600 invited guests attend the meeting at Sir Walter Hotel in Raleigh last Wednesday evening at which time Dr. Billy Graham, prominent evangelist of world-wide reputation, and whose home is in North Carolina, was given the Upper Room Citation for 1964. Presiding at the supper meeting was Bishop Paul N. Garber, presiding Bishop of the Raleigh Area. The invocation was given by Dr. John A. Redhead, pastor of First Presbyterian Church of Greensboro. The principal speaker was Dr. Norman Vincent Peale, pastor of Marble Collegiate Church in New York City, who is a close personal friend of Dr. Graham. Taking part also on the program were a number of prominent persons. Governor-elect Dan K. Moore brought greetings from the state; Beverly Shae, noted singer of the Billy Graham team sang selections. His closing number was the famous "How Great Thou Art." He was joined by the audience in the chorus. Dr. J. Manning Potts, editor of the *Upper Room* made introductions, and also presented the Citation to Dr. Graham.

In his remarks Dr. Peale spoke on "Changing World With a Changeless Christ." He wove both humor and insight into his message as he referred to the recipient as a dynamic preacher facing the world of problems with faith and devotion. He referred to the fact Dr. Graham has preached to more people around the world than any other person in the history of mankind. "He is an example of what God can do with one man committed to Him," said the speaker.

In his response Dr. Graham declared his unworthiness to be selected for such an outstanding recognition and said he here and now rededicates himself to preach the gospel, to build the church, and to assume his responsibility in the social and moral leadership so much needed today.

Dr. Graham is the fifteenth person to be selected for this outstanding award. It was begun in 1949 when Dr. John R. Mott was the first to be so recognized. He was also the selection for 1950. Following him were Dr. Frank Laubach in 1951; Bishop Ralph S. Cushman in 1952; Dr. Jesse M. Bader in 1953; Dr. John A. Mackay in 1954; Margaret T. Applegarth in 1955; Bishop Ivan Lee Holt in 1956; Warner Sallman in 1957; Dr. Samuel McCrea Cavert in 1958; Bishop G. Bromley Oxnam in 1959; Dr. Theodore F. Adams in 1960; Dr. Ralph W. Sockman in 1961; Dr. James R. Mutchmor in 1962; and Dr. Helen Kim in 1963.

The *Upper Room*, internationally known and used devotional guide, selects some person each year for this award on the basis of his or her outstanding contribution in the field of Christian fellowship. Dr. Potts said "There is no better known Christian personality in the world today than Dr. Graham. He is a world-wide figure because of his evangelistic preaching. He has preached on every continent and on many isles of the seas. We are glad to recognize the outstanding contribution of Dr. Graham to world Christian fellowship."

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The tallest tower built before the television era is the Eiffel Tower. The maximum sway in high winds is five inches.

District Superintendents' Meeting Held In Chicago November 12-15

The District Superintendents' Convocation held in Chicago November 12-15 was attended by around 1,000 persons, dealing with the quadrennial program, the theme of which is "One Witness in One World." Following are excerpts of several of the addresses delivered which give something of the spirit and the trend of the program. Bishop Gerald Kennedy gave the keynote address.

One Witness in One World

Today we meet to consider the tremendous theme "One Witness in One World." It takes us out of our pettiness and lifts us up to look at our faith as Paul saw it, said Bishop Kennedy.

The first thing I want to suggest to you today is that it is *one world.*

It becomes increasingly difficult to tell much difference between capitols so far as styles are concerned and the customs of the people. Some people call this Americanization of the world but it is probably the industrialization of the world where more and more we become like one another in the way we dress, the way we make a living, and the way we live.

Some people resented anybody outside the country making any comment or expressing an opinion on the recent election. But the election had implications for all people all over the world just as any move which we make economically affects the livelihood and the future of families thousands of miles away. It is not possible any longer for any nation to say that it can run its affairs without other people expressing a concern. Their lives are at stake.

The second thing I want to say is that this one world is also *one mess.*

This has been a great disappointment to us for we have thought in our rather naive way (one) world would result inevitably in good. We forgot that some of the most bitter quarrels take place between neighbors, and some of the greatest problems arise because people live too close together. So we find ourselves with the space barriers down but no unity of heart and mind.

In our own country we are in the midst of a revolution. One-tenth of our population has arisen to claim what the Constitution promised them in the beginning. For a hundred years Negro Methodists and Negro Americans have been patient and now the patience is at an end and we have seen violence flare during a long hot summer.

We live in a time of extremism both on the left and right but particularly on the right. It is a period of nostalgia when a considerable portion of our people think it is possible to go backward and create a kind of world which was isolated and irresponsible. The recent election campaign has shown us that the bitter, uncharitable, unforgiving spirit associated with Hitler, Mussolini, and McCarthy is ever with us.

We must be concerned about the growing neuroses among people. Surely, it is something to be noted that in a time like ours individual persons seem to be less secure and have less faith than ever before. Dr. Jung said that neurotic people are all searching for religion.

There was One who nearly two thousand years ago told about a man going down from Jerusalem to Jericho and falling among robbers but there was a Samaritan who helped him.But today in a crowded city there was not even one good Samaritan (to help when a young women was stabbed to death on the street in New York).

The third thing I want to say is that we need to recognize in this situation that we have *one faith.*

We are not going to be united on the basis of business. The fact that the Russians use the same kind of tractors we use does not bring us closer together. We shall not be united on the basis of science. When the Russians made an atomic bomb in a much shorter space than we thought was possible, it frightened us.

Our only hope is in a common faith and a sense of common destiny. The great thing about the ecumenical situation today is that we are face to face with the sense of our oneness in a way that has not been true of us in a long time.

The Vatican Council has brought our Roman Catholic brethren into a more receptive mood and they refer to us as "separated brethren." This is good. Protestant groups are moving toward minimizing our differences and appreciating the things we have in common. It is a great thing that today we are beginning to realize that there is much more to hold us together than there is to separate us and the tide moves in the direction of unity.

Today it becomes more apparent than ever before that in God alone is our hope of brotherhood and unity.

Finally, there is *one answer.*

We ask ourselves where we are going to start and the answer is so simple that it frightens us. We are going to start right where we are in our local church.

What we have to do is to get a vision of what the church is called upon to be in our time. It is a great thing for us to be reminded that the answer to the divided world is Christ. Perhaps what Methodism needs now more than anything else is to have its people baptized with a new vision of what the church is.

When we do this we shall have a word for all the world. Once we get the thing clear in our mind again, we will know that we are ordinary people, but it is for us to preach and demonstrate the power of God which can save us from our danger.

It is in the small churches and the large ones that we shall find the hope of tomorrow. This is frightening news but it is a glorious world that the answer lies with us in our congregations.

It is one world in one mess and God has given us the one answer in our Christian communities called the church.

New Approach to Oneness

Certainly the thinking part, at least, of the Christian world is today keenly aware of a crying need for greater oneness among Christian people everywhere, Bishop Short told the Convocation. Just what the nature of this oneness is, however, and how it may best be achieved, is a matter upon which sincere men differ but nevertheless the whole Christian world finds itself reaching out for it.

Particularly do we need a greater degree of genuine oneness in our own Methodism today. We enter the quadrennium of 1964-68 believing that any significant progress toward greater oneness in Methodism must be by way of our local churches.

The question arises as to how we shall stimulate our 39,000 local churches to become the better churches that they ought to be and which under God they could be.

First, we ask every local church to spend a year or more in self-examination in the light of the New Testament demand that the church bear one witness in one world.

Second, we ask the local church to arrive at its own conclusion as to the extent it measures up to or fails to measure up to the New Testament ideal for a church as it comes to understand it.

Third, we ask the local church on its own motion to take certain steps of its own choosing by which it may come to share more fully and effectively in the achievement of greater oneness among the followers of Christ in this destiny-fraught day in the history of the world.

The hope of the quadrennial program is that after giving itself to self-examination, the local church may be brought to self-identification in witness with other churches of the community, the nation, and the world as well as with Methodist churches and churches of other denominations associated together in the ecumenical movement.

It is further hoped that in a very practical way the local churches will move out from self-examination, through self-identification, to actual self-giving expressed in such concrete ways as the sharing of leadership and resources, and the sustaining of one another through fellowship, prayer, and love.

We Need Self-Analysis

Methodist churches participating in the denomination's 1964-68 quadrennial emphasis should make certain they begin with the self-analysis, said Bishop Short, who is author of the study book on the theme of the emphasis *One Witness in One World.*

"Our churches need to look at themselves in the light of the New Testament church," he asserted.

The committee, including four representatives of overseas Methodist churches, were reminded that most of the emphasis is to be developed in local churches and annual conferences, rather than being handed down by the General Conference.

"I believe each annual conference will pick it up and make it a reality in the life of the church," the Rev. Dr. Frank L. Countryman, director of the program, told the committee.

"I hope that out of this study we can let the whole world know which side we are on."

The study book was released during the

Convocation. It is hoped that each local church will conduct a self-analysis using the book and the Book of Ephesians.

Introduced at the committee's meeting was a new "Church Extension Opportunities" guide published in connection with the quadrennial emphasis.

The booklet, to be sent to district superintendents and annual conference missions officials, lists some 1,700 specific church expansion opportunities around the world totaling more than $20 million. It is the hope of emphasis leaders that individual churches will adopt a project, or a part of a project, as a special part of their participation in the quadrennial program.

Representing overseas Methodism at the meeting were the Revs. Samuel Araya, Santiago, Chile; Yap Kim Kao, Malaysia; Eric Mitchell, India; and Samuel Tsopotsa, Southern Rhodesia. They will help relate the "One Witness in One World" emphasis to needs overseas.

The Church Is Trying to Help

"The church needs to prove to people that it is trying to help them rather than only being in business for ourselves," the Rev. Dr. Roy Nichols of New York City said in his message on Friday afternoon.

Mr. Nichols, pastor of one of New York's largest Methodist congregations, Salem Church, declared:

"We must join other churches and other organizations to redeem our communities or admit that we're using the name of Jesus for commercial reasons and are in business for ourselves."

"The church needs to distinguish itself by giving something, rather than trying to take from the people."

"If the church in the decades ahead expects to be important, it will have to become indispensable," to bring therapy and help of a practical nature, enough to "make a difference in the product of our homes."

Our Mission—To Recapture or Begin Again

Bishop James S. Thomas of the Des Moines, Iowa Area said: "Methodism began as a great adventure. When seen in terms of its earlier settings, it placed no limits on its goals. America was to be won for Christ —all of America.

"It is not our business to recapture the great words of Methodist history but to begin again, in terms of our vastly different culture, on a mission no less adventurous and demanding.

"There are at least three reasons why we must begin again. . . .

"First, it is characteristic of human nature to hold onto the great moments of the safe past rather than open new highways into the uncertain future.

"Our mission is to see our country and our church as if they were new. In many ways they are. We have many reasons to begin again in the sense of moving out of all range of comfort in the past to what God is demanding in the present.

"Secondly, we must begin again because the heroism of our past has become intertwined with other patterns of culture that must be discarded. This means a love of the spirit which motivated our fathers, but a change in language, in approach, in goal.

"Thirdly, the revolutions of our time are God's voice telling us to rise to heights we have delayed for centuries. What was once pious oratory has now become stubborn political fact."

Because of lagging ministerial recruitment, today's Methodist pastors are carrying more than twice the work load of their counterparts in 1900, according to Bishop Richard C. Raines, Indianapolis, Ind., who said Methodism is not doing a good job of leading capable young men into the clergy.

"Methodism is served by only a few more ministers than it had in 1900," the bishop said. "Meanwhile, Methodist church membership has jumped from 4.2 million to 10.3 million."

The head of the Indiana Area said the church must have 1,200 new ministers each year merely to replace those who die and retire. An additional 1,200 must be recruited, he claimed, if the denomination is to adequately serve a growing population.

In contrast, fewer than half that number are entering the Methodist ministry each year, Bishop Raines said.

The bishop also lamented that the educational level of the Methodist ministry has fallen behind its constituency.

"While an increasing percentage of our members are graduating from high school and college," he said, "we have six times as many pastors today who are not seminary graduates as we had in 1900."

Bishop Raines praised the non-seminary graduates for keeping open many Methodist churches which might otherwise be closed for lack of pastoral leadership.

"But it is tragic that the level of ministerial preparation has fallen behind in a society that is increasingly served by better trained lawyers, physicans, and civil servants," the bishop said.

Pointing to the successful recruiting program of the Peace Corps, Bishop Raines said:

"We must demonstrate to idealistic young people that the church is not 'other-worldly' or caught up in petty personal interests. We must show that the church offers young people an effective channel to serve the physical as well as material needs of mankind."

Establishing New Churches

Dr. Eugene L. Smith of New York, executive secretary of the United States Conference for the World Council of Churches and former general secretary of the Division of World Missions of the Board of Missions of The Methodist Church, told the Convocation:

"A significant part of the 'One Witness in One World' quadrennial program is an effort to give a practical demonstration of our oneness in witness as Methodists by mutual assistance in the establishment of new churches and congregations throughout the world.

Funds are being sought for the purchase of new lots in strategic areas; for the building of church sanctuaries or the renovation of old structures; the construction of parsonages; the establishment of revolving loan funds; and the construction of educational units and facilities for social service where these are related to the local church. Special emphasis will be placed upon raising of funds for lots and for the revolving loan funds.

Wherever funds are received from the United States, that conference or area will be asked to raise a percentage of all funds received for the construction of church sanctuaries and parsonages. The percentage to be raised will be established in mutual consultation between the Board of Missions and the conference overseas.

Stirring Our Imagination

Rev. Dr. Leon M. Adkins, Nashville, Tenn., general secretary of the Division of the Local Church of the General Board of Education of The Methodist Church, said:

Assurance to the individual Christian and local church of freedom to help blaze the trail of "One Witness in One World" has stirred the expectations and the imaginations of many. The program's simplicity and directness expresses confidence in individuals and in local congregations.

Self-appraisal under the emphasis is not conceived as an end in itself. It is meant to be a discipline of self-discovery and evaluation leading to self-realization and Christian involvement in the common life. Honest appraisal, in New Testament simplicity and directness, will increase the sensitivity of individuals and of congregations to the deeper meanings of being the Church.

The Church must serve all God's children in these times of radical change. Christianity's high evaluation of the worth of the individual must be given its chance to express itself. We as Methodists are called to listen not only to what great conferences or councils say to the churches but what the Holy Spirit is saying to the churches.

We have too long worshipped at the pagan altar of conformity. We have too long confused statistical records with spiritual renewal. We have too long damned the flow of divine power by pride of denominational achievement. Our concern for people and for churches must not diminish but the time has come when that concern must recognize the dignity and integrity of every individual and every church. In our religious zeal we have oft been guilty of sanctified brainwashing and the manipulation which stultifies rather than releases the God-given nature of a person."

Miss America Testifies

"I would like people to remember that Miss America of 1965 was a Christian and wanted to tell people about it," Miss Vonda Kay Van Dyke of Phoenix, Ariz., told the Methodist District Superintendents' Convocation in Chicago Friday night.

Miss Van Dyke, an active member of Central Methodist Church in Phoenix, Ariz., who was chosen Miss America earlier this fall, told the 1,000 Methodist leaders that her desire during the pageant was more to "be a good Christian and a good witness for Christ" than it was to win.

"If I can help just one young person enrich their life then the Miss America crown will be meaningful to God and to me," the Arizona beauty said.

Miss Van Dyke has been active in the Phoenix church in a variety of ways, including singing in the choir and teaching in the church school.

"Her appearance symbolizes the finest of American youth and represents the thousands of young people who sing in our choirs and teach in our church schools," said the Rev. Dr. Elliott L. Fisher, general secretary of the Commission on Promotion and Cultivation.

Dates and Places For District Conferences

As the District Conference season is approaching we give below the dates and places of a number of the Conferences for the Western North Carolina Conerence.

Nov. 30—High Point, at Lebanon Church, Randleman, at 7:30 p.m., Rev. Ralph H. Taylor, District Superintendent.

December 6—Asheville, at Hendersonville, First Church, at 2:30 p.m., Rev. E. H. Blackard, District Superintendent.

November 29 — Charlotte, at Mt. Zion Church, Cornelius, at 2:30 p.m., Rev. A. Glenn Lackey, District Superintendent.

December 6—Marion, at 2:30 p.m., Rev. Charles E. Shannon, District Superintendent.

December 6—Salisbury, at Kerr Street Church, Concord, at 2:30 p.m., Rev. James C. Stokes, District Superintendent.

December 6—Statesville, at Fairgrove Church, 3:00-8:00 p.m., Rev. Cecil G. Hefner, District Superintendent.

December 6 — Waynesville, at First Church, Waynesville, at 2:30 p.m., Rev. Mark Q. Tuttle, District Superintendent.

December 6—Winston-Salem, at Ardmore Church, at 2:30 p.m., Rev. Frank B. Jordan, District Superintendent.

December 9—Albemarle, at Weddington Church, at 9:30 to 12:30 p.m., Rev. W. J. Huneycutt, District Superintendent.

December 13—Greensboro, at Mount Pleasant Church, at 2:30 p.m., Rev. J. G. Winkler, District Superintendent.

December 13—North Wilkesboro, at First Church, North Wilkesboro, at 3:00 p.m., Rev. H. F. Duncan, District Superintendent.

December 13—Gastonia, at First Church, Lincolnton, at 2:30 p.m., Rev. Cecil L. Heckard, District Superintendent.

January 3—Thomasville, at First Church, Lexington, at 2:30 to 5:30 p.m., Rev. Herman Nicholson, District Superintendent.

Durham District Rally Held At Louisburg College

The Durham District rally of the College Crusade movement was held last Thursday evening at Louisburg College. It was a supper meeting and the 160 persons attending were guests of the college.

Rev. O. L. Hathaway, District Superintendent had asked chairmen of official boards, chairmen of the crusade committees, secretary of the college funds in the local church, and others to attend, along with the pastors. Speakers included Mr. Roy Turnage, Conference Lay Leader; Dr. A. Kimsey King of the University of North Carolina; Rev. James A. Auman, executive director of the Association of Methodist Colleges of the North Carolina Conference; Mr. James Patrick, Durham District Lay Leader; Dr. C. W. Robbins, president of the college, and Bishop Paul N. Garber. Bishop Garber brought the main address in which he thanked the people for what they have done in responding to and supporting the colleges, and appealed to them to continue the crusade until all pledges are paid in full. Dr. Robbins spoke for all the colleges in thanking the churches for their support of their educational institutions.

LETTERS

A CIRCUIT RIDER'S FAMILY

Can there be a more important theme to claim the attention of parents than that of home? The memory of a paricular home, which was beautiful and happy to me, comes to my weary mind like strains of sweet music and its influence for good has proven of more value than houses, stocks or money. I speak of the home of a circuit rider's family with five little girls—the home which gave me my first impressions of life.

The parents knew their responsibility of keeping alive in the hearts of their children the home spirit—making this home the most pleasant spot on earth for it's occupants. There were a thousand ways in which cheer was added to the home. The sweet voice—how many shades of feeling were expressed by that voice. The cozy atmosphere, the cheerful amusements, the fireside pleasures—they were simple but made the home happy. We didn't look elsewhere for joy. Our young companions always were welcomed and made a part of the eating place and was always surrounded by a family group. The family table was a happy merry group. I well remember the evenings when we gathered in the sitting room and joined together to read or play games. After the evening of relaxation, it was time for family prayer, then a round of goodnight kisses and off to bed. Of course there were some mischievous pranks which often times deserved punishment, but correction had its place. A serious word or a reprimand was given in privacy rather than in the presence of strangers. We children were taught patience, courtesy, how to respond to duty, how to bear and forbear and to be interested in each other's welfare.

The memories most dear to me are the home circle for family prayer and the talks on training for womanhood given by father to his daughters. I gained much from both of these and was always glod to be included in the group.

My father's words are still with me today as he spoke: "Daughters, I hope my influence on my family, friends and neighbors has been of service. As you are first starting on the duties of life, I, as a father and a minister of the gospel, would like to ask if you have made a decsion of what you want to be. The future lies before you. Life is sweet and wondrous, but has its sorrow, pain, and woe. I want you to meet life with a brave spirit. God has given you the opportunity to achieve and be happy. May you live so that when death comes you may have a peaceful entrance into the world beyond.

"Seek the companionship of the best people. Friendship is one of the sweetest things in life. Getting together with friends relieves our cares, raises our hopes and brings to us a great inward peace which makes all of us better for the world.

"Choose your books as carefully as you choose your friends. You cannot be too careful to have your education proceed in the right direction. Learn thoroughly that which you learn, be it ever so little, so that you can speak of it with confidence. The greatest source of learning, the Bible, enables us to discover the infinity of things, nature, and the wonders of heaven, the earth and the seas.

Your personal influence is a power you exert over others by your actions, thoughts, words, and deeds. You should ever be mindful of the beauty of kindness, politeness, character citizenship, temperance and love. And now for careful thought on courtship and marriage—a true woman must use her influence for good. Such influence builds tomorrow's world.

"Now, daughters, I hope these tips will be a helping guide to go by in your personal living."

Five voices reply, "We thank you, father, for your good advice."

Years later we find the parents have been called away from their earthly home. The daughters have long since gone from the home of their childhood and formed homes of their own. Their hearts turn with love and longing to the dear old home which sheltered them in childhood. As they all gathered back at the home place again, each speaks of her childhood days, thus:

R—"Think of father, a circuit rider, and how on a small salary he educated five of us girls and helped us to build character."

L—"I am grateful for our start in life under great disadvantages. We stood the test by faithful labor and the triumph is like graduating from a great university."

M—"The custom of having family prayer was the key to open the door and the bolt to shut out the night, and the family Bible gave us a sure foundation on which to stand."

B—"If I had another life to give I would give it to religion, home, community, and world as did my father."

S—"Going to church with father and mother guided my growing mind and brought beauty of life and spirit of love for God and man."

Why may we not linger where rests all that was earthly of a beloved parent. This imprint will continue to have an influence upon the wayward and give fresh inspiration to Christian living. Even in old age I look back to that home circle as the sweetest I have known in life.

Mrs. J. L. Harmon,
Statesville, N. C., Rt. 5

Dr. Millard Burt, President Association of Deans

Dr. Millard P. Burt, dean of Methodist College, Fayetteville, has been elected president of the Association of Academic Deans of the North Carolina College Conference.

The election took place during the recent meeting of the College Conference in Charlotte.

Dr. Burt has served as dean at Methodist College since the beginning of the 1963-64 academic year.

Before coming to Methodist College he served for five years as dean at Atlantic Christian College at Wilson.

He has served on the Executive Committee of the Dean's Association since its formation six years ago. In 1962-63 he served as vice president of the Association.

Revival at Parmele

The revival meeting in the Parmele Methodist Church, Stokes Charge, was held November 8-13. The pastor, Rev. L. A. Watts, preached, using Ephesians all week. The choir, directed by Mrs. Hiram Ford, sang in each service. Nine persons were received into the church on the evening of the 13th, which was Friday. Among them was a father, mother and daughter; a mother and son; a mother and daughter; two were by letter and seven on profession of faith. On Thursday, the 12th, Mr. George James, 82 years old, sang a solo, "The Old Rugged Cross." Mr. James has been superintendent of the Sunday School for sixty years and a steward that long. He is a minister's joy—always present and always on time, and always willing to do what ever he's asked to do for the church and our Lord.

Rev. O. L. Hathaway Appeared "And on the Eighth Day"

By Bill Quick

Among the Methodist leaders who appear in a new Methodist World Service documentary motion picture is the Rev. O. L. Hathaway, Durham District Superintendent.

"And On the Eighth Day . . ." was premiered Friday, November 13, at the Conrad Hilton Hotel as a part of the church's quadrennial District Superintendents Convocation in Chicago.

Bishop Paul Neff Garber, presiding bishop of the Raleigh Area, and district superintendents of the North Carolina Annual Conference were among the 1,000 Methodist leaders present for the Convocation and the documentary's premiere.

The Rev. Mr. Hathaway was executive secretary of the Board of Missions and Church Extension of the North Carolina Conference prior to being named superintendent of the Durham District. He is a member of the national Commission on Promotion and Cultivation which sponsored the production of the documentary. He appears in a sequence of shots breaking ground for a new Methodist church. This segment of the film represents the nationwide interests of church extension espoused by the Methodists.

Filmed on location in many parts of the world, the color production takes its theme from a child's rendering of the story of the creation and tells of the work of the 13 World Service agencies of The Methodist Church in terms of people served throughout the world. World Service is the church's basic benevolence fund with a budget of $18 million per year. It was produced by the Television, Radio and Film Commission and showing time is 45 minutes.

A copy of the documentary will be made available to the Walton Memorial Audio-Visual Library at the Methodist Building in Raleigh for use in eastern North Carolina.

The story of the motion picture begins in the children's division of a church school. From there it reaches out to include episodes from many parts of the world. Home base, in which most Methodists are expected to recognize elements of their own church, is the Asbury Methodist Church in Wellman, Iowa.

"Although the story begins in a local church, it very soon becomes evident that this story of God's creative work cannot be confined to one town—or even one country," said the Rev. Dr. Elliot L. Fisher, general secretary of the Commission on Promotion and Cultivation.

"Having documented the far-ranging work of the 13 World Service agencies, the film concludes that the secret of World Service is not in the innumerable acts of good works. This may appear to be World Service, but before it is any of these things World Service must be an act of dedication and stewardship on the part of individual Christians."

Eastern North Carolina Methodists also learned of their denomination's quadrennial emphasis. They were told that each Methodist church will conduct a self-analysis using Bishop Roy H. Short's book, *One Witness in One World*, as the study guide. The 850 Methodist churches in Eastern North Carolina are expected to begin the self-analysis in early 1965 with the utilization of the study book during Lent of next year.

Dr. Holt Is Founders Day Speaker at Greensboro College

Greensboro College held its annual Founders and Benefactors Day Thursday, November 19 with the president of Scarritt College, Dr. D. D. Holt, as the main speaker. Dr. Holt, now of Nashville, lived in Greensboro when he was executive director of the Methodist College Foundation of North Carolina from 1952 to 1956. He became president of Scarritt College in 1960.



Dr. D. D. Holt

Founders Day began with a convocation in Odell auditorium at 10 a.m. when Dr. Holt gave his talk. Also on the program was GC President J. Ralph Jolly, Miss Sue Black of the Student Council, GC Chaplain Donald S. Stanton, and Miss Mary Brock, alumni secretary. A coffee hour was then held in the new faculty-staff lounge for invited guests and members of the faculty and administration. A luncheon for guests was held at noon.

This annual event was begun by the Greensboro College Board of Trustees in 1921. The purpose of the observance was described in a GC Bulletin that year which said in part:

"On Founders and Benefactors Day, students, alumni, faculty, trustees and friends of the college remind themselves of their debt of gratitude to those pioneering spirits who in 1828 chartered the college, and those faithful men and women who since those early days, in continuing succession, have kept alive the vision and have given themselves and their substance to the perpetuation and expansion of the pioneers' dream, making possible the Greensboro College of today and laying the foundation and giving assurance of a greater GC tomorrow."

Dr. Holt received his AB at Duke University, his BD at Wesley College, and his DD at the University of North Dakota. He has taught at Rutherford College and the Duke Divinity School. Following his work with the Methodist College Foundation, he became director of Financial Promotion for General Conference Commission on Christian Higher Education. He then became Scarritt College president.

Activities at North Carolina Wesleyan College

Professor Larry Bond preached on College Sunday at Edgerton Memorial Methodist Church, Selma, November 15.

Dr. Ed Seidel, professor of Psychology, addressed the Wilson Personnel Association in Wilson Tuesday, November 17.

Dr. Gordon Finnie, professor of History, read a paper at the Southern Historical Society in Little Rock, Arkansas November 14.

The M.S.M. sponsored an all-day vigil and Day of Thanksgiging Monday, November 23, ending with a 9:30 a.m. vesper service.

Professor Ralph James preached on College Sunday at Wake Forest Methodist Church where he had formerly worshipped as an undergraduate student.

Dean Jack Moore is supplying as minister of Whitaker's Methodist Church for the month of November. Professors James and Bond assisted in October.

Professor Gregory Hung, Economics professor at Wesleyan, spoke to the Methodist Men of First Methodist Church on the crisis in Viet Nam, his home country.

The North Carolina Conference of Colleges granted full accreditation to North Carolina Wesleyan College November 5, and accepted them into full membership in the conference of state colleges.

Victor Christ-Janer, distinguished architect, was the second Danforth-Lecturer at Wesleyan this year. On campus November 15-18, he spoke to students and guests on "Space and Theology" and "Architecture as an Art Form."

The Weslevan Players inaugurated use of the College Gymnasium with three productions of Agatha Christie's "Mousetrap." They played to full audiences each night, November 19-21. Dr. David Batcheller is professor of Theatre and Speech and director of the theatre.

President Thomas A. Collins preached at Pineview Methodist Church and Asbury Methodist Church, Lumberton Sunday, November 15, 1964. He will preach at First Methodist Church, Henderson, Ky. Sunday, November 29, in his way to the Southern Association of Colleges meeting in Louisville.

President Collins spoke to the Rocky Mount Lions Club as they presented two scholarships to Wesleyan students this past week. He addressed the Edenton Street Methodist Men's Fellowship Club of Raleigh on "The Appeal of Excellence." Earlier this month he addressed the joint meeting of Ayden and Havelock Men's Clubs in Ayden Methodist Church.


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Methodist Board of Publication In Quarterly Meeting Nov. 19

The Methodist Board of Publication, which produces the North Carolina CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE and operates the Piedmont Press, held its regular quarterly meeting last Thursday in the Fellowship Hall of West Market Street Methodist Church, Greensboro. Dr. Wilson O. Weldon, Board President, presided, and Rev. O. Kelly Ingram, secretary, kept the records.

Present for the meeting were not only the Board members, but also invited guests. Included in this number were Bishop Paul N. Garber and Bishop Earl G. Hunt, and the District Superintendents of each of the two conferences, From the North Carolina Conference were Rev. T. B. Hough, of the Burlington District; Rev. O. L. Hathaway, of Durham; Rev. N. W. Grant, of Raleigh; Rev. Barney L. Davidson, of Fayetteville; Rev. Clyde Boggs, of Wilmington; Rev. M. W. Lawrence, of Goldsboro; Rev. W. R. Stevens, of Greenville; Rev. R. Grady Dawson, of New Bern; and Rev. R. L. Jerome, of Elizabeth City.

From Western North Carolina Conference were Rev. A. Glenn Lackey, of Charlotte; Rev. Cecil L. Heckard, of Gastonia; Rev. J. G. Winkler, of Greensboro; Rev. Ralph H. Taylor, of High Point; Rev. J. C. Stokes, of Salisbury; Rev. C. G. Hefner, of Statesville; Rev. R. H. Nicholson, of Thomasville; and Rev. Frank B. Jordan, of Winston-Salem. Several of the District Superintendents were unable to be present.

Present also were Rev. Charles D. White, secretary of the Western North Carolina Conference, and Rev. W. C. Wilson, secretary of the North Carolina Conference.

Both Bishop Garber and Bishop Hunt, along with others, were enthusiastic in their support of the North Carolina CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE as a conference organ rendering a worthwhile service to the churches and the people. A motion was passed to press the matter of new subscriptions in every district to a minimum of at least 1000. One of the Bishops said it should go to 35,000 or 40,000 in the two conferences. The month of January is "North Carolina CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE Month," and Sunday January 24 has been designated as "North Carolina CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE Sunday."

Reports show the ADVOCATE to be a self-supporting publication through operation of the Piedmont Press, and the paper is held in high esteem by ministers and laymen, both within the state and beyond the conference bounds.

Dr. Walt Holcomb, 86, Keeps Busy

Dr. Walt Holcomb, of Atlanta, Ga., is scheduled to hold a one-day renewal revival at Government Street Methodist Church, Mobile, Alabama, November 29. Dr. J. T. Illisor, the pastor, is making extensive preparation for this special One-Day Mission on Evangelism. Dr. Holcomb recently returned to Richmond, Va., where he started his evangelistic work seventy years ago. At Cartersville, Ga., home of Sam Jones, Dr. Holcomb preached a sermon on "My Last Look at Sam Jones" in Sam Jones Memorial Methodist Church, on 117 anniversary of the birth of Sam Jones and 58th Anniversary of his death.



Wesley Memorial, Wilmington To Observe 50th Anniversary

On December 6, 1964, Wesley Memorial Methodist Church will observe its 50th Anniversary. Special services are planned, and the second pastor of the church, Rev. J. H. Miller, Sr., a retired member of the North Carolina Annual Conference will deliver the Anniversary Sermon. Special music will be provided by the choir, under the direction of Mrs. James Murdock, with Mrs. Ronald Hailey, organist.

Wesley Memorial Church had its beginning in the fall of 1914 when a small group of Methodists met at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. F. King on the Wrightsville Turnpike Road, Winter Park, a suburb of Wilmington. At the Annual Conference of 1914, Rev. G. Milton Daniel was sent as pastor of the church, which was put on the Seagate Circuit. The church was organized on December 6, 1914, and there were 25 persons present. The Sunday School was organized on December 27, 1914, with Mr. Lewis Williams elected as superintendent.

The church has been in three building programs, the first being the original sanctuary, which was completed in 1916, under the leadership of Rev. J. H. Miller, Sr. The second unit, the education building, was built in 1939 under the leadership of Rev. O. L. Hathaway, now superintendent of the Durham District. The present sanctuary and education building was completed in 1957 during the pastorate of Rev. J. T. Maides, now pastor of Trinity Methodist Church in Jacksonville.

The church has grown from the original 22 members to a present membership of 750, and has continued to keep pace with the rapid growth of the Winter Park Area. Many people have had a part in the work that has been done through this church during the past years. Mrs. W. F. King, in whose home the original group met is still active in the church, and Mrs. W. P. Farrar, who became pianist and organist in the church shortly after its beginning, served for more than 43 years before her retirement in 1961.

The Woman's Society of Christian Service, which began as the Ladies' Aid in 1915 and became the Missionary Society in 1918 has rendered invaluable service through the years. The Church School has grown from its small beginning to a membership of more than 600, with an average attendance during this Conference Year of 346. An extensive Scouting Program is sponsored by the church, which includes all ages of Boy and Girl Scouts. A week-day kindergarten for five-year olds has an enrollment of 35. On Sunday evening the church offers a full program for the Junior and Senior Hi Youth. A very active Men's Club continually works to provide better building facilities.

Haywood County Ministers Hear Of Work of Rev. Jack Smith

Clergymen of the Haywood County area of the Waynesville District heard about the work of the Rev. Jack Courtney Smith during an October 26 gathering at the parsonage home of the Rev. and Mrs. James Bellamy, Long's Chapel Methodist Church, near Lake Junaluska.

Dr. Mark Q. Tuttle led in the blessing for the 7:30 a.m. meeting which took place around the breakfast table.

About 30 attended the event as the Rev. Mr. Smith told about his work at Kahuku on the island of Oahu, and showed slides. His congregation of about 100 members includes those of Japanese, Filipino, Korean and Caucasion background.

Through funds given by the congregation on Oahu, through a gift from the National Division of the Board of Missions, and friends and churches in the Western North Carolina Conference, a new sanctuary and Christian education unit have been built.

The Rev. Mr. Smith is a native of Caldwell County, received his A.B. degree from Catawba College in 1953 and took seminary training at Duke Divinity School, receiving his B.D. degree in 1957.

For four years prior to going to Hawaii, the Rev. Mr. Smith was pastor of Cold Springs Methodist Church near Concord, and also served the Pfeiffer Methodist Circuit near Misenheimer.

Raleigh District Meeting On Christian Higher Education

Ministers and laymen from the Raleigh District of The Methodist Church met at Louisburg College, recently to discuss Christian Higher Education with particular reference to the three colleges in the Raleigh area—Methodist College, Fayetteville; North Carolina Wesleyan, Rocky Mount; and Louisburg College, Louisburg.

Over 250 were present at the meeting which was presided over by Rev. N. W. Grant, superintendent of the Raleigh District. Invocation was given by Rev. P. H. Layfield, Jr. of Zebulon.

Representing the conference laymen on the program was Walter Anderson, of Raleigh, who urged Methodists to pay pledges made in 1962 to the colleges. Reiterating words spoken by Bishop Garber, he said, "When we know, we care, when we care, we share."

Dr. Cecil W. Robbins, president of Louisburg College, introduced Louisburg College Trustees present, as follows: Bishop Paul N. Garber, Rev. J. W. Lineberger, Dr. John T. Lloyd, Rev. Troy Barrett, John H. Hodges, Judge Hamilton Hobgood, Dr. C. P. Morris, and William D. Payne, Dr. Robbins then presented the Louisburg Chapel Choir who sang, "None Other Lamb" and "How Excellent Is Thy Name."

James Auman, executive director of the Association of Methodist Colleges, presented an up-to-date report of the Raleigh District of the College Crusade, indicating that of the $323,472.00 pledged, $198,005.21 had been paid by some sixty congregations.

Bishop Garber was introduced by Mr. Grant. The Bishop stated, "I am so proud of what we have been able to do here in our conference. First, I want to thank you for what has been done for our three colleges. I want to thank those people who are willing to undergird Methodist Higher Education in Eastern North Carolina. Secondly, we want to give our people information. We have three marvelous colleges with excellent faculties as a result of our stewardship. Today, our three colleges have over 1,800 students enrolled." Bishop Garber continued, "Higher Education and Evangelism have gone hand in hand from the beginning of Methodism. We must keep the tradition of the past by maintaining church-related schools. If the students are to have a choice between church-related and state schools, then Methodists must support our church schools. We must live up to our pledges. We must do our part before we can expect help from other sources."

'Eternal Light' Offers 'Tribute To John Fitzgerald Kennedy'

"A Tribute to John Fitzgerald Kennedy," written by Virginia Mazer, was presented by "Eternal Light" on NBC Radio Sunday, November 22, 12:30 p.m. EST, in observance of the first anniversary of his death. The program dramatized the reaction of the world to the assassination, and included excerpts from the President's speeches and poetry and essays written in tribute to him.

"Eternal Light, an NBC Public Affairs presentation, is produced in cooperation with the Jewish Theological Seminary of America.



The New Fayetteville District Parsonage

Open House Held at New Fayetteville District Parsonage

More than 300 Methodists of the Fayetteville District visited their new district parsonage at 1911 Raeford Road during an open house November 8.

The district superintendent, the Rev. Barney L. Davidson and Mrs. Davidson, were hosts for the occasion.

Mrs. Faye Dawson, chairman of the District Parsonage Committee, received, along with her husband, at the foyer door. Mrs. D. R. Allen, a member of the committee, introduced the guests to the district superintendent and his wife. Another member of the committee, Mrs. W. L. Hunter, assisted by directing the guests from the receiving line to other portions of the lovely home. Those in the receiving line in addition to the district superintendent and wife were Mrs. M. C. Dunn, the late (and former) district superintendent's wife: Mrs. John Hensdale, chairman of the district board of trustees, and Mrs. Hensdale; Mr. Robert Hair, chairman of the building committee, and Mrs. Haire; Mr. Bob Allen, district lay leader, and Mrs. Allen.

Ministers' wives of the Feyetteville area, under the direction of Mrs. Amos Stone, were in charge of serving refreshments. Other ministers and wives representing subdistrict areas were: Rev. and Mrs. Paul Browning, Rev. and Mrs. Wallace Kirby, and Rev. Lee Moser.

Dr. and Mrs. C. D. Barclift presided in the district office. Dr. Barclift, a former district superintendent of many years, explained the functions of the office. The Rev. and Mrs. T. R. Jenkins registered guests in the secretary's office and bid them farewell as they departed the parsonage. Dr. and Mrs. Clarence Olive directed guests from the family room to the dining room where refreshments were served.

This lovely parsonage, situated on a large wooded lot, has in the office wing the office of the district superintendent, the secretary's office and a bathroom. In the house proper are three bedrooms and two baths downstairs and a bedroom and bath upstairs.



The Davidsons pause for a moment beyond the elegant archway leading from the foyer in the spacious living room.

The first floor also contains separate living and dining rooms, a kitchen and breakfast room and a large family room with a back porch adjoining. There is also a carport off the office wing.

The parsonage is of colonial style and was built of old brick taken from some of the historic Green Street section homes of Fayetteville. The District Parsonage Building Committee included: Mr. Robert Haire, chairman; Mr. John Hensdale, Dr. C. D. Barclift, and Dr. Clarence Olive. Gordon L. Peebles of Fayetteville was the architect.

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By Mary Gardner

The Picture Alberto Likes Best

"Now you will get well," said mother, as she walked away from the clinic with Alberto. "Soon you will be quite strong; the doctor says so."

"Soon I shall be strong," echoed Alberto, happily. "Then I will work hard to help earn money; then, my 'mamacita,' you need not work so hard, for I shall be so strong and so big."

Mother smiled down at the eager little boy, whose brown eyes were shining in his pale face.

"You must be careful to do just as the good doctor at the clinic directs," she reminded him. "You must sleep the long times; you must drink the milk; you must . . ." Mother stopped and looked anxious.

"Are you going to say I must wear the brace?" asked Alberto. "I do not like the brace. It is heavy and stiff. But the doctor is so kind, I shall not mind if he says I must wear it. Why is he so kind, Mother?"

"He has a loving heart," answered mother. "He is like the dear Jesus; he works to make the sad happy, and the sick people well."

"I will do whatever he tells me, if it will make me well," promised Alberto, earnestly.

So day after day, Alberto went to the clinic for the help the doctor could give him. Day after day he wore the heavy brace that gave his tired back strength. Even when the pain was hardest to bear, he was able to look at the doctor with a smile, or to talk of the time when he would be quite well and strong.

Often when Alberto went to the clinic, he had to wait while the doctor cared for other people, and the little boy had many questions to ask the people whom he saw coming to the doctor, like him, to be made well.

Some of these people were boys of his own age. One had a twisted foot, and another had a dreadful ear ache. One little girl had fallen and broken her arm. An old man hobbled on a crutch, and a grandmother came with a bandage over her sore eye. Mothers with little babies in their arms came, also, to have the doctor tell them what to do for their sick ones. Alberto watched them all, and thought it a wonderful thing that the nurses and the doctor could help make so many sick people well.

But better than the clinic Alberto loved the Sunday school where Miss Kay told such delightful stories. Miss Kay had charge of all the work at the Plaza Center, where the clinic was held; besides, she was mother's best friend, so mother said. She knew how to tell the kind of stories boys like Alberto loved—stories of the lad David; and of the boy Joseph, who grew to be a great leader; stories of Daniel and Saul, and many others. He was never tired of looking at the pictures of Jesus busy at his work of helping.

One day Miss Kay showed him a picture of Jesus healing the sick. "It's just like our clinic!" cried Alberto. "See, Miss Kay! This lame man might be old Manuel and this mother with the baby might be Mama Gonzales. This little boy who does not stand very straight might be me, and I am sure, oh, I'm very sure, Miss Kay, that our doctor looks just like Jesus sometimes!"

And, so, when the other children chose a picture of the baby Jesus as the one they loved best, Alberto said not a word. But he thought many times of the sick people crowding about Jesus in the picture, and in his own mind, he began to call it the "Jesus Clinic."

One day as Alberto was leaving the doctor's office, Miss Kay passed. She stopped to ask Alebrto about himself.

"I'm getting better," announced Alberto. "I am going to school next week."

"Splendid, Alberto!" cried Miss Kay. "I am so glad the doctor has helped you get well."

"He is so kind a doctor," explained Alberto, "that I have not been afraid to do the hard things he asks."

School was a delightful place, almost as good as Sunday school. There were stories and songs and games. There were easy lessons to learn. There were things to make—toys and many pretty articles. Alberto's fingers were quick to learn, and he loved to use them in weaving or coloring or cutting. One day he found a new way to say "thank you!" to the doctor.

The teacher gave pupils a bit of cardboard and showed how to cover it to make a picture frame.

"Please give me the red rafia," begged Alberto. "That is the most beautiful color."

Stitch after stitch he made, smoothing and placing it carefully with his finger, then he braided it a pretty finish for the edge.

"What picture are you going to put in your frame, Alberto?" asked the teacher.

"I shall ask Miss Kay to give me one," said Alberto.

The next morning, Miss Kay, looking up from her writing at the sound of small feet on the floor, saw Alberto standing before her desk.

"Please, Miss Kay," he asked, "will you give me a picture of the Jesus Clinic? See, I will pay you," and, opening his fist, Alberto showed a cent he had shaken from his bank.

"The Jesus Clinic," said Miss Kay. "But I do not understand."

"Why, Miss Kay!" exclaimed Alberto. "The one where Manuel and Mama Gonzales and my mama, with me, are all going to Jesus to be made well! Don't you remember? It is like our clinic, only out of doors."

Miss Kay opened the box of picture cards and Alberto began the search. Suddenly his quick eyes fell on the one he was looking for.

"See Miss Kay!" he cried. "Here it is! The Jesus Clinic the picture I like best of all." As he fitted the picture into the red rafia frame, he said, "This is a present for the kind doctor who is making me well." — Jean Hutton.

Where Is God?

In the sun, the moon, the sky,
On the mountains, wild and high,
In the thunder, in the rain,
In the vale, the wood, the plain,
In the little birds that sing,
God is seen in everything.
—*Author Unknown.*

Bible Quiz

1. In the Christmas carol, who were meant by "Three Kings of Orient?"
2. What heathen king of Babylon went mad?
3. What king committed suicide after a seven-day reign, by setting his palace on fre and dying in it?
4. Which king had the longest reign?
5. Who is "the King of Kings?"

Answers to Last Week's Questions

1. Saul (1 Samuel 10:24)
2. Solomon (1 Kings 3:9, 12)
3. Ioash (2 Chronicles 22:11, 12)
4. Herod (Matthew 14:6)
5. Abijah, Asa, Ahaziah, Athaliath, Amazih, Ahaz, Amon.

Just For Fun

The teacher asked her third grade, "What's the difference between caution and cowardice?"

Little Johnny pondered a bit and came up with this logic, "Caution is when you're afraid, and cowardice is when the other fellow is afraid."

Woman's Activities

Lerena Kelly Back in the Congo

Mrs. John C. Wright

Miss Lorena Kelly, missionary to Africa since 1935, is back on duty in the Congo, according to word received this month. Miss Kelly has been at home on furlough for the past several months.

She writes to Mrs. Leslie Barnhardt, president of the Woman's Society of the Western North Carolina Conference, with a feeling of deep concern, saying, "Please give the women my greetings and ask them to continue to pray for the Congo and its suffering people."

Miss Kelly is at Institut Springer, Mulungwishi, Katanga, Congo. She says, "Mulungwishi is located in the mountains which furnish all of us constant beauty from all sides. The climate here is much cooler than in Central Congo. On top of our highest hill on the station lies the ashes of Bishop Springer who discovered this vast tract of land on which the station is built, and it is for him the station has been named."

Bishop Springer died about a year ago and his ashes were brought from the United States to his beloved mission field for burial.

Miss Kelly tells of the Methodist missionaries who were held by the Communists in an uprising, "the five missionaries of our conference who were held by the Communist rebels at Wembo Nyama have succeeded in getting out. I saw some of them at Kitwe in Zambia last week, they seem to be in good health."

Two of the five prisoners were doctors. "They were not held against their will," says Miss Kelly, "They chose to stay; but the others were forced to remain."

Wesleyan Service Guild Christmas Project

The Guilders of the Western North Carolina Conference are trying in every way to have a Lit-Lit Christmas Tree all covered with beautiful green currency, says Mrs. Robert Ayers, Conference secretary.

All of the gifts on the tree will go to World Christian Literacy and Literature Program, called "The Lit-Lit" program.

Mrs. Ralph Ward, missionary to Taiwan and Hong Kong, tells of the Lit-Lit work in the November issue of the *Guild-O-Gram*. She says, "Taiwan's problem among the refugees from mainland China whom we seek to serve, is not one of illiteracy, but one of having literature to read. Many of these refugees were leaders on the mainland; they, like us, need Christian literature that spiritual values may be enriched.

"The first publication under the auspices of our Methodist Church, for use of displaced Chinese in both Taiwan and Hong Kong, was a Chinese translation of the *Upper Room*. The need for other translations and the need for new, creative writing in the Chinese language is paramount.

"Miss Doris Hess, litertature consultant for the Board of Missions, visited Taiwan three years ago for a preliminary workshop in this field. Her work was sponsored by Lit-Lit. Again this spring, 1964, she revisited Taiwan, and under her direction a Christian Writers group was organized. This is interdenominational, as it should be. The hope is that new material to help the churches in Taiwan will be written by this group.

"Payment to these writers, whose livelihood depends upon their writing, production of the newly created literature, and perhaps distribution costs will be primarily financed by Lit-Lit. Our Church constituents in both Taiwan and Hong Kong are grateful for the material for their Christian understanding and growth."

Methodist Convocation on "Christianity Confronts Communism"

Three hundred Methodist women were among the 1,000 Methodists who gathered at High Point College on November 10th for a seminar on facing the facts about Communism.

Every Methodist woman should study the summary of the conference given by Bishop Earl G. Hunt of Charlotte. During the closing minutes of the program, he said that there are five things that we, as Christians, can do:

1. We must face the fact that the eternal dialectomy between Christianity and Communism does exist in economics, religion and everything. No Christian can be a Communist if he knows what a Communist is.

2. We can try to learn and teach the true nature of Communism. Clear distinctions must be made.

3. Determine that we will not employ Communist weaponry to combat Communism. We must know that it is NOT unintelligent to be patriotic.

4. We must recover our sense of responsibility in the making of a Christian life on this planet.

5. We MUST renew the vitality of our Church. The Christian Church will make the deepest impression and will strengthen the moral character of our people, deeping our faith and our love and compassion.

(These are important recommendations. Christian women should study them, pray about them and DO what they say.)

N. C. Conference

Mrs. H. W. Doub

As the Woman's Division faces the changing conditions of the new quadrennium and in order to work more closely with the Board of Missions of our Methodist Church, it has wisely chosen a group of competent and dedicated women to direct the work for the next four years.

To succeed Mrs. J. Fount Tillman as president is Mrs. Glenn E. Laskey, of Ruston, Louisianna, who was elected at the reorganization meeting in Chicago, Illinois on September 14, 1964. Mrs. Laskey comes to this office well qualified by a vast experience as a leader and will bring to it great dignity and charm.

For the past four years, Mrs. Laskey served as president of the Woman's Section of Education and Cultivation and at present is chairman of the 25th Anniversary Committee. Elected to the board in 1956, she has been a member of the Department of Work in Foreign Fields and the Division of World Missions. In the Woman's Division she has been chairman of the Investments Committee and the Committee on Finance and numerous other committees.

Mrs. Laskey is a former jurisdiction and conference recording secretary and conference president and is prominent in all phases of her local church and community.

Mrs. Alvin B. Pfeiffer, of Aurora, Illinois, as vice president, has served on both the National and World Divisions and has been a delegate to two General and four Jurisdictional Conferences, and has held many responsible positions.

Mrs. G. Albin Dahlquist, of Warwick, Rhode Island, is vice president and chairman of the Section of Christian Social Relations. Elected to the board in 1956, she has served on the Executive Committee of the Woman's Division and chairman of Publication Committee. She is most active in conference and jurisdiction work.

Mrs. Harold M. Baker, of Toledo, Ohio served as chairman of the Committee on Finance since 1962 and was elected vice president and chairman of the Section on Finance. She has held many responsibilities and is a member of the Interboard Council of the Ohio Conference and Conference Interjurisdictional Committee.

Mrs. J. Russell Henderson, of Little Rock, Arkansas, was elected vice president and chairman of the Section of Program and Education for Christian Mission. She was elected to the board in 1956 and is a member of the General Assembly and the General Board of the National Council of Churches. She is active in state and local UN groups.

Mrs. Walter A. Eichinger, of Seattle, Washington, was reelected recording secretary of the Woman's Division, which position she has held since 1960. She has served on many board and division committees and is a member of the Faculty Wives of the University of Washington.

For the first time the board's administration will be directed by one general secretary, Mrs. Porter Brown, formerly associate general secretary of the Woman's Division. She was the first woman to fill this position which was created in 1960. Mrs. Brown now is the first woman to head a national board agency in The Methodist Church and one of few such women in Protestantism.

Miss Dorothy McConnell, former editor of *World Outlook*, succeeds Mrs. Brown as associate general secretary of the Woman's Division. Miss McConnell is well known as a very able writer and speaker and will administer the program of the Woman's Division which includes the Section of Christian

Social Relations, and the Section of Program and Education for Christian Missions.

Those serving on the Board of Missions from the Southeastern Jurisdiction are as follows:

Mrs. H. E. Arterburn, president Louisville Conference; Miss Clarice Bowman, professor Christian Education, Bangor Theological Seminary, Bangor, Maine; Dr. Louise Branscomb, Birmingham, Alabama, Woman's Division Wesleyan Service Guild, 1956-64; Mrs. Frank A. Calhoun, secretary Missionary Education, Southeastern Jurisdiction, Shelbyville, Tenn.; Mrs. Niles C. Clark, Waterloo, S. C., Member Woman's Division, 1960-64; Mrs. Edgar L. Glossbrenner, Richmond, Va., president Southeastern Jurisdiction, Member at Large, 1961-64; Mrs. Charles M. Henderson, Memphis, Tenn., member Woman's Division, 1960-64; Mrs. Carl H. King, Statesville, Western North Carolina Conference; Mrs. Charles F. Ratcliff, Mobile, Ala., member Woman's Division, 1960-64; Mrs. Arthur H. Styron, Atlanta, Ga., president North Georgia Conference; Mrs. H. O. Troy, Morristown, Tenn., Holston Conference; Mrs. H. V. Weems, Sebring, Fla., member Woman's Division, 1960-64; Mrs. J. W. Wiltshire, Jr., Lynchburg, Va., Virginia Conference.

Seminar and Junior High of Waynesville District Meet

Senior and junior high youth came together at Cullowhee November 1 for a Waynesville Methodist District Rally on the Western Carolina College campus.

This was one of two rallies planned by Waynesville District members of the Conference Youth Council following the annual planning session at Pfeiffer College in August.

The 3-6 p.m. session featured a plan by students of the Wesley Foundation at the college, followed by a discussion led by the students in the play. Officers of the Junior High Subdistrict of Haywood County were in charge of worship.

Attending the meeting were junior and senior high youth from Methodist churches of the Waynesville District, as well as the clergy, counselors and visitors. Purpose of the rally was "to help the young people face their religious and everyday problems with more hope and faith in God."

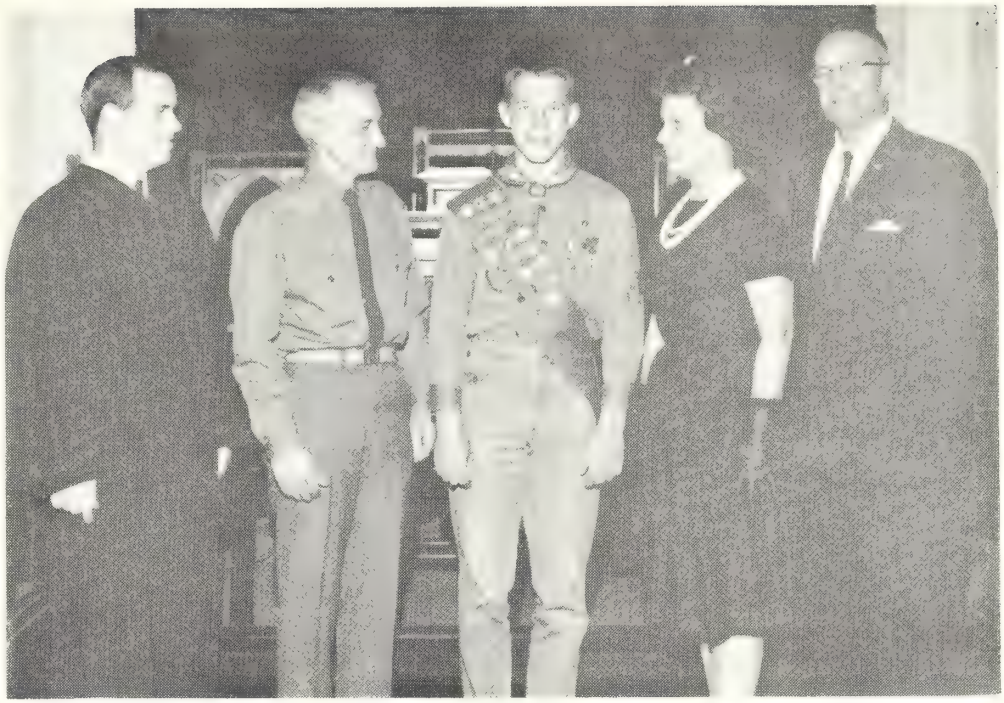
Begins Eighth Year As Teacher Of Peacock Bible Class

Dr. Herbert Peterson began his eighth year of teaching the Peacock Bible Class at Wesley Momorial Methodist Church on Sunday, November 15th.

Dr. Peterson is a professor in the Education and Psychology Department at High Point College. His Bible Class lectures have been carried over WHPE radio for the same period of time.

The Peacock Bible Class has 150 pupils enrolled with an average attendance of 90. The pupils ages run from 50 to 90 years.

"I've been tempted to resign in times of stress," exclaimed Dr. Peterson, "but as some of the problems are viewed in the light of a new I recant, because it is a wonderful and fullfilling experience."



Gordon Brown, Senior Patrol Leader of Efland Scout Troop 450, was awarded the rank of Eagle Scout during the services at the Efland Methodist Church on Sunday. Scoutmaster Brodie Tuck made the presentation. Gordon is the fourteen-year old son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles A. Brown of Efland. Last March, Gordon received the God and Country Award. Left to right are: Rev. Robert L. Wallace, Scoutmaster Brodie Tuck, Gordon Brown, Mr. and Mrs. Charles A. Brown.

Gastonia District Ministers Wives Portray Styles

MRS. ROY GRANT, *Secretary*

"The preacher's wife's gone in for style" was the theme of the November meeting of the Gastonia District ministers' wives. Held at St. John's Church in Gastonia, the gathering had as its chief feature a fashion show with wives modeling dresses and ensembles by a leading Gastonia apparel shop. The ministers of the district were an appreciative group of guests.

The show began with a portrayal of "Then and Now," a clever depicting of how the wife dressed a quarter of a century ago, modeled by Mrs. C. C. Herbert, Jr., contrasted with the costume of today, worn by Mrs. Cecil Heckard. Outfits 75 to 100 years old then were modeled by Mesdames Cecil Heckard, Clyde Murray, Leon Stubbs, and W. H. Pheagin, Jr.

Then the following song, led by Mrs. C. C. Herbert, Jr., president of the group, was used to introduce the Fashion show:

OH, DEAR, WHAT WILL THE CHURCH FOLK SAY?
(Tune: "Oh, Dear, What Can the Matter Be?")

Refrain:
Oh, dear, what will the church folk say?
Oh, dear, what will the church folk say?
Dear, dear, what will the church folk say?—
Preacher's wife's gone in for style!

1. It used to be thought that she ought to look dowdy,
To look somewhat stylish would have been thought rowdy!
But eyes of men sparkle now when they say, "Howdy!"
Preacher's wife's gone in for style!
Refrain:

2. Religion was thought of as quite unattractive,
But members have now become eager and active,
Since they have a leader that's now so attractive—
Preacher's wife's gone in for style!
Refrain:

3. The job of the church is to try to save sinners,
With preaching and praying and singing and dinners,
A chic parson's wife helps us all to be winners—
Preacher's wife's gone in for style!
Refrain:

Lovely Fall and Winter fastions were modeled by Mesdames R. L. Eubanks, Austin Hamilton, Robin Hurley, Edgar Price and George Thompson. Each of the models also exhibited original hair stylings provided by one of Gastonia's most exclusive beauty salons. The show was narrated by Mrs. Aaron Moss, vice president of the wives, and musical background was furnished by Mrs. W. H. Pheagin, Jr.

Each wife present was given a corsage, made by Mrs. Aaron Moss, and perfume, supplied by the apparel shop which provided the fashions. Two door prizes were also given by the same shop.

Everyone felt that the meeting was one of the highlights of the social activities of the year. Adding to the fun were the comments by the minister-husbands, as to whether their wives would be spoiled by the luxurious fashions they had modeled and viewed. Beneath the gaity was the renewed feeling that the more attractive a Christian is the more effective will be his or her witness.

Rowland Charge Dedicates New Modern Parsonage

Sunday, November 22, was a memorable day for the minister and laymen of the Rowland Methodist Charge in the Fayetteville district. The new parsonage was dedicated. At the 11 o'clock worship service in the Rowland Church the district superintendent, the Rev. Barney Davidson, brought the morning message and led the congregation in the dedicatory rites for the parsonage. He was assisted by the minister, the Rev. Frank D. Salmon. Former district superintendents, ministers, members, and the public were cordially invited to attend this service.

In March 1962 the Rev. Clyde S. Boggs, district superintendent of the Wilmington district, presided at the Quarterly Conference of the Rowland Charge, composed of Centenary, Purvis, and Rowland churches (the Rowland Charge was changed from the Wilmington district to the Fayetteville district this year). This meeting was held in the Rowland Church, and a Building Committee for the new parsonage was appointed as follows: W. Z. Pate, chairman; Mrs. James G. Ward, Sr., B. O. Burns, Mrs. A. E. Ward, H. K. Crawford, Miss Sarah Frances Barker, G. C. Wilson, Sr., Leon Ammons, Lindsay Norment, F. E. Holcomb (deceased), and Frank D. Salmon, minister.

The committee met with the architect, Ballard, McKim and Savage of Wilmington, to plan the new building. The old parsonage was sold for $500.00 and razed to make room for the new one. In June 1962 the H. S. Lewis and Sons, Inc. of Fairmont, contractors, began construction on the new parsonage.

At the time of the first planning, no funds were on hand, but between June 1962 and November 1962 when the minister and his family moved into the new parsonage, the amount of $18,000.00 was donated by gifts and memorials. A $10,000.00 loan was secured from the Bank of Rowland, and from November 1962 through September 1964 this amount was paid in full, clearing the property of all indebtedness.

Memorials were given in honor of Rev. W. L. Loy, Mrs. J. H. McArn, W. T. Bullock, J. A. Barrow, M. E. Stanton, Mrs. H. King, Miss Dora Thompson, Mrs. R. F. Graham, J. A. Long, III, Mrs. P. H. Adams, J. B. Ward, F. E. Holcomb, Mrs. C. T. Pate, Mrs. W. L. Price, and Kenneth H. Bridgers.

The Rev. Frank D. Salmon is serving his fourth year in the Rowland Charge. During the building of the parsonage, he and his family resided in the John Crawford home in Cotton Valley. It was also during the building that Mr. Salmon suffered a heart attack and was in the hospital for many weeks so he was unable to take an active part in overseeing the building of the new parsonage.



Building Committee: left to right, front row—Mrs. James G. Ward, Sr., Mrs. A. E Ward, Miss Sarah Frances Barker, Leon Ammons, Frank D. Salmon, minister. Back row—W. Z. Pate, chairman; B. O. Burns, H. K. Crawford, G. C Wilson, Lindsay Norment, F. E. Holcomb (deceased not in picture).

The spacious parsonage, colonial in design, is adjacent to the church on East Church Street. Around $30,000.00 was the total cost for the building and landscaping. The Circles bought the carpet for the living room, dining room, and hall. They bought the material and made the draperies for the entire house, and had the furniture refinished and upholstered. The men of the church gave of their time and material for drainage tile for the yard and had it landscaped.

The parsonage contains 2733 square feet of floor space, which consists of living room, dining room, kitchen, laundry room, three bedrooms, two complete baths, family room or den, carport, and pastor's study. It is heated with forced air.

The members of the Rowland Charge have given unstintingly of their time and money for this united cause, and are to be commended for their efforts. Members of other congregations have contributed also toward making this a beautiful house of which the whole community is proud.



Praise the Lord With Us

The Bethesda Methodist Church, on the Aquadale Road, Albemarle, wishes to express their praise to God for what He has wrought through the past few months through their church. Much progress has been made since annual conference.

The MYF has been reorganized and a mid-week prayer service is carried out effectively each week. In addition to this, the Rev. C. G. Mitchum, of Monroe, was the guest speaker in the annual revival which was very successful. Souls were saved and many rededicated their lives to the service of the Lord.

The two-year old building was also dedicated wholly to the service of the Lord on Sunday, September 20, 1964.

Lastly, the church membership has accepted a Sunday evening worship service each week that they might serve and worship God more effectivelv.

Therefore, we, the membership and pastor, are looking for God's blessings to continue and hope you will praise God with with us. Burvin L. Baucom is the pastor.

The public has an invitation to come out and worship God with us.

Sunday School Lesson

FOR DECEMBER 6

BY RAYMOND A. SMITH
Head, Department of Religious Education
Greensboro College

RIGHTEOUS LIVING

Background Scripture: Titus 1:10 through 2:10; 3:13, 8-15.

Lesson Scripture: Titus 1:10-12, 15 through 2:10.

This is the last lesson in the Pastoral Epistles. Next Sunday we shall be studying the letter of Philemon.

Our Scripture references are from Titus and deal with the situation in the Christian church on the island of Crete. The Cretans had a bad reputation, as we find not only from the reference to them in Titus 1:12, but also from other sources outside the New Testament. To put the matter in modern terms: "It was a very difficult field in which to labor." We have no record of who first started the Christian movement on Crete. However in Acts 2:11 we are told there were Cretans in Jerusalem on the day of Pentecost, along with people from many sections of the Mediterranian world.

There is a problem of dignity in the Cretan church. It is caused by two different elements. One of these is the "circumcision party," made up of Jews who cannot seem to believe that they are not still under the law. It is not difficult to see why they felt this way. Religious education in most Jewish homes was more thorough than could be found anywhere in the ancient world. For people who had been trained to obey and respect the law and its requirements, it was hard to change. About good people who find it hard to change their ideas, the late Dr. Roy L. Smith has written: "No one can estimate the damage that has been done to the cause of Christ by honest people who have been unable to change their viewpoints." It would not be difficult to find plenty of examples in our life today. Can the members of your class think of any of these?

The other party that was causing trouble in the Cretan church was a group who, while professing to know God, "deny him by their deeds. "We are told (see verse 15) *"even their mind and conscience is defiled."* This statement recalls the words of Jesus in Matthew 7:22-23: "The eye is the lamp of the body. So, if your eye is sound, your body will be full of light; but if your eye is not sound, your whole body will be full of darkness. If then the *light* in you is *darkness*, how great is the darkness!" Both these Scripture references seem to be saying: "If what you are using as the very *guide* for your life is wrong, how very wrong you are! As for those who "deny by their deeds," the Church is full of them. Someone has made the distinction between the "theoretical" and the "practical" atheist. The theoretical atheist claims he can't find any reason for believing in God, while the practical atheist, though not denying belief in God, lives as if there were no God.

The rest of our Scripture has to do with teaching "sound doctrine." It is a doctrine concerning the good life that is addressed here to five different groups within the church. These virtues do not belong in the class that we might call "heroic" acts. They are similar to what was widely known in the ancient Roman world as "a table of household duties." While we might even go so far as to call these "commonplace virtues," yet they represent a type of life far above that of the average citizen of Crete. If the people in the church were to command the respect of outsiders they ought to be at least as good as outsiders! if not actually much better.

When we look a little closer at the list of virtues recommended for each of the five groups: older men, older women, young men, young women and household servants we may see that actually these recommendations are quite appropriate. However, what shall we do about the direction to slaves? Can those who believe in and practice slave-owning point to this verse as the Bible's endorsement of something the civilized world has long ago outlawed? We shall discuss this more fully in the lesson on Philemon. Here we may make three observations: (1) Slavery was eventually undermined by the influence of the gospel, (2) there are Christians today behind the iron curtain whose problem is not unlike that of slaves in the early church, and (3) a Christian will make his witness *anywhere*, no matter what the economic or political conditions may be.

Grateful For God's Gift

With grateful heart my voice I raise
To sing my Great Redeemer's praise.
His ever perfect love transcends
All other loves, even home and friends.

Good Shepherd He his life did give
That his dear sheep die not, but live.
Good Shepherd now He is to all
That on his matchless Name do call.

Great Shepherd He protects and guides
And for our daily needs provides.
No fear can haunt me day nor night
For He's my strength. He IS my Light.

Chief Shepherd He will come again
Rewarding those who have faithful been.
Our imperfect bodies He will perfect and bring
Into his kingdom for He's the Great King.

Fully redeemed—body, spirit, and soul —
Into God's presence we'll be made whole.
With loved ones we will rejoice evermore
In heaven with Christ whom we adore!

God's wonderful love and matchless grace
Merits highest praise from every race.
All glory and honor and thanksgiving be
To the Father and Son eternally!
Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

—LENA HAMMER THACKER

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Retired Bishop Edwin E. Voigt has assumed his duties as president of McKendree College at Lebanon, Ill., succeeding Dr. Max P. Allen. Bishop Voigt, formerly leader of the Illinois Area, retired in July at the North Central Jurisdictional Conference. Prior to his election to the episcopacy in 1952 the new McKendree president was president of Methodist-related Simpson College in Iowa.

Mt. Olive MYF Holds Planning Retreat

The Senior High MYF spent the weekend of November 13-14 at Wrightsville Beach for its annual planning retreat. Thirteen Senior High members and five adults were in attendance. Plans were made for the year for programs and projects of interest to all MYF members, following an evaluation of the program for the past year. Plans include promotion of conference-wide events, as well as participation in district and subdistrict meetings. Walter Patten is president of the Senior High MYF.

Other members attending were: Debbie Boyd, John Clifton, Patricia Francis, Sue Herring, Eddie Kornegay, Frances Kornegay, Hughie Oates, Brenda Rowe, Barbara White, Doug Wilkins, Jay Wilkins and Tony Winstead. Counselors and chaperones were: Mr. and Mrs. John L. Kornegay, Mrs. Paul Patten and Mrs. S. B. Boyd. Rev. Christian White, pastor, attended the Saturday session.

Brevard College Receives Grant

In a recent presentation, James H. Barnette, Jr., of Hendersonville made Brevard College the recipient of a $500.00 Sears-Roebuck Foundation grant.

Some 22 schools in the Western North Carolina area were included in this grant program, in which a total of $700,000 was given to privately-supported colleges and universities.

In accepting the gift, President E. K. McLarty stated, "College costs are steadily mounting, and private colleges, which must operate without state support, rely upon friends such as you to help them operate in their best tradition. Your gift helps us balance our budget; yet, even more than this, your perception and interest in private higher education is nothing short of morale-building. We shall use this money to assist worthy students who come from low-income families and who need assistance in meeting their college costs. The entire college community . . . wishes for me to say, 'Thank you very much,' as we try to uphold the motto over our (entrance) gate: 'None shall be turned away for want of means'."

Excellence Awards Presented

Acting in behalf of the American Association of University Professors, Dr. Herbert Peterson, Professor of Education and Psychology at High Point College, recently presented two Academic Excellence Awards to Tau Kappa Epsilon Fraternity and the Alpha Gamma Delta Sorority.

Dr. Peterson presented the Cliffside Hinshaw award to the fraternity and the Alice Page White Award to the sorority. These awards have been presented each year for the past three years and consist of a bronze plaque with the name of the organization engraved on it. The Sorority and Fraternity are allowed to keep this award for one year, then it is re-awarded.

The Tau Kappa Epsilon Fraternity had an academic average of 1.46 and the Alpha Gamma Delta Sorority had a 1.644 average.

Mrs. B. B. Slaughter of Durham Died Last Week

Mrs. Elma Grimes Slaughter, wife of Dr. B. B. Slaughter of Durham died Monday, November 16 following two years of declining health and a serious illness for the past month.

Mrs. Slaughter was born in Murfreesboro, the daughter of George W. Grimes and Cornelia Mason Grimes. She was educated in Portsmouth, Virginia.

In 1961 she moved to Duham when her husband became pastor of St. Paul's Methodist Church and following his retirement has made her home in Durham. She was a member of St. Paul's Church and the Conklin Bible Class of the Church.

Surviving are her husband; one daughter, Mrs. Ann Slaughter Flowers of Paris, Tenn.; one son, Dr. Grimes Slaughter of Oak Ridge, Tenn.; and five grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted at St. Paul Church on Wednesday at 2:30 p.m. Interment was in Maplewood Cemetery, new annex. Rev. John Poe, pastor of the church, Rev. O. L. Hathaway, district superintendent of Durham district, and Rev. Key W. Taylor of Chapel Hill conducted the service. Pallbearers were Dr. H. E. Myers, Rev. Leon Hall, Rev. D. E. Earnhardt, Rev. D. M. Sharpe, Rev. H. F. Surratt, and Rev. E. C. Crawford.

Dr. Desrosiers to Speak at St. Andrews Church

St. Andrews Methodist Church, just north of Methodist College, will hear Dr. Norman A. Desrosiers, as their special "Commitment Day" minister. Dr. Desrosiers is currently serving as Acting Medical Director of the N. C. Rehabilitation Center at Butner, N. C. He attended Duke University receiving his B.A. and B.D. degrees and the M.D. degree in 1959 from the University of North Carolina.

During the time he was a medical student, he served as interim director of the Duke Chapel Choir and glee club and was Minister of Music at Trinity Methodist Church in Durham.

Dr. Desrosiers is an ardent hobbyist and lists aviation, music, woodworking and mechanics among his avocotional interests, according to the minister, Paul Scott.

Bishop Hunt Among New Brevard College Trustees

The Executive Committee of the Brevard College Board of Trustees met on Thursday, Nov. 5, for a review of the entire program of the college. Chairman Allen H. Sims expressed satisfaction with all phases of the school operation.

Additional members of the Board joined the committee on Friday for the annual



BISHOP EARL G. HUNT, JR.

fall meeting. President E. K. McLarty introduced two new members who were attending for the first time. They were Orton A. Boren, president of Boren Brick and Tile Company of Pleasant Garden, and William J. Bullock, Superintendent of City Schools in Kannapolis.

Bishop Earl Hunt, newly appointed Bishop of the Charlotte Area of the Southeastern Jurisdiction of The Methodist Church, was nominated for Board membership and duly elected. Members enthusiastically welcomed this fine addition to their group.

Among other matters of business which were discussed, the second phase of the capital development program was commented upon at length. Since the next major building is to be a new library, the architect was instructed to proceed with preliminary drawings in order that this project might be presented to foundation which might assist in making financial grants to the college.

Goode Family Presents Pastor With Pulpit Robe

Recently Rev. Tom C. McLean, pastor of the Summerfield Methodist Church, was presented a pulpit robe as an expression of love and appreciation for him, and in memory of Rev. Charles Plato Goode, by members of Rev. Mr. Goode's family as follows: Sam and Ethel Goode, Dorie Goode, Barbara Goode Lancaster, and Charles Dalton Goode. The presentation read as follows:

To an untiring, devoted laborer of God, Preacher Tom C. McLean, in loving memory of Rev. Charles Plato Goode and in honor of his wife, Rhoda Weber Goode, who gave their lives to God's ministry and His children, we give this robe with love, appreciation and gratitude for your inspirational and comforting visits to our mother, our community and to us.

May you wear it to the glory of God. May God continue to bless you and give you wisdom, patience, and knowledge to further his kingdom.

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Have We Thanked Him

When we see the harvest being gathered in
Do you pause to think, to thank Him again?
A season to be thoughtful, did we forget this year?
For when autumn comes—He seems so very near.

Another season of harvest, all our needs are met,
Have we bowed down and really thanked Him yet?
God so blesses us and 'tis only His unending grace,
Yet we stock up with blessings at a hurrying pace.

Let us take time to praise and bless His name;
Today, tomorrow, forever, He's always the same.
The Lord is ever mindful, forgetting not His own,
May we sing praises and thanks as we approach the throne.

—Mrs. Gaither Beroth



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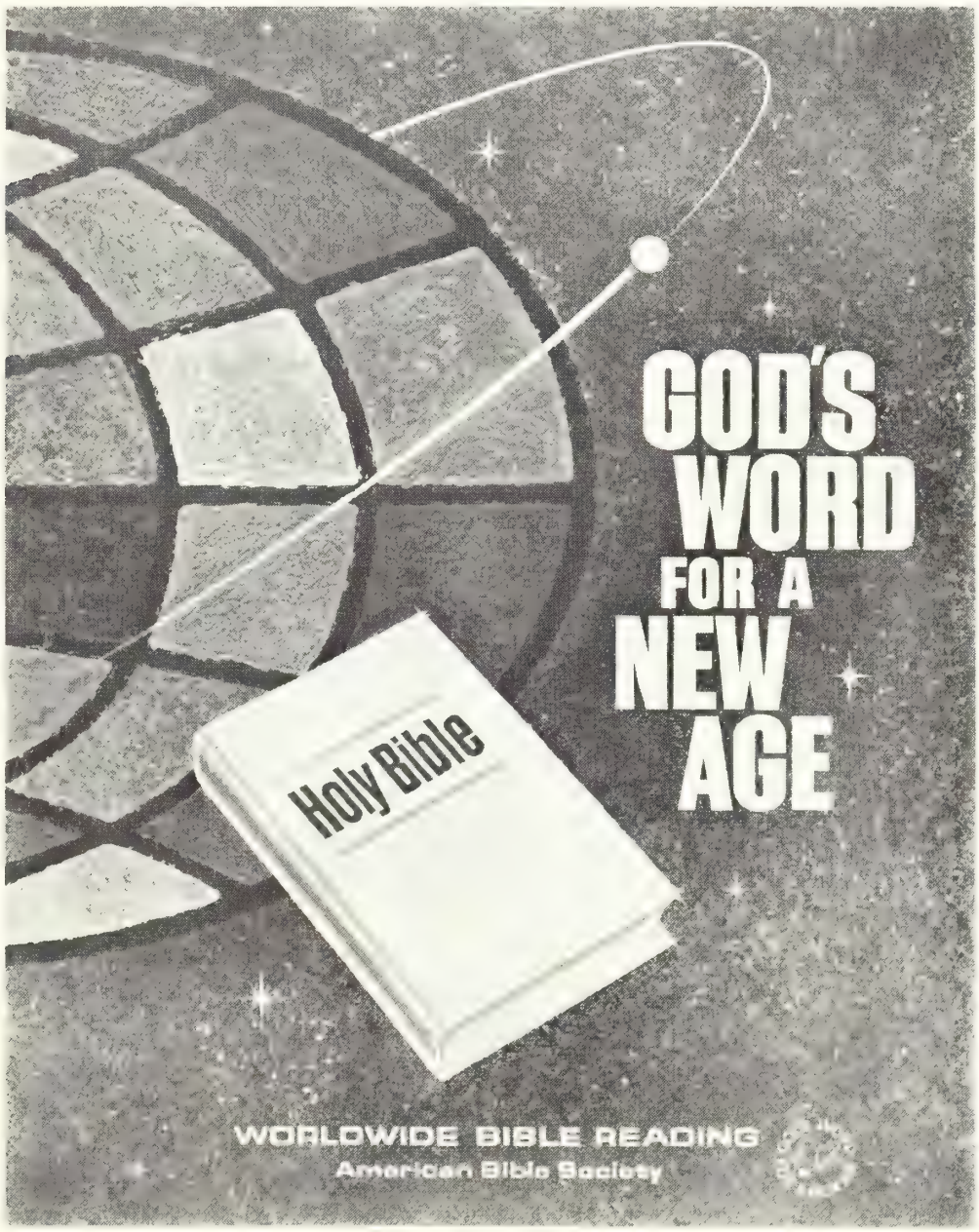
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CAROLINA BRIEFS

¶ Dr. Howard Powell of Raleigh is preaching this week in revival services at Rosemary Church in Roanoke Rapids. Rev. G. W. Crutchfield is the pastor.

¶ Mr. M. T. Hinshaw, former president and teacher at Rutherford College would like names and addresses of anyone who took part in affairs of the College during that time. Address him at Jonesville, N. C.

¶ Open House will be held at the new parsonage of the Chestnut Street Methodist church, Lumberton, on Sunday afternoon December 6, from three until five o'clock. The parsonage is located at 300 W. 22nd Street. Members and friends of the church are invited to attend. Rev. and Mrs. R. C. Mooney, Jr., will be hosts for the occasion.

¶ A church conference was held recently in which the congregation of Hudson Methodist Church gave unanimous consent for the trustees to borrow money to build an educational unit. This building will be erected at a cost of $100,000 just behind the church on land acquired this year. Construction began Nov. 23. Rev. Clegg W. Avett is the pastor.

¶ Friends of Mrs. Merrill Perkins, wife of Rev. Merrill Perkins of Plains Methodist Church, Canton, will regret to learn of the death of her mother, Mrs. Mary Elizabeth McFadden of Charlotte, on November 13. Funeral services were conducted by Rev. Marvin Boggs, St. Johns Methodist church at 2:30 on November 14. Burial was in the Sharon Memorial Cemetery in Charlotte.

¶ The traditional Greek chorus will be replaced by a chorus of Southern tenant farmers when the Pfeiffer College Playmakers present a modern version of Sophocles' "Oedipus Rex" at Pfeiffer College Dec. 3, 4, and 5. With curtain time set for 8:15 p.m., the adaption by Professor William H. Stock of the Pfeiffer Department of Drama will seek to convey to the contemporary theatre goer the emotion and reaction experienced by the early Greeks.

¶ The Rev. Dr. Earl Crow, Professor of Religion at High Point College, preached at Glenwood Methodist Church, Greensboro, Nov. 29 at the 11:00 o'clock service. Dr. Crow is a graduate of Duke University, studied at the University of Edinburg, Scotland, and received his Ph.D. degree from the University of Manchster, England. The young people of the church were in charge of the evening worship. The pastor, Rev. James E. Rink, is taking a short vacation in Florida.

¶ A scholarship has been granted to Dr. C. E. Mounts, Professor of English at High Point College, by the Southeastern Institute of Medieval and Renaissance Studies of Duke University and the University of North Carolina. Dr. Mounts will receive a stipend of $500 for the 1965 summer session from the Institute, and the president of High Point College, Dr. Wendell M. Patton, states that the college will supplement this with another $100 as an indication of its willingness to support this program in the humanities.

¶ Ministers and families of the Burlington District held a surprise party last Monday for Dr. T. B. Hough, the District Superintendent, with a covered dish luncheon. The meeting was at Grace Methodist Church, and the party followed.

¶ On November 29 Bishop Earl G. Hunt preached the sermon at the Worship hour at Bethpage Methodist Church, Kannapolis. This was the first such occasion in the long history of the church. During the service Bishop Hunt also baptized Julia Marie, the infant daughter of Rev. and Mrs. Henry Flowers who are serving at Bethpage.

¶ The Editor and his wife spent Thanksgiving Day with their son Chaplain William B. Starnes and his family who are stationed at Fort Belvoir, Virginia. The Editor preached at the Thanksgiving service in the Chapel on the post at 10:00 a.m. Thanksgiving Day, to a group of the military personnel. On Friday we drove up to Wilmington, Deleware, where we visited our oldest son, S. Judge Starnes, Jr., who is connected with the Dupont Company in the home office.

Amity Church Honors Pastor and Bride

Amity Methodist Church, of Chapel Hill, held a reception on Sunday, Nov 22nd., honoring its pastor and his bride, the Rev. and Mrs. Sidney Stafford. The reception was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Fred C. Wardlaw, with members of the Women's Society for Christian Service as hostesses. Guests were received by Mrs. Bernice Sparrow, Mrs. Lindy Sparrow, and Mrs. Donald Skakle, the Rev. and Mrs. Sidney Stafford, and the Rev. and Mrs. C. K. Wright, parents of Mrs. Stafford.

A color scheme of yellow and white was carried throughout the house, and centered in an arrangement of white snapdragons, carnations, and mums on the dining room table, flanked by tall white tapers. Punch was served by Mrs. Isaac Reynolds and Mrs. Lloyd Riggsbee, cake and sandwiches by Mrs. Robert Talbott and Mrs. Earl Allison. A silver serving dish and gift certificate were presented to the guests of honor during the afternoon. Guests included members of Amity Church, the Rev. and Mrs. Clyde McCarver, of University Methodist Church, Chapel Hill, and the Rev. and Mrs. C. K. Wright, of Smith Methodist Church, Roanoke Rapids, N. C.

Bishop's Committee on Architecture

The Bishop's Committee on Church Architecture of the North Carolina Conference will meet at Duke University on Monday, December 14, at 10:30 a.m. All members of the several District Boards on Church Location and Building are invited to attend. A program has been planned that will help these members to understand better their responsibilities and to give more effective guidance as they work with the local church building committees. The meeting will adjourn with a luncheon.

M. W. Lawrence, *Chairman*

Two Famous Sermons By Duke's Dean Cleland Available in 'Great Sermons' Series

By Earl W. Wolslagel

Seldom does the average "hi-fi" record buyer think of adding a recording of a sermon to his collection.

Yet, a disk just released by Word Records, Inc. (W-3293-LP) is a worthy addition to any record collection. In it, the Scots burr of Dr. James T. Cleveland, Dean of Duke University Chapel, rings clear and true as two of his best-loved sermons are added to a growing list of brilliant spiritual messages captured in the manufacturer's "Great Sermons Series."

Cleland's sermons are: "Jonah: A Very Minor Prophet;" and "Three Men and God."

Both are Old-Testament-centered, with life-like characterizations of the familar Jonah and the picturesque Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob.

The sermons by Dr. Cleland are notable both for his interpretation of the character of his subjects and for the stories he has to tell about them.

Dean Cleland encourages the listener to ponder his own life, and the lives of his fellow men in the light of the lives of the Biblical patriarchs he discusses.

In his "Jonah" sermon, his conclusion shows that the story is not yet complete, because in reality it is the story of each of us.

In "Three Men and God," the James B. Duke Professor of preaching at Duke relates the personalities, habits, and sometimes even appearances of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob to those of everyday folk we meet on Sunday in Church.

Pointing out that "God is still the God of each of these three men as He is to each of us," Cleland says that this simply means only that we should discover which of the three men lives in each of us—and let him then be reincarnated.

Later he states that "religion is not a song sung in unison—not at its best. It is rather a song sung in harmony—which is both more difficult, and aye, so much richer."

Cleland has been at Duke since 1945 and has held the endowed Duke chair in preaching for 10 years. Born in Glasgow, Scotland, he earned a B.D. in Ecclesiastical History and Systematic Theology at Glasgow University in 1927. His S.T.M. degree summa cum laude— and his Th.D. degree are from Union Theological Seminary in New York.

He holds two honorary D.D. degrees—one from Davidson College, the other from his alma mater in Glasgow. In great demand for guest speaking appearances, he has recently delivered the Warrack Lectures in the Scottish Universities and has preached in the chapels of all three of the major military academies — Annapolis, Colorado Springs, and West Point.

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Bishop Fred Pierce Corson of Philadelphia has been presented the Gourgas Medal by the Supreme Council of 33rd degree Scottish Rite Masons in recognition of his work in the ecumenical movement. The award has been presented only five times previously.

Supply Pastors in Training At Louisburg College

The twelve ministers enrolled in the Supply Pastors Program at Louisburg College left jobs or vocations paying an average of $7,742 per year to accept pastoral charges paying an average of $3,640.00, according to a survey made recently by Professor W. N. McDonald, head of the Department of Town and Country Work of Louisburg College. In addition, this information revealed that these men have an average of three dependents and travel an average of 225 miles per week to and from Louisburg College.

The program, begun in 1954, has enrolled more than 80 men. More than ten per cent of the charges of the North Carolina Conference of The Methodist Church are being served by men who have gone through this program.

This year's group, whose average is 37, spends Tuesday through Thursday on the Louisburg College campus. The other four days are spent on their pastoral charges. They are taking the general liberal arts curriculum, and upon the satisfactory completion of the course, are awarded the Associate in Arts diploma.

In addition to the North Carolina Conference, they come from the Western North Carolina Conference and the Virginia Conference. Several other denominations have also been represented in the enrollment.

The program, designed for men who have started other vocations and have heard the call to preach, enables the candidate to meet the minimum educational requirements for Conference membership.

Dr. Worley to Lead Tour

An Around the World Tour via the Orient, Bible Lands and returning through Europe, especially for ministers and church people, is scheduled for a late June departure in 1965 under the leadership of Dr. Paul Worley, minister of the Church Street Methodist Church in Knoxville, Tenn. and formerly of the faculty of the Candler School of Theology at Emory University in Atlanta.

This will be the sixth party of Protestant churchmen and women of the Southeast and Southwest which Dr. Worley has led in this seminar-type of travel study experience. The itinerary calls for a June 28, 1965 departure and involves visits in Hawaii, Japan, Taiwan, Hong Kong, Thailand, India, Egypt, Lebanon, Syria, Jordan, Israel, Greece, Italy, Switzerland, Germany, Denmark, Sweden, England before returning through New York on August 20. Persons who cannot consider the World Tour may depart in mid-July from New York by Jet to Rome-Cairo joining the party for the Bible Lands and European 35 days.

Increasing numbers of churchmen invest their vacation time in such a combination travel-study experience which brings new insight into the complexities of our time together with a better understanding of our Christian World Mission. It is always a personally enriching experience to travel with a congenial group of modern crusaders. Laymen who may be interested in such an experience or in encouraging their minister to invest his vacation time in such an educational adventure, may write to Dr. Worley, Box 1303, Knoxville, Tennessee for further information.

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Dr. E. L. Hillman Died In Durham November 27

Dr. Edgar L. Hillman, prominent member of the North Carolina annual conference, died at his home in Durham Friday, November 27, at the age of 74. Dr. Hillman had spent a long and useful ministry in



DR. EDGAR L. HILLMAN

the conference before his retirement in 1958. Dr. Hillman served as pastor of a number of leading churches, including Jarvis Memorial, Greenville; Trinity, Durham; First Church, Rocky Mount, to mention only a few. He had also served as District Superintendent of the New Bern, Wilmington, Durham, and Burlington Districts.

From 1946 to 1948 he served as president of the North Carolina Council of Churches. He served as visiting lecturer at the Duke Divinity School, and was also a former trustee of the Methodist Home for Children at Raleigh, Louisburg College, and Greensboro College.

Dr. Hillman preached in many Asian countries and was cited by the National Conference of Christians and Jews in 1956 as a "builder of brotherhood."

He is survived by his wife, the former Estelle Warlick of Granite Quarry, a daughter, Mrs. R. E. Luper of Fayetteville; a son, Edgar L., Jr., of Charlotte, and several grandchildren.

Funreal services were held last Sunday afternoon at 3:00 o'clock at Trinity Methodist Church, Durham, where he formerly served as pastor.

Student Recognition Day Set

The Methodist Church's annual Student Recognition Day will be observed Sunday, Dec. 27.

On that day, Methodist churches across the country will give recognition to their college and university students in special services. In many cases, students will participate in the services. The Rev. James Leslie, chaplain at Ohio Weslevan University, Deleware, Ohio, has written a leaflet for Student Recognition Day which contains some thoughts on the purpose of the day and a suggested order of service.

Professor William Guthrie Named "Young Artist of the Year"

A Pfeiffer College faculty member has been recently named one of North Carolina's "Young Artists of the Year" by the North Carolina Symphony Orchestra.

He is William L. Guthrie, assistant professor of Music and teacher of Voice at the college.

Professor Guthrie, a baritone, will sing with the North Carolina Symphony in a number of its programs during the 1964-65 season. He will also be a soloist with the famed Charlotte "Singing Christmas Tree" during its current season.

A graduate of Texas A.&M., Guthrie has taught at Texas Southern University and holds the bachelors and masters degrees from Westminster Choir College. In 1958 he was a Fullbright Scholar at the Hochschule fur Musik in Munich, Germany.

Professor Guthrie has a broad musical background in the fields of opera and religious music. He was Basso Buffo, specializing in comic bass roles with the Houston Grand Opera Association for three years. While in Houston, he served as a Cantor at the Temple Emanu-El where he became familiar with music from several Jewish traditions, principally the Hassaidic, as well as contemporary Temple music.

At the Westminster Choir College, he sang with the famed Westminster Choir under the direction of Dr. John F. Williamson.

He has also served as director of music at various Presbyterian churches including the Second Presbyterian Church, Houston, and at Calvary Presbyterian Church, Willow Grove, Penn.

His appearances as a soloist include engagements with St. Bartholomew's Cathedral, New York City; the Oratorio Society, Philadelphia; the Little Symphony Society, Madison, N. J.; the New Jersey Tercentenary Music Festival, Princeton; and appearances with the Princeton Opera Group.

Professor Guthrie has also filled many engagements for civic groups, especially at Ladies Night programs, church meetings, and school groups.

While in Houston from 1955 to 1958, he was a student of Edward Bing, a widely-known teacher of voice.

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EDITORIALS

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How Do We Measure Up?

Theme for the quadrennial emphasis in The Methodist Church during 1964-1968 is "One Witness In One World." At the recent District Superintendents' Convocation in Chicago this theme was lifted up both in the speeches and the literature. We realize that while we have *oneness* in organization, we do not have as much *oneness* in practice as we should have. Unity of purpose and unity of action can be realized only when there is unity of spirit.

Even now there are parts of The Methodist Church where there is division over the question of our relation to the National Council of Churches, or some other far-fetched question. It is easy to understand that we do not all agree fully on every matter of polity or practice. That is our right and privilege in a free world of free speech. Our lack of agreement at times has no doubt spurred us to greater achievements than we otherwise would have known. This is seen in our political life as well as elsewhere. The two-party system in politics has no doubt made a fine contribution to our national image and helped to guide us as we face the social and economic problems before us. Our various denominational groups have likewise had a sobering and challenging influence on each other. It is not that we are divided either in politics or religion so far as the desired end is concerned, but it is a matter of the methods we use to obtain them. When we head for a certain destination at any given time some may travel by car, others by train, or bus, or boat, or by air, but all hope to arrive at the same point in due time.

A good illustration of this is found in Paul's first letter to the Corinthians (12: 1-6): "Now concerning spiritual gifts, brethren, I would not have you ignorant. Ye know that ye were Gentiles, carried away unto these dumb idols, even as ye were led. Wherefore I give you to understand, that no man speaking by the Spirit of God calleth Jesus accursed: and that no man can say that Jesus is the Lord but by the Holy Ghost. Now there are diversities of gifts, but the same spirit. And there are differences of administrations, but the same Lord. And there are diversities of operations; but it is the same God which worketh all in all." In these words the scriptures give us ample leeway to differ but it implies that our motives should be the same.

There are too many people who do not know how to think and let think. For them there is only one opinion, and that is theirs. Some have an idea that they are expressing enthusiasm and displaying wisdom when they become cantankerous, and say hard, and even un-Christian things about those who differ with them. The scriptures also urge us to guard our tongues as well as to control our thoughts.

These words are being written as we approach the Thanksgiving season. It seems that we all have so much to be grateful for that we should let our gratitude over-rule our tempers. This is certainly no time to play up divisions in our churches, but rather a time to foster unity of purpose as we think of our relation to Almighty God. And this is the implication of our theme for the quadrennium, "One Witness In One World." We should so live with God and our fellowman that people may be able to say of us as they said of the early disciples, "They took note of them that they had been with Jesus." Where the spirit of the Lord is there is unity, maybe not of action, but certainly of purpose. Jesus said, "The greatest commandment of all is to love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, mind, soul, and strength, and thy neighbor as thyself." When we apply this rule, how do we measure up?

THEME FOR THE WEEK

"That they all may be one; as thou, Father, art in me, and I in thee, that they also may be one in us: that the world may believe that thou hast sent me. And the glory which thou gavest me I have given them; that they may be one, even as we are one."

—John 17:21, 22.

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Reflections

Outside of my frosted window
The golden leaves are falling
Wafting down to the cold gray earth,
Ending their seasonal calling.

How lovely and beautiful the leaves
While clinging to life's sweet tree.
How lonely and forgetful they lie,
On the cold gray sod of eternity.

Must I for life still cling,
While here in bed I lie,
Cling to that great unknown force
That seems to pass me by?

Or shall I just go down, down
To the cold gray sod,
And rest with the once golden leaves
In the mighty hand of God?

By Frank E. Berry

LETTERS

Dear Mr. Starnes,

As a layman I would like to comment on the letters recently printed in The Advocate by Rev. Leroy Scott and Rev. Barrett Wilson.

No doubt both of these preachers are better acquainted with the Bible than I. However, during the past 35 years in which I have been active in various church work I have put in some time studying the Bible and other Christian literature. When we read the Bible we should remember that it was written many years ago and although it was divinely inspired it was written by men who were human and thus subject to error. Then too, the meaning of many words then were different to the present meaning. Much of the Bible is written in symbolic terms and not to be taken literally. Every intelligent, sane person should realize that.

I am inclined to agree more with the viewpoints expressed by brother Wilson than those of brother Scott. I hardly understand his meaning when he refers to logically demonstrating the existence of God. Just what more evidence would brother Scott want than the world, the universe, the many wonders of nature, etc.? Just what does it matter to us when or how the earth was made? Even the most brilliant scientists must admit that there is a limit beyond which they cannot go and mysteries that they cannot explain. Remarkable progress has been made over the past years but no doubt much more is possible. There is a limit to what we human beings can learn. The Almighty has endowed each of us with a brain, however small, and expects us to use it. We are supposed to grow, physically, mentally and spiritually. Too many of us neglect the last of the three.

I think that the basic and fundamental beliefs of a Christian are these: There is a God who is almighty, who created everything that exists, that He loves us, that Jesus was His Son who died for us, that if we accept Jesus as our Saviour and faithfully serve Him we will be saved, otherwise we will be lost. It is useless to argue about the Bible, reasonable and sane discussion is often helpful. God should come first in our lives. He is greater and much more important than science.

Sincerely yours,
James S. Morgan
63 Sixteenth Street S.E.
Hickory, N. C.

Elected to "Who's Who"

Eleven Methodist College seniors have been elected to "Who's Who" among students in American universities and colleges.

Announcement of this recognition was made by Dr. Millard P. Burt, dean of the college.

Students receiving this honor, from nominations made by the faculty of the college, are: Donna Mae Aldridge, Oakland, Calif.; Bobby Wayne Autry, Florence, S. C.; Nancy Ruth Best, Franklinton, N. C.; Eugene Wade Coats, Fayetteville; Shirley Ann Draughon, Fayetteville; David Bryce Herring, Evansville, Ind.; Barbara Allen Holmes, Fayetteville; L. Richard Meissner, Jr., Fayetteville; David Kermit Norris, Fayetteville; Rebecca Stone Starling, Fayetteville; Virginia Gough Wood, Hope Mills.

Criteria, established by the faculty, for nomination of these students are: seniors with at least 2.5 scholastic average, leadership and participation in academic and student activities, and promise of future achievements.

Selections were made from the senior class of 81 students.

Decisions of Judicial Council

Rulings on six issues of wide interest in The Methodist Church were made in San Antonio, Texas, in the quadrennium's first meeting of the church's Judicial Council, October 29-31.

The council:

—Continued to the spring of 1965 a hearing on the legality of restrictions placed on transfers of Central Jurisdiction annual conferences to the Southeastern Jurisdiction (see decision below and earlier story).

—Reiterated that jurisdictional conferences cannot delegate their authority to establish annual conference boundaries.

—Ruled against establishment of a tax-sheltered annuity program for ministers by an annual conference.

—Ruled that delegates elected to the 1964 General Conference but whose annual conferences no longer exist will be seated in the 1966 special session of General Conference; also that annual conferences may elect new delegations for this 1966 meeting, but only to the same number as for the 1964 session, regardless of changes in conference size.

The digest report of the Judicial Council's actions as reported by the secretary, the Rev. Dr. John D. Humphrey of Grenada, Miss., follows:

DECISION 217

The 1964 Central Jurisdictional Conference petitioned the Judicial Council for a Declaratory Decision as to the constitutionality of its action which had been taken in connection with a request of the Mississippi and Upper Mississippi Conferences for approval of merger.

The two Central Jurisdiction Conferences, located in the state of Mississippi, had taken the initiative, in their respective annual sessions, concerning a plan of merger and subsequently requested approval of the Central Jursdictional Conference. In an effort to speed up the process of merger of Annual Conferences within the Central Jurisdiction between sessions of the Jurisdictional Conference, the 1964 session of the Central Jurisdictional Conference adopted the following: "That the Jurisdictional Conference enact enabling legislation granting authority to any two Annual Conferences within the same regional jurisdiction to merge and form a single annual conference, provided the boundaries of the new conference shall coincide with the geographical boundaries of that Jurisdiction."

The Judicial Council, after considering all the facts in the case and the Constitution of The Methodist Church, decided that the action of the Central Jurisdiction is unconstitutional as a delegation of authority to its Annual Conferences since authority to determine number, names, and boundaries of Annual Conferences in the United States is vested in the several Jurisdictional Conferences by the Constitution.

The Judicial Council noted, however, that nothing in its decision is intended to cast doubt upon the constitutionality of the action of the Central Jurisdiction at its 1964 session wherein it authorized the merger of the Mississippi and Upper Mississippi Annual Conferences. No delegation of its authority was involved in that action.

DECISION 218

The Southwest Texas Annual Conference Board of Pensions set up a tax-sheltered annuity program open to its ministerial members which was approved by the Annual Conference on May 21, 1964. The plan provides for the establishment of a trust fund for annuity purposes. Under the plan, a minister may authorize the withholding of a portion of his salary, three per cent minimum recommended, to be remitted to the trust fund. The Board of Pensions would receive and invest the funds. Subsequently, upon retirement of the individual minister, the Board would then pay annuities.

Subsequent to approval of the plan, the Annual Conference voted to request a declaratory decision from the Judicial Council as to its legality under the provisions of the **Discipline**.

The Judicial Council held that in effect the proposal provides for the organizing of an insurance plan under the direction of the Conference Board of Pensions, which is not authorized by the **Discipline**. Further, the Judicial Council found that there is no provision in the 1964 **Discipline** which would authorize the organization of a reserve pension fund, such as the proposed Tax-Sheltered Annuity Trust Fund of the Southwest Texas Annual Conference.

The Judicial Council therefore ruled that the action of the Southwest Texas Annual Conference in setting up a tax-sheltered annuity trust fund to be administered by its Board of Pensions for the benefit of individual retired ministers is without warrant under the present provisions of the **Discipline**.

DECISION 219

On request of the North Arkansas Annual Conference for declaratory decision as to the meaning of paragraph 1618.2e of the 1960 **Discipline**, the Judicial Council held that a ministerial member of an Annual Conference may receive annuity claim credit if he is appointed to attend school for any years in which he has been so appointed in the period 1952 to 1960. However, for such a person, years after 1960 may be counted only if they do not bring the total years of annuity claim under this category to more than three.

The North Arkansas Conference had requested the decision since one of its ministerial members, who had attended seminary three years prior to 1960 and then decided to work for his Ph.D., interpreted the paragraph in the **Discipline** as allowing him three years annuity credit after 1960 regardless of the number of years he had prior to that year.

The Conference Board of Pensions and the General Board of Pensions did not agree with the minister's interpretation and the request was made for the Judicial Council to render the proper interpretation of the paragraph in question.

DECISION 220

In its memorandum Decision Number 220, the Judicial Council postponed a final decision pending further oral argument and consideration on the request of the Southeastern Jurisdictional Conference regarding the constitutionality of its Plan of Action under Amendment IX regarding transfer of Central Jurisdiction Annual Conferences under certain conditions. The case was set for further hearing in Evanston, Illinois, on April 22, 1965.

The Southeastern Jurisdictional Conference had recommended, July 11, 1964, "that each annual conference approve the transfer of such annual conferences of the Central Jurisdiction into the Southeastern Jurisdiction upon the condition that the merging of Annual Conferences wihin the Jurisdiction will be a jurisdictional matter to be worked out when such merger is mutually agreeable to the conferences concerned, the boundaries of the transferring conferences to remain intact until they may be changed by voluntary action of the Southeastern Jurisdictional Conference as provided in the Constitution of The Methodist Church."

The full text of the Memorandum Decision follows:

"We have granted the request of the College of Bishops of the Central Jurisdiction for two reasons. First, the time interval between the receipt of the briefs for petitioner and our annual meeting afforded no reasonable opportunity for representatives of the Central Jurisdiction to file reply briefs or to participate in oral argument with proper preparation. Secondly, petitioner's briefs have placed new interpretations upon (a) the scope and purpose of the challenged 'plan of action,' (b) the legal issues sought to be raised, and (c) the grounds of our jurisdiction, with the result that there must be a clarification of these matters before we can properly determine this appeal.

"We are concerned by the fact that in the petitioner's brief, for the first time, expressly at least, we are asked to determine the important question whether the General Conference possesses any authority under the Constitution to determine, change, or otherwise deal with the boundaries of annual conferences, particularly Annual Conferences of the Central Jurisdiction transferred pursuant to Amendment IX. We believe that a matter of this importance should not come before us indirectly, obliquely or uncertainly without full and complete opportunity for all concerned to participate by brief and argument in our determination of this question.

"We would welcome the filing of an appropriate petition under Paragraph 914 of the **Discipline** squarely and directly raising this or any other related question of constitutionality which either the Southeastern Jurisdiction or the Central Jurisdiction may deem to be involved in the above captioned appeal. Should any such petition for declaratory decision be filed we urge its submission to us at least 40 days prior to our scheduled meeting on April 22, 1965."

DECISION 221

The Commission on Entertainment and Program of the General Conference requested the Judicial Council to rule on the meaning of Paragraph 509, 1964 **Discipline**, which deals with extra sessions of the General Conference.

Two questions were posed by the Commission, the answers to which would have important bearing on the seating of Annual Conference delegations to the special extra session of the General Conference called for 1966. The questions:

1. Are delegates who were elected to the 1964 General Conference by an Annual Conference, which has been eliminated subsequently through transfer or merger entitled to be seated at the 1966 special session of the General Conference?
2. Are the Annual Conferences which receive additional members as a result of such subsequent transfers or mergers entitled to elect delegates to the 1966 special session of the General Conference on the basis of their ministerial membership as of their session in 1965, or are these Conferences entitled to only the same number of delegates at the 1966 special session as they elected to the 1964 regular session?

After a full consideration of the facts in the case, the Judicial Council ruled that the special session of the 1964 General Conference to be held in 1966, called pursuant to Paragraph 509 of the 1964 **Discipline**, is an adjourned session of the 1964 General Conference and shall be composed of the same delegates elected to the 1964 General Conference without change in number by reason of the elimination through transfer or merger of Annual Conferences subsequent to the regular session of said General Conference, or by reason of increase or decrease in membership of any Annual Conference. An Annual Conference may, in its discretion, conduct a new election to designate who shall serve as its delegates to the adjourned session of the General Conference.

DECISION 222

On petition of the General Board of Lay Activities, the Judicial Council ruled that Paragraph 1491.1 of the 1964 **Discipline** does not restrict the membership of the lay members at large on the Board who are from the United States.

The 1964 General Conference increased the number of lay members at large on the General Board of Lay Activities from five to six. In increasing the number it was specified that the sixth member would be from outside the United States, elected by the board on nomination of the Council of Bishops. Immediately following the addition of this in the legislation there appeared the sentence "This shall be an annual election, and each man so elected shall not be able to succeed himself."

Following a careful consideration of all factors involved, the Judicial Council held that the election to membership on the General Board of Lay Activities of the five members at large from within the United States is not controlled by the restrictions of Paragraph 1491.1 of he 1964 **Discipline** to the effect that such election be held annually and that the member be not eligible to succeed himself.

Organizational Mission Meeting Held Nov. 19

The organizational meeting of the "Committee of 50" to plan for the Columbus County Christian Mission with Dr. Harry Denman, Executive Secretary of the General Board of Evangelism of The Methodist Church, and a man called by Dr. Billy Graham as "the greatest practitioner of personal evangelism in America," on March 14-19, 1965, was held at the Whiteville Methodist Church November 19 at 8 p.m. Representatives were present from the following churches in addition to the host church, for the meeting: First Presbyterian Church, Westminster Presbyterian Church, First Baptist Church, Whiteville Alliance Church, Trinity Baptist Church, Hallsboro Methodist Church, Shiloh Methodist Church, Old Dock Methodist Church, Bethesda Methodist Church, Tabor City Methodist Church, Bethel Methodist Church, Lebanon Methodist Church, Peace Methodist Church, Mishop Springs Methodist Church, Lake Waccamaw Methodist Church, and Pireway Methodist Church.

Rev. A. D. Byrd, Jr., pastor of the Whiteville Methodist Church, was elected chairman of the "Committee of 50" and Miss Etta Hamilton Powell was elected secretary. Committees which will be formed were outlined and the duties of each stressed. A budget for the meeting was adopted by the group. The meeting, it was decided, will be held in the Whiteville High School auditorium.

It was decided that the churches of the Whiteville Ministerial Association will serve as hosts for inviting congregations of their denomination whom they are led to invite to become participating churches for this county-wide mission.

The committee will meet three times before the mission in March. Committees will be named next week, and will begin their work in preparation for the next full meeting of the committee, when they will each present recommendations for the full group to adopt.

American Church Contributions Increased Over Last Year

Church contributions are up. A record total of more than $2,850,000,000 were contributed in 1963 by members of 41 Protestant churches in the United States, the National Council of Churches announced today.

The total of $2,858,600,845, exceeding the previous year's giving by $58,930,268, highlights a report released by the Department of Stewardship and Benevolence of the National Council of Churches in the 44th annual publication of "Statistics of Church Finances."

Benevolences, including home and foreign missions, amounted to $530,908,204 or 18.57 per cent of the total—an increase of 0.46 per cent over the 18.11 per cent recorded in 1962. For all local congregational items and operations the sum of $2,327,692,641 is reported this year, while the 1962 figure was $2,292,731,491.

The Rev. T. K. Thompson, executive director of the department, noted that the per-member amount of $69.87 for all causes of the 41 communions participating in the study reflects the over-all increase in giving. He listed the previous record, reached in 1962, as $68.76.

Mr. Thompson said the latest increase follows a pattern for the last several years. He cited 1960 figures as $2,533,120,871 for total giving and a per-member amount of $66.76. A year later the figures were $2,708,722,264 and $69.89 respectively.

Nineteen denominations in the United States reported for 1963 a figure for new buildings totaling $241,472,499. This represents 23.1 per cent of the total of $1,045.226,964 reported by these 19 for all congregational operations and items. A year ago, 21 churches reported $247,972, 688 for new buildings.

Of constituent bodies of the National Council of Chruches, the Reformed Church in America, at $117.58 per member, and the Presbyterian Church in the U. S., at $109.46, for the fifth straight year topped the list in giving for all purposes. These two communions were also highest in per-member giving for benevolences—the Reformed Church in America at $31.13 and the Presbyterian Church in the U. S. at $25.99.

The National Council department also released figures on 1965 contributions in six Canadian church bodies reporting. Total giving was $127,892,410 of which $100,133,922 was for congregational expenses. Comparable figures for 1962 were $123,203,055 and $96,175,217 respectively. The figure for benevolences in 1963 was $27,758,488 (in 1962 $27,027,838) and per member giving for all purposes was $61.99 as against $59.98 in 1962.

According to the report the Methodists and Southern Baptists retained their place at the bottom of the list as to per-member giving. Methodists with 10,294,412 members gave $59.60 per member. Southern Baptists with a membership of 10,395,940, gave $53.49 per member. Leading the list were the Free Methodists with 53,691 members giving an average of $358.17 per member. Other denominations ranged all the way between these figures.

The report, released annually by the Council department, is the most comprehensive available. It is compiled from data supplied by the denominations.

Book Reviews

THERE'S ALWAYS HOPE

Robert V. Ozment $2.00

Fleming H. Revell Company, Westwood, N.J.

Robert V. Ozment, pastor of St. James Methodist Church, Atlanta, Ga.; guest professor at Candler School of Theology, Emory University; newspaper columnist; author of two previous books.

For the many people to whom life's tragedies and anxieties loom large, comes this reminder that beyond the clouds of hopelessness is Divine help. Here is encouragement and assurance—plus actual steps to follow in conquering particular adversities. Chapters are "situation" titled, and conducive to "special problem" meditation and counsel.

Marion District Conference At Valdese December 6

Methodists of Marion District will gather at First Methodist Church, Valdese, Sunday, December 6, from 2:30 p.m. until 5:30 p.m. for the annual Marion District Conference. Approximately 300 delegates from Methodist churches in Rutherford, Mitchell, McDowell, and Burke counties will be in attendance at this meeting.

The Rev. Earle Haire, pastor of First Methodist Church, will lead the opening worship service, and the Rev. Charles E. Shannon, Superintendent of the Marion District, will preside at the meeting. Reports will be heard from all district boards and committees and business of the district will be conducted. Dr. J. Clay Madison of Myers Park Methodist Church, Charlotte, will be the featured speaker and will conclude the conference with a sermon at 5:00 p.m.

The delegates attending the conference will represent over 14,000 Methodist people in local churches of the Marion District of the Western North Carolina Conference.

Study Book Out Soon

A book expected to become a "best seller" in The Methodist Church in the next few months will be released Nov. 13.

One Witness in One World by Bishop Roy H. Short of Louisville, Ky., is the study book for the Methodist 1964-68 quadrennial emphasis. It is being unveiled in conjunction with the District Superintendents' Convocation at the Conrad Hilton Hotel in Chicago.

Based on the book of Ephesians in the Bible and the hymnody of The Methodist Church, the volume has been developed as the basic resource for the use in the self-analysis asked of each local church as a part of the quadrennial program.

"Today we hear much about the renewal of the church," said Bishop W. Vernon Middleton of Pittsburgh, Pa., in a foreword. "It is entirely possible that through the faithful and proper use of this book we, as a people of God, could experience a whole world of new beginnings and of new relationships to each other and to all men."

Why Not Retire To, Instead of From?

Easily the most successful national project and the one that has captured the public's imagination, is the Peace Corps. In fact, it has been so successful that overseas countries are now asking for 14,000 volunteers during 1965. Up to 25 per cent of those selected could be men and women now planning to retire during the next 12 months.

Teachers of all kinds, doctors, nurses, builders, electricians, farmers, mechanics, engineers, accountants, social workers — just to mention a few of more than 200 different trade and vocational skills requested —can all be used. These assignments are rated as being ideal for successful retirement TO. In them older folks are rescued from idleness and decay, they get foreign travel, new interests, new experiences, new friends, new horizons, etc. while working in the interest of the public welfare. In addition, they receive their cost of living and medical care plus a financial return that supplements their usual pension and/or social security allowances.

Volunteers must be in good health and have a skill or knowledge that could be useful to others. Those dreading retirement should give a thought to the Peace Corps. There is no better way to put a nice frosting on an otherwise successful career. A folder entitled, "Older Volunteers in the Peace Corps" and a Questionnaire form on which an application can be made may be secured by sending a request to Peace Corps, Senior Manpower Recruitment, Washington, D. C. 20525.

Home Mission Task Surveyed

A new survey of the home missionary task facing The Methodist Church in America reveals some new challenges and re-emphasizes some familiar problems.

Produced by the research specialists of the National Division of the Methodist Board of Missions, the survey brings out that:

1. Church extension in the years immediately ahead will be one of Methodism's most demanding tasks.
2. The Negro residents of northern cities constitute "one of the greatest mission fields in the world."
3. A favorable Protestant environment can no longer be assumed for the surburban church.
4. Surburban churches must increase their help to churches in the inner city, but should also be ready to receive help from inner city churches in a reciprocal ministry.
5. The churches must provide more space in church colleges, more university chaplains and more pre-marital counseling to the rapidly increasing number of young adults.

Those findings and others are contained in "Horizons in Home Missions," a recently-published document produced by the research and survey staff of the National Division of the Board of Missions, which is responsible for the home missions and church extension work of The Methodist Church in the United States.

Goodwill Industries Chief Receives Two Awards

A Methodist layman who has devoted his life to serving the handicapped persons of America and the world received two national awards within a four-day period during the week of November 8-14. He is Dr. Percy J. Trevethan, Washington, D. C., who since 1926 has been associated with Goodwill Industries on either the local or national level. He is also on the executive staff of the Methodist Board of Missions.

The first award, presented to Dr. Trevethan November 10, was the President's Award of the National Rehabilitation Association. The presentation was made at the Association's annual conference in Philadelphia.

On November 14 he received the second national recognition, the annual Outstanding Service Award of the National Society for Crippled Children and Adults. That award was presented at the International Luncheon of the Society in Detroit, Mich.

Dr. Trevethan is executive vice president of Goodwill Industries of America, Inc., and is also executive secretary of the Department of Goodwill Industries, National Division, Methodist Board of Missions. Goodwill Industries of America is the national organization which includes 158 local Goodwill Industries and branch workshops serving nearly 60,000 handicapped persons. Goodwill Industries was started in Boston, Mass., in 1902 by a Methodist minister, and the Goodwill program has been related to the Board of Missions for many years. In the last five years, Dr. Trevethan has been active in guiding the expansion of Goodwill or Goodwill-type programs for the handicapped in several countries overseas.

Audio-Visual Catalogue Supplement By TRAFCO

There have been mailed to every pastor in the North Carolina Conerence two copies of a Supplement to the 1963 edition of the Audio-Visual Aids Catalogue of the Walton Memorial Audio-Visual Library. This Supplement lists all the materials that have been added in the past 12 months.

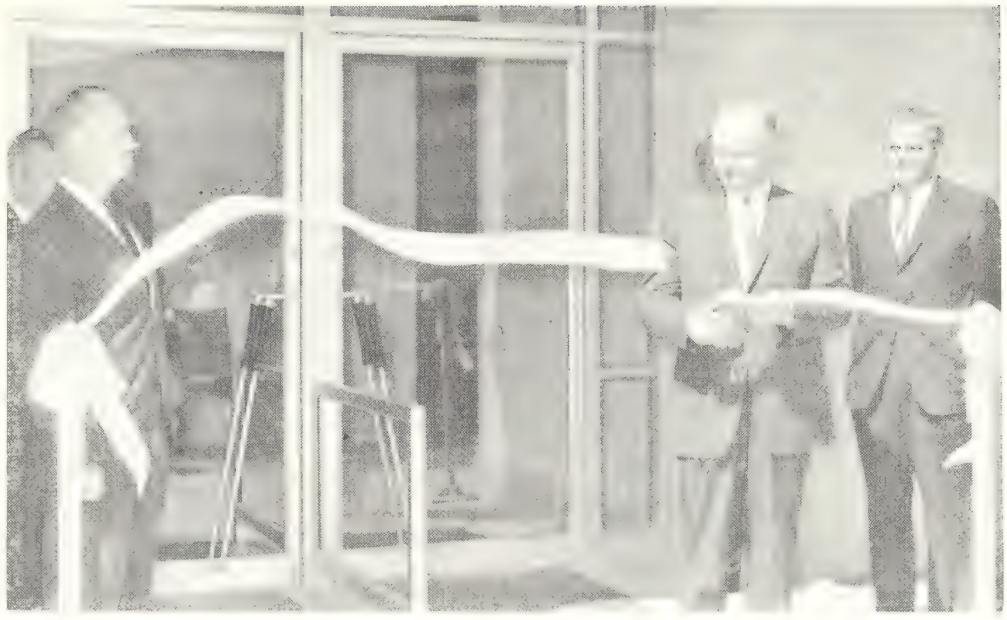
The library which is operated by the Television, Radio and Film Commission of the North Carolina Conference at a minimum rental fee.

Mrs. Mary Preddy, the able Librarian, has prepared and included with the mailing of the Supplements a copy of Christmas materials available. She states that she will be happy to send this list, as well as the catalogue supplement, to others who desire them. Address your request to TRAFCO, 215 Methodist Building, 1307 Glenwood Avenue, Raleigh, N. C.

Seasonable materials are in demand and your orders for Christmas materials should be submitted soon.

In ordering it is always well to give a second choice and you may even allow the librarian to make alternate selections for you if you state your purpose or program of use, as she is familiar with all the materials

Your film library has been established to serve the church.



Goodwill Industries of Winston-Salem Opens New Dormitory

A Goodwill Industries has three objectives which are basic to the success of the program: The first is to obtain usable clothing and household articles from the public. The second is to evaluate, train, provide jobs and offer rehabilitation services to handicapped people. The third is to produce income, primarily from sales of renewed articles. Providing services to handicapped people which restore them to normal, productive lives after acquiring handicaps or make possible their usefulness to themselves and to society if they were born with handicaps is the great and noble reason for the existence of Goodwill Industries. The public could get along without our collecting their unwanted materials and without the articles offered for sale, but thousands of handicapped people would remain neglected and forlorn if it were not for the training, work and service program.

The Goodwill Industries in Winston-Salem is presently employing 87 persons who are handicapped and have placed 112 persons who have received training in outside competitive employment in the past year. One hundred and fifty persons each month receive rehabilitation services at the center. These services include physical therapy, evaluation, training and psychological testing.

Also the Goodwill facilities have been greatly expanded by the recent opening of the 76-bed dormitory where clients from all over the state can stay, while receiving treatment and training.

At the Goodwill the blind learn to work switchboards and keep books, to upholster chairs and work as deliverymen.

Goodwill officials urge the local businesses to call the Goodwill personnel deartment for information about prospective employees.

The Goodwill is a United Fund Agency.

Missionary Honored By Sarawak Government

The Rev. Burr H. Baughman, who has given the last 16 years to Christian work of many kinds among the Iban people of Sarawak, Malaysia, has been awarded the Honorary Star of Sarawak Medal by the Sarawak Government. He is the first Methodist missionary to receive this high honor. It was awarded to him because of his service to the Iban people.

Mr. Baughman, whose permanent American home is Hendersonville, N. C., is currently in the United States on furlough and is living at 319 Bayshore Boulevard in Tampa, Fa.

Since the fall of 1963, Sarawak (in the northern section of Borneo) has been a part of the nation of Malaysia, one of the newest of the 75 or more new nations since World War II. The Methodist Church is the second largest Protestant denomination in Sarawak and has extensive work among the Ibans.

In 1948 Mr. Baughman began intensive work among the Iban people in Sarawak. Once headhunters and the "wild men of Borneo," the Ibans have been turning to Christianity in steadily growing numbers in recent years. Mr. Baughman has done almost every kind of missionary work among the Ibans—preaching, teaching, literacy, church administration, church development and literature production. His present specialty is translation work and literature production in the Iban language.

Four Methodist churches in North Carolina and one in Virginia contribute annually to the support of Mr. Baughman and his work through the Advance Special plan of Methodist missionary giving. The churches are: First Methodist Church, Capron, Va.; Trinity Methodist Church and Grace Methodist Church, Asheville, N. C.; Central Methodist Church, Mt. Airy, N. C.; and Burkhead Methodist Church, Winston-Salem, N. C.

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Board of Evangelism Sets Conference on Discipleship

The General Board of Evangelism announces six Conferences on Discipleship for 1965. These conferences, which grew out of the Conference on Spiritual Birth and Growth, emphasize Christian Discipleship and the deepening of the spiritual life. They are in no sense a lectureship. Speakers do share with the conference members their insights into the road to spiritual power, and out of rich personal experiences they are able to throw light upon how we may experience the Holy Spirit.

After each address the conference is divided into groups of THE TWELVE and a period is given to evaluating the address, sharing spiritual experiences and victories, answering requests for prayer, and waiting in silence for the outpouring of the Holy Spirit.

The first Discipleship Conerence will be in conjunction with several other national conferences which will be held at the Conrad Hilton Hotel in Chicago, Illinois, January 4-8, 1965. We will join with the other conferences meeting at the same time and place to hear a Bible Lecture each morning by Dr. Thor Hall of Duke Divinity School, Durham. We will also join with them for the evening address each day with one of the Bishops speaking.

During the day the Discipleship Conference will draw aside to the Bel Air Room and Dr. Emerson S. Colaw, pastor of the Hyde Park Community Methodist Church in Cincinnati, Ohio, will be the principal speaker. Leroy H. Walker of the General Board of Evangelism will direct this Discipleship Conference. The theme of the Conerence in Chicago will be, "Jesus Christ the Evangel."

At Montreat, North Carolina

In 1965 the Discipleship Conferences for both laymen and ministers will return to the beautiful Montreat Assembly near Black Mountain, after meeting the past two years at Gatlinburg, Tenn. The Montreat Assembly has been completely modernized and refurnished and the management is welcoming the Discipleship Conferences back with the assurance that the entertainment will leave nothing to be desired.

The Conference for Laymen and Their Wives will be Friday evening, February 5, through Sunday noon, February 7, 1965.

The Discipleship Conference for Ministers and Their Wives will be from Tuesday evening, February 9, through Friday noon, February 12, 1965.

Leroy H. Walker will also be the director of both of these Conferences at Montreat as he has been of the Conerences at Gatlinburg and at Kentucky Dam Village, and at Lake Murray, Oklahoma.

The Other leaders at the Laymen's Conference at Montreat will be Dr. Benjamin R. Oliphint, pastor of St. Paul's Methodist Church, Monroe, La., and the Rev. Charles A. Barton, pastor of the First Methodist Church, Jamaica, New York. Both are men who have deep religious experiences and they have much to share with the laymen of the Discipleship Conferences.

Dr. Oliphint will also be one of the leaders at the Ministers' Discipleship Conerence and the other leaders will be Dr. G. Ernest Thomas. He is now pastor of the Birmingham Methodist Church in Detroit, Michigan. He was the originator of the Discipleship Conferences and is the author of many books on the spiritual life. He is well known to the men and women who have attended previous Discipleship Conferences and they will delight in hearing him again after three years back in the pastorate.

There is no charge for registration at the Conference in Chicago, but the other Discipleship Conferences will again require a $5.00 per person registration which, for the two Conferences at Montreat should be sent to Leroy H. Walker, 1908 Grand Avenue, Nashville, Tennessee 37203.

Rev. Horace Williams Heads Council of Secretaries

The Rev. Horace W. Williams of Nashville, Tenn., is the new president of The Methodist Church's Council of Secretaries.

He was elected to head the 29-member group of top-level executives of the church's national boards and agencies at its annual meeting in Chicago November 11.

Mr. Williams, who is executive secretary of the denomination's Joint Department of Missionary Education, has served as secretary of the Council for the past 15 years.

In his new post as president, he succeeds the Rev. Dr. Eugene L. Smith of New York, formerly a general secretary of the Methodist Board of Missions and now an executive of the World Council of Churches.

Succeeding Williams as secretary of the Council of Secretaries is another Nashvillean —the Rev. Richard H. Bauer, executive secretary of the Interboard Committee on Christian Vocations.

Other officers chosen for the 1964-65 term are:

First vice president, the Rev. Dr. Gaither P. Warfield of New York, general secretary of the Methodist Committee for Overseas Relief.

Second vice president, the Rev. A. Dudley Ward of Washington, D. C., general secretary of the Board of Christian Social Concerns.

Members of the executive committee, in addition to the officers, are the Rev. Dr. Don A. Cooke of Evanston, Ill., general secretary and treasurer of the Council on World Service and Finance, and the Rev. Dr. Leon M. Adkins of Nashville, general secretary of the Board of Education's Division of the Local Church and a past president of the Council.

Among many reports presented to the Council was one on the Methodist exhibit at the World's Fair, given by Bishop Lloyd C. Wicke, of New York Area, chairman of the committee on the exhibit, and the Rev. Dr. Gerald L. Clapsaddle of New York, associate general secretary of the Board of Missions' Joint Commission on Education and Cultivation.

They reported that estimated 350,000 persons had visited the Methodist exhibit in the Protestant Center at the Fair. Plans for improving the exhibit for the 1965 season were outlined.

Plans for the 1966 observance of the bicentennial of the founding of American Methodism were outlined by Bishop T. Otto Nall of Minneapolis, Minn., president of the Association of Methodist Historical Societies, and Bishop Paul N. Garber of Raleigh, N. C., chairman of the committee on observance. The bishops were presented to the Council by the Rev. Dr. Albea Godbold of Lake Junaluska, N. C., executive secretary of the Association.

Dr. Warfield presided at the meeting, which featured also extensive reports on two general agencies—the Interboard Committee on the Local Church and the World Methodist Council. Dr. Clapsaddle reported as chairman of the secretarial council of the Interboard Committee. The work of the World Methodist Council was presented by the Rev. Dr. Lee F. Tuttle of Lake Junaluska, N. C., and New York, secretary of the Council.

Bible study and opening devotions were led by the Rev. Dr. Henry M. Bullock of Nashville, general secretary of the Editorial Division of the Board of Education.

Next meeting of the Council of Secretaries will be April 20-21, 1965, at a place to be chosen by the executive committee.

Evangelism Meeting Planned

Leaders of The Methodist Church's Southeastern Jurisdiction will meet in Atlanta Dec. 8-9 to launch a four-year Methodist program of evangelism for the nine states of the jurisdiction.

A ten of the bishops who serve areas in the jurisdiction will be on the program of the Convocation on Evangelism at First Methodist Church, Atlanta.

Among the leaders who have been invited to attend are all district superintendents in the jurisdiction and executive secretaries and chairmen or presidents of annual conference boards and agencies.

The four-year evangelistic effort was authorized by the 1964 Southeastern Jurisdictional Council.

The four major thrusts of the program are outlined as:

1. 1964-65—A year of self-appraisal on the jurisdictional and the local church levels;

2.1965-66—A year of district-wide evangelism;

3. 1966-67—A year of "simultaneous ingathering" on the jurisdictional levels; and

4. 1967-68—A year of special emphasis upon cultivation and assimilation of members.

Former Louisburg Students Serving in the Peace Corps

Former Louisburg College students now serving in the Peace Corps include the following: Walter Nathaniel Dixon III, who is stationed in Liberia. Mr. Dixon is the son of Mr. and Mrs. W. Nat Dixson, Jr. of New Bern. Donald Conrad Johnson, who is stationed in India. Mr. Johnson is the son of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Johnson of Durham. Blanche E. Martin, who is serving in the Philippines. Miss Martin is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. B. E. Martin of Samoset, Fla. Warren Trent Strickland, who is serving in Uruguay. Mr. Strickland is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Joel Strickland, Wade, N. C.

Expressions of Appreciation For Blue Ridge Service Program

The following testimonies of some of the persons who have taken part in the distribution of new shoes through the Blue Ridge Methodist service program are interesting, and are given for information:

Mrs. Oressa H. Hauser
Oak Grove School Teacher:

"We received the twenty pairs of new shoes you sent us. All of them were perfect fits. I want to thank you sincerely for such a Christian move. May God bless you and yours. I hope someday I will be able to meet you and shake your hand."
Mrs. Joe C. Matthews, Director

Yadkin County Welfare Department
Yadkinville, N. C.

"We appreciate the shoes you have made available for the ———— children, and we are looking forward to working with you in the future in an effort to be of service to some of our deprived children and adults."

Mr. Everett M. Widner, Jr.,
Principal Blowing Rock School:

"On behalf of the Blowing Rock School, I want to express by thanks and gratitude to you for your kindness and thoughtfulness in providing new shoes for the unfortunate children of our school. The little children were so happy with their new shoes. This happiness was also shared by their classmates and teachers. We thank you."

Riverside School Faculty,
Newland, N. C.:

"It is indeed with grateful hearts that we wish to express our thanks and appreciation to you for the kindness you gave to the children in our school in providing new shoes for so many of them. If you could have seen the expressions on their faces when they were given these new shoes I believe yould would have been fully repaid for any effort put forth in providing these for the children."

Mr. Sherley Blackburn, Director
Surry County Welfare Department

"We do apreciate the new shoes you sent. Thank you for your generosity."

Mr. B. H. Tharrington, Superintendent
Mt. Airy City Schools:

"It is my understanding that your organization (Blue Ridge Methodist Service Program) has furnished new shoes for more than thirty children attending Mt. Airy City Schools. I am simply taking this opportunity to thank you for this splendid service. Our Attendance Counselor told me today that several of these children could not have attended school without these shoes.

Mrs. Ruth Price, Teacher, Ashe County:

"You have been so kind to help our needy children. These children are in real need."

Mr. John . Rooks, Principal Sparta:

"Sparta School system expresses their appreciation for the new shoes given by the Blue Ridge Methodist Service Program. The shoes were badly needed and the students were very happy to receive them."

A Mother writes:

"I would like to exress my thanks and appreciation for the shoes (new) you sent my children through the Valle Crusis School. They were in need of them."

Another Mother writes:

"Thank you for the new shoes you sent my little boy. He sure was pleased with them. They sure came at a good time due to a new baby and an operation and a death at Christmas there had not been much to buy with around here." (This mother's husband is in prison. The program provided more than 500 pairs of new shoes to children of inmates of our prison camps). We have a nice family of six boys and one girl. (They range from one year to fifteen vears)."
A girl writes:

"Dear Sirs

"I thank you for the nice shoes and I like them very much."
A boy writess

Dear Sir:

"I want to thank you for the new shoes. I am a boy of ten years old and am in the second grade. I thank you very much for the shoes and socks. They are very nice."
Another Mother writes:

Dearest Church:

"I want to thank you so very much for the new shoes you all sent my little son."

The High Cost Of Ignorance

They say "What you don't know won't
hurt you,"
That "Ignorance is bliss, you know;"
Then with minds closed to conscience,
Hasten forward their wild oats to sow.

Have they never heard the sad story of
Calvary?
How that sad day men should rue!
With nails of our sins in His body,
Jesus prayed, 'Forgive—they know not
what they do."

The Pharisees said, "He's an imposter!"
That the temple he came to tear down;
And they who were expert in ritual,
Through ignorance platted thorns for His
crown

Let us who then refuse to study
To show ourselves approved unto God,
Remember that on Calvary's mountain
It was ignorance that led to the murder of
God!

O. L. Easter

Bennett Presents Special Program December 6

The annual "Living Madonnas" program at Bennett College will be presented at 7:00 p.m. in Pfeiffer Chapel, Sunday, December 6.

James C. McMillan, chairman of the committee in charge of the event, said that this year's theme would be "Madonnas of the Cathedrals." Student models, in motionless poses, will re-create in the darkened chapel the figures of each painting selected.

Music will be provided by Miss Charlotte Alston, college organist, and the freshman choir, directed by Edward Lowe. There will be narration to introduce each painting, taken from the Biblical accounts of the birth of Christ.

Student Church Affiliation At High Point College

Methodist students out number any other one faith with a total of 520 students at High Point College this year. Baptist students are second with 201 of the 1098 students presently enrolled at the College.

Although High Point College is sponsored by the Methodist Church, it's doors are open to 24 other religious faiths and 30 students who hold no religious affiliation. There are 90 Presbyterians, 59 Episcopalians, 55 Catholics, and 26 Lutherans. The Society of Friends and United Church of Christ each have 16 students while the Moravians, Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), and Holiness each have 11. Congregationals number 9, with the Christian Scientists and Evangelical Reform each with 6.

The Jewish, Greek Orthodox, and Christian Missionary Alliance faiths each have 5 students enrolled. The Morman and Pilgrim faiths each have 4 students. There are 3 students from the Church of God as well as 2 each from the Unitarian and Brethren Church. There is one student who is a member of the Salvation Army.

Students To Hear Dr. King

The Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., Atlanta, will be a speaker at the eighth quadrennial Conference of the Methodist Student Movement to be held Dec. 28, 1964, to Jan. 2, 1965, in Lincoln, Nebraska.

The announcement was made by the Rev. J. Emmett Wilkerson, Nashville, administrator of the conference, which is to be attended by about 3,500 college students and campus ministers.

Dr. King, 1964 Nobel Peace Prize winner, will speak on the current racial situation at 7:45 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 30, at Pershing Municipal Auditorium, where all main sessions of the conference will be held.

Speakers previously announced are Miss Lisa Howard, American Broadcasting Company television reporter; Methodist Bishops James K. Mathews, Boston; and James S. Thomas, Des Moines, Iowa; Dr. Jose Miguez-Bonino, resident of Union Theological Seminary, Buenos Aires, Argentina; and Dr. Paul L. Lehmann, a professor at Union Theological Seminary, New York City.

Sponsors of the meeting are the National Conference of the Methodist Student Movement and the Department of College and University Religious Life of the Board of Education of The Methodist Church. The Methodist Student Movement is composed of students and campus ministers from state, independent, and Methodist-related colleges and universities.



Bishop Mueller, President of National Council, Speaks

In answer to critics of the civil rights efforts of the National Council of Churches, Bishop Reuben H. Mueller, Indianapolis, president of the council, declared in Chicago at the District Superintendents' Convocation Friday night: "We intend to keep on until the battle is won."

If the National Council is wrong in pursuing its civil rights program, then "Jesus Christ, himself, was on the wrong track," Bishop Mueller said.

Jesus taught that Christians ought to help the downtrodden and brokenhearted, "and we make no apologies" for efforts to gain justice for all, he said.

The bishop, senior bishop of the Evangelical United Brethren Church, indicated that he was not too disturbed by the criticism the council receives for some of its activities. He said it was because the council's work is relevant.

"If they were saying nothing about us," he observed, "it would mean we were a zero with the rim knocked off."

Bishop Mueller also defended the National Council against charges that some of its leaders have been soft on communism.

He said he had been a member of the council since it was born in 1950, known all its leadership, and has "never yet" met one person connected with the council who indicated he was tainted by communism.

This declaration brought prolonged applause from the audience.

Bishop Mueller said that though he does not presume to speak in a binding way for the 40 million persons who are members of the denominations of the National Council, he does "from time to time venture to say a good word" in their behalf.

He maintained that this is in keeping with his role as chief spokesman and interpreter to the general public, as outlined in the council's constitution.

In response to those who think that the council should be more careful about its pronouncements, he said that it is a long, difficult process, involving much study, for policy statements to reach the point that they can be voted on.

Dr. R. H. Edwin Espy, New York, general secretary of the National Council of Churches, also spoke briefly about the council, which is an organization of 31 Protestant and Eastern Orthodox communions.

Dr. Espy made six points about the council:

1. The council is a creation of the member denominations, acts on their behalf, and is subject to their control.
2. It was established to more effectively manifest unity in Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior.
3. The churches regard the council as an instrument of Christian witness.
4. The council is an instrument of Christian service.
5. The council is a channel from the church to the world.
6. The council is "expendable but essential."

On the last point, Dr. Espy said that even if the National Council were abolished, "something essentially the same" would have to be created to "perform essentially the same functions."

No Room In The Inn

MABEL L. BADGETT

'Twas only a humble stable
Under a very crowded inn.
There many had traveled weary miles,
Along with their kith and kin,

To the City of David to be taxed.
(All who were of David's line.)
But for Mary and Joseph there was no room,
Except one to be shared with the kine.

But the weary Mary did not complain
As the time for parturition drew nigh;
But patiently she bided her time,
Then rejoiced at the Babe's outcry.

There were no trained nurses attending,
Nor doctor of great renown
To usher in the Christ child
In that sleepy little town.

There was no tiny cradle, nor fancy bassinet,
Yet the wearisome Mary, so meek, and so mild,
Was just grateful for the manger-bed
Provided for her child.

Now all down through the ages
Choirs have sung—and the world still sings
About the "Little town of Bethlehem"
And the birth of the "King of Kings."

Denton, N. C.

In Memorium

MRS. W. T. WILCOX

The members of Zion Woman's Society of Christian Service wish to express our love and appreciation for the memory of a beloved member, Mrs. Belle Wilcox.

Each member mourns the loss of our coworker. Her life was an example of true devotion to her family, church and community. We know the life she lived will not end with her passing, but will continue here in the lives she touched. A woman who walked and talked day by day with her Heavenly Father as she did will leave a profound impression on all who knew her.

Mrs. James Houck
Mrs. Milh Houck
Mrs. W. H. Scott

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MRS. ALICE McCALL EDWARDS

On the morning of August 10, 1964, God called home His beloved servant, Alice McCall Edwards. She had lived for 81 years.

Mrs. Edwards had been in ill health for two and a half years prior to her passing. She was a woman who loved her Lord and her church and was an inspiration to all that knew her.

The funeral service was conducted by Rev. Elton Strickland, and her former pastor, Rev. Herman Nicholson. Rev. Nicholson, who served as her pastor for five years, said, "Mrs. Edwards' relationship with God was dynamic, ever new, fresh, appealing and personal."

Her greatest happiness was found in serving. For 38 years she served as organist at Clover Hill Methodist Church, and for many years taught a ladies' class that now bears her name.

In 1945, she and late husband, William Colin Edwards, donated funds for the establishment of the Edwards-McCall Methodist Church, Cocotitlan, Mexico.

She is survived by her daughter, Mrs. Reed Wilson, and one grandchild.

The Words Francis Asbury Lived By

Francis Asbury was a constant reader throughout his lifetime. In the words of one church historian, he carried on a romance with the printed word. He turned to sermonic and general literature often. But the words he lived by came not from these literary works. He found the ultimate words to live by, the eternal truths and principles in the Holy Bible.

"I am come that they might have life and have it more abundantly." We may be sure Asbury knew these words from the Book of John for he read the Scriptures through many times. He was actively engaged in bringing the words of eternal life to those on the American scene as any man of his day. He always regarded his work among our forebears as missionary endeavor.

"God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in time of trouble." Asbury drew special meaning from these words from Psalm 46, and others as well. To rise for the day's work, the week's work, the year's work was to encounter obstacles and certain opposition. With these words securely hid in his heart, he faced life's experiences and rebuffs until life's journey was no more.

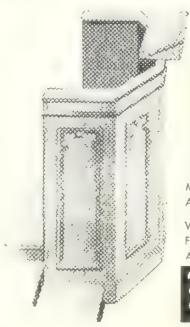
"If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to orgive us our sins and cleanse us from all undighteousness." Asbury, as well as anyone, knew the sinfulness of the human heart. Here was a steadfast promise spoken by Timothy from God to which he might and did cling. He knew and succumbed to a variety of temptations, yet was gladdened at heart to know the way of forgiveness—provided by the Heavenly Father. No matter the darkness, frequency or consequences of the sin, Asbury knew how it could be conquered.

"I am the Way, the Truth, and the Life, no man comes unto the Father but through Me." Here are words from John 14 to live by and die by. The Greatest Teacher has Given them. Asbury had no need to place his confidence in the philosophies and teachings of men, for the highest human wisdom is not of eternal value. No mortal man can say he is the way, the truth and the life. Anyone may turn to these great riches and possess them.

There were yet other words, other promises, other truths, other riches—from the inexhaustible Holy Bible—that Asbury took unto his bosom, that he might have eternal life.

Universal Bible Sunday, December 6th, is a suitable day, as are all days, during which to contemplate the words we live by.

—GRADY L. CARROLL


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By Mary Gardner

A Sick Boy Helps a Nurse To Find God

(A true story)

One bright November day young Betty Ray left her home to go to a hospital in the big city to train as a nurse.

Although the huge hospital, the kind doctors, the friendly nurses, the thrill of helping people to get well, and learning to be a good nurse were very exciting, Betty missed her family and friends back home. Imagine her delight when, early in December she was told that she might go home for Christmas. Betty could hardly wait!

A few days before Christmas Betty's joyous anticipation turned to disappointment. The names of the nurses who were to be on duty at the hospital on Christmas day were posted on the hospital's bulletin board and Betty's name was among the others.

When Betty learned of this she hurried to the office of the superintendent of nurses and cried angrily. "You told me I could go home for Christmas. I've never been away from home on Christmas and I want to go home."

The superintendent was very sorry for the young nurse, but she could only reply "Someone has to stay. We drew names and your name was chosen."

Betty was so angry that it showed in everything she did. She kicked pans around, beat the pillows roughly, yanked at the sheets, and even spoke crossly to some of the patients.

Finally, when she went to do her work in the children's ward, she was still showing her anger. As she passed the bed of one of the little boys he said to her "Nurse, you must never have heard of the baby Jesus, for if you had you would not look the way you do."

Betty looked into the face of the little sick boy. She was so ashamed of the way she had been acting! Going to her room, Betty got down on her knees and asked God to forgive her. From that time on Betty was a kind and livable person and became one of the most loved nurses in the hospital.

Many years have passed since the little boy in the hospital helped Betty Ray to find God. When she was older and about to retire from nursing a large appreciation banquet was given in her honor and many people spoke of her loving spirit and her work as a Christian nurse.

—M. E. G.

Aunt Janie Helps Jimmy

Mrs. Wilson was ironing in the basement when she heard her ten-year-old son, Jimmy come stamping down the steps.

"Mother," he began in a complaining tone, "why don't we take Aunt Janie to stay with someone else? I'm tired of her being here."

"Why, Jimmy?" asked Mother, continuing to iron.

"Because she's too bossy," said Jimmy. "She's not my mother, but she's always telling me what to do."

"What about that time last week when she made cookies for your cub scout meeting?" asked Mother.

"They were pretty good," admitted Jimmy. "But I still wish she would stop telling me to wear my jacket or wipe off my shoes on the door mat."

"Maybe it would help you to realize that Aunt Janie is pretty lonely since Uncle Robert died. I guess she mothers you because she has no family of her own to care for. You probably remind her of cousin Jonothan who is grown up now and far away on a navy ship."

Jimmy stood quietly for a few minutes, thinking about Aunt Janie. Then he said, "I hadn't thought of it that way. It must be hard not to have a family. I'll try not to mind it any more."

WINTER IS COMING

When winter comes with sleet and snow
Little woodthrush, where will you go?
Across the land and near the warm sea
My stout little wings will carry me;
I'll fly by day when the light is good,
And rest at night in a friendly wood.

Pretty red bird, Oh, where will you go
When all the world is covered with snow?
When winter flakes fall I shall stay here
Cardinals are happy in snow, my dear.
Wherever friendly children are,
You'll find me there—I won't be far.

Titmouse, nuthatch, and wee chickadee,
When winter comes, Oh, where will you be?
There will be warblers, wrens, and juncoes
Here in your garden when winter goes.
If there are crumbs on your window sill
We will be there taking our fill.

—Sophie Rowe

I'M SORRY DEAR GOD

Dear God, I'm sorry I did wrong,
I'm sorry that I was not strong.
Forgive me, please, and help me do
The things that are pleasing to You.
Amen

BIBLE JUMBLES

Boys and girls, did you like the Bible Jumbles of Old Testament books which we had published on the Children's Page recently? Perhaps you will enjoy entangling these words, each of which is the name of a New Testament book:

CATS
WHAT MET
ONE TAR VEIL .....
SEW HERB .....
KRAM .....
NAILS A TAG
SITTU .....
NOHJ .....
DEJU .....
LEMON HIP .....
RANSOM .....
HEN IS PEAS
KULE .....
IS NO THIN CAR .....

(Answers Next Week)

BIBLE QUIZ

What parable of Jesus do you associate the following phrases?
1—Eating the husks.
2—Sweeping a floor.
3—"Away on the mountains wild and drear."
4—Wayside Inn.
5—Three men and some money.

Answers to Last Week's Questions

1—The Magi or Wise Men.
2—Nebuchadnezzar (Daniel 4:28)
3—Zimri (I Kings 16:15, 18)
4—Manasseh (II Chroncles 33:1)
5—Christ.

"A Christmas Star"

As I look at my Christmas Decorations today
My heart is filled with gladness.
I feel so Happy!
I feel so Gay!
I think of my childhood—
Such Happy, Happy Times!
I think of the beautiful Christmas Chimes!
I think of little children
As their eyes fill with rapture and glee
As they gaze on The Star Tipped Christmas Tree!"
I think of The Star of Bethlehem
And the birth of A Little Babe—
Who came down to this old earth
So Everyone could be saved.

Mrs. W. H. Booker,
Williamston, N. C.

Woman's Activities

"One Witness In One World"

Mrs. H. W. Doub

The high goals set for us by our General Conference are of vital interest and concern to every member of the Woman's Society of Christian Service and Wesleyan Service Guild. Below are some of the details of the plan for the next quadrennium of 1964-1968, which will help us to achieve greater oneness on our witness and service.

The Call

We are called under God—To achieve greater *Oneness* in every local congregation —To achieve greater *Oneness* in every local community—To achieve greater *Oneness* across racial and cultural lines—To achieve greater *Oneness* in our operation as a world church and—To achieve greater *Oneness* with the Chruch Universal.

The Response

Local Church Self-Appraisal—including study of Scripture, evaluation of the present performance of the local church and identifying areas of need—*Community-wide action*—including joint action with other Christians, especially with other Methodist churches of the community. This phase will include the *Neighborhood* I program. *Conference-wide Action*—to assemble the findings of local church self-analysis and determine *Action* needed by the annual conference. *World-wide Action*—to enrich and extend the *Witness* of the church throughout the world. This phase includes the establishing of new congregations in the U. S. and *Around the World.*

Bishop W. Vernon Middleton, episcopal leader of the Pittsburgh Area, is chairman of the quadrennial Program Committee and in a recent article on "Our Witness" says "The Methodist Church has long considered it advisable to have such a program. As a church, we have learned that such a program definitely helps overcome the lethagaric urge of the average church to do nothing with its faith except expound it, and to feel *Comfortable* in this process. There are three specific areas of contemporay life where this tendency can be found, and in which one Quadrennial Program could help us understand. First, in the area found in the communist and the free world relationship. Second in the relationship of racial and ethnic groups in the U. S. and third in our personal and social conduct. The abandonment of moral standards by so many, our fear and reluctance to become involved in anything unpopular or dangerous, our broken marriages and hurt children. Much more will be spoken and written as the program unfolds during the quadrennium. If followed conscientiously this program could disturb Methodist complacency to the extent that we could under God's guidance become "one witness for one world."

Tool for the Program

Study Book—"One Witness in One World" by Bishop Roy H. Short is a basic books for Bible study and local church self-analysis.

Scripture—The Letter to the Ephesians. A special edition of Ephesians can be ordered from the American Bible Society, 450 Park Avenue, New York, N. Y., 10022. Price in any quantity 4 cents each.

Project Book—This booklet can be ordered through Advance Specials for leaders on missions and finance, free.

Starter Kit—available new. Order from the Commission on Promotion and Cultivation, 200 Davis St., Evanston, Ill., 60201.

W. N. C. Conference

Mrs. John C. Wright

Miss Patricia Rothrock on Duty In Africa

Mrs. John C. Wright

Miss Patricia Rothrock, missionary to Africa, arrived on November 4th to begin her duties in social-evangelistic work in Elisabethville in the Southern Congo Conference.

In a letter to Mrs. Leslie Barnhardt of Charlotte, president of the Woman Society of the Western North Carolina Conference, she said, "Please continue to pray that God will guide me as a good steward and witness."

Miss Rothrock's home church, First Methodist Church, Hendersonville, has also received word of her arrival. She spent three months in Paris studying languages. She writes, "I really have not wasted these months," and adds, "I have succeeded in getting a certificate in Francis Parle, a diploma a la language francais and a diploma Supereior."

Then comes this refrain, "Please express my appreciation to the women. . . . We missionaries do appreciate the love and prayers and concern of the church at home."

Western North Carolina to Have World

Understanding Team

The Western North Carolina Conference will have one of the World Understanding Teams for a program to be presented in February. This was announced by Mrs. Leslie Barnhardt this week.

The team will be at First Methodist Church, Lexington, on February 24-25, 1965. The foreign member of the team is from Madagascar. The other members of the team will be announced later.

Mrs. Barnhardt has been assigned to another team to serve as coordinator in programs in Illinois, Oklahoma, Texas, Mississippi and Tennessee.

Progress in Salisbury District

The Salisbury District has had a gain of 25 new members in recent weeks, the District Executive Committee learned at their meeting held November 15 in Concord. Forty-five women from the district attended the School of Missions at Pfeiffer College in August.

Mrs. T. Fred Henry, district president, paid tribute to Mrs. T. M. Schramm, district vice president, for her outstanding leadership in the workshop on Purpose and Program in September.

Mrs. Boyd Helms, Concord, was elected secretary of Membership Cultivation to fill the vacancy when Mrs. James Carpenter, Landis, resigned.

Mrs. Murlin Barbee, Concord, secretary of Supply, said that $428 had been given by the women of the district for South America and $400 for home missions. They had also sent 568 coupons to the Bethlehem Center.

Mrs. J. Dale Stentz, Concord, past district president, presented an evaluation of progress in the district.

Special Memberships Given in Albemarle District

Two members of the Woman's Society of Central Methodist Church, Albemarle, were honored with special memberships in recent weeks. They are Mrs. John Tucker and Mrs. Paul Pero.

Mrs. Tucker's honor was presented at a luncheon meeting, "for her faithful and tireless service, not only to the Society but also in all work of the church for many years."

Mrs. Pero had served as president of the Central WSCS for 18 months and is moving to Statesville. Her membership was awarded "for giving so generously her time and talents to the church and its work." She and her husband have been faithful and active members of the church for the entire time of their residence in Albemarle.

A special Christmas party will be held by the Woman's Society and Wesleyan Service Guild of Central Church on December 14 at 7:30 p.m. at the church. All circles will join in the observance. A love offering will be taken to use in a Yuletide sharing project.

A mission study class, "The Nation and the Kingdom" was held on Nov. 17. Mrs. Claud Grigg was the teacher. The members of First Street and Main Street Methodist churches joined the group for the class.

Bethlehem Center Playground at Charlotte

The playground back of the Bethlehem Center in Charlotte has been improved by have the entire area paved. This was made possible by a love offering given by the Wesleyan Service Guild of the Western North Carolina Conference.

Miss Lucy Gist, deaconess and director of the Center, expresses her appreciation for this improvement by saying, "This is a tremendous gift." Mrs. Robert Ayers, Pleasant Garden, Guild secretary, responds by saying, "We hope the children enjoy it as much as we did giving it."

This was a love offering from the Guild-

ers, with additional funds added to it from the treasurer of the Woman's Division of Christian Service.

Now Miss Gist invites everyone to "Come visit us." The Bethlehem Center is located at 2705 Baltimore Ave., Charlotte. The group workers at the Center are Mrs. Dorothy Caruthers, Mrs. Ruth Bowen and Thomas Hershaw. Mrs. Esther Schlapper, deaconess, is secretary. There are also part-time kindergarten workers.

Yule Season Colorcast of 'The Story of Christmas'

When "The Story of Christmas," with Tennessee Ernie Ford as singer-narrator, is colorcast for the second Yule season on NBC Monday, December 21 (7:30-8:30 p.m. EST), it will be in response to requests from family audiences across the country.

The one-hour special, featuring the familiar sights and sounds of the holiday season, will be sponsored again by General Mills, Inc., through its agency, Needham, Louis & Brorby, Inc.

An animated version of the story of the Nativity highlights the last 18 and a half minutes of the program.

The show features the Roger Wagner Chorale and Orchestra, with music composed and conducted by Wagner. Charles Tazewell, author of the modern Christmas classic, "The Littlest Angel," wrote "The Story of Christmas."

As the show opens, Tennessee Ernie is reflecting on the holiday season. His thoughts turn to children all over the world, including three groups of eight children—African, Mexican, Oriental—who sing about the Christ Child in their native tongues, backed by the chorale and orchestra. Selections include "Xhosa Lullabye," "El Roro," and Sa Ku Ra," respectively.

Then Ford moves among them, singing "Some Children See Him," a song which tells how youngsters of different races see the Christ Child in their own image.

Tennessee Ernie shares the stage with a donkey in the next scene, underscoring the animal's importance to the Nativity story. Ford sings "Little Grey Donkey, Tonight" a new Christmas carol, with lyrics by Tazewell and music by Wagner, supported by the chorale and orchestra.

The next setting is a colorful English street scene at the turn of the century. Tennessee Ernie starts a Christmas medley with "It Came Upon a Midnight Clear." The medley is picked up by different groups of the Wagner chorale, as they go caroling through the streets singing, "It Came Upon a Midnight Clear," "He is Born," "Deck the Hall," 'God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen" and "Adeste Fideles."

Tennessee Ernie then introduces a typical Christmas tree buying situation, with Dave Willock and Adele Claire portraying a married couple trying to decide which tree to buy from salesman Andy Albin.

Ernie discusses Christmas trees throughout the world, and the Wagner Chorale, forming a "living" Christmas tree that rises 25 feet into the air, sings "O Tannenbaum."

For the finale, Ford narrates the Nativity story according to the Gospel of St. Luke. The accompanying animation sequence was created by Eyvind Earle, one of the nation's leading Christmas card artists, who formerly was an artist-animator for Walt Disney Productions. During the sequence, the Wagner Chorale sings "We Three Kings," "What Child Is This?" "Oh Little Town of Bethlehem," "Jesu Bambino," "Angels We Have Heard on High," "Virgin Slumber Song" and "Joy to the World."

"The Story of Christmas" closes with some final words from Ford and the chorale singing "Silent Night."

The holiday special is produced and directed by William N. Burch.



GIRL SCOUTS DONATE NEW PULPIT TO PARKWOOD METHODIST CHURCH

The members of Girl Scout Troop 38 presented the lovely white birch pulpit shown above to the Parkwood Methodist Church this week as a service project. The pastor, the Rev. R. G. Harris, Jr., is seen on the left as he receives the pulpit for the church. To the right is Troop 38. Front row, kneeling, is Jerry Aanerud, Laura Leigh Sholer, Nancy Pate, Tami Cheatham, Gray Hitle. Second row is Annette Wharley, Kathy Denny, Debbie Morgan, Frances Porter, Candance Ferguson, Kathy Maulden. Additional scouts are Pam Boyette, Diane Davis, Joan Bonti, and Ellen Kyser. (Pam's father, Bobby Boyette, built the pulpit for the troop after members had raised the money for materials.) The Parkwood Methodist Church is one of our new churches located seven miles south of Durham, N. C., near the Research Triangle. Its present membership is 140 members with approximately 150 people attending each Sabbath day.

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According to a railroad tax attorney, the railroads haul only 43 per cent of intercity freight traffic, but pay 90 per cent of all state and local taxes levied on common carriers.

Morehead Planetarium To Present Christmas Showing

Scripture, science, history and the giant star machine at the Morehead Planetarium together annually produce an inspiring story of the first Christmas; to many, the greatest story ever told. *Star of Bethlehem* is the program and it is being offered day and night throughout the Christmas season.

School classes may attend *Star of Bethlehem* any week-day at 11:00 a.m., 1:00 or 4:00 p.m. by advance reservation.

Advance notice is not required to see *Star of Bethlehem* on any evening (at 8:30) or throughout the day on Saturdays (at 11, 1, 3, 4 or 8:30) and Sundays (at 2, 3, 4 or 8:30) in the University of North Carolina's Morehead Planetarium at Chapel Hill.

The Planetarium will be closed only on December 24th and 25th.

A&P SUPER MARKETS



The above picture shows five boys who recently received the God and Country Award at Mount Pleasant Methodist Church, Winston-Salem, after working with the pastor for more than a year. They are left to right: Page Mitchell, Mike Johnson, John Eaton, Glenn Scott, Jr. and Steve Grubbs. In the back are the pastor, Rev. G. F. Houck and Scoutmaster Clifford Schlotfeldt.

Plans For the Asheville District Conference

Several District Conferences will be held across the Western North Carolina Annual Conference during the next few days. A unique one is being planned for the Asheville District, which meets at First Methodist Church in Hendersonville on Sunday afternoon, December 6, at 3:00 p.m.

A program of worship music by the Brevard College Choir will begin the conference. A comprehensive book of reports will be presented the delegates and a panel of the district secretaries will answer questions relative to the respective concerns.

Early reports reaching Dr. Embree H. Blackard, superintendent of the Asheville District, indicate progress among the 96 churches under his jurisdiction. The district area covers Buncombe, Henderson, Madison, Yancey, Polk, and Transylvania counties and it includes 19,798 Methodist members.

Focal point of the reports will reveal progress at home and abroad in the church's missionary outreach. The Rev. R. T. Houts, Jr., District Missionary secretary, reports that since the conference year began last June, Methodists of the district have pledged $18,732 toward construction of a new Methodist church building in Mars Hill. In addition the District and Conference Boards of Mission will contribute substantial sums toward the project. District leaders have pointed out that 140 Methodist students are enrolled in Mars Hill College and are in need of adequate facilities for their activities as well as that of the local Methodist congregation.

Although stress has been given the Mars Hill project, world concerns of the church have not been neglected. "Our pledges to the Methodist Committee for Overseas Relief is up 100 per cent over last year," reports Mr. Houts.

A complete report on membership, giving, and other activities of the district will be submitted to the Hendersonville Conference. The usual business of the district will be transacted, which will include the granting and renewal of Local Preachers' licenses.

Dr. Blackard will present the quadrennial program of the church, "One Witness, One World" and will present Mr. Robert M. Smith, Conference Lay Leader from Mt. Airy, who will speak on the subject, "The Layman Witnesses."

Following supper, the District Conference will conclude with an address by Bishop Earl G. Hunt, Jr., Presiding Bishop of the Charlotte Area, and a Re-dedication Service for the 151 Certified Lay Speakers of the district.

Nothing Fails When God Is In It

Nothing fails when God is in it,
Be it great or be it small,
Though sometimes we're made to wonder
Why for us He gave a call,
When we feel so weak and helpless
For the work He calls us to,
As we think there should be others
Stronger far than me and you.

But the God of grace and wisdom
Knows the gifts and hearts of men,
Who will bless the lives of others
With the tongue or with the pen;
Who will sacrifice and labor
In the lands both far and near,
Out among all kinds of people,
All of whom to God is dear.

Nothing fails when God is in it—
If it's preach or pray or sing,
Or invite the poor lost sinner
To the altar of our King;
Or to help a little pilgrim
Who is tempted hard with sin,
Just to pray and hold quite steady
That the battle he may win.

Nothing fails when God is in it
When we give our best to Him,
Even if we lift a candle
Just to light a pathway dim;
Or give a drink of water
To some fainty, thirsty soul,
Who has fallen by the wayside
On his journey to the goal.

—Rev. Walter F. Isenhour,
Taylorsville, N. C.

Charlotte District Mission Society in Annual Meeting

Bishop Earl G. Hunt, Jr., who presides over the Charlotte Methodist Area, said the best way to stop Communism is to build churches.

The bishop was keynote speaker for the 22nd annual meeting of the Charlotte District Mission Society, held in Myers Park Methodist Church with more than 250 persons attending.

The bishop, after recalling a church-building experience he had during the early days of his ministry, told the audience, "I have four impressions of this great task of church extension:"

"I doubt very seriously," he said, "if there is any privilege given to churches equal to the privilege of fashioning a new church, along the lines which ought to characterize a church."

He said the five characteristics which ought to be in the ideal Christian church are:

1. "A church which cares for others and gives more to worthy causes than it is asked to give;" 2. "A church which speaks out kindly, but surely on great issues;" 3. "A church which emphasizes worship. All great events of religion take place in the climate of worship, private or corporate;" 4. "A church which ministers aggressively to young people, which understands them, and throws arms of affection around their baffled lives;" and 5. "A church which makes membership hard enough to mean something."

Bishop Hunt said his second impression of church extension is that of comradrie. "Being a Christian and being a member of a Christian church ought to be sheer, unadulterated fun," the bishop said. "If this is not true, there is something wrong with the program of your church."

Third, building a church program provides the needed incentive for some people to seek the deeper truths for which the Christian church stands. "Sometimes," the bishop said, "evangelism is bricks, mortar and landscaping. Sometimes we pastors must become all things to all men."

And fourth, "I regard building the church —building churches—as the most effective silent therapy I know for our age and for the world—the sheer paganism of the age in which we live, its terrible dangers, the peril to humanity in this early afternoon of the 20th Century."

"I don't know any institution that has for humanity and its tomorrows the hope the church has."

"Do you want to know the way to destroy communism? Build churches! Communism can't live in the same climate with churches. I don't know of anything which would make more of an impression upon our pagan civilization than the faithful building of churches."

Others appearing on the program were the Rev. A. Glenn Lackey, superintendent of the Charlotte District; Dr. Edwin L. Jones, Sr., treasurer of the World Methodist Council whose father was instrumental in forming the Charlotte District Mission Society; and Dr. J. Clay Madison, pastor of the host church and president of the Board of Missions for the Western North Carolina Conference.

Sunday School Lesson

FOR DECEMBER 13

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Background Scripture: Philemon
Lesson Scripture: Philemon 8-21

BROTHERS IN CHRIST

We come now to the final lesson in our series on "Letters to Christian Leaders." Most of this writing has been concerned with problems of faith and life as they were experienced by the members of the early Christian Church. In our quarter's study we have seen how living the Christian life in any age is beset with many problems. We have also seen that in ancient times, as well as now, it may enable us to be better people, and to serve our day and generation in a constructive and helpful way. In a word, to be a part of the *cure*, not part of the *disease* of the world.

In today's lesson we consider the letter of Philemon, an almost completely unique and different sort of Scripture from that found anywhere else in the Bible. The reader should now turn to the letter in the New Testament and read it. It will take only a few minutes. As Professor Dodd has reminded us: "The Epistle to Philemon is a simple letter to a friend on a personal matter, with no doctrinal or ecclesiastical purpose." However, a close examination of the letter will show that even such a letter as this has overtones of spiritual suggestions which may not only instruct, but inspire us. Our Lesson Committee has chosen to give this study the title "Brothers in Christ." We may need to recall the memory selection which is, in fact, a sort of theme for the lesson. It reads: "There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is neither male nor female; for you are all one in Christ Jesus" (Galatians 3:28).

We notice first of all that this letter may not be so private as we may at first assume. True, it is addressed to Philemon, but also to "our sister Apphia (presumably the wife of Philemon), Archippus, and *the church that meets in your house*" (Philemon 1 & 2). Evidently the apostle Paul wished the matter he was writing about to be discussed by the entire congregation that usually met at the home of Philemon. This would mean that the owner of the slave, Onesimus, whom Paul was sending back to his master with the request that he be accepted as a brother in Christ, would have to make his decision before the entire Christian group! In this way the opinion of the Christian brothers would play its art in the moral decision Philemon had to make.

We can imagine how the slave, Onesimus, guarded the letter as he made his way back to Colossae and the house of his master! How would he be received? We are told that the penalty for a run-away slave could be death. Think how anxiously this particular slave must have been to know how his master would receive the suggestion from Paul! Actually, the apostle would like Philemon to allow Onesimus to return and help him with the evangelistic work he was carrying on from his prison. But was he allowed to return to Paul? Unfortunately, there is no sure answer to this question. Certainly the letter of Philemon contains no more than a strong hope on Paul's part that Philemon will send him back.

At this point we may be pardoned for joining that group of Bible students who like to think that an early bishop of Ephesus by the name of Onesimus was this very same run-away slave! Some think he is the one to whom we are indebted for the collection of Paul's writings. If this is true how natural it would be for him to include this letter which he may have treasured long after the apostle's death! Then, too, what a wonderful outcome to St. Paul's "experiment in redemption" this would have been! Then the former slave who had been redeemed not only from physical, but also from spiritual slavery, would have been a leader in the church and thus one who could lead many others from a life of slavery to sin into "the glorious light and liberty of the sons of God!" Whether this was the outcome of the story or not, we like to think it is true. At any rate, there have been hundreds of stories of liberation throughout the Christian centuries that could come very close to matching it!

Ministers' Conference Scheduled At Asbury, January 26-29

The 21st Annual Ministers' Conference, Lizzie H. Glide Lectures, and the 9th Annual Missionary Conference will be held on the campus of Asbury Theological Seminary, Wilmore, Kentucky, January 26-29, 1965.

Principal speakers include: Bishop Gerald Kennedy, Dr. Paul S. Rees, and Dr. Akbar Abdul-Haqq.

Bishop Kennedy has episcopal oversight of 470 churches, 275,000 members, and nearly 800 ministers of the Los Angeles area of The Methodist Church.

Dr. Rees is in global circulation as Vice President at Large of World Vision, Inc. He now serves as Editor in Chief of *World Vision* magazine and as Associate Editor of *The Herald*.

Dr. Haqq has been a missionary evangelist with the Billy Graham Evangelistic Team since 1960. Dr. Haqq will deliver the McPheeters Missionary Lectures.

For further information and reservations, write: Ministers' Conference, Asbury Theological Seminary, Wilmore, Kentucky 40390.

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Co-ordinating Council Begins Work

Seven committees have been set up by The Methodist Church's Co-ordinating Council as it tackles a grist of work for this quadrennium.

Committees, and their chairmen, are:

Review, Bishop John Owen Smith, Atlanta, Ga.; Structure, Bishop Eugene M. Frank, St. Louis, Mo.; Program, Bishop A. Raymond Grant, Portland, Ore.; Long-Range Planning, the Rev. Dr. John B. Warman, Pittsburgh, Pa.; Property, Hubert E. Orton, Hollywood, Calif.; Publication Policy, Bishop M. L. Harris, Atlanta, Ga.; and International Representation, the Rev. Paul A. Duffey, Pensacola, Fla.



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Fine Response From Laymen To Build in Puerto Rico

Dedicated Methodist laymen—bricklayers, carpenters and other construction workers, have been most responsive to my appeal, some weeks ago, to join in a team to assist in the construction of a mission church in Puerto Rico next February. We can go with the number which has already volunteered, but I want more men to have the rewarding experience, and am still receiving applications. Any interested person should communicate with me promptly. There seems to be enough interest on the part of these fine men for enough men to go to build two churches, with the help of the local Puerto Ricans.

The round trip air fare is $170.20. We feel confident, from past experience, that for a total of $225.00 per man we can make the round trip and meet necessary travel expenses on trips over the island. Board and lodging is given at Camp Carson, which is similar in its rogram and purpose to our Lake Junaluska, but it is not as large or as lavish. Many of the churches, from which the enrollees come are helping the men with their expenses, when that is necessary. The inspiration for missions and the new dedication to God and His work which these men experience pays the church to thus encourage her laymen to make this trip.

The group will leave North Carolina January 30th. Some will stay two weeks, some three weeks and some as long as necessary to do the job. The longer one stays the greater his experience and the more contacts he can make over the Island. This is not a lark, but a dedication of time and labor to a program for extending God's Kingdom among needy and appreciative people. We will travel together and work together according to schedule.

Blue prints for one church are already in hand. Some materials for the building have already been donated, and we are expecting response sufficient to get all of it in North Carolina, and the freight charges likewise free. Some of you might help in securing donations of materials. The building will be constructed of eight inch solite blocks with mortar mix. Steel door frames and jalous aluminum windows will be used. The concrete floor will be overlaid with asphalt tile.

Let me hear from you, men or churches.

(Rev.) N. M. Harrison,
1304 Eaton Place, High Point, N. C.

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A new Jordan Tourist Information Office has been opened at 530 Fifth Avenue in New York City under the direction of Mr. Mohamed Baghal, USA Tourist Attache for the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan. Prospective visitors to Jordan, travel agents, representative of airlines, rail and steamship lines, the press, radio, television, the clergy and others seeking travel information on Jordan are invited to visit, phone or write for any needed information. The telephone number is PL 5-3431.

Begin With Self-Study, Churches Urged

Methodist churches participating in the denomination's 1964-68 quadrennial emphasis should make certain they begin with the self-analysis the emphasis committee was told in Chicago as it met to review the program to date.

"The main thing is to get started on the self-analysis," Bishop Roy H. Short of Louisville, Ky., told the committee. Bishop Short is author of the study book on the theme of the emphasis, *One Witness in One World.*

"Our churches need to look at themselves in the light of the New Testament church," the Kentuckian asserted.

The committee, including four representatives of overseas Methodist churches, was reminded that most of the emphasis is to be developed in local churches and annual conferences, rather than being handed down by the General Conference.

Introduced at the committee's meeting was a new "Church Extension Opportunities" guide published in connection with the quadrennial emphasis. The booklet, to be sent to district superintendents and annual conference missions officials, lists more than 1,700 specific church expansion opportunities around the world totaling more than $20 million. It is the hope of emphasis leaders that individual churches will adopt a project, or a part of a project, as a special part of their participation in the quadrennial program.

January Is Advocate Month

January 24 Is Advocate Sunday

The Methodist Board of Publication in its meeting November 19 adopted a resolution to make January "Advocate Month" and set aside January 24 as "Advocate Sunday." The plan is to **put the Advocate into a minimum of at least 1000 homes in EVERY DISTRICT.**

Bishop Hunt and Bishop Garber were heartily in favor of the plan, and gave assurance they would give it emphasis. We will be saying more about this later, but we want our pastors to know of it now, and to co-operate fully. The Advocate belongs to the Methodists of North Carolina. It is their Church Paper. Those who get it don't want to miss an issue.

It costs us around $60.00 in postage just to mail a letter to each of our pastors, so we are asking them to read this and become informed about the plan.

Our suggestion is that a good live-wire representative be appointed in every church to solicit the membership for subscriptions. We cannot send a list by churches. We do not have such a list, since we receive subscriptions and do not know to what church the person belongs. We only have them by post offices.

It is simple just to ask people to subscribe. If they are already subscribers they will say so. If they are not subscribers, ask them to give their subscription. Set a definite number as a goal and work to it.

It can be done. Will you do it?

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Hoyle Memorial Methodist Church of Shelby Dedicated Last Sunday



Sunday, Dec. 6, was a red-letter day in the life and program of Hoyle Memorial Methodist Church, Shelby, N. C.—it was dedication day.

Bishop Earl G. Hunt of the Charlotte area of the Methodist Church delivered the sermon at the 11 o'clock service and also conducted the service of dedication. The Rev. Cecil Heckard, superintendent of the Gastonia District of the Western North Carolina Conference, introduced Bishop Hunt and also led in prayer and reading of the scripture.

The church was presented for dedication, on behalf of the congregation by W. E. Blanton, chairman of the Board of Trustees.

Hoyle Memorial Church was organized in 1944 with Dr. J. H. Barnhardt as the first pastor. Jefferson Elementary School was used as a place of worship until the new congregation was able to erect the first part of the church plant—the education building—in 1948. This was done under the leadership of the Rev. Leon Stubbs. The sanctuary was built during the pastorate of the Rev. Z. G. Norton in 1954.

The church building includes the sanctuary with seating capacity of over 300, classrooms, pastor's study, library, fellowship hall and kitchen. The sanctuary has the divided chancel.

Friends, former members and former pastors were invited to share the dedication service with the members. Luncheon was served in the fellowship hall at the close of the service.

Ministers who have served the church, in order of their appointments, are the Rev. J. H. Barnhardt, Rev. Leo Pittard, the Rev. D. L. Stubbs, the Rev. S. G. Ferree, the Rev. Zane Norton, the Rev. William Crummett, the Rev. Kelly G. Brendle, the Rev. R. P. Crawley and the present pastor, the Rev. J. J. Powell.

CAROLINA BRIEFS

¶ Dr. Fred Paschall, retired, of Hendersonville, preached Sunday, November 29 at East Flat Rock Methodist Church, of which Rev. W. A. Kerr is pastor.

¶ It is announced by the Troutman Methodist Church that Dr. James C. Stokes, superintendent of the Salisbury District, will be the preacher for Holy Week services next Spring. Rev. G. G. Adams is the pastor at Troutman.

¶ The MYF of the Mount Olive Sub-District met Sunday afternoon, December 6th at 2:30 in the Warsaw Methodist Church, with the president, Bette Walston, presiding. The Program was presented by Rev. Conrad Class, Jr., Conference Director of Youth Work.

¶ Rev. Ed Hackney, missionary to India, spoke at the Ruffin Methodist Church last Monday evening at 7:00 o'clock. Mr. Hackney and his wife and children have just returned from New Patiala, Punjab, India, where they have served in the Methodist Mission work for the past five years.

¶ Pastors will be receiving soon bulletin inserts to be used in their promotion of the North Carolina Christian Advocate subscription drive for January. It is hoped they will place these in their bulletins for an early Sunday in January, which is "Advocate Month." Also that an interested person will be appointed for each church to solicit the congregation for subscriptions.

¶ An outstanding career research scientist, Dr. George V. Mann of the Vanderbilt University School of Medicine, Nashville, Tennessee addressed science students and the medical profession in the High Point College Memorial Auditorium on Tuesday, December 8th, at 10:30 a.m. Dr. Mann's visit was sponsored by the American Medical Association in cooperation with the Biology and Chemistry Departments of High Point College.

¶ Christmas, 1964, will be celebrated by the CBS Radio Network during a six-day series of choral programs to be presented daily starting *Saturday, December 19.* This marks the 38th consecutive year the Yuletide season has been observed with special choral programs on the CBS Radio Network. The holiday broadcasts will feature noted college, high school and military choral groups in specially arranged holiday music.

¶ Walter Alan Tuttle, Jr., was born October 5 to Mr. and Mrs. Walter Alan Tuttle in Riischlikan, Switzerland, where Mr. Tuttle is working on his doctorate in theology. Mr. Tuttle is a Baptist, and Mrs. Tuttle is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Shearon of Wake Forest, who are active Methodists. The Shearons have another daughter who is the wife of Rev. C. F. Hirschi, pastor of the Methodist Church at Tabor City. The Advocate editor feels a special attachment to the Shearons and their family, since it was his high privilege to perform the marriage ceremony for them back in the 1920's while he was their pastor on the Millbrook charge.

¶ Mrs. Richard (Aurelia) Braunstein, widow of the late Major Richard Braunstein, passed away this December 4th while at her home. Surviving are Mrs. Rose Walker, a sister; Newton Worth, a brother; and two neices and a nephew. A graveside service took place Monday, December 7, at the Cairo Cemetery, with the Rev. Paul W. Brown, minister of The United Church, Methodist, officiating at the service.

¶ The editor enjoyed the privilege of preaching last Sunday morning at the Kerr Street Methodist Church in Concord, where the Rev. W. A. Rock is the fine pastor. He also attended and spoke briefly at the Salisbury District Conference held at Kerr Street Church in the afternoon. On Monday morning he attended the monthly meeting of the Charlotte District ministers. Brother A. Glenn Lackey, the District Superintendent, who is planning an all-out effort for new Advocate subscriptions, gave us the opportunity to explain the plan to be followed.

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Korea and Taiwan to Receive Candy for Christmas

Over 50,000 pounds of candy is on its way to Korea and Taiwan as a result of the generosity of an American firm and the efforts of the N. A. E. World Relief Commission.

The Mason Candy Company, Mineola, New York, contributed the 25-ton supply of chocolate-covered almond coconut, mint, and walnut fudge while the Commission attended to the technical details of trucking and shipping.

The candy, which will arrive in the Asian countries in time for the Holidays, will be distributed (along with regular qauntities of clothing and food staples) to the needy and destitute peoples of these countries by World Relief Commission representatives. This Christmas "treat," high in nutritional value, will supplement a diet of flour, rolled wheat, commeal, bulgor, and beans—surplus foods the shipping and distribution of which are administered by the World Relief Commission.

The Upper Room Disciplines, 1965

The sixth annual edition of **The Upper Room Disciplines** has a new look—it appears this year in a smart, pocket-size format. Under one easy-to-carry cover are a year's daily devotions, with each topic developed for seven days, following the weekly topics found in **The Upper Room** daily devotional guide. The authors, selected for their creative, intelligent Christian leadership, develop ideas pertinent to the needs of ministers, theological students, and those who follow church-related vocations.

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The Guiding Light

To Bethlehem in days of old,
The wise men came and brought their gold,
They brought their frankincense and myrrh,
To Mary's son so sweet and fair.

The star had led them to the place,
Where they beheld the baby's face,
And offered gifts so fine and rare,
And knelt in adoration and prayer.

Their faces shone with contentment and peace,
As in their hearts confusion ceased,
And in it's place came love and joy,
At the birth of this wonderful baby boy.

They bade farewell to the babe so fair,
And started their journey the story to share,
To peoples of every nation and race,
The way of salvation by God's saving grace.

An angel, guided by God's love,
Had heard His voice from above,
He bid them go another way,
Lest Jesus with His life must pay.

The angel of the Lord made known,
To Joseph he must flee from home,
And into Egypt must abide,
To save His life this child must hide.

With loving hands and tender care,
The child waxed strong in spirit through prayer,
He had a mission He must fulfill,,
If He was to do His father's will.

His father's will He must make known,
By teaching, and healing, and dying alone,
By sharing a blessed story so true,
That down through the ages will ever be new.

He heard the little children sing,
With tender compassion He blessed each child,
And round about this little throng,
The sweet hosannas loud did ring.

He healed the sick,
The poor He blessed,
The humble, meek, and mild caressed,
As none had ever done before.

If you would riches here acquire,
One great command He left,
"Love God with all your hearts," He said,
"Then love your neighbor as yourself."

"Go ye into all the world," said He,
"If ye would my disciples be,
And tell the story so sweet and true,
That others may share this peace with you."

One needs must go to Bethlehem,
And tread the path where Jesus trod,
That leads them up to Calvary's hill
To catch a glimpse of the love of God.

The star that shone for the wise men, three,
Still sheds its beams for you and me.
It will guide us home if we seek His face,
And humble ourselves, and be saved by His grace.

—Mrs. Paul Mitchell

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"A soft answer turneth away wrath; but grievous words stir up anger."—Prov. 15:1.

Yuletime Thoughts

Christmas is a holy day to be observed in memory of the time when God's Son came to earth. A babe to grow, see and experience as a person man's part in the creation; also, to show more of God's regards for men.

Whether we believe in Christ or not, the Christmas Season speaks forth with praise, joy, goodwill, friendly greetings, and help to many who are in need. Yet, when we believe the difference is much more inspiring and lasting even through the rest of the year—yes, the reminder of life.

The importance of the birth of Christ was to show man that the God phases of the creation are more important and of more value than the temporal or self-centeredness of individuals. It seemed a necessity for the Son of God being born into the world to change the conditions and attitudes of people — to show how to discern the things of real merit from those of less value.

We have overdone the gift part, the Santa Claus. We've gone all out in the race to shop and serve. We are so rushed and wrapped with present exchange that we do not grasp the real meaning of the Saviour's birth. We can not Reverence the Advent of the Christ child, nor honor Him who offers hope, health, even eternal life to all people because of this.

The greatest thing we can receive or renew this Christmas is the true vision of the Saviour's birth, and the realization that He is the hope of the world . . that our lives are to be entrusted to Him and we are to show forth this belief so others can be encouraged to accept His way.

If God thought enough of mankind to send His only Son to redeem the world, show us the way, and grant hope of a better life—we should at least honor and serve in the most sincere way. It means everything to us for our time and hereafter.

We have neither words nor terms to describe or define the greatness, grandeur, or the goodness of God. Our realm and capacity is too limited and short to grasp, let alone retain, but little of the wonders of life, or anticipations of the future; yet we should be constantly striving to find out more about our part and place.

No matter what we've done unless we've really prayed a prayer of thanksgiving, or submitted ourselves to real service for the Master we have left ourselves open to sin and are without the great light and aid so much needed to control our daily living.

The birth of Christ is the most
cherished event,
His work and teachings hold the
most in store,
To be born in Christ is our only hope
To have peace on earth, our life
evermore!

D. D. Richardson
West End, N. C.

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The Rev. Carlton R. Young has resigned his position with the Methodist Publishing House to join the faculty of Southern Methodist University. He will be succeeded as manager of the Church Music Section of Abingdon Press by Robert O. Hoffelt, Jacksonville, Fla.,

Let Us Sing

Summer has come and gone, fades our
green and fruitful earth;
More solemn seems the shedding tree, less
joyous our mirth,
More like a season of decay, less like a time
of birth:
But we still can sing!

Spots of glorious beauty still abound for
seeing eyes,
Autumn's fleecy clouds billow and ride the
endless skies
And tho' sharp winds come to chill our
fleeting paradise
Let us smile and sing!

When winter sends her icy blasts, her driving snows,
Yet may there be a living fire within us that
ever glows,
Undying embers on the heart's altar tho'
great the blows
So we can ever sing!

Lest we forget the summer's rain, the crops
increase,
God's amazing love and grace that do not
cease,
And 'mid life's unresting seas His gift of
peace
Always let us sing!

Let's fuel the flames in thankful, endless
praise
And with hopes high and memories sweet
face our wintry days,
Knowing God will lead us through life's
uncertain ways
And let us sing!

—O. L. Brown

Work of Methodists in Yugoslavia Reported Becoming Easier

The work of The Methodist Church in Yugoslavia has become considerably easier in recent years, and the worship services and Sunday schools are well attended, a report in the Ecumenical Press Service (EPS) said recently.

Quoting the journal of The Methodist Church in Germany, *The Evangelist*, published in Frankfurt, West Germany, EPS reported that in contrast to persecution experienced before 1941, Yugoslavian Methodists now can preach the Gospel in freedom. The church has about 5,000 members. Candidates for the ministry are trained at the Baptist Seminary at Novi Sad, EPS said, and in 1941 five young men have entered the Methodist ministry.

Ecumenical Press Service is a worldwide religious news report published in Geneva weekly by the World Council of Churches and other international ecumenical agencies.

Christmas

It is an Established Fact Christ came
to earth.
It is a known Fact that Christ's Way
has been tried and is Best.
It is a Certain Fact when we live the
Christ Way we are Happy and Helpful.
It is an Unquestionable Fact the Christ
Way is the Only One that assures
Eternal Life.

Newspaper Man Challenges Pfeiffer College Students

Kays Gary, noted Charlotte Observer columist, told Pfeiffer College students on Thursday, December 3, that they lived in a world where many fine and noble people could be found.

Gary, known for his interest in humanitarian causes, illustrated his address at a Convocation with stories of people he had written about.

He reminded his listeners that few of them knew fears common to many Americans just a few decades ago. He listed the following:

The fear of diseases such as TB and pneumonia which could be controlled today.

The fear of not being able to find a job paying adequate wages.

The fear of not being treated with dignity as a human being.

Gary related how, as a newsman, he had found people in most unexpected circumstances doing things "saints usually do." Brightness, laughter, tenderness, love, trust, and compassion are qualities the world needs and which can still be found," he declared.

The Charlotte newspaper man challenged students to re-think suitable goals for America and suggested that it was their task to guide America into a new age as a great nation working under God.

Meditation On The Lord's Prayer

By Albert P. Shirkey

The author of **The Lord Is My Shepherd** has written another Christ-centered book of high quality. In twenty-four meditations he presents a deeply devotional interpretation of the classical prayer Jesus taught his disciples. The author seeks to capture the meaning Jesus put forth, which often becomes diffused when the prayer succumbs to mere ritual. And the often misunderstood passages, "as we forgive," and "lead us not," are viewed in a new light.

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EDITORIALS

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Let's Obey The Law And Preserve Our Heritage

While visiting in another state recently we heard a radio broadcast in which an appeal was made for the citizenry to vote against certain laws on the statute books, known as "blue laws" which make it unlawful for certain business places to remain open on the Sabbath day. The announcer said that in that particular county beer could be sold legally on Sunday, but baby food could not. He was pleading for the revocation of all laws against Sabbath restrictions on selling, and said the matter of the merchant selling on Sunday or the customer buying on Sunday should be left to the individual conscience and religious conviction.

Of course he tried to use the best possible psychology to make his argument sound logical, for evidently he knew he was pleading an unpopular cause, and one which would find opposition from the religious forces of the community. What he was really trying to do was to break down respect for the Sabbath and to remove all restrictions against any kind of secular activity.

However, it is easy, with a little reflection, to see what a false premise was used as the base for the argument. If carried to its ultimate conclusion it would do away with all law, and make every person a law unto himself. People who follow that line of reasoning seem not to follow through or understand what the results would be. They seem to forget that we live under certain laws made by the majority opinion, and that every individual is under obligation to live under and obey those laws, even though they may sometimes go counter to his desires. The majority may not always be right, but if our democracy is to function properly we must respect the majority opinion.

Devout and sincere Christians see no need for buying and selling on the Sabbath, whether it be beer or baby food. There are six days in which these matters can be cared for, and if people knew they were not available on Sunday they would arrange to do their buying likewise. We know that the Sabbath was made for man and not man for the Sabbath, but that very fact implies the sacredness of the Sabbath day as a day of worship and spiritual enrichment. Its observance is still included in the Ten Commandments, and even though a community may revoke its local laws with reference to Sabbath observance, let us remember the law of God still stands. Unless we believe something strongly and protect it with our influence we may be sure that everything sacred or worthwhile will be taken from us. It is not a matter of every man doing as he pleases. If we are going to be a part of the group, let's play the game according to the rules. If we are concerned about achieving the best let us respect the rules that have been established for our good. We are members of the social group, let us conduct ourselves accordingly.

THEME FOR THE WEEK

"Now the birth of Jesus Christ was on this wise: When as his mother Mary was espoused to Joseph, before they came together, she was found of child of the Holy Ghost."—Matthew 1:18.

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LETTERS

Dear Brother Starnes:

"Any man's **death** diminishes **me,** because I am involved in **Mankind;** and therefore never seem to know for whom the **bell** tolls; It tolls for **thee."** Though these words of John Donne are true when any man dies, their poignancy became shockingly real to many of us when the saddening news came that death had claimed Dr. G. Ray Jordan, Professor of Homiletics at Emory University's Candler School of Theology.

I was privileged to have been one of his students. My seminary training would never have been complete, I feel, had he not been my professor of preaching. He was a perfectionist who never let his students become satisfied with less than the best. However good we may have thought our sermons were, he could always find where they needed improving. I have never met anyone else who evidenced as did he the knowledge of what a sermon ought to be.

He was a tireless worker but he was never too busy to counsel with his students. He wanted friends, and in turn he was a genuine one. The memory of his friendship I shall always cherish.

There will be many other fond recollections of him—his good sense or humor; his repartee; his classroom antics to drive home a point; his own keen, analytical mind; the twinkle in his eyes; his ability to memorize; his sympathetic understanding.

We North Carolina students of both conferences always enjoyed those delightful occasions of Christian fellowship when Dr. and Mrs. Jordan so graciously treated us to dinner in their home.

His influence in the teaching of preachers will long be felt in North Carolna, where he also preached for many years, and throughout the Southeast and the nation, where his students have gone to proclaim the Gospel.

Thanksgiving is a time to be grateful for the endless line of persons who have gone before us strengthening the faith and adding to the common good. At this Thanksgiving season I can personally add to my long list of blessings this one of having known Dr. Jordan as teacher and friend. Surely my life has been enriched, as I am sure the lives of many others have been, because he has passed this way.

May some consolation come to his dear widow and to other family members in the assurance of the Scripture: "Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord from henceforth: Yea, saith the Spirit, that they may rest from their labors; and their works do follow them."

A grateful former student,
Robert S. Pullman

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In the Suez Canal, Egypt

Dear Fellow-workers:

On our way to New York in preparation for our return trip to the work of the Church in Pakistan, we overheard a most interesting conversation. We were seated in a small cafe next to an elderly couple and another gentleman who were all very engrossed in discussing some issues of our time. Unknown to them, we overheard several choice comments:

"This country is in extreme danger. We must do all we can to tell the story and get out the votes for our candidate in this most important election." . . . "We are being threatened by the Negro and the civil rights drive, and something must be done to keep things as they used to be. ." "I'm a good Methodist and our church supports a missionary couple in Korea, but tell me what good has all the mission work ever amounted to?"

These tidbits of overheard conversation created special concern in the minds of this missionary couple, because the issues realized indicate an extreme pessimism, unfounded fear and a complete lack of understanding of the impact which the mission of the church is creating in the world.

We return to Pakistan to press forward the cause of our candidate who holds all the portfolios of life—Jesus Christ. We anticipate our arrival in Pakistan where our colored brothers will accept us again as one with them in promoting the cause of Christ. With encouragement and optimism, we again throw in our lot with this minority group who both symbolize and demonstrate that Christ is the Light and the Hope of the world.

What has the church done in this far outpost on the frontier of God's Kingdom in the past few years?

1. Christians formerly thought of as the product of Western mssion stations have now matured and are the Church of Christ in Pakistan. The new autonomy move makes the church truly Pakistani and rooted in the soils of this nation.

2. We should all be proud that in Pakistan Methodists have been leaders active in the movement for church union.

3. Leadership among laymen and clergy alike is increasing at a rapid rate.

4. Schools, hospitals, social services operated by Pakistani Christians are looked upon by the government as pioneer efforts indispensable to the development of Pakistan.

5. The recent merger of the WDCS and DWM work was given much impetus from the inspiration, planning, and recommendations presented by the church in Pakistan.

6. The desire of the church to launch out in an effort to relate the Gospel to all of life—real pioneering in economic uplift, mobile health programs, and new forms of evangelism.

7. This visible community of Christ is both a leaven and a guiding light as it demonstrates the meaning of Christ and His Gospel in all spheres of life to those who are called by Him but who have not yet responded.

The God of history and the Lord of life has given the church the serious responsibility and the exciting challenge of ministering to the hungry, to the sick, to the lonely and to

those seeking for a more abundant life. In an age of gigantic aid programs and our 17 billion dollar thrust to arrive on the moon first, the work of the church may seem infinitesimally small. But we remind you, our Christian coworkers, that the greatest and most important dimension of unconquered space is the two or three feet of space which separates man from man. We are called with you to give of ourselves in conquering this area of space. As the space which separates man from God has been conquered for all time by Christ, we are called to demonstrate the significance of this victory in the world of men.

We express to all the churches our deep appreciation for your sharing this ministry with us in Pakistan. We request that each of you support in whatever way you can the One Candidate who truly offers purpose, hope and peace for all men.

We do not leave you; you go with us in hope, expectation and with strong conviction to present our Lord in the country of our assignment. In closing, Mary and I include a poem which was used by Dr. Harry Emerson Fosdick in his New York pulpit during the dark, fear-laden days of World War II. It sums up our convictions about living in today's world:

"We are living
We are dwelling in a grand and awful time.
In an age on ages telling
To be living is sublime."

It is indeed a great time to be alive and be a part of God's great purpose in history. It is a great time for us and the kids as we look with hope and optimism to the years ahead.

Yours in His Service,
The Max Lowdermilks
Max, Mary, Mark, Melanee
and Michael Lowdermilk

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The editor

Thank you for publishing in your November 19, 1964, issue the wonderful sermon by the Reverend T. R. Jenkins on "The Retreat From Responsibility."

We have all fallen short; The hour is late and the false trumpets are sounding loud. The preachers like Brother Jenkins are in the minority and laymen are equally scarce who are willing to speak out and do something to change from retreat to attack as soldiers of God. Bishop Nolan B. Harmon is one bishop in the Methodist Church who understands the problem.

The Reverend A. Purnell Bailey quoted Thomson Kerr's warning to ministers recently; "We are sent not to preach sociology, but salvation; not economics, but evangelism; not reform, but redemption; not culture, but conversion; not progress, but pardon; not the new social order, but the new birth; not revolution, but regeneration; not renovation, but revival; not resuscitation, but resurrection; not a new organization, but a new creation; not democracy, but the Gospel; not civilization, but Christ. We are ambassadors not diplomats."

It may be only a coincidence, but the decline in membership said to have begun in 1960 started at the same time as the Methodist Church's full scale political action committee was started by the Board of Christian Social Concerns. The National Council of Churches has something even worse. The preachers and laymen responsible for the wrongful use of church money in political activity should be removed from office. It is scandalous and hundreds of churches have done something about it by removing themselves from such association. There is something every Methodist can do to stop the waste of church funds in political activity. All that is necessary is to earmark contributions with the restriction no part is to be used for political activity. The Discipline provides for such action. The work of the church will be helped, and, if enough do it, those responsible for the operations will be prevented from their harmful actions.

Let us pray some of the leaders will wake up before the next General Conference. They could present proposals to require all agencies to be less concerned about politics and more concerned about winning souls for Christ.

—S. A. Chalk, Jr.

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24 Methodists In U. S. Senate

The number of Methodists in the U. S. Senate will rise next year to 24, one more than in the 88th Congress.

A survey of the total Senate for 1965-66 showed 14 Roman Catholics, 14 Episcopalians, 13 Baptists, 11 Presbyterians, 5 members of United Church of Christ or Congregational Christian, 5½ Unitarians and one-half Friend (a dual membership), 4 Mormons, 2 each Lutherans and Jews, 1 each Disciples and Reformed. Two list themselves as Protestant and one as "no affiliation."

Preliminary checks indicated 61 of the 78 Methodists in the 88th House were re-elected, while at least four new representatives are members of the denomination. A complete report will be issued later.

Most of the Methodists in the Senate did not have to stand for election this year, but three were re-elected and two were named for the first time. One who had served most of the past session died, Sen. Clair Engle of California.

New to the Senate are Paul Fannin of Arizona, formerly governor, and Ross Bass of Tennessee, who was a U. S. Representative in the 88th Congress.

Those re-elected are John J. Williams of Delaware, Spessard Holland of Florida and Stephen M. Young of Ohio.

"Holdover" Methodists are Lister Hill and John Sparkman of Alabama, J. Caleb Boggs of Delaware, George A. Smathers of Florida, Richard B. Russell of Georgia, Daniel K. Inouye of Hawaii, Len B. Jordan of Idaho, Birch Bayh, Jr., of Indiana, Bourke B. Hickenlooper of Iowa, Russell B. Long of Louisana, Margaret Chase Smith of Maine, James O. Eastland of Mississippi, Lee Metcalf of Montana, Alan Bible of Nevada, B. Everett Jordan of North Carolina, Karl E. Mundt and George McGovern of South Dakota, John Tower of Texas, Gaylord Nelson of Wisconsin.

Louisiana Governor At High Point College

High Point College is to hear Governor John J. McKeithen, Governor of Louisiana, in a special assembly program for faculty and students on Thursday, December 10, at 10:30 a.m. in the Memorial Auditorium. Governor McKeithen, an alumnus of High Point College, will be introduced by Governor Terry Sanford of North Carolina.

Dr. and Mrs. Wendell M. Patton will host a special luncheon at the Sheraton Hotel in High Point at 12:15 p.m. in his honor.

A news conference has been set up to interview the Governors at 11:30 a.m. until noon on December 10th in the Memorial Auditorium.

Convocation On Evangelism In Chicago January 4-7

More than 1,000 persons are expected to attend a national Methodist Convocation on Evangelism Jan. 4-7 at the Conrad Hilton Hotel, Chicago.

Included will be laymen and ministers who are active in various types of evangelism in Methodist churches, districts, annual (regional) conferences, and nationally.

Eighteen Methodist evangelism groups will have separate simultaneous meetings at the Hilton and gather as a convocation for general sessions twice daily.

Several of the groups or organizations formerly have had annual meetings at different times and places. This will be the first time for them all to meet together, said Harold L. Hermann, Nashville, director of the Department of Organization and Administration of the General Board of Evangelism of The Methodist Church.

The convocation is being held under the auspices of the Council of Evangelism, an auxiliary of the General Board of Evangelism. The Rev. Dr. Truman W. Potter, Charleston, W. Va., is president of the council.

Mr. Hermann said the large gathering is being held early in The Methodist Church's 1964-68 quardennium to give inspiration and impetus to the denomination's evangelistic efforts for the period.

Theme of the convocation is "Jesus Christ The Evangel."

Four Methodist bishops will be speakers for the nightly general sessions. They are Bishop Lloyd C. Wicke, New York City, president of the Methodist Council of Bishops; Bishop James K. Mathews, Boston; Bishop Kenneth W. Copeland, Lincoln, Neb.; and Bishop Gerald Kennedy, Los Angeles, president of the General Board of Evangelism.

The delegates will gather for a Bible lecture and study each morning under the leadership of the Rev. Dr. Thor Hall, a faculty member of the Divinity School of Duke University, Durham, N. C.

The groups in their separate meetings also will hear addresses and take part in discussions with various leaders.

One of the groups will be composed of members of local-church commissions on membership and evangelism. It will be the first time that a national meeting has been scheduled for this group.

Mr. Hermann listed the other groups or categories as follows. Chairmen of conference boards of evangelism, conference secretaries of evangelism, district superintendents (one from each annual conference), full-time conference directors of evangelism, district secretaries of evangelism, lay vice-chairmen of district committees of evangelism, youth and youth leaders, members of THE TWELVE, Christmas Conference (young ministers and their wives), prayer groups, directors and ministers of evangelism in local churches, preaching evangelists, conference evangelists, revival leaders, Conference on Discipleship, Conference on Family Worship, and Family Evangelism Committee.

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Wembo Nyama and the Mulelists

By Wililam S. Hughlett, M.D.

The Mulelists captured Wembo Nyama Monday mornng, August 3. They were in power until Sunday, October 4, when they fled and the advance column of the Congo Army troops arrived and took over. Missionaries from other stations were evacuated before rebel occupation. Missionaries trapped at Wembo Nyama were the 'Gene Lovell, Doug Crowder, Larry Pleimann, Nick Siksay and Bill Hughlett families. On August 7 we were able to get our familes flown out. We men remained, for "Otherwise, who would do the work?" they asked. Thursday, Oct. 15, a Congo Army convoy came back to take us out and get treatment at Wembo Nyama Hospital and beyond, for soldiers wounded in surprise counter-attack at Katako Kombe. Later we hear that two priests friends were killed at Katako Kombe in another counter-attack. They could have come out of the area with us!

During the ten weeks of occupation we were securely under the care of God, but many times needed to pray for a strengthening of faith and our willingness to join a brother missionary in martyrdom if this would forward God's plan. Our much loved pilot, Burleigh Law, had flown over from Lodja on August 4 to check on our situation. We refrained from giving him the landing signal he suggested in a note dropped; but he feared we had not found his note, and landed. As he said after being wounded, "I just couldn't leave you folk in this situation anyway." He didn't know the Mulelists taboo against being touched by anyone (lest the "bullet-proof magic medicine" be neutralized), and couldn't talk Swahili with the trigger-happy guard. Resisting confiscation of the plane key, he was shot. Dr. Siksay and the writer operated and gave transfusions from two fellow missionaries, but Burleigh died on the operating table without regaining consciousness. One of the Mulelist Youth, asking sadly about him, said, "He was our pilot, you know." The Commander was very disturbed at this shooting, as was the population.

Professed chief motives for the rebellion were to restore Luzambium to power and to correct government abuses. There is high idealism involved. If it were pure and were carried through in general practice the results might be different. For the "Magic medicine" to prevent one from bullets one must be celibate and honest and remain uncontaminated by the touch of anyone (who might not be so.) Help given them willingly could be received; there was to be no robbery. Requisition of transport facilities and the total looting of anyone prescribed as being "of the opposition party" were not robbery, but legitimate. This condemning process was likely to be applied especially to police and government officials if they were unpopular, whether through abuses or through legitimate discharge of their duties. Some were not only looted but executed. Anyone with responsibility for handling of government funds was in danger; and all men must be members of the Lumumbiet or M.N.C. party.

A youth leader straitly charged his boys that they must pay Larry for the soap they were getting. Yet a local M.N.C. party leader, reading a list of grievances to the sweating Mulelist youth officer, complained of the robbery of the populace by the youth, and the beating of those not producing enough money. (Correction was promised and was carried out.) Our guards gave us some of their goat-meat ration. One kept a New Testament on hand to sell for us to anyone who might want to buy it. The leader who let us evacuate our families seemed downright compassionate, remarking that he had gotten his wife out.

The Muelists were to "get" opposing soldiers, officials and politicans; and to respect the population, merchants and foreigners, as long as these cooperated. Threats of mistreatment of or death to missionaries were largely bluff by the less disciplined and to make us more generous when they wanted "loans for the cause." These "loans" were receipted for, and were largely "to pay for the Youth Corps members," and to be "repaid" when General arrives. These salaries were supposed to be quite high. Some dying in battle were said never to have been paid. Others later refused to go into battle since their officers had embezzled their salary funds. Then officers would be tied up until they refunded the money. Youth Corps members roughed up one or more of their "witch doctors," since their "magic medicine was no good," and since they had not themselves been respecting the stringent discipline they had prescribed for the Youth.

One of our finest teacher-pastors, the Rev. Emambulu Jean, was shot by a Mulelist Youth. a former student with fancied grievance. Our Katako Kombe District Superintendent, the Rev. Ngandemema, was shot in the head. The former died, the latter recovered. Pastor Ishaku of the Brethern Congregation at Lusambo met martyrdom opposing the treatment given his missionary colleagues.

One of our greatest sorrows was occasioned by seeing youngsters, some of whom had become friends, lads from 20 to 14 or even younger, going into battle with only cudgels against modern weapons. The Mulelists of our section had only a little modern equipment, and especially the Youth were ill equipped. However, at first they swept the country, since both they and the old Congo Army soldiers believed firmly that they were invulnerable, protected by the "magic medicine." They were hilariously courageous, and the fleeing Congo soldiers were terror stricken. Then came a day when a truckload of Congo Army soldiers coming from Luluabourg and a column of "our" Mulelists advancing from their bases at Kindu, Wembo Nyama and Lusambo met unexpectedly on a blind curve in a narrow road near Mutambo Dibwe. There they were forced to fight, and found that government bullets would kill Mulelists! Over 200 of the latter died.

A week or so later priests from nearby mission came and buried the dead, finding some were students from Wembo Nyama, finding two Wembo Nyama trucks. From then on, and with support from Katangese gendarmes, the Government troops were more confident; and demoralization and disorganization of the Mulelists gradually increased. Dr. Siksay and the hospital staff cared for many wounded Mulelists.

So far as we know, there were never, in the campaign for our province any white mercenary or Chinese solders or officers. The Mulelists included soldiers and prospective government officials and Youth Corps members.

When the government troops took Lusambo they met a confused situation involving not only the actual military set-up, but also thirst for revenge, and hostility, among several tribal groups. There was so much violence and destruction that the Government reprimanded its forces and imprisoned some of their leaders. Our missionary friends at Lusambo, both Catholic and Protestant, were haarassed but safe. As the troops pressed on to Lubefu and later to Wembo Nyama, they were much better disciplined. The Commander of the column that took Wembo Nyama was a Protestant Christian, very friendly. Dr. Siksay and I were able, we beleve, to save his life on his evacuaton with other wounded on October 15. His wounds would have been fatal.

Your prayers for the future are very earnestly sought. Our Batetala, even Christians, have a strong tribal loyalty to their fallen fellow-tribesman and Congo Premier, the late Patrice Lumumba. He certainly had elements of greatness. Would-be rebels use his name as a touch-stone. Our people are thus automatically grouped with them, and are in a very confusing situation. One of our first words to the commander was that the Bateteia, while naturally proud of Lumumba, are not by any means all Mulelists. However, our population seemed terrified of vengeance and fled to the forest, almost without exception, on the approach of the Congo Army troops.

Depredation by Batetela Youth at Lusambo and revenge therefore greatly aggravated their fears. Our efforts to bring about meetings between leaders of the Army and of our Batetela were only partially successful, despite cordiality by the former. Very few of our people had returned before our evacuation. The writer hopes to visit Wembo Nyama in a week or two if the landing strip is safe, to take in drugs and encouragement on our way to the United States on a delayed short furlough, Larry is to visit from time to time from Katubue, if feasible, and presumably others if the way opens up.

William S. Hughlett, M.D.

Louisburg College To Get Athletic Field

Work has begun on a new athletic field for Louisburg College, it was announced November 30, by college officials. The college owns approximately eighteen acres of undeveloped land on the west campus, part of which will be used for baseball and track in the coming spring. All work on the project is being donated by interested friends. Gregory Poole, Jr., college trustee, of Gregory Poole Equipment Company, Raleigh, N. C., is supervising the work and donating the use of heavy machinery with operators for grading the area.

Drag-line operations were recently completed by Radford's Drag-Line Service of Centerville, N. C., with Lonnie and Edward Radford donating their services and equipment to the college.

After grading is completed the college plans construction of bleachers and lighting facilities as well as a spacious parking area. The Athletic Department of the college will seed the field for baseball use, and prepare the track.

Friends interested in assisting with this segment of the development of Louisburg College should contact the office of the Director of College Relations.

Change In Appointments

Bishop Paul N. Garber authorizes the following changes in appointments in the Wilmington District, North Carolina Conference:

David R. McKay transferred to the New York Conference, Thomas R. McKay to the Town Creek Charge, Bruce Taylor to the Bladen Circuit, Robert Proctor to Old Dock, and Alvin J. Morris to Harrells.

Clyde S. Boggs
Supt. Wilmington District

Study Seminar Conducted By Rev. William H. Key

On three consecutive Sunday evenings, the Valle Crucis and Henson Chapel WSCS groups attended a study course, *Spanish Doorways,* which was conducted and presented by the pastor of both churches, Rev. W. H. Key. Average attendance for the meetings was thirty per evening. Mr. Key instructed the younger members.

Rev. Mr. Key's message was centered around Spanish-speaking people in the United States, Puerto Rico, and the Dominican Republic. He discussed the ten million American Methodists and their ministries, or the abensence of ministries, among these neighbors of Spanish culture..

Spanish doorways? We were reminded by our speaker of many doorways; chief among these are the doorways to friendship and understanding. The entire study stressed ways that can lead to mutual help in the tremendous task of building a truly Christian civilization in the Americas.

The pastor emphasized the fact that there are many Spanish doorways in our own Southwest, in the Caribbean area, and in many of our large cities. Here may be found opportunities for Christian understanding, friendly companionships, doors to changed lives and new social order.

After presenting the ways in which work is carried on in other far-away places, we were reminded that in our own local churches, there is much we can do toward furthering better understanding in our own communities to those of Spanish-American neighbors.

Outlining the steps which we can follow, Rev. Mr. Key gave these suggestions:

1. Develop a sense of mission; be conscious of having purpose in life given us by God, be mindful of those here and far away, who need our help.
2. Begin with prayer—a way in which we can all participate; we can pray for those who are working among Spanish-speaking peoples.
3. Try to understand these Spanish-Americans. The eight million people in our country who speak Spanish need help in learning our language. and we, in turn, need to know *their* language. We need to be able to converse more freely in order to better understand their needs and problems.
4. Become a part of the mission. . . . if we cannot go to far places as a missionary, why not try being one right here? What *can* we do to help? Our speaker told us we can serve by helping to sustain and maintain our Methodist missionaries to Spanish-speaking peoples. We CAN PAY MORE TOWARD WORLD SERVICE. We can, as wide-awake and alert WSCS members. wholeheartedly support the program of Methodist missions here and abroad.

Spanish doorways? OUR DOOR TO EVERYWHERE IS CHRIST. While there are many doorways, said our pastor, there is ONE who says: "I am the door." So it is through Christ that the solution to the problems of us all may be found.

We are indeed indebted to Rev. William Key and Mrs. Key for their work in our behalf. Also, we thank the Henson Chapel ladies for our refreshments.



Monk Memorial Chapel Dedicated At Children's Home

Bishop Paul N. Garber dedicated the Monk Memorial Chapel at the Methodist Home for Children in Raleigh on Sunday, November 29, 1964.

The Chapel is to be known as the Monk Memorial Chapel. It has been made possible through the gifts of the late Albert Coy Monk of Farmville, North Carolina, and his children. This lovely building honors the memory of Mr. Monk's wife, Mrs. Emily Turnage Monk.

The chapel building was presented to the Methodist Home by Mr. A. C. Monk, Jr., representing the Monk family. Mr. C. A. Dillon, Sr., President of the Board of Trustees, accepted the building for the Home and presented it to Bishop Garber for dedication. The service was attended by members of the Monk family, trustees of the Home and many interested people.

Plans for the chapel were developed over a period of several years under the leadership of Superintendent Reverend Robert L. Nicks. Mr. Charles W. Davis, Jr. was the architect. Construction began in the summer of 1963, and the chapel was used for the first time at Easter, 1964. The total value of the building with is furnishings and equipment is estimated at $125,000.

One day, Mr. Albert Coy Monk of Farmville, North Carolina, revealed to his pastor, the Reverend Ernest R. Clegg, his desire to make a gift to some worthy project sponsored by the church. His pastor suggested a chapel for the Methodist Home for Children in Raleigh. Together they talked with the Superintendent, the Reverend A. S. Barnes, who approved the idea with enthusiasm.

In 1947, Mr. Monk sent a $10.000 U. S. Savings Bond to start a fund to build a chapel. To this he added, over a period of years, other gifts. In his will, he made a bequest of $10.000 to be added to the fund. Since Mr. Monk's death, the Monk family and other interested persons have added numerous gifts. Mr. Monk's children decided to add to the fund a sufficient sum to increase the value to $81,000.

Other people became interested in the chapel and wanted to have some part in this project. Many personal gifts of cash were added to the fund. For several years the special Thanksgiving offering was set aside for this purpose. The conference Woman's Society of Christian Service agreed to take the purchase of the Austin organ as a project to be paid for through the collection of coupons in the conference. Many thousands of coupons have been received from church groups throughout the conference for this purpose.

At the 1963 Easter Alumni meeting, the alumni decided enthusiastically to undertake to furnish and equip the chancel, except for the organ. Funds have been raised by personal gifts of the alumni and by projects sponsored by the alumni. This commitment is nearing completion.

The pulpit Bible has been given by Mrs. Marvin Burke Koonce in memory of Mrs. Zannie Koonce Creagh Hatch. The altar Bible has been given by Miss Mable Brown in memory of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Williamson. The communion set has been given by Miss Dillie Dixon and Mr. and Mrs. Frank G. Williams in honor of Miss Mary Ferree. The offering plates have been given by the New Hanover Subdistrict Methodist Youth Fellowship.

Rev. J. W. Lineberger, Superintendent of the Methodist Home for Children, presided at the service and welcomed the congregation. Other ministers participating in the service included the Reverend N. W. Grant, Superintendent of the Raleigh District, the Reverend Frank Daniels, Chaplain of the Methodist Home, and the Reverend T. Marvin Vick, Jr., D.D., pastor of Edenton Street Methodist Church in Raleigh.

Mental Retardation

There are one hundred and forty thousand retarded people in North Carolina and five and a half million in the United States. Statistics vary, but it is usually considered that at least three percent of the population are retarded. The incidence of mental retardation is exceeded only by mental illness, heart disease, arthritis, and cancer. One out of every eight familes have a close blood relative who is retarded. Yet most people know very little about mental retardation. This lack of knowledge can be best understood as we look at retardation from a historical perspective. In ancient times, all mental problems were belie ed to be the result of possession by some supernatural agent. If the agent was good, the person was worshipped and if bad, mistreated. The ancient Egyptians thought it was an evil spirit. The ancient Hebrews thought mental defects came from divine sources and the retarded were revered. In New Testament times, all illness was regarded as punishment by God or caused by demons or evil spirits. The mentally handicapped were bound with chains and cast out of the city. They lived in caves occupied by the dead, or any shelter they could find. Their sins were forgiven or the evil spirits driven out to cure them.

The Greek physician Hippocrates suggested that mental abnormalities were a part of physical ailments. The Spartans exposed their defective children to wild animals and the elements. Celsus, the Roman medical writer of the first century after Christ, recommended corporal punishment for the mentally handicapped. They were beaten, starved and terrorized. It was very stylish for the Roman matrons to ha e one or two retarded children among her attendants. This practice carried over into the middle ages by having the mildly retarded as fools and jesters to the courts of the lords and ladies. Their limited understanding and response was mistaken for wit. The mentally handicapped were often regarded as witches and burned at the stake in the middle ages. Families often cast out the mentally handicapped because they feared being accused of being in league with Satan during the Inquisition. The Biblical concept that they were possessed by demons was stressed during the Reformation, and the most frequent treatment was to beat the devil out of them.

The mentally handicapped were placed in jail with the criminal. They lived in filth, were starved, chained and beaten. The public paid admission to see their reaction. In London, England, there were so many retarded and mental patients in Bedlam jail that they created utter confusion. It was from their screaming, pounding, and cursing in Bedlam that we get the term "bedlam."

Later, asylums, places of refuge from the world, were built for the mentally ill and retarded. At home they were kept in a specially built room or dungeon. When the family could no longer cope with them they were placed in the asylum. The main concern of the asylum was that they did not hurt others or harm themselves. They were placed in cells with double doors. The windows were barred, chains and straight jackets were used. They acted, lived and were treated like wild animals. Conditions were so terrible that the wards, even until the past few years, were referred to as snake pits.

The first attempt to train retarded children was made in 1800 by Dr. Itard on the wild boy of Aveyron. This boy was found wandering in the woods, like a wild animal. He took him into his home and began to train him. He was making progress until he became psychotic and he had to stop. This experiment aroused the interest of others and showed that the retarded could be trained. The first residential schools were established about 1900 in the New England states, Great Lakes region and California. The first day school was established in 1896 in Rhode Island. However, it was not until 1916 with the Stanford-Binet test that it was known if these children were slow learners or retarded.

It was only about a hundred years ago that a real interest in the retarded began to develop. The severely handicapped children did not make up a significant part of the population because most of them died at an early age. The mildly and moderate retarded were treated like criminals or mental patients.

At the turn of the century, a Viennese physician discovered that much of our life is controlled by our subconscious. Sigmund Freud is the father of psychoanalysis and modern psychiatry. This was a big break for those with severe emotional problems and the psychotic. However, until recently the psychiatrist tended to ignore the retarded.

In the past ten to fifteen years there was another big break for the emotionally disturbed and the mentally ill. Tranquilizers were experimented with and finally became an accepted part of therapy in 1956. With chemotherapy many that had been too dissurbed and upset to work with became calm and quiet and could then be helped. Many could be discharged and o t h e r s kept home.

The organization of the National Association for Retarded Children in 1950 has been a great benefit to the retarded. This group has been responsible for removing the retarded from the back room. They have pushed for better understanding and treatment. They have encouraged and stimulated research. They have brought about a revolution in understanding, care and treatment of the retarded. The late President John F. Kennedy, having a retarded sister, helped make mental health a concern of our nation and spotlighted mental retardation.

There are approximately two hundred causes of retardation. The most common form of retardation is mongolism. The child has forty-seven choromosomes instead of forty-six in the genes which carry our heredity. Eighty percent of the retarded are generally classified as mildly retarded, fiteen percent, moderately retarded, and five percent as severely retarded.

North Carolina has four Centers for the retarded: Caswell, at Kinston; Murdoch, at Butner; O'Berry, at Goldsboro; and Western Carolina at Morganton. These Centers have a little less than five thousand residents. The population explosion means an increase in number of retarded. Modern antibiotics and longer life span includes the retarded. This means that the State cannot begin to build facilities for all the retarded. Ninety-five to ninety-seven percent of the retarded are in the community. There are over seven hundred special classes in local schools for the retarded. Each school needs special classes for the trainable and educable.

The Centers seek to minister to the total need of the person; mentally, physically, and spiritually. Each has a chaplain who conducts chapel services, visits, and counsels the residents and shares in the program and planning of the Center. Most local churches fail to minister to the retarded within the church family and community. Yet, here is a great opportunity to minister to a great need of many persons and their families.

Chaplain Ralph Miller
Morganton, North Carolina

Mrs. McKnight Is Director Of Ministerial Courses

Mrs. Paul J. McKnight, now on the editorial staff of the Methodist General Board of Evangelism will on Dec. 1 become educational director of ministerial courses of study for the Methodist General Board of Education.

The announcement was made by the Rev. Dr. John O. Gross, Nashville, general secretary of the Division of Higher Education of the General Board of Education.

In the new position with the Board of Education, Mrs. McKnight will be associated with the Rev. Dr. Gerald O. McCulloh, Nashville, director, Department of Ministerial Education, Division of Higher Education.

Dr. McCulloh said the courses of study provide educational opportunity, through summer schools and by correspondence, primarily for those ministers serving churches as approved supply pastors.

Mrs. McKnight is currently associate editor of Methodist Evangelistic Materials for the General Board of Evangelism. She formerly was on the editorial staff of *The Upper Room*, daily devotional guide published by the board.

Her experience also include teaching at Wesleyan College, Macon, Ga., and Ward Belmont and Belmont Colleges in Nashville. In 1962, she was chosen "Teacher of the Year" at Belmont, where she was teaching Latin and Greek.

Mrs. McKnight is the widow of the Rev. Paul J. McKnight, who was a minister in the North Georgia and Tennessee Methodist conferences, and she is the mother of five children.

She has bachelor's and master's degrees from Peabody College and has taken courses at Scarritt and Vanderbilt.

Winter Youth Conference To Study Church

Forty-four senior highs will gather at Camp Chestnut Ridge, Efland, North Carolina, the weekend of December 11-13, 1964, to study the meaning and purpose of the church. The importance of such an experience cannot be over-emphasized. Think of the significance of forty-four young churchmen wrestling with the reason for the church's very existence. Such a conference *could* change the course of the church's history in North Carolina!

What is the church? What is its purpose? Am I the church? If I am a committed Christian, what is my mission in life? What does it *really* mean if I am a committed Christian?

These are the questions that will seriously be dealt with during this weekend. The plans for this conference were formulated at the Annual Conference Session for Methodist Youth at Duke in August. The district representatives constitute the planning committee.

The Reverend Mr. Williams Landiss will be the main resource person for this conference. Mr. Landiss is the Director of the Wesley Foundation at Georgia Tech in Atlanta, Georgia. Many will remember Mr. Landiss for he was the inspirational speaker this past summer at the Annual Conference Session for Methodist Youth.

Lake Junaluska Gives Report and Program

The reports to the Executive Committee of the Board of Trustees of Lake Junaluska Assembly clearly established the fact that 1964 was a very successful and significant year in the service of this Assembly to The Methodist Church. In every phase of the Assembly's activities it was noted that 1964 exceeded all previous years. As soon as the reports were ordered to record, the Trustees directed their attention to plans for 1965.

The program schedule of conferences and other events is included in this report, and we hope that each one will carefully mark his calendar and make definite plans early to participate in Junaluska's program.

The Trustees have signed the contract with the towns of Waynesville and Hazelwood for the construction of a sewage disposal plant, and the Stream Sanitation Commission has ordered that all streams feeding into Lake Junaluska be made Class B, which means that our dream of the years will become a reality when the Lake will be used for water skiing and other aquatic sports.

The Executive Committee approved the building of a new 200,000-gallon reservoir to be located on a higher ridge, thus providing adequate water supply and fire protection for all the Assembly, regardless of the elevation of the cottages.

The new construction on Highway 19 from our South Lakeshore entrance to the intersection of 19-23 has been completed, and the construction is progressing ahead of schedule for the remainder of the Waynesville by-pass.

Junaluska is getting a new post office building which will be located adjacent to the West Gate near Branch's or near the East Gate near Ed Potts.

The new West Haywood County High School is under construction on Highway 19-23 directly east across the highway from Biltmore Dairies.

Junaluskans will be gratified to learn that trust funds have been established by children of the late Mr. and Mrs. James A. Vann of Birmingham, Alabama, for the installation of additional hearing aids in the George R. Stuart Auditorium and a hearing-aid system in the Memorial Chapel, and also, a trust fund has been established by George D. and Lucy C. Finch of Thomasville, N. C., the first withdrawals from which will be used for architectural services in designing a new camp to replace old Camp Adventure. The location of the new camp will be in the Hall Cove above the present warehouses, west of the County Road.

During 1964 we have had quite a number of individual church groups, consisting of one and two bus loads, come to Junaluska for their retreats and vacations. We welcome these groups and count it a privilege to assist them in providing program content, as well as meeting places and housing.

In addition to the large number of youth groups, we had bus loads of family groups who have found this sort of an experience a real adventure.

The staff of the Assembly including those who are permanent members, as well as those who help during the season, join in extending our heartiest thanks to all Methodists for their support and helpful participation in making Junaluska a great religious, educational and recreational assembly.

We should mention that 22 new homes were constructed at Junaluska during 1964, and the Assembly has recently opened two new residential areas where the access and the views are unexcelled. For dependable information about any phase of Junaluska's programs, reservations, registrations for church groups and for individuals and for families, please direct your inquiries to the office of the Superintendent, Lake Junaluska Assembly, P. O. Box 327, Lake Junaluska, N. C.

Lake Junaluska Methodist Assembly Tentative Program—1965

(Clip and retain this schedule of Dates, Events and Accomodations)

May 28, Waynesville High Graduation, Auditorium; May 29, Seventh Day Adventist Meeting, Auditorium, Harrell, etc.;

June 4-6, S. C. WSCS and WSG Weekend, Lambuth; June 9-13, WNC Annual Conference, All facilities; June 13-18, Va. Car. Y-Teen Conference, Shackford; June 15-17, WNC WSCS Conference, Auditorium, Harrel; June 18-20, WNC WSCS and WSG Conference, Auditorium; June 18-20, WNC Young Adult Assembly, Shackford; June 21-26, WNC Senior High Officers Workshop, Shackford; June 25-27, Church Usher's Conference, Harrell, Terrace; June 27-July, Regional WSCS School of Missions, Lambuth; June 28-July 3, WNC Senior High Assembly, Shackford.

July 5-9, Junaluska Youth Activities Week, Youth Center; July 8-11, Jurisdiction Family Life Conference, Shackford; July 10-11, WNC WSCS and WSG Weekend Retreat, Lambuth; July 11-16, Jurisdiction Minister's Week, Auditorium and Harrell; July 16-?18, Lawyer's and Physician's Conference, Auditorium, Harrell; July 16-22, Jurisdiction Youth Conference, Shackford; July 22-25 Workshop, Chairman Commissions on Missions, Lambuth; July 22-28, Jurisdiction Missionary Conference, Auditorium, Harrel; July 22-28, Youth Missions Conference, Terrace, Harrell; July 22-28, Church Builders and Architects, Lambuth; July 30-Aug 1., Jurisdiction Laymen's Conference, All facilities.

Aug. 1, Walt Holcomb Night, Auditorium; Aug. 1-6, Board of Hospitals and Homes, Lambuth; Aug. 2-6, Junaluska Bible Conference, Chapel, Harrell; Aug. 6, Coronation, Auditorium; Aug. 7, Trustees Meeting, Administration, Aug. 1-13, Leadership and Laboratory School, Shackford; Aug. 9-12, N. C. Garden Clubs, Lambuth; Aug. 10-13, Town and Country Conference, Auditorium, Harrell, Terrace; Aug 13-15, Church School Administration Conference, Shackford; Aug. 15-20, Professional Workers Church Education in Local Church, Shackford; Aug. 15-20, Jurisdiction Candler Camp Meeting and Conference on Evangelism, Auditorium, Harrell; Aug. 15-20, Jurisdiction Spiritual Life Conference, Shackford.

Aug. 19-21, Home Demonstration Clubs, Lambuth; Aug. 16-20, Church Business Administration Conference, Lambuth; Aug. 20-22, Workshop, Chairman Commissons on Evangelism, Harrell; Aug 20-31, Regional MSM Conference, Shackford; Aug. 26-29, Southern States Faculty Conference, Lambuth; Aug. 29, Haywood County Council, Auditorium.

Oct. 26-29, Country Women Council, Lambuth.



Boy Scouts Randy Freeze (left, center) and Ricky Whitener (right, center) received the "God and Country" award at the First Methodist Church in Troutman during morning worship on Sunday, November 22. Shown pinning the awards on their sons are (left) Mrs. Hoyt Freeze and (right) Mrs. Harry Whitener. On the back row are: Scoutmaster Thomas J. Ervin, Mr. Freeze, (partially hidden) Mr. Whitener, and Howard T. Smith of Statesville, Boy Scout Executive for Iredell District, who made the presentation. The Scouts are members of Troop No. 174, sponsored by the Troutman Church, and they worked for fifteen months under the supervision of the pastor, Rev. G. G. Adams, Jr.

Christian Education Leaders Evaluate New Curriculum

Leaders of Christian education in the Western North Carolina Methodist Conference met in Statesville Saturday, Nov. 21, to "see where we are in using the new curriculum and to see where we go from here."

The Methodist Church began a new curriculum for its 1-11 age youngsters Sept. 1. It tells of God's plan for everyone and emphasizes the centrality of the Bible in Christian studies.

The 9:30 a.m.- 3:30 p.m. meeting was held in the Methodist Building and was in charge of the Conference Board of Education. Leaders were Dr. Carl King, executive secretary of the Board, and Miss Louise Robinson, Conference director of children's work, both of Statesville, and Mrs. G. G. Adams, Jr., of Troutman, Conference secretary of children's work.

Attending were district and associate directors of children's work, and secretaries of children's work, all representing the Woman's Society of Christian Service; and the Conference's church-and-community workers.

Plans for district conferences in Christian education were made, and the through-the-week nursery and kindergarten was studied in relation as to how the Conference can aid the program.



Rural Methodism Is Modern And Forward Looking

Rural Methodism is as modern and forward looking as the newest all-channel color television set.

By using the cooperative approach of the Group Ministry, and tying the church in with community progress through the use of professional church-and-community workers, The Methodist Church in rural areas of western North Carolina is bringing its members up-to-date programs to fit the needs of the area.

This and other information came from the Nov. 17 annual meeting of the Rural Advisory Committee for the Woman's Society of Christian Service, Western North Carolina Conference. The all-day session was held in First Methodist Church, Marion, with Mrs. Orell Lineberger of Stoneville in charge.

The program emphasizes that Methodism has no standard programs into which all churches must fit. Dr. Herman Nicholson, superintendent of the Thomasville District, told those attending, "You must know what you have, and where you are, to know where you can go."

Clergymen involved in Group Ministries and the women who are handling church-and-community work said during the past 12 months such progress as this had been realized:

—Summer seminars for young people in which they became involved in discussions about the incarnation, sin, redemption, the Holy Spirit and eternal life.

—Christian day camps to show the relationship of God and nature.

—Family group involvment in church programs where there are too few young people to have an effective youth program.

—Plans for a good program for the aged.

—A religious survey which, when held, will be combined with a personal witness mission.

—Experimental work in a radio ministry.

—An exchange of the top leadership in Group Ministry Churches.

(Group Ministry is a Methodist plan in which two or more congregations work together in unified programs for greater effect and better use of limited finances. It is not confined to rural areas. Church-and-community workers are women employed by The Methodist Church to develop leadership in Group Ministry churches and involve those congregations in community affairs).

Miss Carolyn Thorne, church-and-community worker for the Denton Group Ministry, said she feels the Group Ministry's key purpose "is to help the people help themselves."

The Rev. G. R. Mullinix of that same Group Ministry added that "the cooperative ministry has aided laymen in taking leadership positions in church work."

And Miss Virginia Miller, church-and-community worker in the Macon County Group Ministry, said, "The Group Ministry gives one the opportunity to witness to the wider community."

Among the reports was that from the Cherokee Methodist Center, delivered by Dr. John Stroud, minister in charge, Miss Vera Falls, deaconess, and Miss Rosemary Shireman, U.S.-2 missionary. The report showed a children's day care center-kindergarten is being operated successfully, and plans are moving ahead for construction of a building to house this activity, now being conducted in the Center's fellowship hall.

The day care center-kindergarten, Dr. Stroud said, is Methodism's way of aiding Cherokee mothers who are being emloyed at the new factory which has been constructed near the Cherokee Methodist Center.





Formal Opening Services Held At Sandy Ridge Methodist Church

The Sandy Ridge Methodist Church, Route 1, High Point, N. C. had the formal opening of the first unit of its new church plant on Sunday, November 29, 1964, at 11 a.m. with Dr. Ralph H. Taylor, District Superintendent of the High Point District of the Methodist Church, as guest speaker. This was followed at 12:30 with a picnic lunch in the Community Building and from 2 to 5 p.m. open house was held. All former pastors, members and friends had been invited to attend.

This opening brings to a close the first phase of a study which began during the pastorate of Edward O. Temple, Jr., now chaplain at Lynchburg General Hospital, Lynchburg, Virginia, and continued under the leadership of the present pastor, Billy V. Hunter. Mr. Hunter was appointed to this church in June 1960.

After much study it was decided that the present property owned by the church was not adequate upon which to build a new church. On November 28, 1962, a resolution was passed by the quarterly conference to trade the present property to Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Frazier, Sr., for a four acre tract located nearby and adjoining the parsonage property. The deed of transfer was made on January 12, 1963.

Prior to this time the congregation had employed Loewenstein, Atkinson, and Woodroof Architects of Greensboro, North Carolina, to design a suitable building for the needs of the congregation. On May 20, 1964, the congregation employed the firm of S. E. Trogdon and Sons, General Contractors of Asheboro, North Carolina, to construct the building which is modified colonial in design. It consists of 10 classrooms, a church office, rest rooms, storage room, mechanical room and temporary sanctuary, 36 by 48 feet. The present value of building, grounds and furnishings will be around $60,000.00. The building committee consists of Mr. Fred Wood and Mr. William Idol, Co-chairman; Robert Talbott, Mrs. C. T. Westmoreland, Mrs. Larry Rayle, Mr. Bailey Flynt, Mr. Paul Robinson, Mr. Norman Wier, and Mr. Jasper Hedgecock.

Sandy Ridge is one of the oldest Methodist Churches in Guilford County. It was established in 1830 by Mr. Allison Gray of Liberty, North Carolina.

James and Mary Chipman gave two acres of land and this deed was recorded in 1842. The first building was a small structure, 20 by 30 feet. This was used until about 1880 when a new and larger church building was built. The building which the congregation leaves was built in 1944 during the pastorate of the Rev. W. T. Albright.

World Meeting Planned

The eleventh World Methodist Council and Conference, to be held in London August 18-26, 1966, will differ in two respects from its predecessors, the Council executive committee decided in its 1964 meeting in Kingston, Jamaica.

First, the bicameral principal of concurrent meetings of the Council (470 members) and the Conference (2,000 members), tried in Oslo in 1961, will be considerably extended.

Second, three preliminary conferences, instead of one, will be held on days immediately preceding the conference. They will be the World Federation of Methodist Women, the World Conference of Methodist Youth, and three days of concentration on family life problems.

The conference program, which will present fewer speakers than at Oslo, will schedule both plenary sessions and periods when the Conference and the Council will meet simultaneously. The 1966 World Methodist Conference theme will be "God in Our World."



By Mary Gardner

Christmas In Other Lands

Once each year people in the United States celebrate Jesus' birthday with the long-time customs of candlelight service in their churches, caroling, brilliantly lighted Christmas trees, exchanging gifts. People in other lands all over the world also remember that night almost two thousand years ago when the Christ Child was born, some of which customs have been brought to America by immigrants from other countries. Here are ways in which several countries celebrate Christmas.

In England on Christmas Eve the yule log is brought inside the house and placed in the fireplace. Each person in the family must sit upon the log and salute it before it is lighted. This act symbolizes the ancient belief that it will bring good luck to the household in the new year.

Processions of carolers gather under the lofty arches of the great cathedrals at midnight on Christmas Eve to sing the Christmas hymns.

Ireland

One of the most beautiful of all Christmas customs is practiced in Ireland. On Christmas Evening, candles are lighted and placed in every window of the house, the door left ajar. That is a sign of the hospitality of that house, assuring the Irish people that no couple seeking shelter for a Baby who is the Son of God will be homeless. The candlelight must shine all night long, and may be put out only by those having the name of Mary.

Austria

Candles also play a part in the celebration of Christmas by the Austrians. Three large candles are especially prepared for a ceremony in the home. While the family gather around on Christmas Eve and sing Christmas hymns, the father lights the first candle with a burning taper. As he does so he chants, "Christ is born! Christ is born!" Then each member of the family takes a taper and in turn repeats "Praise to the Lord! Christ is born!" After this dinner is served. The second candle is lit on Christmas Day and the third on New Year's Day.

Belgian

The children of Belgium leave tidbits in their wooden shoes for Santa Claus' reindeer and then hang up their stockings. In the morning the oats and tidbits have disappeared—replaced with toys.

The chimes on the five hundred-year-old cathedral at Antwerp chime ninety-nine times on Christmas Day to call the worshipers to service.

China

Many days of preparation go into the custom in China of the people dressed in their most colorful costumes, carrying their best lanterns, and parading up and down the winding streets singing Christmas carols to the accompaniment of a mandolin. The singing is stopped by a burst of firecrackers announcing a midnight church service.

Chinese children call their tree the "Tree of Light," instead of a "Christmas Tree." Their trees have no candles, but are decorated with brilliant paper flowers, colored paper chains and cotton snow flakes.

Palestine

Members of all denominations gather together at the Church of the Nativity in Bethlehem, directly above the birthplace of the Holy Child.

The church is aflame with flags and decorations on Christmas Evening as men and women crowd the doors and windows, even standing upon the square. A signal from a watcher at the highest point announces the coming of the procession.

The procession solmnly enters the church, passes behind the high altar, and down the steep, winding steps which lead to the grotto (cavern). Here, marked by a silver star, is the site of the birth of Jesus and the site of the manger where the Holy Child lay.

The First Christmas Tree in America

The custom of decorating Christmas trees has been practiced in many lands before it finally came to America.

It all began in this country in 1852, when a Hafvard Professor, Mr. Charles Follen, set up and decorated a tree in his home in Cambridge, Mass., to the delight of his two-year-old Son, Charles, Jr. Coming to America from Germany in 1824, Charles Follen became the first professor of German at Harvard University.

Although for a long time it was thought that a young German immigrant, August Imgrad, set up the first Christmas tree in his brother's home in Wooster, Ohio, it has been proved by Charles Follen's wife, Mrs. Elizabeth Cabot Follen, and by a famous English writer, Harriett Martineal, that the tree decorated by Charles Follen in 1832 was the first in the United States.

Mrs. Martineal was a guest in the Follen home when Mr. Follen decorated the tree. She described the occasion in a book which she later wrote about her travels in the United States.

Hymn Story: "Silent Night"

What would Christmas be without Christmas hymns and Christmas carols? And what song has been more often sung and loved by more people than "Silent Night, Holy Night?"

It was on December 24, 1818, that Joseph Mohr, assistant pastor of the newly established St. Nicholas' parish church in the little village of Oberndorf, near Salzburg, Austria, handed to Franz Gruber, a schoolmaster and organist of the church, a poem with the request that he write for it a suitable melody to be sung in the Christmas services in the church.

Franz Gruber sat down at his grandfather's desk and that night, on Christmas Eve in St. Nicholas' parish church, the song, "Silent Night, Holy Night" was sung for the first time.

The song lay forgotten in Gruber's desk for almost one year. One day the organ needed repairs and when the repair man had finished he asked Gruber to play something to test the organ. The melody of "Silent Night, Holy Night" came to Gruber's mind and as he played it the organ repair man was so entranced that he asked to take it back home with him to his native country. In a very short time it became very popular and later spread all over the world.

BIBLE QUIZ

What parable of Jesus do you associate with the following phrases?

1—"I thank Thee that I am not as other men."
2—A dog licking someone's wounds.
3—Ten lamps.
4—Building barns.
5—"Some fell among thorns."

Answers to Last Week's Questions

1—The prodigal son.
2—The lost coin.
3—The lost sheep.
4—The good Samaritan.
5—The talents

Answers To Last Week's Bible Jumbles

CATS—Acts; WHAT MET—Matthew; ONE TAR VEIL—Revelation; SEW HERB — Hebrew; KRAM — Mark; NAILS A TAG—Galations; SITTU — Titus; NOHJ — John; DEJU — Jude; LEMON HIP—Philemon; RAMSON—Romans; HEN IS PEAS—Ephesians; KULE — Luke; IS NO THIN CAR — Corinthians.

Woman's Activities

WNC Woman's Society Leads

MRS. JOHN C. WRIGHT

An increase of 21% in the amount given for pledge was shown in the first quarter's report sent to the Woman's Division of Christian Service by Mrs. E. D. Chandler, Asheville, Conference treasurer.

A special commendation for the Western North Carolina Conference was sent to Mrs. Chandler by Miss Florence Little, treasurer of the Woman's Division. She said, "Congratulations on the increase of the Western North Carolina Conference on pledge! Of the $56,440 increase in pledge in the 1st quarter over the same quarter last year, your increase was $12,347 or 21% of the total amount for 100 conferences."

This should inspire our women to make even higher contributions for the next quarter.

A study of the financial report of all conferences in the December issue of The *Methodist Woman* presents a picture that should make all hearts glow. In the Southeastern Jurisdiction the Western North Carolina Conference stands at the top of the 16 conferences in 8 of the 15 items listed. The tops include pledge of W.S.C.S., Youth Work, Supply Work, Supplementary Gifts and total receipts.

Every woman in the conference should study this national summary in order to get a feeling of the bigness of Woman's Work of the Board of Missions of the Methodist Church.

The Southeastern Jurisdiction Woman's Society leads the six Jurisdictions by a wide margin of $188,000. The total receipts in the SE Jurisdiction the first quarter amounted to $684,907. Western North Carolina women gave $87,395 of this amount.

Art Designs Wanted

The deadline for art designs for the cover of the programs of the 25th annual meeting of the Woman's Society of Christian Service is January 15, 1965. The person to whom they should be sent is Mrs. Brunson Wallace, 112 Park Ave., Brevard.

Mrs. Wallace is vice-president of the Woman's Society of the Conference. She hopes to have several entries in the near future.

She says that the theme of the meeting will be, "To Serve Right Gloriously" and that would-be artists should remember that this is a 25th Anniversary meeting. It is the 25th Annual Meeting, Woman's Society of Christian Service, Western North Carolina Conference, June 15-17, 1965, Lake Junaluska, N. C. The program also includes the Wesleyan Service Guild, Western North Carolina Conference, June 18-20.

Mrs. Robert Ayers, Guild secretary suggests, "Let's make a 'drawing period' a part of our next program meeting! Furnish pencils, paper, etc. for everyone and give a prize for the 'Best' one."

Asheville District News

Two new societies were organized in the Asheville District during recent weeks, both in the area served by Miss Sarah McCain, church and community worker for the North-Buncombe-Madison area.

They are the Pleasant Grove Woman's Society of Christian Service near Weaverville and the Antioch Woman's Society near Hot Springs. Mrs. Jerry Wright, Weaverville, is president of the Pleasant Grove society and Mrs. Glenn Brooks, Hot Springs, of the second.

Mrs. Hubert Carter, district president, commended Miss McCain for her work, for the entire executive committee is working hard to have a society or a district member in each church in the district. Mrs. Carter discussed the work of the district training team in helping with this project.

The date of the annual district meeting is Thursday, April 22, at Asbury Memorial Church on Beaverdam Road, Asheville.

Mrs. Raymond Bell, district secretary of Christian Social Relations, summarized the work of Methodist women in her department, She said the district had contributed $759 in the Halloween UNICEF observance. She told of projects in separate churches, where women are making definite progress in citizenship responsibility, race relations and in other social problems.

These reports were given at the district executive nominating meeting held at Central Methodist Church, Asheville, Nov. 24th.

Mrs. J. W. Payne, former president of hte Woman's Society of the Western North Carolina Conference, is gravely ill in the Santa Rosa Hospital in San Antonio, Texas.

Her daughter, Mrs. Robert Lee Moffitt, writes that her condition is very serious. Mrs. Payne suffered a stroke at her home in Honea Path, S. C. Her daughter took her to Texas where she could be near, but Mrs. Payne's condition remains critical.

Mrs. Moffitt's address is 218 Shammon Lee Drive, San Antonio, Texas.

N. C. Conference

MRS. H. W. DOUB

From time to time, we plan to give our readers a short sketch of our eleven districts and their presidents and other leaders. This week we are featuring Burlington District:

Burlington District was re-organized last June and now takes in the counties of Alamance, Caswell, Chatham and parts of Orange. It currently has four sub-districts, namely—Caswell, Mrs. Harvie B. Carter, Danville, Va., leader; North Alamance, Mrs. W. A. Andrews, Graham, Leader; South Alamance, Mrs. T. J. Jones, Saxapahaw Leader; and Siler City, Mrs. Jasper, Graham, Leader.

All of the district offices are filled and there are 74 organized societies out of 76 churches. Mrs. P. F. Newton of Snow Camp is the president of this district.

Mrs. P. F. Newton

Vivian Newton served as conference secretary of Literature and Publications for the quadrennium 1956-60. She carried out the duties of this office with intelligence, enthusiasm and precision and interpreted the importance of the publications of the Woman's Division in a most significant manner.

Mrs. Newton attended East Carolina College in Greenville, and taught in public schools prior to her marriage to the Reverend P. F. Newton in 1936. Their pastorates have been Kenly, Rich Square, Enfield, Whiteville, Weldon and Burlington.

In the district and subdistrict, she has held the following offices:

1936-37—Recording Secretary, Tri-County subdistrict

1937-39—President, Tri-County subdistrict

1946-50—District secretary of Youth Work, Rocky Mount District

1950-55 — Vice president, Wilmington district

1955-56—Secretary of Promotion–Wilmington district

Not only did Mrs. Newton serve in the district work, but in every church of which her husband was pastor, she held an office in the Woman's Society. She was secretary of Missionary Education and service in Kenly, Enfield and Whiteville, secretary of Christian Social Relations in Rich Square; president, in Weldon. She was also counselor in the Intermediate Fellowship in local churches from 1940 until the present time.

Mrs. Newton's record of attendance at schools of missions and annual meetings is phenomenal. She attended five mission study classes held at pastors' schools before the schools of missions were established. She has missed only one of the schools of missions since the first one was held at Pfeiffer College approximately twenty years ago. She has missed only two annual meetings of the conference Woman's Society of Christian Service since 1936. Those being at Wilmington in 1943 and Kinston in 1955.

While in office as conference secretary of Literature and Publications, she attended two schools of missions at Lake Junaluska, the meeting of the World Federation of Methodist Women held there in 1956 and a seminar at Literature Headquarters in Cincinnati.

The women who are at Duke each year are aware of, and grateful for the valuable

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ontribution she makes in leading the sing-ng each evening on the steps in front of the hapel.

It is this willingness to serve wherever he is needed, together with rich experience nd sincerity of purpose that will always nake Vivian Newton an asset to her church nd community.

Mrs. R. M. Janey,
Dist. Chairman Pub. Relations.

Sanford District Workshops On Program and Purpose

More than 400 Methodist women, mem-ers of the Woman's Society of Christian ervice, have really been on the ball through October and November learning the new hanges that have been set up for the Woman's Society of Christian Service. Meet-ngs were held at these times and places:

October 18, Lee Subdistrict, Center Church, Sanford; October 20, Richmond Subdistrict, Jones Spring; October 22, Moore Subdistrict, Page Memorial, Aber-leen; October 28, Montgomery Subdistrict, Trinity, Troy; November 5, Walter Peele Subdistrict, First Church, Laurinburg.

Each meeting was called to order and he welcome was made by the Subdistrict eader. The meditation was led by the Dis-rict Secretary of Spiritual Life Cultivation, Mrs. H. R. Odom, of Gibson, N. C. At-ention was called to the purpose and or-ganization of the Woman's Society of Christian Service and the Wesleyan Service Guild by District Secretary of Missionary Education and Service, Mrs. J. C. Chaffin, of Mt. Gilead, N. C. A skit, Summons to a New Age, was presented by district offi-ers.

1. Pre-1940, Mrs. J. A. Waugh, Secretary of Christian Social Relations
2. 1940, Mrs. J. S. Hiatt, Jr., President
3. 1964, Mrs. J. C. Chaffin, Secretary of Missionary Education

Introduction of district officers and New Purpose and Program was by Mrs. Joe S. Hiatt, Southern Pines, N. C. Ways of presenthing studies for 1964-65 were given n 25 minute rotating groups by: Mrs. . E. Davis Mrs. J. S. Waugh, Mrs. Brough-on C. Safrit, Mrs. Ted Solomon, Mrs. George A. Davis, Mrs. H. R. Odom, and Mrs. H. R. Miller.

Special music and commitment service by Mrs. H. R. Odom, Distrite Spiritual Life Secretary, was held in the sanctuary.

A social period was enjoyed in the Fel-owship Hall at each meeting.

Mrs. J. A. Ritchey
Dist. Pub. Relations Chrmn.



A Spiritual Life Retreat for Thomasville District Ministers' Wives was held Tuesday, November 24th, at Pleasant Grove Church. Bishop Earl G. Hunt was Inspirational Speaker for the day. Dr. Herman Nicholson, District Superintendent, and the Reverend Herb T. Penry, host pastor, served as resource leaders. Mrs. Larry Barden gave the devotions. Mrs. Mike Howard discussed "Areas of Need for Ministers' Wives." Mrs. Paul Berrier served as organist for the day. Mrs. George C. Starr, Jr. presided and acted as moderator for panel discussions. Pictured left to right—Dr. Herman Nicholson, Mrs. Larry Barden, Mrs. Paul Berrier, Bishop Hunt, Mrs. George Starr, Jr., Mrs. Mike Howard, and the Rev. Herb Penry.

High Point District Conference

W. A. Jarrett, *Secretary*

The High Point District Conference of the Methodist Church held its annual meeting Monday night, November 30, 1964, at Mount Lebanon Methodist Chruch in Randleman, N. C., with Dr. Ralph H. Taylor presiding.

After being welcomed by the host pastor, Rev. Marion Fulk, Rev. Fred A. Carlisle led the devotions.

The business of the church was dispensed in an immediate way by the use of printed reports and statistics.

Licenses to preach were issued to Barry Philip Osborne, James Thomas Trollinger, and Leighton Marion Wilson, Jr.

Mr. Joe Ross, Jr., of Asheboro, N. C., was presented a beautiful plaque in appreciation for his 25 years of service as district treasurer. He then reported the District parsonage indebtedness as paid off after which the congregation joined in a dedication ceremony.

The focal point of the evening's program was a drama presented by Rev. Ron Hall and his splendid cast— "One Witness In One World." The inspirational program emphasized that spiritual values cannot be sacrificed for a program filled with too much busyness. Rev. Clarence Russell dismissed the conference.

Bishop Webb Heads Worship Group

Bishop Lance Webb of Springfield, Ill., is the new chairman of The Methodist Church's 18-member Commission on Worship for the 1964--68 quadrennium.

Other officers of the commission chosen for the quadrennium are Dean Joseph D. Quillian, Jr., of Perkins School of Theology, Dallas, Texas, vice-chairman, and the Rev. Dr. William F. Dunkle, Jr., Wilmington, Del., secretary-treasurer.

Bishop Webb is the author of four books, including *The Art of Personal Prayer*, was pastor of North Broadway Methodist Church in Columbus, Ohio, when elected to the episcopacy, and earlier served pastorates in Texas. He has also taught a course on worship at Perkins School of Theology.

The commission was told that the new Book of Worship, developed during the past quadrennium and approved by the 1964 General Conference, will be published Ash Wednesday of 1965, March 3.

Notes From Gold Hill-Bethlehem

Rev. J. W. Parker, retired, preached at Gold Hill Bethlehem Charge Sept. 6. Gold Hill is most fortunate that Brother Parker has chosen Gold Hill for his retirement years. The church has been greatly blessed by the faithfulness of Rev. and Mrs. Parker.

Laymen's Day was observed Nov. 8 on Gold Hill Bethlehem Charge. At Bethlehem the service was conducted by Hoyle White and Tracy Culp while John Yelton led the worship service at Gold Hill.

The Gold Hill—Bethlehem Charge, is now laying plans to build a parsonage. A lot has been secured and the building committee is working on plans to construct the building soon after the New Year.

The members of the building committee are as follows:

O. S. Culp, John Hammill, Ray Banks Misenheimer, Everette Vanhoy, John Yelton, Ralph Peeler, John Culp and W. G. Russell.

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Conference of Methodist Men Planned For Next Summer

"My Christian Witness in Today's World," has been chosen as the theme for the Fourth National Conference of Methodist Men to be held July 9-11, 1965, at Purdue University.

Planning for the conference is well along, according to Dr. Robert G. Mayfield, general secretary of the church's General Board of Lay Activities, who announced selection of the theme, and Dr. Lloyd M. Bertholf, Bloomington, Ind., program committee chairman. The weekend is sponsored by the Board of Lay Activities which has its headquarters in Evanston, Ill.

More than 5,000 men are expected to attend the meeting, representing annual conferences across the country. Many conference groups are planning to charter buses, trains, or planes to attend, Dr. Mayfield said.

"The conference is closely geared to the great need of the church in the world today —the need for total Christian witness of men in all of life," according to Sidney R. Nichols, a Board of Lay Activities staff member in the Men's Work section.

"Men will be challenged to examine their ideas of how they, as individuals, can serve and lead others to serve in Christian witness and faith."

The conference will open the afternoon of July 9 and end at noon on July 11. Bishop Kenneth W. Copeland of Lincoln, Nebraska, will conduct the closing worship.

In addition to several addresses, men attending the conference will participate in a series of discussion groups on the theme and witness dramatic presentations on the work of Methodist Men and on stewardship. A late evening, informal "hootenanny" is planned for July 10.

General chairman of the committee planning the conference is William C. Patten, Albuquerque, N. M. Other persons with key responsibilities, in addition to Dr. Bertholf, include R. S. Doenges, Denver, Colo., promotion chairman, and Russell H. Rayburn, Plainfield, Ind., in charge of local arrangements.



RECEIVE CHARTER FOR MEN'S CLUB—With 108 present the Methodist Men's Club of Love's Methodist Church of Walkertown received their charter Sunday morning, November 22. In the picture are, left to right, Dr. Frank Jordan, District Superintendent of the Methodist Church; Ira Shamel, District Lay Leader; Clyde Webster, president of the Love's Men's Club; and the Rev. Orion N. Hutchinson, pastor of Love's Methodist Church. Many other area Methodist ministers were present for the organization which was held at a Breakfast meeting at 8 o'clock.

Methodist Men's Club Is Organized at Love's Church

Love's Methodist Church at Walkertown in Winston-Salem District of which Rev. Orion N. Hutchinson, Jr. is pastor, has organized a Methodist Men's Club.

The Club met on Sunday morning Nov. 15 at 8:00 a.m. for the regular breakfast meeting with 108 men present. After breakfast Clyde Webster opened the meeting with words of welcome and introduction of guests. Among the guests were Dr. Frank Jordan, District Superintendent and speaker for the occasion; Mr. Ira Shamel, District Lay Leader; Rev. James Gibbs, Main St. Methodist of Kernersville; Rev. Ralph Eanes, Associate Minister of Morris Chapel Church, Walkertown; Rev. Harold Schramm Crews Methhodist Church; Mr. Carl Marshall and Mr. O. E. Dillon, Associate District Lay Leaders.

Dr. Jordan, who is a native of Walkertown, brought a very interesting message and then installed the following officers: President, Clyde Webster; Vice President, Walter Wilson; Secretary, John Scott Junior; Treasurer, Richard Waggoner; Song Leader, Tom Southern; Pianist, Jimmy Gant; Committee Chairmen: Food—C. Lacy Fair and Bill Webster; Membership—Drewey Warner; Attendance, Frank Flynn; Devotions, John Walker; Projects, Horace Warner; Publicity, Harrison Krites.

Mr. Ira Shamel presented the Charter and each member signed it.

The club has 126 "charter members," which may make it the largest in the state.

My Most Unforgetable Character

By S. L. Morgan, Sr.

A letter just received from a woman in Arizona tells of the death of her mother at 98. She was my "most unforgetable character." The daughter, age 52, says of her mother, "Now we are free; we can move a chair or walk a block without feeling bound to consult her." But she adds, "Our very freedom is our sorrow."

And I can understand and approve the remark. For this woman was my teacher for two 4-month terms in a Virginia Pine-pole log-cabin some 80 years ago, I a lad of 10-11, she an untaught country girl of 16-17, but by all odds the mightiest teacher I ever had, an orphan without a mother, her father a tyrant. She was a prodigy of almost the stature of Joan of Arc.

Above all else, her unique power lay in a unique transparent goodness that we couldn't doubt plus her short, simple religious service in school each morning. It was but the reading of a short Bible passage and a little prayer, instinct with her goodness and godliness that no one could doubt or ignore . . . She married early and moved out of my world to Missouri. Years later a talented sister gave me details of her life. She had over a dozen children, all outstanding Christian citizens, and over the great clan she reigned as a queen. Lost to me for many years, I often preached about her as the greatest power for good I had ever known. Gone from my world, I pictured her as in heaven—the only place fit for the saint she was.

After many years I found her through a mutual childhood acquaintance, and for years we exchanged letters. I never ceased to adore her. Not all other teachers in school, college and seminary influenced my life as she did in a few months. I cherished her letters on into her 97th year, even when they became scrawl.

Of all human impacts hers was the mightiest.

In late years when statesmen debated school prayers, some contending they were even harmful, I entered the debate to declare Lizzie Huffman's school prayers were one of the mighty forces that made me what I became: to me it was beyond debate. Yet their power lay in a life giving out an aroma of God. I felt God in her prayers.

And so I liked the daughter's confessed slavery to such a mother, and the grief each member of the family felt when the bonds of such a loving slavery could no longer be felt.

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Because gasoline is cheaper than hay, cowboys in Dodge City, Kansas, now ride motorcycles instead of horses, according to *Oil Facts*. The publication says the switch was made because each horse was eating as much as $12 worth of feed a week while motorcycles suitable for the cattle trails could be run on about $1.50 worth of gasoline.

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God With Us

Background Scripture: Matthew 1
Lesson Scripture: Matthew 1:1, 18-25

With this lesson we begin a study of the Gospel of Matthew which will continue for eighteen lessons, or until Easter. Our first two sessions will deal with the Christian doctrine of the Incarnation seen (1) in the birth of Jesus, of which Christmas is the chief festival and (2) in the visit of the wise men, suggesting the meaning of Jesus for the world outside of his native Palestine.

The essential meaning of the Incarnation is expressed in the word Emmanuel (God with us). It may be well to suggest at the beginning of our discussion that we are concerned not so much with an *explanation* of the doctrine as we are with the *fact* of God's presence in and among men revealed supremely in Jesus Christ. Our purpose is not to dwell upon the questions that arise in the minds of thoughtful and careful readers of the Biblical text, though there is no doubt that the questions are there. For a full treatment of some of these problems of thought the reader will need to consult more extended sources such as, for example, the *Interpreter's Bible* or the *Abingdon Bible Commentary*. To attempt to deal with these problems in a brief commentary (such as this column necessarily is) would probably raise more questions than could be discussed adequately.

Some *Bible* students think the author of Matthew's Gospel was a member of the Christian Community at Antioch to which many Jews and Christians had gone after the fall of Jerusalem in 70 A.D. It is generally assumed that he had before him the Gospel of Mark, and other material he had assembled from various sources. He was familiar with the sacred writings of the Jews, and used one of their characteristic forms (the genealory) in the first chapter of his book. In doing this he revealed one of his chief purposes; that is, to show that Jesus (whose name means "God's Salvation") was indeed a descendant of the greatest figures of Jewish history, Abraham and David. But not only did Matthew wish to refute the arguments of those Jews who did not believe Jesus was the Messiah, he wished also to instruct the faithful followers in the life and teachings of the One in whom they believed.

The Gospel of Matthew, in order to fulfill its purposes is divided between *narratives* of the life and activities of Jesus and his *teachings*. An excellent outline which shows these divisions clearly is found in the "Adult Teacher" for Decemeber, page 57. It should be cut out and kept in view during our eighteen weeks' study. Or, still better, have the outline mimeographed and give copies to all members of the class.

And now let us try to summarize briefly what the story of Jesus' birth, as recorded in Matthew, is saying to us. It is saying that Jesus. the son of Mary and Joseph, is also the Son of God; that, is he was truly man and truly God. This has been the teaching of the church throughout the centuries. In certain periods of history men have said he was no human at all, but wholly God. At other times men have said he was only a man, not divine. But neither of those extreme views accords with Scripture, in its entirety. Men sometimes select from the accounts the parts which agree with their own views. In the *Adult Student* for December, p. 58, Ralph Decker has written: "Men responded to Jesus because of what he was, not because of how he entered the world. The important fact is that men believe and respond because in Jesus they see Emmanuel—God with us. When John Wesley was dying he said: 'But best of all, God is with us! This is the incarnation in its continuing form. The presence of God is still available to those who will accept it.'"

As we think once again of the wonder of Christmas, with its tender and appealing pictures of the Christ-chlid in the manger, of the shepherds and the star, let us go on beyond that to the *man* Christ Jesus. Let us think of him as he battled against the entrenched evils of his time, of how he took his place with the humble and the poor, the sick and the sinful. Let us remember that we who *are* the church must take up his work and carry it on *now*, no matter what it costs us. It will be in those hours of struggle, and often of heartache, that we shall come to know the meaning of "Emmanuel—God with us." Then we shall know a joy which is deeper than all the frothy pleasures of the world, something which has the quality of everlastingness about it—something that makes us more than animals. Something that makes us men.

Goldsboro District MYF Rally Held

The Goldsboro District MYF Fall Rally was held at St. Paul Methodist Church, Goldsboro, on Sunday afternoon, November 22, with approximately 225 attending. The group elected Paul Couch of Goldsboro to serve as president for 1964-65, replacing Cathy Mattocks, who was transferred out of the district by action of the North Carolina Annual Conference. Stanley Stallings of Smithfield was elected vice-president, succeeding Paul Couch. The chairmen of the program areas were introduced as follows: Faith: Alan Hicks of Fremont, Witness: Ben Lane of Yelverton, Outreach: Tommy Daughtry of Goshen, Citizenship: Charlie Mercer of Smithfield, and Fellowship: Paula Justice. Other officers reporting were: Secretary: Nancy Honeycutt of Clinton, Treasurer: Debbie Boyd of Mount Olive, and Publicity Chairman: Mickey Peeler of Goldsboro.

Those attending the rally chose an area of recreation for instruction and participation. The areas and leaders were: Singing: Mrs. Betsy Overman Barefoot; Drama: Richard Williams; Folk dancing: Rev. E. M. Thompson; Active games: Larry Nance. Each group shared some of the new knowledge acquired during a sharing time at the conclusion of the instruction periods. The MYF of St. Paul gave the closing devotional, which had been written and directed by Paul Couch. Refreshments were served by the Woman's Society of St. Paul.

American Laymen Strengthen Ties With European Brethren

Strengthened ties between Methodist laymen in this country and Europe is expected to result from a series of meetings on the continent earlier this fall by a team of three laymen and the general secretary of the General Board of Lay Activities.

"There is no question but that we built bridges of understanding and friendship," said Dr. Robert G. Mayfield, chief executive officer of the board which has its headquarters in Evanston, Ill. "Average grassroots laymen from each side of the Atlantic have exchanged experiences."

Participating in the tour with Dr. Mayfield were Thomas B. Clay, Buffalo, N. Y., Roy J. Grogan, Weatherford, Texas, and R. S. Doenges, Denver, Colo. The four visited Norway, Denmark, Sweden, Germany, and Switzerland for meetings, and Rome for an orientation briefing on the Vatican Council.

"Out of these meetings the laymen in Europe are beginning to realize they are part of a world church and not just an overseas branch of an American church," Dr. Mayfield asserted.

In a typical meeting Dr. Mayfield would speak on the role of laymen in the church, Grogan would discuss Methodist Men, Doenges would speak on stewardship, and Clay would present lay speaking. After these remarks, the European laymen would tell what was being done in their country and there would be an exchange of questions.

"The men were very alert and very interested—it was no time to talk trivia," recalled Grogan. "The fact that we cared enough to come impressed them."

Dr. Mayfield paid tribute to the leadership many of the European laymen are giving. "Many would compare with the best conference lay leaders in this country," he declared. "They really are farther along in lay speaking than we are."

One of the problems faced by the lay movement in Europe is the relatively small Methodist membership as compared with the state churches. "Their market is much more limited than ours," Dr. Mayfield said.

One of the strongest centers of activity found was in West Germany where plans are under way for a full-time secretary of men's service which would be comparable to a jurisdictional secretary of lay activities in the United States. Also being planned is an all-German convocation in Frankfurt in April of 1965.

Sessions were held by the four men in Copehagen, Denmark; Oslo, Norway; Gothenburg, Sweden; Frankfurt, Germany; and Zurich, Switzerland.

In addition to the sessions with European laymen, the four participated in a retreat for Methodist U. S. armed forces personnel in Europe held in cooperation with the Commission on Chaplains at Berchtesgaden, Germany.

The meetings with European laymen are the first of their kind ever held and are the outgrowth of six years of conversations between Dr. Mayfield and European leaders. It is hoped that additional session can be held in the future.

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Statements Heard At District Superintendents' Convocation

"What we have to do is to get a vision of what the church is called upon to be in our time. It is a great thing for us to be reminded that the answer to the divided world is Christ. Perhaps what Methodism needs now more than anything else is to have its people baptized with a new vision of what the church is."—Bishop Gerald Kennedy, Los Angeles, Calif.

"The hope of the quadrennial program is that after giving itself to self-examination, the local church may be brought to self-identification in witness with other churches and churches of other denominations associated together in the ecumenical movement."—Bishop Roy H. Short, Louisville, Ky.

"A significant part of the "One Witness in One World" quadrennial program is an effort to give a practical demonstration of our oneness in witness as Methodists by mutual assistance in the establishment of new churches and congregations throughout the world."—The Rev. Dr. Eugene L. Smith, New York.

"We have too long worshipped at the pagan altar of conformity. We have too long confused statistical records with spiritual renewal. We have too long dammed the flow of divine power by pride of denominational achievement. . .the time has come when (we) must recognize the dignity and integrity of every individual and every church."—The Rev. Dr. Leon M. Adkins, Nashville, Tenn.

"We must join other churches and other organizations to redeem our communities or admit that we're using the name of Jesus for commercial reasons and are in business for ourselves."—The Rev. Dr. Roy Nichols, New York.

"I would like people to remember that Miss America of 1965 is a Christian and wanted to tell people about it."—Miss Vonda Kay Van Dyke, Phoenix, Ariz., Miss America of 1965 is a member of Central Methodist Church, Phoenix.

"We must show that the church offers young people an effective channel to serve the physical as well as material needs of mankind."—Bishop Richard C. Raines, Indianapolis, Ind.

"In the churches set in affluent Western nations are gathered people on whose imagination, and on whose readiness to deploy skill and to share resources, the hungry multitudes depend if they are to have their longings fulfilled."—The Rev. Dr. Leslie E. Cooke, Geneva, Switzerland, an associate general secretary of the World Council of Churches.

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MRS. C. E. MONTGOMERY

The Gleam

Out of the dark and distant past
Millions of light years away,
Shone in its beauty a glittering star.
Shimmering loveliness entwined stately oaks;
The giants augmented the heavenly glow,
And mankind paused in its wake.
The Master smiled on the scene.

So does the Christian in true Christian faith
Inspired through his love of the Truth
And spiral a gleam that transcends and uplifts.
For honor, true knowledge, and unfailing love
Are augmented by others inspired;
And the Gleam lives on when the Christian is gone.
The Master smiles on the gleam.

Mrs. William J. Crowe

In the loss of Mrs. C. R. Montgomery, beloved Christian leader of the Gold Hill Methodist Church, we who knew and loved her realize that we have lost a loyal ally. Her devotion to duty, her unwavering Christian faith, and her rare ability to impart vividly the message of God's Kingdom, to the starry-eyed youth or the mature adult, will live on in the hearts and deeds of those who knew and loved her. Her devotion to the church and its message, her sincere interest in the welfare of others, her sage advice, and her ideal of perfection in all things have left an indelible imprint.

Mrs. Montgomery was a rare individual whose keen mind was alert to the needs of the world in which she lived. She loved, sympathized and motivated deeply. She frowned on the slovenly deed, the laxity of interest, and the drab outlook; life to her was real, and she lived it earnestly. Her influence was noble and good; Gold Hill, her friends, and her church were richly blessed because she lived. "Miss Hannah," so vital and so real, will live on in our memories—a friend, a teacher, a challenge, and an ideal.

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Colleges Hold Spiritual Retreat

Five colleges in eastern North Carolina participated in an Intercollegiate Spiritual Retreat at Methodist College November 20-22.

Delegates from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, Louisburg College, Atlantic Christian College and North Carolina Wesleyan College came to Methodist College for a weekend of fellowship and worship.

This was the first of such weekends and was sponsored by the students and chaplains at Methodist College.

"It's Love That Makes The World Go 'Round" was the theme of the retreat. Student leaders included: Jim Christian, III, Lynchburg, Va., Keynote speaker; Anne Smith, U.N.C. at Chapel Hill, "Creative Writing"; Anna Dixon, Music, Nancy Best "Devotion in Motion", Dick Meissner, Morning Devotions, all of Methodist College.

Approximately 50 students participated in the retreat which began with registration on Friday afternoon and continued through lunch Sunday.

To Hold Series Of Chaplains Retreats

A series of five retreats for Methodist chaplains in the U. S. will begin Jan. 5, the Methodist Commission on Chaplains has announced. One already has been held in Europe, in October.

This is one more than in past years, according to the Rev. John R. McLaughlin, general secretary, in order to make the inspiration and fellowship available to more chaplains and wives. Participants include those serving with the armed forces, Veterans Administration, penal and mental institutions.

First of the gatherings will be Jan. 5-7 at Buck Hill Falls, Pa. Speakers will include Bishop Charles F. Golden of Nashville, Tenn.; the Rev. Dr. Lawrence Toombs, Professor of Old Testament at Drew University Theological School, and the Rev. Dr. Tracey K. Jones, Jr., associate general secretary for the World Division, Board of Missions.

Dr. McLaughlin will be the leader of the retreats, accompanied at each by either the Rev. Fred Heather or the Rev. Herley C. Bowling of the staff.

Others scheduled, including principal speakers, are:

Jan. 19-21, Asilomar, Pacific Grove, Calif., Bishop Paul V. Galloway of Little Rock, Ark., and the Rev. Dr. Emory S. Bucke, book editor of The Methodist Church.

Jan. 26-28, Austin, Texas, Bishop W. McFerrin Stowe of Topeka, Kans.

Feb. 9-11, Gatlinburg, Tenn., Bishop Walter C. Gum of Richmond, Va.

Feb. 23-25, DePauw University, Greencastle, Ind., Bishop E. Loder of Detroit, Mich.

Charlotte District Conference Held Sunday, November 29

Around 500 Methodists attended the annual Charlotte District Conference held Sunday, November 29, at Mount Zion Church in Cornelius beginning at 2:30 p.m.

The Rev. Glenn Lackey, district superintendent, presided. The Rev. Leroy Scott, pastor of St. James Methodist Church, was elected secretary of the district conference.

Opening devotions were led by the Rev. James Coleman of St. Pauls Methodist Church.

Charles J. Henderson, district lay leader, and Dr. James C. Stokes, Salisbury district superintendent, spoke to the group.

The conference approved the request of the district camp committee to borrow $15,000 for winterized shelters and other work at the Methodist camp site at Marion.

James Ross Westmoreland of Dilworth Methodist Church and Lewis Cockerill of Kilgo Methodist Church received licenses to preach. Mr. Cockerill also was recommended for deacon's orders.

The Rev. W. R. Brantley of Memorial Methodist Church, dean of the district training school, announced plans for a Sunday School teachers training school Feb. 14.

The Rev. Don Bridger was host pastor. This was the mid-year meeting, held between annual conferences.

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The Blessed Prince of Peace

Mrs. R. M. Gatlin

For unto you is born this day in the City of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord.—St. Luke, 2-11.

So many times in days of old the prophets did foretell,
That there would be a saviour born, a king, to Israel,
They hoped His coming would bring hope where once no hope had been,
That He would give His life to save His people from their sin,

But years had passed, He had not come and many now had strayed,
And wandered far away from God, yet still the faithful prayed.
They said that God would keep His word just as He'd always done,
That some day He would send a king to sit on Davids' throne.

One night some shepherds watched their sheep, the night was dark and chill,
The stars shone brightly in the sky, the world was hushed and still,
And as they watched their flocks they talked, perhaps of this same thing,
They may have wondered if some day they all might see that king.

The angel of the Lord appeared and they were sore afraid,
They saw his glory and rejoiced to hear the words he said,
He told them not to be afraid and then he said to them,
That Christ the Lord was born that day in near-by Bethlehem.

He said that tidings of great joy he brought to all that day,
The babe was wrapped in swaddling clothes and in a manger lay,
And suddenly a multitue sang praise to God and then,
"Glory to God, and on earth peace and good will toward men."

And when at last the singers ceased and turned away from them,
The shepherds said, "Now let us go even to Bethlehem,
Let us all go and see the thing that God hath now made known,
We'll see the king which now has come to sit on Davids' throne.

Joyfully they went with haste to where the baby lay,
They found Him as the angel said, there sleeping on the hay,
With peace and gladness in their hearts they all could now go home,
And spread the news to all the world that Christ the Lord had come.

A star shone bright above the stable where the young child lay,
Some wise men saw it and at once they started on their way,
And when it led them to the place where Christ and Mary were
They worshipped Him and gave Him gold and frankincense and myrrh.

In fancy now I seem to hear the angel chorus sing,
I see the shepherds as they kneel before the new born king,
I see the wise men as they bring their gifts from lands afar,
The long hard journey had been made, and guided by a star.

And as once more we stop to praise and celebrate His birth,
The sound of sin and strife is heard again upon the earth,
But though we know that in this world all war may never cease,
We praise and thank our God who gave the Blessed prince of peace.

CAROLINA BRIEFS

¶ Mr. Harry Bell, Lay Leader of the High Point District, spoke last Sunday morning at the Newlyn Street Church, Greensboro, of which Rev. George B. Culbreth is the pastor.

¶ The daily devotion for January 28 in the Upper Room is provided by Rev. O. L. Brown, retired member of the Western North Carolina Conference, now residing in Charlotte.

¶ Rev. Wilbur Jackson, pastor of Garber Methodist Church, New Bern, preached in revival services last week at the Bethany Methodist Church at Winstedville. Services ran from Sunday through Friday. Rev. Corbin L. Cherry is the pastor.

¶ Both the North Carolina and Western North Carolina Conferences were well represented in Atlanta last week in the Southeastern Jurisdictional meeting to launch the quadrennial program of evangelism for the nine-state jurisdiction. The meeting was attended by bishops, district superintendents, and chairmen and secretaries of Conference Boards of Evangelism.

¶ Rev. W. A. Seawell, pastor of Carr Methodist Church, Durham, has just published a book of poems, printed by the Vantage Press. Mr. Seawell expresses in these poems the depth of his trust in God. The poems deal with a variety of subjects, all characterized by complete trust and expressing a warmth of feeling that is uplifting. Price of this beautiful book is $2.00.

¶ Pastors of both conferences are requested to let us know if they need or desire additional bulletin inserts leading up to the January Advocate campaign for new subscriptions. We will be glad to supply the need. We suggest that arrangements for the campaign be made now by appointing a good interested person in each church to head it up and to solicit the membership for subscriptions. Brethren let's do a good job, and it will last all through the year.

¶ Albemarle District Conference held an interesting and profitable session last Wednesday at Weddington Methodist Church in Union County. Dr. W. J. Huneycutt, District Superintendent, conducted the program. Rev. Geo. H. Needham conducted the opening devotions. The reports were interesting. The program seems to be making progress for the first half of the Conference year. At the close of the business meeting the ladies of the church served a delicious luncheon.

¶ The Mount Union College Choir of Alliance, Ohio, presented a concert last Sunday evening in the Hay Street Church, Fayetteville. The choir is composed of young men and women of different interests from all over the country. It is presently touring through Pennsylvania, Washington, Virginia, North Carolina, Georgia, Florida, Alabama, Tennessee. Mount Union College is supported by the Methodist Church. The choir has an international reputation. It sang at the World Conference of Methodism in Oslo, Norway, in 1961.

¶ Now is the time to send the Advocate as a Christmas present to some relative or friend. Let them enjoy your Christmas present through the entire year by reading it every week. Send three dollars to the Advocate, Box 508 Greensboro, and we will be glad to send the Advocate to the person you name and also a card stating that it is a Christmas present from you.

¶ Rev. and Mrs. Vaudry Williams of Oteen Methodist Church, Asheville District, announce the birth of a daughter Valarie Victoria, born November 27 weighing 7 pounds, 14 ounces. The Williams have another daughter, Melanie, who is two and one-half years old.

¶ The Greensboro District Conference was conducted last Sunday afternoon at the beautiful Mount Pleasant Church on the Burlington Road. Reports were given on the various phases of the work. Of particular interest to this writer were the figures in showing 360 have already been received on profession of faith for the first six months. Christ Church, Greensboro, showed 51 on profession of faith, and West Irving Park Church, Greensboro, showed 55 on profession. These figures exceed those of any district we have visited so far. Rev. J. Garland Winkler, District Superintendent, conducted the conference.

¶ Friends of Mr. and Mrs. Albert S. "Dad" Arnold of Greensboro will be glad to know they will celebrate their 60th wedding anniversary December 27. This couple were married in 1904 in West Virginia by Rev. M. E. Stafford, father of Rev. Garland Stafford of the Western North Carolina Conference. Mrs. Arnold is the former Clara Edna Nease of West Virginia, and Mr. Arnold is formerly of Ohio. They have resided in Greensboro for 43 years, and are well and favorably known. Mr. Arnold has traveled extensively over this section presenting the pageant "Our Religious Heritage Foundation." We extend to them our felicitations.

¶ We regret to learn of the accident suffered by Bishop Gerald Ensley, resident Bishop of the Ohio West Area of the Methodist Chruch. His car went out of control on an icy highway near Marysville, Ohio, December 5. The bishop was thrown into a field causing him to suffer six fractured ribs, a fractured collarbone and severe internal injuries. He is a patient in Riverside Methodist Hosptial, Colombus, Ohio. At last reports he was holding his own, but was still considered critical. Bishop Ensley has been prominent in the affairs of the church, and his friends will be concerned about him. We understand also that Bishop Walter C. Gum of the Richmond Area is a patient at the Medical College of Virginia Hospital in Richmond, and is facing possible surgery. His friends in this area will be thinking of him in their prayers.

¶ The Rev. Howard Wilkinson, pastor of Pisgah Methodist Church in Winston-Salem District, returned home from Forsyth Memorial Hospital on December 3rd. Mr. Wilkinson was injured in an automobile accident in Statesville where he was hospitalized. He underwent extensive surgery at Forsyth Memorial Hospital in Winston-Salem on October 19th for injuries caused by the accident. He will be convalescing at the Pisgah parsonage at Route 3, Box 181 Kernersville during December.



Rev. Earl R. Haire will Participate in Program

The Rev. Earle R. Haire, pastor of the First Methodist Church, Valdese, N. C., will participate in a "by invitation only" experimental conference for the continuing education of the ministry at the New Haven Disciples House, January 18-30, 1965.

Only thirty ministers a year, from ten denominations, are participating in these small group conversations with members of the faculty of Yale Divinity School.

Changes are taking place so fast in the "emerging world of science and technology" that ministers need a continuing program of study to enable them to understand the sort of world in which the church lives and works today, better means of communicating their witness and the implications of the gospel for modern culture. The minister today faces such a heavy load of administration, program, and community work that he finds it difficult to find adequate time for reading, study, reflection, cultivation of the spiritual life. He needs an occasional change of pace. He needs to become conversant with issues and problems within the life of the church itself.

Missions And Ecumenicity

Missions and ecumenicity are two major emphases of the Ministers' Week at the Candler School of Theology in Atlanta, Georgia, January 18-21, 1965.

Tuesday, January 19, will be the missionary emphasis. On this day Dr. Harold Roberts, outstanding British Methodist leader, will speak at 9:45 a.m. Dr. Ron Meredith will deliver a lecture on "Gandhi-Statesman" at 10:30 a.m. Then at 11:30 a.m., Dr. Tanimoto, an alumnus of the Candler School of Theology, will deliver a lecture on "The Future of Christianity in Japan" Dr. Tanimoto is the famed Methodist minister who has worked so much with the crippled and maimed of Hiroshima and has been widely publicized in America relative to this work, and he has appeared on the Ralph Edwards, "This is Your Life," television program.

Wednesday, January 20, will be given to the ecumenical movement. Dr. Meredith will speak on Dr. Paul Tillich as a theologian, and Dean Cannon will discuss the Second Vatican Council in Rome.

Ministers are urged to take advantage of these two outstanding days if they possibly can.

NBC Officials Honored

King Constantine of Greece has conferred the Cross of Knight Commander, Royal Order of the Phoenix, upon Robert E. Kintner, President of the National Broadcasting Company, and the Gold Cross of the Royal Order of George I upon Lou Hazam, NBC News producer and writer.

Stavros Costopoulos, Minister of Foreign Affairs of Greece, presented the diploma and insignia of these decorations to Mr. Kintner and Mr. Hazam at a ceremony at noon on Tuesday, December 8, at the headquarters of the National Broabcasting Company in New York City. Mr. Costopoulos is currently in New York heading the Greek delegation to the General Assembly of the United Nations.

The decorations were awarded to Mr. Kintner and Mr. Hazam "in recognition of the great contribution they made to international understanding by producing and broadcasting 'Greece: The Golden Age,' a distinguished television program worthy of the cultural treasures it displays."

Pfeiffer College Schedule

Twenty-nine seniors are scheduled to complete their academic program at Pfeiffer College with the end of the college's fall semester on Saturday, December 19th.

Degrees will be awarded at the May Commencement program.

Examinations for the fall semester began Saturday, December 12 and will be completed on Saturday, December 19. Christmas holidays begin after the student's last examination.

The annual College Christmas Dinner will be given in the Student Center Dining Hall at 5 p.m., Wednesday, December 16th.

Administrative and business offices at the college will re-open on Monday, January 4. New students entering for the spring semester will report on Friday, January 15. Registration for students not previously registered will be conducted on Saturday, January 16.

Students who may desire to enroll for the spring semester may secure information and complete registration procedures at the college admissions office to December 19 and then after January 3, 1965.

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Commemorative Rites Planned At Historic Whitakers Chapel

Members of the former Methodist Protestant denomination and friends will be interested to learn that a special commemorative service will be held at historic Whitaker's Chapel near Enfield on Sunday afternoon, Dec. 20, beginning at 3:30 o'clock. This service will be held under the auspices of the Historical Society of the North Carolina Conference of the Methodist Church. An informal social hour will be held from 2:30 until 3:30 p.m. at the church.

Bishop Paul Neff Garber of Raleigh has accepted an invitation to be present for this occasion which also will mark the 136th anniversary of the meeting at Whitaker Chapel on Dec. 19-20 in 1828, of the first annual conference of the Methodist Church in America.

In addition to Bishop Garber, others expected to be present for this special service are: Dr. Thomas A. Collins, president of North Carolina Wesleyan College in Rocky Mount; Dr. Christopher Crittenden, director of the Department of Archives and History, Raleigh; the Rev. Jack W. Page District superintendent of the Rocky Mount District of the North Carolina Conference; and the Rev. Roland C. Stubbins, former Methodist Protestant minister, now retired, of Enfield, a former pastor.

Mrs. Walter Tignor will be in charge of a display of archives and records dealing with the history of the former Methodist Protestant denomination and with the Whitakers Chapel Church. Assisting her will be Mrs. Bryan D. Sherrod and Mrs. Cecil H. Matthews.

Miss Alma Sykes will be in charge of registering the guests for the occasion.

Dr. Rives, who has been interested in the preservation of Whitaker's Chapel for some time, recently received the following letter from Mrs. Elizabeth W. Willborn, Staff Historian, Department of Archives and History Raleigh: "Dear Mr. Rives; At the Oct. 16 meeting of the Advisory Committee on Highway Historical Markers, the following inscription was approved for Whitaker's Chapel: WHITAKERS CHAPEL, Orginally Anglican, 1740; later Methodist. First Annual Conference of Methodist Protestant Church in U. S. met here, 1828. This is the third building on this site."

It is hoped that this marker will be unveiled at the service on December 20.

The North Carolina Annual Conference of the Methodist Protestant Church was older than any other annual conference in the United States. At a call issued to the members of the Union Societies(or Reform Societies) in North Carolina, delegates gathered on Friday, December 19, 1828, at Whitakers Chapel about seven miles from Enfield and organized the North Carolina Conference.

The first session of the North Carolina Conference included the following 26 official members: Ministers: James Hunter William Bellamy Miles Nash, William W. Hill, William Price, Eli B. Whitaker, Albriton Jones, Henry B. Bradford, Thomas Moore; Local Preachers, Asa Steely, Aquilla Norman, Ira Norman, Thomas Steely, Israel Hutchins; Laymen: Arthur Pittman, Exum Lewis, Absolam B. Whitaker, William E. Bellamy, L. H. B. Whitaker, John F. Bellamy David Barrow, Eli B. Whitaker, Jr., James C. Whitaker, Richard Jones, Wilson C. Whitaker, Richard H. Whitaker.

Decendants of many of these men still live in the general area of Halifax and Edgecombe Counties and it is honed that as many of these as possible will be present for the special commemorative service to be held at Whitaker' Chapel on Sunday afternoon, December 20.

Devotional Services to be Telecast at Christmas

In accord with its annual custom, NBC will telecast Protestant and Catholic devotional services live at Christmas.

Midnight Mass in St. Patrick's Cathedral, New York City, will be telecast on Christmas Eve, *Thursday, Dec. 24,* from 12 midnight to 1:45 a.m. EST.

A Festival of Lessons and Carols in Washington Cathedral, Washington, D. C., will be telecast on Christmas Day *Friday, Dec. 25,* from 12:30 to 1:30 p.m. EST.

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"Peace On Earth, Good Will Toward Men"

Americans along with Christians of other countries have been quoting this caption for a long time, especially at this time when we approach the Christmas Season. It is indicative of a yearning desire on the part of man for peace and poise in his daily living with other fellowmen.

And yet we ask for peace and practice violence. We are in sympathy with the so-called modern day revolution, when people of all races are asking for recognition and the opportunity to develop into first-class citizens. We sometimes question the methods used, but the purpose is admirable.

It is still true, however, that we seem never to be satisfied. The more we get the more we want. This is true with reference to the material things of life. Men strive for better housing, better education, better salaries, better social relations, etc. But when we reach a set goal we are inclined to enlarge our desires. Maybe this is good, as the prophet Isaiah reminds us (Isa. 54:2), "lengthen thy stakes and strengthen thy cords."

This is fine if applied to spiritual values as well as material things. The most recent indications of a desire for unrestricted freedom is seen in our race relations in recent years, and more recently in the student demonstrations at the University of California. Led by an enterprising young man, the students finally succeeded in breaking down university rules and being granted practically everything they had demanded in the way of student privileges. This can, however, be carried to the extreme. It is still our feeling that people should play the game according to the rules. And the rules have been established by those who are more mature, and therefore, more likely to have higher ideals. In this day of tension, when there seems to be an effort to throw off all authority, and to cheapen chastity, and hold high idealism in contempt, it is all the more necessary that there should be emphasized the importance of recognition of and obedience to proper authority. University officials, parents, and others are not likely to demand anything that is detrimental to those for whom they are responsible. To the contrary, the chances are that they have their best interests at heart. If changes for the best can be made, well and good, but youngsters would do well to proceed with caution in these matters.

In our search for freedom we could do no better than turn to him whose birth we are about to celebrate. "If the Son shall make you free, ye shall be free indeed." The trouble is that some men fail to distinguish between the kind of so-called freedom that imprisons them and makes them victims of habit or self-indulgence, and the kind that really brings release from these things. What a marvelous thing it would be if individuals and nations would seek to master their individual and corporate problems by following Him who is "The Prince of Peace."

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THEME FOR THE WEEK

While he thought on these things, behold, the angel of the Lord appeared unto him in a dream, saying, Joseph, thou son of David, fear not to take unto thee Mary thy wife; for that which is conceived in her is of the Holy Ghost."—Matthew 1:20.

District Rallies In N. C. Conference Well Attended

Around 2000 laymen and ministers in the North Carolina Conference attended the eleven district rallies for Christian Higher Education, which were held during the fall months throughout eastern North Carolina. Planned jointly by the Association of Methodist Colleges and the Conference Committee on Higher Education, the purpose of the dinner meetings was to inform the persons attending about progress made on the college crusade, to thank them for their assistance thus far, and to challenge them to complete the present goal for raising $3,000,000 for the college development program in the North Carolina Conference.

In each of the eleven rallies, Bishop Paul N. Garber, resident bishop of the Raleigh Area, brought the challenging message to the group. Assisting him in each district was the superintendent of the district, a representative from the Conference Board of Education, the Board of Lay Activities, and at least one of the college presidents. With the exception of the four districts which are located at some distance from one of the college campuses, each of the dinner meetings was held on a college campus, either Louisburg College, North Carolina Wesleyan, Rocky Mount, or Methodist College, Fayetteville.

When the eleventh rally was completed, last week in Elizabeth City District, Reverend James A. Auman, executive director of the Association of Methodist Colleges, reported that nearly $100,000 has been received since annual conference, on pledges made to the college development program. At the same time, a reminder was issued that 24 of the 37 months pay period have passed, and many churches are seeking to bring their goals up-to-date.

Benjamin Bird: Pioneer North Carolina Methodist

Benjamin Bird was a prominent North Carolina Methodist who lived near Old Fort a century and a half ago. We possess definite knowledge that he was the father of a prominent minister-son. The Bird family came to have a close connection with Bishop Francis Asbury, especially in the latter days of his association with North Carolina.

Jonathan Bird, born in 1764, was admitted to the Conference in 1789 and served circuits. He was on the Anson Circuit in 1793, the Tar River Circuit in 1794 and the Holston Circuit in 1797. He kept some notes on the work and travels of Bishop Asbury in Virginia in 1797. He eventually became a presiding elder in the Holston District. He became a well-known preacher and died in 1848.

Two other Birds of Western North Carolina of the time, Richard and Thomas, have been written about by Bishop Asbury. The bishop stated that Richard Bird came for him to preach in Haywood County about 1814. Asbury noted visiting in his home that year.

Thomas Bird was ordained an elder by Bishop Asbury, along with Samuel Edney, in October, 1814, two of the last North Carolinians to be ordained by Asbury while he was in the state.

On his sixty-ninth visit to North Carolina, Bishop Asbury recorded in his *Journal* on October 25, 1814: "I preached in the house of the father, Benjamin Bird, there was much feeling manifested. We collected liberally on the mite subscription, to help the suffering ministry. I had for twenty years past wished to visit the Cove; it is done, and I have seen my old, tried friends, dear Richard and Jonah Bird. . ."

Our source has been *The Journal and Letters of Francis Asbury.*

—Grady L. Carroll

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Family Christmas

When folks come home for Christmas,
father bids them come inside.
Each one of them is welcome; love's gold
door is open wide.
Our Mom is in the kitchen baking cookies,
cakes, and pies;
While Junior's stacking gifts which
baby sister soon unties.

Oh, there's a bustle and a hustle all
throughout the house.
Young cousin Carrie smiles as she presents
her brand new spouse.
Then after dinner all are gathered
for the Christmas tree,
And dear old Grandpa holds the baby
grandchild on his knee.

Our Uncle Ben leads us and we all
bow our heads and pray,
Each thanking God for granting him
a family Christmas day;
And pausing to remember in his own
reverent way,
The babe who came to save the world
that first great Christmas day.

—Louise Pugh Corder
Rt. 1, Franklinville, N. C.

The Higher Court And The Church

By Barrett Wilson

The recent Supreme Court decision on prayer and Bible reading in public schools caused a storm of controversy to sweep over our nation. The decision itself was clouded by widespread misunderstanding and confusion. The press, in many instances, virtually ignored what the court had said and instead concentrated on the REACTIONS of prominent individuals, who more often than not had extreme views, thereby obscuring the decision itself.

The furor was so great that a Committee on the Judiciary of the House of Representatives decided to hold public hearings for the purpose of determining whether or not an amendment to the constitution was needed. Some 146 resolutions proposing amendments were submitted. The Honorable Frank Becker, a Catholic, from New York, concerned over the 1500 letters a day he was receiving, presented a strong amendment saying: "we must amend the Constitution to restore the right to pray and read from the Bible in our public schools and preserve for all time the heritage of our reliance in a Supreme Being in our public life."

Among hundreds of witnesses who appeared before this committee were many church leaders. Very few supported an amendment. Most opposed it. Billy Graham, Bishop Fulton J. Sheen, Dr. Daniel Poling, and Dr. Elton Trueblood, among others, were for an amendment. Billy Graham said: "I back the Becker amendment. . .If there is a movement by a small minority to remove the idea of God completely from our national life, I think it extremely dangerous." Bishop Sheen stated that the decision of the Supreme Court was founded on the "myth" that the court was preventing the "establishing of religion or the union of church and state. He accused the court of taking lawmaking "out of the hands of the legislators duly elected by the people;" he declared that the court's decision "exceeds the competency of any human court."

Dr. Daniel Poling, Editor of the **Christian Herald**, was opposed to the court and supported an amendment. Although he believed it was wrong for the state to REQUIRE a particular prayer or verse of scripture, he made it clear that in his opinion the children and teachers and local community should have the RIGHT to pray and select their own scripture. Together with Dr. Elton Trueblood, Dr. Poling expressed concern about the statement of the court, "that in the relationship between men and religion, the State is firmly committed to a position of neutrality." Agreeing that the separation of the church and state is important, he was concerned that the doctrine of neutrality would "exclude our time-honored religious practices" and "invite irreligion." The court has ruled "in favor of an atheist claim" instead of taking a neutral stand. Dr. Poling warns against the "tyranny of the minority." "The minority," he said, "must recognize that the majority also has rights."

The voices of the church, however, supporting an amendment or opposing the Supreme Court decision were few and far between. Not a single major denomination endorsed ANY amendment and most passed vigorous resolutions opposing them.

Bishop John Wesley Lord considered the first amendment "adequate as it stands, to protect the religious freedom of the people." Amendments would only "open the doors to more serious religious problems than we now face." He admits that the Supreme Court has outlined "devotional exercises, both prayers and devotional readings of the Bible," but he points out that they did not exclude teaching about religion OBJECTIVELY or the use of the Bible as a REFERENCE text. Bishop Lord raises serious questions about the use of the Bible in public schools in our PLURALISTIC society and suggests that to "secularize this holy practice is to place in jeopardy the very good that we seek to preserve in the Christian heritage."

Bishop Gerald Kennedy also opposed any amendment, saying that it would be "a breach in the dike of our doctrine of separation of church and state." In his opinion "a divisive sectarian religious service is wrong and might turn our schools into centers of violent debate and bitterness over religious questions," possibly destroying our public school system. Both Bishop Lord and Bishop Kennedy agree "that the home and the church must carry the chief responsibility for nurturing vital faith."

Bishop Richard Ralph Raines recognized the importance of religion to the vitality and morality of the nation, but opposed ANY amendment in that it would "only confuse things." The nonsectarian point of view bothered him—WHICH prayer would be used and WHO would select it, especially in that community where there are Catholics, Protestants, and Jews attending the same school. Bishop Raines agrees with the Supreme Court and warns the home and the church "that if we have the idea that saying a brief prayer or hearing the Bible read is a successful form of religious education (as given in the public schools), we are gravely mistaken."

The National Council of Churches, the Episcopal, Presbyterian, and Baptist churches, among others, strongly SUPPORTED the Supreme Court's decision and OPPOSED any amendment. Typical of their views were these: "separation of church and state does not mean that the state is hostile toward, or indifferent to, religion." . . . "neither the church nor the state should use the public school to compel acceptance of any creed or conformity to any specific religious practice." . . ."the court is only concerned with prayers which are part of official devotional exercises in public schools". . . ."it is not hostile to religion". . .it is no function of government to inculcate religious beliefs or habits of worship". . ."the court encourages objective study of religion in schools." The typical Baptist statement was: "We reaffirm our historic Baptist belief that religion should not be a matter of compulsion and that prayers and religious practices should not be prescribed by law or by a teacher or public school official."

One of the few lawyers to oppose the Supreme Court (and also oppose an amendment) was Dean E. N. Griswold, Dean of Harvard Law School. He disagrees with the Supreme Court that carefully selected and wholly voluntary prayers in public schools are unconstitutional. He thinks that the court should have taken into more serious consideration our nation's "long continued religious tradition" and argued that it was a mistake "to construe the First amendment in such ABSOLUTE terms as to forbid religious expression in public activities, including simple voluntary prayers in schools." The Supreme Court's decision, in his opinion, "were unnecessary and unwise." Dean Griswold made this statement about the child of minority belief: "Is it not desirable, and educational, for him to learn and observe this (the difference in his beliefs), in the atmosphere of the school—not so much that he is different, as that other children are different from him? And is it not desirable that. . . he experiences and learns . . .THAT HE TOO HAS THE OPPORTUNITY TO BE TOLERANT?"

In the case of nearly every witness before the committee who protested the Supreme Court decision, there was a current of uneasiness over what appears to be a great victory for the atheists. One witness reminded the committee of the nine demands which one of the most noted atheists of all time, Robert V. Ingersoll, presented over 80 years ago:

1. We demand that churches and other ecclesiastic property shall no longer be exempted from just taxation.
2. We demand that the employment of chaplains in Congress, in State legislatures, in the Navy and militia, and in prisons, asylums, and all other institutions supported by public money, shall be discontinued.
3. Cessation of all public appropriations for sectarian, educational, and charitable institutions.
4. That all religious services now sustained by the government shall be abolished; and especially the use of the Bible in the public schools, whether ostensibly as a textbook, or avowedly as a book of religous worship.
5. The appointment by the President of the United States or Governors of the states of all religious festivals and feasts shall wholly cease.
6. Abolishment of the judicial oath in the courts and in all other departments of the government.
7. The repeal of all laws directly or indirectly enforcing the observance of Sunday as the sabbath.
8. All laws looking to the enforcement of Christian morality shall be abrogated.
9. We demand that not only in the Constitution of the United States and of the several states but also in the practical administration of the same, no privilege or advantage shall be conceded to Christianity or any other special religions; that our entire political system shall be founded and administered on a purely secular basis. . .

Most of those who opposed the Supreme Court were concerned that this atheist philosophy would come to dominate our governmental system.

Some of the witnesses either indirectly or directly voiced a strong warning to the church today. Dean J. B. Fordham, Dean and Professor of Law at the University of Pennsylvania, said: "A religious heritage, which depends for its perpetuation upon the PROP of governmental authority, as distinguished from individual commitment and observance in private life, IS A WEAK AND PALLID THING." He warns of the "marked tendency in our society to salve our consciences by resort to ceremonial." He questions the QUALITY of much of the prayer-recitation and Bible-reading which has been going on in public schools, saying: "I am fearful that there is a larger element here of shallow conformity than of genuine commitment." As one other witness put it: "If Christianity has become so weak that it must depend upon government required Bible reading and officially composed prayer for its existence, Christianity has then already become a dead religion of the past and no amount of government support can resurrect it."

Dr. Franklin H. Littell, Professor of Church History, Chicago Theological Seminary, warns against the tendency of the church today "to seek to misuse political power to enforce its own religious opinions or preferences." "The free church," he says: "in the free society, is not acting in good faith if its leaders seek to attain BY POLITICAL LEGISLATION WHAT THEY HAVE FAILED TO REACH BY INTERNAL DISCIPLINE." The church in his opinion

"should seek to base the public policy on a much higher expression of religious concern THAN MERE COERCION OR INTIMIDATION." He points out that our early fathers did not succeed in "creating a Christian people by LEGISLATION." "That goal," he says, "cannot be reached in that way, even though for centuries well-meaning men have attempted it." From his vantage-point as a Church Historian, he reminded the committee that again and again "the baptized have reverted to unregenerate ways of manipulating religion. A low-grade Canaanite religion has often replaced the life of obedience in the convenant, and all too often unscrupulous political forces have attempted to use an outward show of religion for the achievement of essentially unbaptized purposes." Is much of the emotional reaction of the Church today against the Supreme Court decision a mark of our shallow conformity and immature dependence upon ceremonial, such as prayer and Bible-reading in public schools? Some people seem to think so!

One man pointed out that in his home town in Germany when Hitler was rising to power, that they not only had prayers in public schools, but regular, obligatory religious instruction within the regular curriculum. He asks, "How much did that help to stem the rise of Nazi brutality? None at all." "Indeed," he continued, "together with other features supporting complacency, the feeling of most citizens that there was God in the schools added to their readiness always to presume that 'things will work out all right.' He brought out the fact that "Hitlerism clubbed its way into power to a large part by means of exploiting the average citizen's religious feelings: The future "leaders" of the Third Reich played well up to those who feared the onslaught by the Communist atheists on God. . . ."

Every Christian should try to become familiar with what the Supreme Court DID say. The court has not outlawed prayer except prescribed prayer officially, required or sanctioned.. The court has nowhere banned the reading of the Bible in public school but has declared that the government at various levels could NOT REQUIRE it to be read. The court took great pains to indicate the importance of the religious culture in America and even suggested that an objective study of the Bible in the public schools would be proper. The Supreme Court decision was an action taken to protect religion from the withering hand of government! There is nothing in the court's decision with reference to the forbidding of the opening of legislatures and courts with prayer. It puts its approval on the Thanksgiving Proclamation which involves invocation of God, on oaths of office which mention God, on the phrase, "In God We Trust" on our coins, on the appointment of chaplains in Armed Forces!

Maybe we ought to look at our responsibilities at home as Christian parents! It might do us good also to try to deepen the quality of our Sunday school teaching. After all a required program of Bible reading and prayer in the public schools will not make up for our failures at home and in the church to fulfill our responsibilities. As someone has said, "We do not believe that the Kingdom of God on earth is brought about through government sponsorship of religion."

A $600,00 loan to Lycoming College, Williamsport, Pa., for construction of a new dormitory has been approved by the U. S. Housing and Home Finance Agency. The structure is to provide housing and recreation facilities for 118 men students.

Believe — Live

God gave the best of gifts,
His Son that we might see;
So we can live, let others know
The Christ who makes men free.

Christ is the real Saviour.
He always comes at Christmas time,
Brings Peace, Hope, Gladness,
Makes thoughts and gifts sublime.

Remember it is Christ's Birthday;
Why celebrate with slips and ties?
Sing, give praise to the One
Who rules o'er earth and skies.

The value of this Season
Is not small things to give or gain;
But to Worship, Witness, Work for
The Master who does reign.

Let us renew our interest
In the Babe, the time, the birth.
Then fuller life will be our lot,
Peace and Good Will on Earth.

—D. D. Richardson
West End, N. C.

Candler Faculty Enriched By New Members, Bishop

Two new full-time faculty members join Candler School of Theology this year, and recently-retired Bishop Nolan B. Harmon, Jr. will teach part-time, offering courses in Methodist history and practical theology.

New full-time faculty include Dr. Jack Sanders, a Candler graduate, who will teach New Testament. He received his Ph.D. from the University of Southern California, and spent a year at the University of Tubingen.

Dr. John Spangler will offer work in the field of Religion and Personality. His Ph.D. is from Boston University, and he comes to Emory from appointment in Connecticut.

Dr. John Rustin, who retired from the Holston Conference in 1964, will teach during the winter quarter each year. Dr. James W. Sells and Dr. D. Trigg James will again teach courses in Practical Theology.

High School Students Work for Highway Safety

The 9th Grade Civics Class at Ferndale Junior High School plans to do something about accidents in the State of North Carolina by proposing a law which will require all motor vehicles to be inspected for mechanical defects.

John T. Moody, a High Point College student teacher at Ferndale Junior High from Beaverdam, Virginia, has led his 9th grade Civics class to draw up a proposed bill for automobile inspectors.

The class, under the leadership of one of the students, Greg Stadermann, of High Point, voted unanimously to research the problem and draw up the proposal for the bill. The class will also try to solicit enough public opinion to get it introduced by their congressmen.

Greg summed up the project by saying, "We plan to see this legislation through to the end."

Pfeiffer Messiah Performance Display Talents of Students

A polished, lovely and moving performance of 42 numbers from three sections of Handel's "Messiah" was presented in the Pfeiffer College Chapel Monday evening, December 7, by the College Choral Union.

An overflow audience which even flowed into choir stalls behind the chorus heard Dr. Richard Brewer, head of the Pfeiffer Department of Music, direct the 80 voice chorus and a rich chamber orchestra through 154 minutes of great religious music.

Featuring all student soloists who handled themselves with sureness and confidence, four aspects of the performance seemed to grip the audience:

The immediate responsiveness of the chorus and orchestra to Dr. Brewer's direction was electric. The sure movement of his hands drew instant and delicate response from both the chorus and orchestra.

The diction, blending of voices and at times lace-like delicacy of the chorus was remarkable.

The expression, confidence, and control of the young student soloists added much to the performance.

The balance between the chorus and the chamber orchestra, made up largely of leading musicians from the Charlotte Symphony, provided many movements of rich and beautiful music.

Student soloist, especially alto JoElyn McGowan and bass Charles Alley, demonstrated their capacity to handle difficult passages with skill, power, and effective expression.

Freshman George Singleton singing "The Trumpet Shall Sound" had the support of two able student trumpeters from Catawba College which added much to the dramatic nature of the third part.

Three offerings by the full chorus were done with especially deep feeling: "His Yoke Is Easy," "Their Sound Is Gone Out" and "Worthy Is The Lamb."

This performance was done with the polish and in the tradition of excellence which has marked the leadership of Dr. Brewer and his music faculty. The demonstration training of the student soloists and of the chorus suggest that Pfeiffer trained musicians will do much to enrich church music where ever they may live.

—Thomas Sumpter

Activities On Randleman Circuit

During the month of November, Missions was emphasized on the Randleman Circuit. The following missionaries came and reported on their work. The Reverend Jack Smith reported on his work in Hawaii; the Reverend Joe Petree reported on the work he did in Costa Rica, and the Reverend Bill Moon reported on his work in India.

Each church participated in a used clothing drive for the Blue Ridge Mountain Service and the M. Y. F. of Worthville gave 100 dollars to the Blue Ridge service.

The ministers and associate ministers preached on the theme of mission, and the people in all the churches cooperated in a fine way.

LETTERS

A Letter from the Commission On Missions of Swannanoa Methodist Church

We are indeed grateful for your splendid co-operation in making the annual Thanksgiving Supper and Mission Rally Service immediately following a success. It was unusual in that we invited members of seven of the neighboring Methodist Churches in the valley to participate—Oakley, Bethel, Bethesda, Azalea, Tabernacle, Black Mountain and Oteen. We had about thirty-five guests from these churches for the supper and a good many more came to the service afterwards in which Rev. Jack Smith told about his work in Hawaii. Some of these churches also help to support his work.

We want to say "thank you" to everyone who had a part in this undertaking and especially want to express our gratitude to the following:

To our minister who deserves our praise for his leadership, his untiring efforts in getting our speaker and being our contact to the other churches. Since missoinaries on furlough are on the road several day in succession while visiting churches in the conference, the host church is expected to keep them over night and Rev. and Mrs. Beard graciously opened their home to Rev. Smith while he was with us.

We would also like to express our appreciation to the ministers of our visiting churches. Those who came and took such an interesting and active part in our service. Thanks goes to the Rev. Joe Warner, of Oakley, the Rev. H. W. Brittain of Bethesda, the Rev. Frank Blalock of Azelae-Tabernacle and the Rev. Vaudry Williams of Oteen.

To Group No. 1 of the Woman's Society of Christian Service for the beautiful job they did in setting up the dining room and arranging and serving the food.

To the choir who helped make our service complete with the music we always enjoy.

To the men and women who were asked to serve on the welcoming committee and as ushers. They did a wonderful job! As one guest was leaving the church he said, "you have made us fell welcome here tonight. You have really acted like you were glad we came."

To all the ladies who worked so hard to prepare their especially delicious dishes and fixed extra food so that there was more than enough for all.

To everyone for everything that they did to help make this occasion one to remember and for the friendly attitude which seemed to be everywhere.

We are proud of our church and proud to be a part of Methodism as it teaches us to be concerned about our missionary outreach.

We appreciate the personal encounter we had with Jack Smith and we truly feel that this gave us many insights into the philosophy of missions. We know all these who heard Jack's message will be eagter to respond to the future mission calls from our Methodist Church.

Sincerely,
Miss Laura Shuford, Chairman
Commission on Missions

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Truth and Error

A true conception of the aspects of good and evil, right and wrong, as viewed in the present and the outcome of our political, social and economic way of life ought and must be foremost in our thoughts and course of action if we are to succeed in establishing a firm foundation for civilization.

To assume as we must that many do not know right from wrong—even leaders—in the political, educational, social, economic, and some religious organizations is to imply that the homes, schools and churches have failed in their responsibility, or lack of it, in its influence for truth.

Of course, to maintain the idea that all the ills of the human race can be attributed to ignorance or lack of knowledge would be untrue. There are instances in the affairs of men when a group or individual does not act in accordance of his knowledge to what is right and wrong in the course to follow or decide. Pressured by public opinion or for personal gain, many in all walks of life act as is expedient irrespective of what some would term conscience behavior.

Since we live in a world or society without a supreme moral authority, it would seem, it is no mystery why the world is in such a state of unrest and confusion. Obviously, the truth in the fullest sense or meaning and application is more than an observance of moral laws or a code of ethics. The rich young ruler referred to in the Bible as having kept all the Commandments yet lacked one thing, is an example.

Acting upon moral restraint or conscious behavior one may abstain from the use of tobacco, alcoholic beverages, profanity, keep the laws of health and state, observe the Sabbath, belong to a church organization, etc., and try to teach others to do so, but still does not know the "Truth that makes men free," for in order to know the way one's nature must be changed.

In an age of materialistic culture in which we are living now it would seem that the church would have the answer and solution in man's search for truth but, according to the dean of a large divinity school, "The church has become almost monastic as the orders in the middle ages; there seems to be no connection between what happens in the church and what happens in society. It has lost its cutting edge; it has thrown away its two-edged sword. We have never had attendance so high and influence so low." To these statements some of us at least must agree.

"All truth is safe, and nothing else is safe; and he who keeps back the truth or withholds it from men, from motives of expediency, is either a coward or a criminal—or both," so declared the German philologist, Max Muller, of the 19th century.

—J. P. Mock
Pfafftown, N. C.

Christmas News

A new Star!
A new Light
To break the dense darkness of night.

A new Song!
Angel voices the heavens fill
With the immortal. "Peace on earth, and goodwill."

A new Gift!
Gift from above—
The gift of God's wonderful love.

A new Humility!
God in a wayside place,
With the glory of Heaven in His face.

A new Way!
A new way to live—
Not to get, but to give.

—Ernest C. Durham
Raleigh, N. C.

Waynesville District Conference

Nearly two hundred were in attendance on Sunday, December 6, 1964, at 2:30 at First Methodist Church, Waynesville, North Carolina, representing the 11,811 members of the district with the reports from all the committees and directors of the district. The figures show that the district has exceeded past years in many areas: Pastor's salaries at $79,865, charge apportionments at $52,795, professions of faith at 51, received otherwise 153 are among the areas that have shown a rapid increase. Nine were approved for local license, 2 for revewal, 7 for continuance of approved supply status and 2 for admission on trial.

District Superintendent Mark Tuttle presided with Dr. Walter Miller of Asheville as the speaker, who spoke on the theme "Our Debt to the Small Church" and said that the small church is the basic structure of Methodism; for out of them have come a great host of preachers and laymen who are now carrying on the work. The chancel choir of the First Methodist Church of Waynesville, provided the special music. T. M. Lambeth of the Methodist Children's Home of Winston-Salem, gave a stirring appeal for the work of the home and gave a report on the progress they have made. A new educational building is to be erected soon providing classroom space for the church school program.

Joseph D. Ross, Jr., Honored

Joseph D. Ross, Jr., who is presently serving as our Church Lay Leader, was honored at the High Point District Conference at the Mt. Lebanon Methodist Church in Randleman Monday night, November 30th, when he was presented a plaque by the High Point District Superintendent, Dr. Ralph H. Taylor, for twenty-five years of distinguished service as District Treasurer and Trustee. The following inscription was engraved on the plate attached to the walnut plaque: "Award of Appreciation, Presented to J. D. Ross, Jr., for his faithful services as a District Treasurer in the Methodist Church, 1939-1964."

Joseph D .Ross, Jr., who has been manager of the J. D. Ross & Co., (Office Furniture and Equipment) since 1931 joined the Asheboro Central Methodist Church in 1919. He has been a member of the Official Board since 1934 and served as chairman of the Board from 1941-43 and from 1959-61. He has served the church in many other official capacities.

Candler Enrollment

Candler School of Theology enrolled 471 new students in the fall quarter, as reported to the American Association of Theological Schools.

Presently enrolled in Emory University's theology schools are 372 students seeking the bachelor of Divinity degree; 25 seeking Masters degrees in Christian Education; six registered for the Master of Arts degree; 49 registered for the Doctor of Philosophy degree; three special students; and 16 serving internships.

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"You can't create social justice in a spiritual vacuum."—Beshop Matthew W. Clair.

Report On My Second Week At The Vatican Council

By William R. Cannon
Dean of The School of Theology of Emory University

The second week of my stay as an observer at the third session of the Second Vatican Council was more profitable than the first. I had learned enough to understand the methods of procedure. I know how to listen out of one ear to the speech being made from the floor of the Council and out of the other to what our peritus was saying about it. At the same time, I devised a scheme of snapping a few pictures in between. I carefully timed my trips, once, to Bar-Jonah, then, to Bar-abbas. In fact, I practically quit going to Bar-abbas altogether. Though it is on our side of St. Peter's, still it is too small and crowded. Bar—Jonah, in contrast, is large, and it is on the Cardinal's side of the Council. Though they have their own private bar, they must pass across the same aisle as those going to Bar-Jonah. As a result, I met several of them and had personal conversations with them.

My three favorite Cardinals are Leo Suenens of Belgium, Bernard Alfrink of Holland, and the Negro cardinal from Africa, whose name I cannot pronounce and therefore I dare not try even to spell. He is the only Negro who is a member of the Sacred College. We have had several visits together. He told me his age and the fact that he is one of the youngest cardinals. There are only two others around his same age. He likewise confessed his difficulty in understanding Latin.

I was struck by the democratic manner of Cardinal Alfrink. He is the only cardinal I have seen to leave the cardinal's bar and come to talk with the regular members of the Council in Bar-Jonah. He is there laughing and joking almost every morning. Of course since all the Council Fathers are archbishops and bishops he does not have to step very low on the ecclesiastical ladder even in Bar-Jonah.

They serve coffee, tea, coca-cola, and orangeade together with cake and cookies. All is free.. Inside St. Peter's we are the guests of His Holiness the Pope, and nobody would think of charging for anything. Even the guided tour of the excavations around St. Peter's tomb was done by the chief archaeologist of the Vatican library and at no cost to us whatever. The Vatican supervises our lodging and sees that, if we stay at the designated residence, we pay only $8.30 per day for room and board. That includes three meals. There are some observers, I understand, who either are not able or else do not want to pay that. Their bill is defrayed by the Pope.

My second week, Monday, October 26 through Friday, October 30, was a normal week, that is, it included the usual five sessions which compose a week's work.

Two or three, however, were unusual liturgically. The one on Wednesday was the celebration of Pope John XXXIII's election to the papacy. Last year the celebrant at mass had been Pope Paul VI himself. He even invited John's relatives down and left the stately procession to speak to them. This was a touch of informality not normally associated with the form and circumstance of so liturgical a church. In fact, some of my ritualistic minded brothers among the observers have complained that Rose has not been exact in her use of ritual during this Council. To which, I have replied, "Thank God!" A church that has to do everything according to rule or the book is fast becoming dead. At least I do not want to belong to such an organization. The Pope is not so stiff that he cannot bend to the expression of human sympathy and understanding.

This year the celebrant at the mass in honor of Pope John's election was the Secretary General of the Council, Archbishop Pericles Fericles Felici. In fact, the same day was his own anniversary of ordination as a priest and consecration as a bishop. There were pastors as co-celebrants with him. All stood in a circle and at the altar. Each touched the other with his hands in successive order from Felici all the way around the altar. The celebrants moved clock-wise, receiving the wafer which they later ate at the same time and, then, drinking wine from the big cup by dipping a little silver spoon into it. It was a most beautiful and impressive service.

The second unusual service was on Thursday when Cardinal Doepfner, together with other bishops from the conclave, celebrated mass on his twenty-fifth anniversary as a priest. Doepfner is the youngest of all the cardinals.

The business of the week included a report to the council on the revisions in Chapter 8 of the Schema on the Church dealing with the Virgin Mary. This report was made by Archbishop Maurice Roy of Quebec, Canada. Protestants considered it a real step forward in ecumenical relations that this declaration on the Virgin Mary could be considered along with ecclesiastical matters in general and not treated theologically as a separate document on Mariolo. They want to avoid any effort to deify the Mother of Jesus.

However, even the amended text approves the custom of invoking Mary as Mediatrix, which in my judgement as a Protestant theologian is a dangerous as well as dubious practice. The Commission none the less feels that such practice does not make Mary a competitor with her son as saviour but rather leads, as it were, the worshippers on the road to Christ's full saving power. Mary is still looked on as one of the Saints, not as a fourth person in the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Ghost. Archbishop Roy asked for unanimous approval of the report.

This he did not get. There were 2,091 votes cast. Of a required number to pass it of 1,394, it got 1,559, with 10 votes against it, one abstention, and 521 in favor of the principle but with grave reservations.

Unlike the great councils of the ancient church, this council does not require unanimity of action, or else excommunication, to get results. It is more like a Methodist General Conference.

The other business of the week was a continuation of the consideration of Schema 13 on "The Church in the Modern World."

In fact, it took through Tuesday to complete the discussion of chapters two and three of the Schema, which had been begun the preceding week and on which I have already reported to you in a previous article.

Chapter four of the schema, the title of which is "The Chief Duties to Be Fulfilled by Christians of our Day," was introduced on Wednesday morning, October 28, by Bishop John Wright of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. It was good to hear a familiar voice even though he was speaking in Latin. Our task, Wright said, is not to find answers to all the problems men face today. Rather it is to exert every effort to apply the ancient wisdom of the Church to the new and unheard of conditions harassing the conscience of mankind. The Church cannot now give the last word. She is content merely to open the dialogue and enter into active conversation with the secular world.

The first item to be considered was the dignity of the human person. Here I listened to the usual statements with which we are all familiar now when we go to an ecclesiastical meeting or even just listen to televsion and radio and read the daily newspapers. Even Martin Luther King was a reference in a speech on the council floor, made not by an American or a negro, but by the Archbishop of Agra, where the Taj-Mahal is located, in India. He likewise referred to Mahatma Ghandi and the late John Fitzgerald Kennedy in the same speech.

The real live issue of the week was marriage and the regulation of sex life. That occupied the time on Thursday and Friday. People think that a group of ecclesiastical bachelors cannot possibly know much about famly problems, yet the best and most carefully considered counsel on this issue I have ever heard anywhere was uttered by the Fathers of this Council. Not everything is learned by trial and error through experience. There are the fruits of wisdom acquired by study, reflection, thought, prayer and the gift of the Holy Ghost. I wish all these speeches might be translated into English and given to married couples to read and ponder. Their aim is the indissolubility of the home and the rearing of children to obey and to glorify Almighty God. Concern born out of a genuine love of people and the willingness to sacrifice in their behalf, no matter what one's own personal experience may have been, is in the end the safest teacher.

The only true example for the home as for any other social organization is He who never made a home of his own, Our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

The Greatest Christmas Gift

Three wise men came from afar
To see the child of Bethlehem's star.
They brought gifts to the baby boy,
Whose birth was to bring the world great joy.

The babe came down from heaven above,
To tell mankind about his father's love
The World was full of sin and vice,
That was to be saved with his sacrifice.

The child grew up into a man
That changed the world so history ran.
Instead of trying to rule by might,
He taught the Golden Rule was right

He was accepted by a chosen few,
Then crucified as a common Jew.
Yet his teaching of peace and good will,
After two thousand years are with us still.

True, sin is still here today,
Forces of evil still have their way.
But the ones who listen to the Savior's call,
Will in the end overcome all.

Let us remember all grief and sorrow
Will end when Christ returns tomorrow.
For the Savior born so long ago,
Will return again as we all know.

So let's rejoice as we honor the day
That sent God's son this earthy way.
And to celebrate that blessed event,
Let's resolve to go the way he went.

So, in making our gifts, yours and mine,
Remember to think on that gift Divine.
For he gave his life that we might live,
No greater gift could anyone give.

T. A. Gray

Formal Opening of the New Ware's Chapel Methodist Church

Ware's Chapel Methodist Church had its formal opening Sunday, November 29th. The Reverend D. E. Earnhardt, retired Methodist Minister, Durham, North Carolina, was the guest minister for the service. All former pastors of the Ware's Chapel Methodist Church were invited to attend. The following Sunday, December 6th, we had our Homecoming and the pastor, W. N. Fulford brought the morning message. Sunday, December 13th, Dr. M. Wilson Nesbitt, Director of the Rural Church, Duke Divinity School, Durham, North Carolina, will be the guest minister for the occasion.

The Ware's Chapel Church burned May 31, 1963, and since that time we have been having services in the American Legion Building. The new building which is composed of a sanctuary that will seat 170; with a fellowship hall adjacent that will seat 150; six class rooms, and rest rooms for men and women. Also a court yard with trees in the yard consisting of 1,000 square feet. Mr. Edward Pugh, Jr., architect, Elizabeth City, N. C., drew the plans for this building. Mr. Pugh is on the Bishop's Committee of Architecture of the North Carolina Methodist Conference.

The membership of this church now stands at 146 members, although some of these are members that have moved from our area, but have not moved or transferred their membership. Our church school enrollment now stands at 115; and the average attendance last year was 68. The entire membership of the Ware's Church and community are commended for the wonderful job they have done. Most of the material and labor was furnished by members and friends of the Ware's community. This building with its furnishings is valued at $100,000.00.



Whatever has been accomplished in the rebuilding of the Ware's Chapel Methodist Church, must be accredited to dedicated laymen and lay-women of the Ware's Church and community. Our Lord has answered our prayers in many ways, and we can never thank Him for all his blessings.

By Ashley B. Futrell

There ought to be an appropriate place to say this, and maybe this personal column is as good as any where else.

Back in 1949 when this editor first came to Beautfort county, another man came at week. It was D. E. Earnhardt, the new pastor then of the First Methodist Church in Washington. Many years before then my father had served as a Steward in Mr. Earnhardt's father's country church. There was a vacancy on the local church board, and Mr. Earnhardt put me in that vacancy. Soon we had a Quarterly meeting with the district Superintendent presiding. In that meeting the superintendent told our board that there was an old church building on Market Street extension, now empty, that the congregation had long since stopped worshipping there, and that there was a sale for the church building. It appeared then that the building would be sold. But Ed Earnhardt said "wait a minute. . . . I'm not one of those who believes in selling church buildings. . . .let me have a look at the situation before you sell any building." And the board agreed that he should have a look.

Well, Mr. Earnhardt started a little congregation again out there. He would hold services on Sunday afternoon or at night, but the congregation, small though it was then started worshipping again there. At the next conference session it was accepted again as a church and put on the Washington circuit. The congregation became active and it grew. Repairs and additions were made to the old building and things were going fine.

Eighteen months ago fire destroyed the building and its contents. It seemed a terrible blow at the time. But determination, dedication, and hard work were to be reckoned with. The plans were drawn for a new church building. Many people made donations to the building fund. The Duke Endowment helped. The pastor, the Rev. Nelson Fulford, worked day and night. People were inspired by the spirit shown there.

Last Sunday the beautiful new church was dedicated. And the man who preached that fine dedication sermon was none other than Ed Earnhardt, now retired, the man who 15 years ago said "no I don't sell churches. . .I build them." He came back from Durham, and it was evident that while the congregation was extremely proud of that church, none was more thrilled than Ed Earnhardt. He preached to a full house last Sunday.

The members of Ware's Chapel Methodist church should get a tremendous hand for the work they have put out over these 18 months. Along with Mr. and Mrs. Fulford, those people have worked; they have given of their means and their abilites and their hands. They worked night and day for the past two weeks painting, putting on the finishing touches, and cleaning up.

Out of emptiness first, a fire next, a much stronger church has risen there. The congregation is proud of it, and it has a right to be. It is a thing of beauty.

This week Ware's Chapel is holding a revival with services each night at 7:30 o'clock. The Rev. Kenneth Sexton of Bethel is the revival preacher. On next Sunday the church will have Homecoming services. The public is invited to attend any and all services.

O Holy One

A baby cradled in a lowly manger,
Then to the world, He seemed a stranger.
He lived and grew and became a man—
All was according to God's divine plan.

The world was in darkness—then there
was a light,
Men came from afar to worship that night.
A tiny baby born among the kine,
The folk were too busy to accept Him
as Thine.

Most two thousand years have passed
since He came,
Are people today much the same?
De we have time to invite Him in?
Are we busy as the world was then?

How beautifully the angels did sing,
Way in the night the glories did ring.
The shepherds and wise men seemed
to heed,
Were they the only ones with hearts
of need?

He is the only One who can make our
hearts gay,
May we worship and praise His name
this day.
Jesus' birthday—may our eyes never be
dim,
We're awaiting His return to ever be with
Him.

—Mrs. Gaither Beroth

Rev. Roy J. Barnwell Died Last Week At Thomasville

Rev. Roy James Barnwell, pastor of Unity Methodist Church, Thomasville, died last Friday unexpectedly, Although Mr. Barnwell had not been well it was not thought his illness was fatal. He was pronounced dead on his arrival at City Memorial Hospital. He was 60 years old.

Mr. Barnwell was a native of Hendersonville, and was pastor of Unity Methodist Church in Thomasville since last June. He was a member of the Western N. C. Conference of the Methodist Church and had served pastorates in Asheboro, Coleridge, Cross Mills, Dallas, Concord, Granite Quarry, Denton, Gastonia, High Point and Hickory.

Surviving are his wife, Mrs. Myrtle Carpenter Barnwell; one daughter, Mrs. Martha Ruth Miller of the home; one half sister, Miss Helen Barnwell of Hamlet; one half brother, Clyde Barnwell of Chicago, Ill.

Funeral services were held at 2:30 p.m. Sunday at Unity Methodist Church, with Dr. R. Herman Nicholson and the Rev. Grady Dulin officiating. Burial was in Carolina Memorial Park at Concord.

Statesville District Conference

The Statesville District Conference was held Sunday, December 6, at Fairgrove Church in Conover, N. C., with an overflowing congregation of 550 persons present. Rev. Cecil Hefner, District Superintendent, called the conference to order at 3:30 p.m. The devotions were by Rev. John Miller, of Race St. Church, Statesville. He spoke of the great need of a world in darkness to see the reflected light of Christ in the lives of His followers.

The conference which lasted until 9 p.m. was divided into four emphases: 1. The Church Looks at its Ministry of Outreach and Teaching; 2. The Church Looks at its Ministry of Healing; 3. The Church Looks at its Witness In One World; 4. A Laymen's Hour with Mr. E. M. Dudley, District Lay Leader, presiding and an address by Dr. D. W. Brooks, of Atlanta, Ga.

Dr. Braxton Harris, Dean at Brevard College, pointed up the need for qualified college teachers today. "Brevard College salaries," he said, "average $2000 less than the salaries paid by State-supported colleges." He said that the churches need to continue their aid to the church college.

Rev. Charles Bruce, District Director of Evangelism, reported a net increase in total membership in the Statesville District last year of 269. "There are 23,000 Methodists in our District," he said, "and it took 85 of us to win one person to Christ."

Mr. Stoye Starnes, of Hickory, N. C., spoke about the District Camp, Camp Carolwood, and urged more churches to make use of its facilities this winter.

Rev. E. H. Nease, Jr. spoke to the conference on "Our Methodist Institutions." In discussing the Children's Home's 358 children, he gave an interesting comparison. In 1934 30% of the children were orphans, 61% were from homes with only 1 parent, and 9% from homes with both parents living. In 1964 there were 5% orphans, 25% from homes with one parent and 79% have parents living. The new Social Service Department at the Home seeks to mend the broken homes and last year returned 34 children to their own homes.

Dr. Robert Tuttle, of First Church, Hickory, told the conference that "if the church is to move in our generation, it must itself become the embodiment of its message." He exhorted enthusiasticaly that the church today must beware of danger of being born in the church without being born again."

A real highlight of the day was the address by Dr. D. W. Brooks, a layman from Atlanta, Ga., who spoke on "The Church And Its Spiritual Resources." Dr. Brooks spoke of the thrilling history of Methodism and noted how John Wesley had depended upon laymen. He described the sacrifice, daring, and evangelistic zeal of the early circuit riders and compared this with the Methodist Church today. He was alarmed over a slowing down of evangelistic gain in our church since those days. Moving to stewardship, Dr. Brooks told the conference that "only 6½% of the Methodists are tithers, and that in total giving of 15 denominations with over one-half million members, the Methodist Church ranks 14th." "The year when Methodism gave the highest percentage of its income was in 1932, the year of the great depression." Our giving has continued to drop since then. With a twinkle in his eye, Dr. Brooks said, "In those depression years, things were so desperate with us that the Lord had our attention."

Another point he made was that Methodists need to take their commitment to Christ more seriously. "We Methodists, he said, "have been playing along with our religion. If we're going to win people for Christ, we're going to have to sacrifice and be committed Christians." Dr. Brooks spoke also of the reluctance of laymen to give up their youth to the Church. "God gave His Son," he said, "can we afford to do less?"



Left to right: Rev. Charles V. Bryant, Dr. Norman Desroisers, Rev. E. M. Thompson, Rev. Robert Pullman, Rev. Ralph Fleming, Jr., Dr. Cecil Robbins.

Day of Evangelism At Salem Church, Goldsboro

A Day of Evangelism for Local Church Officers was held at Salem Church in Goldsboro on Sunday, December 6th. Rev. C. Freeman Heath, Executive Secretary of the Conference Board of Evangelism led the six hours of evangelistic emphasis.

Brother Heath got us off to a good start as he taught the combined adult classes at the church school hour and preached at the eleven o'clock service emphasizing the necessity of conversion and witness. From three to five in the afternoon he led us in discovering ways in which our evangelistic ideas and concerns might become fruit-bearing realities in a workable plan for our church. Following a picnic supper, we continued to seek out ways of becoming more effective in our witness for Christ. The evening session was closed with a time of prayer, seeking the guidance and power of the Holy Spirit, and the grace to be more completely committed to Christ.

We are deeply indebted to Brother Heath for the service he has rendered our church. His sincerity and obvious personal dedication gave life and meaning to this emphasis.

The program was sponsored by the local church commission on membership and evangelism.

R. M. Poulk, pastor

Board of Christian Social Concerns Elects Officers

At a recent meeting of the N. C. Conference Board of Christian Social Concerns at N. C. Wesleyan College at Rocky Mount, the following vice presidents were elected: Dr. Cecil Robbins, Human Relations and Economic Affairs; Rev. Charles V. Bryant, Peace and World Order; and Dr. Norman Desroisers, Alcohol Problems and Human Welfare. Previously elected officers are: Rev. Ralph Fleming, Jr., president; Rev. Robert Pullman, treasurer, and Rev. E. M. Thompson, secretary.

The thirty-five members of the board who were present, discussed plans for the year's work including a District Directors Training Workshop, promotion of the National Conference of Christian Social Concerns, and the N. C. Conference Convocation on Christianity Confronts Communism, to be held at Edenton Street Methodist Church in Raleigh, March 1, 10:30 a.m. thru 4:00 p.m. and the Regional Conference of Christian Social Concerns, July 5-8, at Lake Junaluska. The group previewed new filmstrips on "Gambling and the Church," "The Church and Christian Social Concerns," and 'After the Flag," all of which the board has now placed in the conference TRAFCO Film Library.

Mrs. T. S. Newbold of Rocky Mount, N. C., UNICEF Chairman, discussed the work of the United Nations Children's Fund. Mrs. T. K. Fry of Raleigh, N. C., conference WSCS Christian Social Relations Secretary, reported on the current joint Social Concerns study "Understanding the New Nations," and showed the movie "The Only War We Seek," which is recommended for use in this study. The closing dinner session featured board member, Mr. David Coltrane, Chairman of the N. C. Neighborhood Council, who spoke on the Meaning and Significance for N. C. of the Civil Rights Bill and the Economic Opportunities of 1964 for North Carolina.



By Mary Gardner

True To The Three Kings

It was the time of the holiday, and the smallest, newest girls in the school were greatly excited. Outside the birds sang as if their hearts must burst for joy, and the flowers had never seemed so gay.

"Look!" said Pasquala, the youngest girl. "See what I have for the Three Kings' donkeys." And she showed in her apron a bundle of new green grass.

"Ah, but here," said Julia, the next youngest girl, "I have some red beans. Donkeys like red beans."

"And me," cried Concetta, who was the oldest, "I have saved a cake from my dinner. I shall break it into three pieces so that each King may give his donkey a nibble."

And the three girls looked at each other with eyes ashine.

Just then a big girl came by. "What are you girls talking about?" she asked, and she tossed her head because she was big.

"We are talking about the Three Kings," said Concetta.

"Ho," said the big girl, "at this school we don't believe in the Three Kings. We believe in Santa Claus."

There was a silence. The three little girls looked at each other with round, discouraged eyes.

"Who is Santa Claus," asked Julia in a small voice.

"He is the saint who brings American children toys. He lives up north, and he drives over the snow and down the chimney."

"What is snow?" asked Pasquala.

"What is chimney?" asked Julia.

Concetta said nothing at all. Then the big girl left.

"I don't want any Santa Claus," said Pasquala, beginning to cry. "I want the Three Kings, who left gifts for the little Jesus."

"Don't cry," said Concetta. "We'll think of something."

"The Three Kings have always been good to me," said Julia. "Last year they left me a new pair of shoes with a squeak. Everyone could hear me walking. Everyone said, 'The Three Kings have been good to Julia this year'."

"Last year the Three Kings left me dulces; sweet to eat and good to look at," said Pasquala, through her tears.

"They have been good to me too," said Concetta. "We must not forget to put out our gifts for the Three Kings, as ever. We shall see then if he remembers us."

"Even if they do not remember us, we shall show that we have not forgotten them," Julia said.

That night the youngest teacher in the school felt very tired because she had been getting ready for Christmas; but on her way to bed she stopped to see if the smallest, newest girls were all asleep. "But what is this?" she asked herself. "And this, and this?"

For over by the window were three small shoes. One of the shoes held grass, and one held red beans, and one held a cake broken in three pieces.

"The faithful little ones!" exclaimed the youngest teacher. "They are true to their own heroes and saints."

And the next morning, if you will believe it, Pasquala and Julia and Concetta found that the Three Kings had not forgotten them, for there beside their shoes were all the presents that a big girl would have had them believe came from Santa Claus.

Dorothy McConnell.

What Is The Secret?

Happy is the child who share his toys with another,
For he has found the spirit of Christmas.

Happy is the child who finds a way of making lonely people happy.
For he has found the spirit of Christmas.

Happy is the child who gives of his money to feed hungry children in needy countries,
For he has found the spirit of Christmas.

Happy is the child who remembers to show kindness,
For he has found the spirit of Christmas.

Happy is the child who knows how to bring joy to others,
For he has found the spirit of Christmas.

For Christmas is a time of loving, giving and joy
In celebration of the life of Jesus,
And happiness comes to everyone who lives in this spirit of loving-kindness.

What Can Your Life Tell?

Can you fill in the blanks in the following sentences?

1. The Bible tells us that every child can have a part in telling the story of Jesus, not only by his words but by his deeds. In James 22, we read: "Be ye doers of the ....."
2. In Proverbs 20:11: "Even a ..... is know by his doings."
3. We also know that actions speak very loud for we read in Matthew 7:20 that Christ said: "By their ..... ye shall know them."
4. Jesus compared Christian boys and girls to something we use every night, and sometimes during the day. Read Matthew 5:14: "Ye are the ..... of the ....."

I Love Christmas

I love the Christmas holidays
When children laugh with glee,
I love the bright Bethlehem star
Atop our Christmas tree.
I love the sound of chiming bells,
And the carols that we sing.
I love each starry eyed angel
With shining tinsel wings.
I love to make a manger scene,
With Mary robed in blue,
Watching o'er her baby dear,
With Joseph strong and true.
But most of all I love the thought
That God loved His people so,
He sent His Son to tell His love,
That Christmas long ago.

—Viola Braswell

Bible Quiz

1—What Prophet foretold Jesus' birth?
2—By what names did the Prophet say that Jesus would be called?
3—Why did Mary and Joseph travel to Bethlehem?
4—By what sign was the shepherds to know Jesus?
5—What did the shepherds find in Bethlehem?
6—How were the Wise Men led to Jesus?

Answers To Last Week's Questions

1—The Pharisee and the Publican (Luke 18:9-14)
2—The rich man and Lazarus (Luke 16:19-31)
3—The foolish virgins (Matthew 25:1-13)
4—The rich fool (Luke 12:16-21)
5—The sower (Mark 4:3-20)

Just For Fun

A mother repeatedly asked her small daughter to sit down. Finally, the mother held the little girl by her shoulders and forced her to sit .

Looking at her mother, the little girl announced firmly, "I'm still standing up inside."

Woman's Activities

A Christmas Garland

Mrs. H. W. Doub

"Now comes again the merry time,
The loving time, the giving time,
When men may live in true good will
In every state, in every clime.
But Christmas comes into the hearts
To warm them with a happy glow
Of those alone who make it come
Then let us deck ourselves with joy
And get us ready for this day
When love incarnate will be ours
To share with ALL WHO COME OUR WAY"

—Ann Barcus Minger

The above lines opened one of the loveliest programs of the year "A Christmas Garland." This program was written by one of our neighbors, Miss Elizabeth Watson of Johnston, South Carolina, an editorial assistant on the World Outlook. Miss Watson writes stories, articles and poems for various church publications. She is also the author of a hymn used at Scarritt College, from which she received her M.A. degree in religious education.

A Christmas Garland has so many possibilities, and it was our privilege to see it presented in three different ways, one of which was our own. A special feature of the program is to bring alive so many of the ways our Savior's birth is celebrated in other countries. This allowed every member participation which is so helpful, yet at the same time to do it in such a lovely and impressive way. As each took part in the making of a garland—the symbol of a joyful and happy purpose, to honor the recipient, to express love and admiration, to decorate and adorn, to illustrate that Jesus' birth is a LIVING EXPERIENCE of our missionaries and Christian Workers around the world.

The Christmas story was born in dreams and action and it is based on fruitful deeds and shining facts. As we enter into this glorious season, filled with magic and wonder anew, the time of bustle and hurry, the time when minutes fairly fly, when even sometimes we lose sight of the magic star and even murmur and complain a little, may we ever remember that it is only as we follow the star like the wise men of old, that we find the way to Bethlehem. It is only when the Holy Beneficence of Christmas floods over our hearts and our entire being, that the true meaning of Christmas can be realized.

So we would like to express appreciation to Miss Elizabeth Watson for bringing these lovely and uplifting thoughts to so many and for sharing her love of the beautiful with us. We feel sure that al of us join the multitudes in praying for peace and good will to fill all hearts everywhere.

Student Recognition Day

All of us can look back through the years and remember the great thrill of going home for Christmas. How we looked forward to it, yes how we posted and marked off the number of days, yes even the hours till the great moment arrived. Then, when we got home how good it made us feel to be welcomed and perhaps even told that we had been missed. Nowhere was this felt so warmly as in our own church, where we had been nurtured and brought up in the Christian faith that had sustained us in every trial.

One of the greatest services our Woman's Society and Wesleyan Service Guild can render at this time of year, is to show our love and appreciation for our own boys and girls who have come home for Christmas. This year Student Recognition Day will be observed on December 27th and there are many suggestions for local planning committees.

First, every local secretary for Campus Ministry can serve as a resource person and can participate in making arrangements for special events. Second, she can assist the pastor in providing publicity for Student Recognition Day. Third, she can plan a coffee hour or some other form of recognition for our "home-for-Christmas-youth." Fourth, these students may be invited to participate in the church school class and in the program put in for the church hour. Fifth, do not forget to remember those young people who could not get home, be sure to send them copies of the brochure and greetings sent out by the local church and let them know that they are thought of and missed during the holidays.

Mrs. E. B. Fisher, our conference secretary of Campus Ministry, is doing such a marveleous job of promoting this line of work and joins all of us in hoping that these special days will be a significant part of the church's ministry to students and other young people who have been away from our fold. This witnessing will bring untold results.

W. N. C. Conference

Mrs. John C. Wright

Christmas, 1964

How silently, how silently the wondrous gift given!
So God imparts to human hearts the blessings of His Heaven.
No ear may hear His coming, but in this world of sin,
Where meek souls will receive Him still, the dear Christ enters in.

Phillips Brooks

Town and Country Advisory Committee Meeting

The seven Church and Community Workers of the Western North Carolina Conference presented a picture of their work at the meeting of the Advisory Committee for Town and Country Work held in Marion November 17.

The two new workers, Miss Rosemary Shireman, Cherokee, and Miss Sarah McCain, Weaverville, told of their impressions of the work in their area and their plans for the future.

The other five, Mrs. Arthelia Brooks, Burnsville, Miss Virginia Miller, Franklin, Miss Carolyn Thorne, Denton, Miss Vera Falls, Cherokee, and Miss Shirley McDaniel, Mt. Airy, summarized trends and activities in their districts over a period of months.

One thing stood out in all the reports—the Town and Country program is giving to the churches of the rural sections a vital spirit of the joy of Christian service and fellowship. The workers told of their summer projects, leadership training, their work in the Woman's Society of Christian Service, with Youth and Children, in Race Relations, in Community Outreach, with persons of special need, with migrants and in special commitment programs.

After each worker spoke, a minister from her area, paid tribute to her dedicated service. The four districts where workers are now serving are Asheville, Thomasville, Waynesville and Winston-Salem.

At the luncheon hour talks were made by Mrs. Leslie Barnhardt, Charlotte, president of the Woman's Society of the conference, Dr. Carl King, Dr. Horace McSwain, and Dr. Garland Stafford, all of Statesville.

Mrs. Orell Lineberger, Stoneville, conference secretary of Town and Country Work, was in charge of the day's session.

Thirty people were present for the meeting.

Used Clothing Needed In Church World Service Drive

Now is the time for all good Methodists to make a survey of warm, good clothing not used by the family and take all garments to the center for the collection of used clothing for the Church World Service program.

December 14-18 have been set as the time of the special drive conducted just prior to Christmas. Local newspapers will carry the place where clothing may be left. Seven such centers have been announced. these are:

ASHEVILLE, Plummer's Radio Service, 270 Biltmore Ave.

CHARLOTTE, Covenant Presbyterian Chr. Sch. Bldg., 1000 E. Morehead St.

CONOVER, Trinity United Church of Christ.

GREENSBORO, First Presbyterian Chr. 617 N. Elm St.

REIDSVILLE, New Laundry and Dry Cleaners, S. Scales St.

SPINDALE, Spindale Church of the Brethren.

WINSTON-SALEM, Fraternity Church of the Brethren, Fraternity Church Rd. and Highway 158.

Last year the churches of North Carolina contributed 135,000 pounds of clothing and

2 million pounds of food to the destitute of other lands through this program.

—Town and Country Topics

Waynesville District Executive Meeting

The officers of the Woman's Society of Christian Service of the Waynesville District met on November 13 to hear reports of the progress of work in their district for the first six months of the year.

The group met with Mrs. Leroy Sossamon in Bryson City.

Miss Sena Sutherland, district secretary of membership cultivation, stated that the district has 50 societies with a total membership of 1,554. Thirty-four of the societies had sent evaluation reports.

Mrs. Margaret Pilarski, secretary of spiritual life, told of the spiritual growth through study, retreats, prayer, conferences and inspirational reading.

Miss Louise Ballard, Lake Junaluska, presented suggestions of improving programs in local societies, saying that the smaller societies feel a need for more adequate simplified material.

The charter of Racial Policies was adopted.

Mrs. Frank Cogburn, district president presided. 16 officers were present.

Methodist Board of Education Meets in Nashville, Jan. 4-7

The Board of Education of The Methodist Church will have its annual meeting in Nashville, Tenn. Jan. 4-7.

General sessions will be at Scarritt College, but there will be meetings at the Board of Education headquarters, West End Methodist Church, and other places.

Major addresses will be given by Bishop Eugene Slater, San Antonio, Texas, president of the board, and Bishop Paul N. Garber, Raleigh, N. C., immediate past president.

Several other bishops will be on the program.

The board's three general secretaries will give reports. All from Nashville, they are the Rev. Dr. Leon M. Adkins, Division of the Local Church; the Rev. Dr. Henry M. Bullock, Editorial Division; and the Rev. Dr. John O. Gross, Division of Higher Education.

A feature of the meeting will be the installation of the Rev. Dr. Myron F. Wicke, Nashville, as general secretary of the Division of Higher Education, succeeding Dr. Gross, who will retire.

The Board of Education has general oversight of The Methodist Church's educational interests in the United States. This includes leadership of the denomination's church school (Sunday school and other educational activities) program, preparation of church school publications, and a relationship to about 134 colleges, universities, seminaries, and other schools. The board also is responsible for work with 191 Wesley Foundations (Methodist campus ministry units at state and independent colleges and universities) and for work with groups of the Methodist Student Movement at other colleges and universities.

The 91-member board is composed of bishops, other ministers, and lay men and women from across the nation.



The above persons appeared on the program when the Goldsboro District held a College Rally Banquet at Methodist College in November. From left to right: The Rev. Mark Lawrence, District Superintendent; Dr. L. Stacy Weaver, president, Methodist College; Bishop Paul N. Garber; Robert Rose, District Lay Leader; J. Nelson Gibson, past Conference Lay Leader; the Rev. W. M. Howard, president, Conference Board of Education; the Rev. James Miller, District Director of Higher Education; the Rev. James Auman, Executive Director, The Association of Methodist Colleges. The Fayetteville and Sanford Districts held similar rallies with over 500 attending the 3 rallies

Wesley Chapel Dedicates Memorial Fellowship Hall

Wesley Chapel Church in the Albemarle District conducted dedication services for its new memorial Fellowship Building, Sunday, December 6, at the 11:00 o'clock service. The pastor, Rev. John F. Edwards and the District Superintendent, Dr. W. Jackson Huneycutt, led in the service. Dr. Huneycutt preached the sermon and led in the dedication ritual and offered the dedicatory prayer.

Historical Statement

Wesley Chapel Church had its beginning in a brush arbor dating back to about 1832.

It was organized from members of the old McWhirter Camp Ground, which was located near the last residence of Mrs. J. H. Winchester and near the Wesley Cemetery.

A new church was built about 500 yards south of the present church. On April 7, 1878, this building was destroyed by fire. In 1879, Mr. J. M. Price donated two acres of land (where the church now stands) and a new structure was completed on May 16, and dedicated on May 18 that same year by Dr. W. H. Bobbitt. This building was used until the Spring of 1924 when the present church was built at a cost of about $6,000.

The H. L. Price family gave a pulpit Bible that is over 82 years old. This Bible affords much information of historical value and is still used today.

With the growing interest in the church, there was a need for a fellowship hut to be built. It was begun June 20, 1960, and completed for a Christmas party the same year. In the spring of 1963, it was brick veneered. The steeple was installed on Nov. 4, 1964 and was given by the G. C. Moore family. The new brick base with dedicatory plaque for the bell was given by Mrs. George A. Pearre in honor of her father, Jim T. Parker, and in memory or her late mother, Mrs. Parker. On Nov. 29, 1964, all indebtedness on this building, was paid

This mighty effort will reward us with the joys which come from working together for God. It will bring abiding satisfaction as we see the work of the Lord continuing through the years, Success in the future will require the entire congregation working together for the advancement of our Heavenly Father's Kingdom.

Widow of Peter Marshall On "Church Of The Air"

Mrs. Catherine Marshall, widow of the late Reverend Dr. Peter Marshall, former Chaplain of the U. S. Senate, will deliver one her husband's famous sermons, "Let's Keep Christmas," on "Church of the Air," on the CBS Radio Network, *Sunday December 20.*

Please consult your local CBS Radio station in your area.

Mrs. Marshall is author of a book about her husband entitled "A Man Called Peter."

Music for the program will feature Christmas songs by the choir of the New York Avenue Presbyterian Church, Washington, D. C. This was Dr. Marshall's church before he was appointed to the Senate duties.

The choir is under the direction of Stephen H. Prussing, with Charlton Meyer at the organ.

Evelyn Ernst produces "Church of the Air" for CBS News.

Widow of Prominent Methodist Minister Dies

Mrs. John William Moore, whose husband served many of the prominent pulpits of the Western North Carolina Conference prior to his death in 1958, died Tuesday, November 17, 1964.

Mrs. Moore was born in Mt. Pleasant, N. C., daughter of the late Adam Augustus Eury and Loretta Camilla Holtshouser. While a young girl her family moved to Gastonia where she was educated at Oakland Institute. On April 20, 1899 she was married to the Reverend Mr. Moore and spent the rest of her life in the parsonages in the Western North Carolina Conference where she was active in many of the phases of the church life. Since her husband's death she has made her home at Lake Junaluska, N. C. until failing health made it necessary for her to become a patient in Brantwood Manor or Convalescent Hospital in Asheville.

Mrs. Moore is preceded in death by her husband and a son, John W. Moore, Jr. She is survived by a daughter, Mrs. Hoke Bullard of Charlotte; four grandchildren, Dr. Hoke Bullard of Wilson, Miss Betty Moore Bullard of Asheville, Dr. John Moore Bullard of Spartanburg, S. C., John W. Moore, III of Emory University and four great grandchildren. Funeral services were conducted at Myers Park Methodist Church by Dr. J. Clay Madison and the Reverend William M. Bobbitt, Jr., ministers.

Salisbury District Conference

The Salisbury District Conference was held Sunday, December 6, 1964, at Kerr Street Methodist Church, Concord. Host pastor, William A. Rock, Jr., opened the 2:30 p.m. meeting with a devotional message.

Under the guiding hand of District Superintendent James C. Stokes, the business of the conference was conducted smoothly and swiftly. Reports of district leaders and conference agencies were placed in the hands of all delegates in the form of a printed Program Book. Mrs. T. Fred Henry, president of the District Woman's Society of Christian Service, and Woodrow Hartsell, District Lay Leader, made the only oral reports.

A Certificate of Appreciation was presented to J. F. Harrelson in recognition of almost a half-century of service to the district and The Methodist Church. Mr. Harrelson has in the past served the district as District Lay Leader, District Conference Secretary, and officer of the District Mission Society.

The conference granted the License to Preach to John Wesley Belk, Aultman Luther Kesler, and Edward Boyd Stokes. Recommended for Admission on Trial into the conference were Stokes, Reece E. Cook, Jr., and William H. Osborne.

The Rev. Garland Winkler, District Superintendent of the Greensboro District, ended the conference on a high note with an address on the new Quadrennial Program. He challenged the laymen and ministers of the district to make this a meaningful program in their churches.

—Dwight Pyatt, Sec'y.

Missionary Honored by Sarawak Government

The Rev. Burr H. Baughman, who has given the last 16 years to Christian work of many kinds among the Iban people of Sarawak, Malaysia, has been awarded the Honuorary Star of Sarawak Medal by the Sarawak Government. He is the first Methodist missionary to receive this high honor. It was awarded to him because of his service to the Iban people.



Rev. Burr Baughman

Mr. Baughman, *whose permanent American home is Hendersonville, N. C.*, is currently in the United States on furlough and is living at 319 Bayshore boulevard in Tampa, Fla.

Since the fall of 1963, Sarawak (in the northern section of Borneo) has been a part of the nation of Malaysia, one of the newest of the 75 or more new nations since World War II. The Methodist Church is the second largest Protestant denomination in Sarawak and has extensive work among the Ibans.

In 1948 Mr. Baughman began extensive work among the Iban peole in Sarawak. Once headhunters and the "wild men of Borneo," the Iban have been turning to Christianity in steadily growing numbers in recent years. Mr. Baughman has done almost every kind of missionary work among the Ibans—preaching, teaching, literacy, church administration, church development and literature production. His present specialty is translation work and literature production in the Iban language.

Mr. Baughman's missionary service began not in Sarawak, however, but in Malaya. From 1932 to 1942 he was a teacher, pastor and supervisor of evangelistic work with jungle aborigines. At the outbreak of World War II, he was principal of the Methodist Boys' School in Kuala Lumpur. He was captured by the Japanese and held in an internment camp near Singapore until liberated by Allied forces.

Born in Indonesia, Mr. Baughman was educated at Duke University (bachelor of arts, 1930), Durham, N. C., and Garrett Theological Seminary (bachelor of divinity, 1938), Evanston, Ill.

Eight Methodist churches in North Carolina contribute annually to the support of Mr. Baughman and his work through the Advance Mission Special plan of Methodist giving.

The churches are: First, Hendersonville; Trinity Methodist and Groce Methodist Church, Asheville; Central Methodist Church, Burkehead Methodist Church, Winston-Salem; First Methodist Church, Cherryville; First Methodist Church, Lincolnton. Some of these carry salary support for Baughman and the others carry work support. The churches of the Winston-Salem District built the school in Kapit, Sarawak for Baughman.

Duke's Divinity School Dean Keeping Busy Yule Schedule

The weeks immediately preceding and following the Yuletide season have become busy ones for an already busy theologian and Dean of the Divinity School at Duke University.

He is Dr. Robert E. Cushman, professor of systematic theology in addition to his duties as administrator of the Methodist-related theological school.

During the period Dec. 11-13, Dr. Cushman will be in Dayton, Ohio, to serve as chairman of the executive committee meetings for the Association of Methodist Theological Schools, and as a member of a similar committee for the American Association of Theological Schools (AATS); and to sit as chairman and director of the Board of Directors, Wesley Works Editorial Project, which is meeting Dec. 13.

He will be attending the annual meeting of the Assoc. of Methodist Theological Schools in Nashville, Tenn. on Jan. 2-3, 1965; will serve on the executive committee of the Commission on Ecumenical Affairs of The Methodist Church there, also; and on Jan. 11-12 will be in St. Louis, Mo. to sit as a member of the Senate of the Division of Higher Education, The Methodist Church.

Dr. Cushman recently returned from Rome, Italy, where he attended the Vatican II Council this fall as an official delegate-observer for American Methodism.

Christmas

The babe in Bethlehem
The Man of Galilee
The Lamb of Sacrifice
On cruel Calvary

The Father's Son triumphant
O'er brutal death and grave
Who gave himself completely
Poor lost mankind to save
Our blessed Loving Savior
At God's righthand in heaven
Now judge of all the earth
All power to HIM is given

What joy 'twill be one day when He
Returns to earth to claim his own
His second coming is a certainty
We'll worship HIM around his throne
As we his birthday celebrate
Let's highest halleluiahs sing
With love to our Redeemer Great
Christ Jesus Savior Lord and King!

—Lena H. Thacker

Sunday School Lesson

For December 27

By Raymond A. Smith
Head, Department of Religious Education
Greensboro College

Wise Men Come To Jesus

Background Scripture: Matthew 2
Lesson Scripture: Matthew 2:1-12

Of the two accounts of the stories surrounding the birth of Jesus in the Gospels, only Matthew includes the one about the visit of the wise men. Christian tradition has enlarged upon this story in several ways. For example, Matthew says nothing of the number of the wise men who came. But in the hymn "We Three Kings of Orient Are" the assumption is that there were three. Matthew says only that they came from the East, but tradition associates them with India, Persia and Arabia. Matthew gives no names for them, but tradition has associated the names Gasper, Melchior and Beelthasar with these kings.

Scholars have suggested that in reading these accounts we are not so much concerned with questions of historical accuracy as we are with the *spirit* and *purpose* of stories. However, we know that among many leaders of thought in the ancient world, in the period immediately preceding the birth of Christ, there was a strong hope for a world *Deliverer* and *Savior*. So it was not alone among the Jews that this hope existed. Historians tell us of similar journeys made by astrologers to other countries in the hope of getting a clue to the time and place where the new leader would be born.

Regarding the star, we find that in both Hebrew and Persian thought the star was associated with the symbol of great leadership. For example in Numbers 24:17 we are told: "A star has come forth from Jacob and a comet has risen from Israel." History tells of a Jewish Messiah named Bar-cockba (son of a star) who led an unsuccessful revolt against Rome in 132 A. D. So we can easily see how, for Matthew, the star meant a sign of the Messiah.

We note that in our lesson Scripture (Matthew 2:11) Jesus and his parents are in a house, not a stable, as in Luke's story. It has been suggested that this account could have been months (or even as much as two years) after the birth of Jesus. In any case the gifts brought to the child were suitable for a king: gold, frankincense and myrrh (note Isaiah 60:6). We are told that O. Henrys story "The Gift of the Magi" credits the wise men with "inventing the art of giving Christmas presents" (see Adult Student, page 62).

There are three things to notice about the appearance of the wise men. First, they symbolize the universal appeal of Jesus. He did not come to just one nation, but to men of all nations and races. Second, when men seek him and find him they are moved to worship him. Third, men are inspired to give of their best to those they love and worship. "My utmost for the Highest" has not only been the motto of Christian men, but the golden temples, the vast sums spent for charity and the graves of missionaries of all religions the world over testify to the universal truth of it.

A well-know writer on finance has told us the American people will spend for gifts this Christmas about $8,000,000,000. This will be a record amount. No doubt much happiness will be brought to many millions as a result of this tremendous splurge of spending. But there are gifts which all of us may give that can never be measured in dollars and cents. One thinks of gratitude to parents for long years of love and care; to devoted public servants, such as our policemen and firemen; soldiers and sailors in every part of the globe; to those who work with prisoners; to the labor of those who produce our food and other necessities of life. One could go on with this list indefinitely. But why not resolve that in the coming year we will not only give more, but will give *expression* to our *appreciation* for what has been given to us. We read in John 3:16 "God so *loved* that he *gave*." We weak and sinful human beings can reach out and touch the fringes of God-likeness by doing the same in our limited way. We close with a verse from hymn 119 in our hymnal:

"Vainly we offer each ample oblation;
Vainly with gifts would his favor secure:
Richer by far is the heart's adoration;
Dearer to God are the prayers of the poor."



The Reverend Lester Tilley, fifth from left, pastor of Longview Methodist Church, Raleigh, and members of his M. Y. F. visited the Methodist College campus on Saturday morning, November 21. This is one of many youth and adult groups which have recently visited the campus.

Methodist College Receives Academic Recognition

Methodist College has been awarded early recognition and the status of Candidate for Membership by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools.

Announcement of this action was made during the annual meeting of the Association in Louisville, Ky., November 30-December 3, 1964.

The action came as the result of a visit to the college on April 13 by Joe B. Ezell, Assistant Executive Secretary of the Commission on Colleges of the Southern Association and the report by a visiting committee which spent October 11-13, 1964 on the campus studying and evaluating the entire program of the college.

The Candidate for Membership category was established in November, 1962 by the Southern Association as a means of recognizing new colleges.

Methodist College's recognition in this manner is indicative of the fact that the college is currently meeting the standards of the Association for a senior college and is showing projections which evidence rapid progress toward full accreditation. Under the present status Methodist College will be eligible for full accreditation by the Southern Association in the fall of 1966 after having graduated three classes.

State Accreditation

In early November the college received full accreditation by the North Carolina Conference. The Committee on Standards reported that the college had operated under senior college standards during the 1963-64 academic year and, therefore, became eligible for accreditation as a senior college as of the academic year 1964-65.

Under this status Methodist College's graduates are fully certified by the North Carolina Department of Public Instruction.

Approved by Church Senate

In January, 1962 the college was accredited by the University Senate of the Methodist Church as meeting the requirements of the church for the undergraduate training of ministers.

Strong Academic Program

From the very beginning the college has sought to build a strong academic program and provide the necesasry requirements for a well-rounded, high quality, senior college experience.

The college has graduated 48 students. The fall enrollment is 619 students as compared with an enrollment of 88 freshmen when the college opened 4 years ago.

Pastor Speaks Out Against Legalized Gambling

The following article appeared on the front page of the Sunday Bulletin of Central Methodist Church, Monroe. Written by Rev. Harley M. Williams the pastor, showing up the danger of legalized gambling.

Gambling!

Most of us would agree that laws are made to be kept and that without law and some measure of respect for those who make them then our freedom is in jeopardy. It seems, however, that man observes only those laws which do not press too closely to his own particular sins and transgressions. If the law opposes what I like to do then we will just have to change the law or pass one that places public endorsement on my sin and thereby relieve for a while at least the burden of guilt.

It is frightening to see how these evils like little ants ease their way in and lessen our restraints. What amazes me is the large number of honorable Monroe citizens who would resent the accusation of being "gamblers" are sitting down regularly at BINGO, which is strictly against the law in North Carolina. This form of gambling apparently has won the endorsement of local organizations which have earned at least some measure of respect, notwithstanding the fact that only two years ago the local fair was frowned upon because of its emphasis on gambling and removed from our midst (or was it?)

According to some people the best way to get rid of a sin is to legalize it. It seems, however, that there are those who are obsessed with the idea, as it was with liquor, that the only certain panacea for all our fiscal ills is more and more of the stuff we know is destroying life itself for God's people.

To those who think that ministers become overly alarmed about the little sins which grow so big, I would like to refer them to some facts revealed in the recent (1962) Uniform Crime Reports of the F.B.I. The following is a comparison of major crimes in the State of Nevada, which has wide open gambling, with the averages for the rest of the United States. These figures are based on per 100,000 population.

	U.S.	Nevada
Total offenses	1102.3	2442.9
Forcible rape	8.8	19.7
Robbery	51.3	106.6
Burglary	480.4	886.8
Larceny	290.5	840.3
Deaths per 100,000	20.8	67.6

In addition to the above, the National Safety Council has reported that auto deaths per 100,000 population in Nevada are three times the national average.

The above-mentioned Uniform Crime Reports also indicate that of all the metropolitan areas in the country, Reno has the largest volume of serious crimes in proportion to its population. Its rate is more than twice the average for American cities. And guess which city is in second place—Las Vegas!

As each new proposal for more, and more, and more gambling makes its appearance behind so-called respectable front organizations, its sponsors jeer loudly at the suggestion that a question of public morality might be involved. The above facts point to the inescapable conclusion that the only state in the union which has no restrictions on gambling also has the highest crime rate.

Those who are so smug and complacent about this whole matter ought to take another good, long look at the question of any extension of gambling in Monroe and Union County.

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The Senior M. Y. F. of New Home and Prospect Churches, of the Smithtown Charge, Route 1, East Bend, North Carolina, have taken as their Christmas Project a needy family from the Yadkin County Welfare Department. Shown in the picture (left to right) are David Matthews, Norman Hutchens and Johnny Matthews, getting toys ready for the children. They have also purchased new clothing for all eleven members of this needy family, and have also collected good used clothing, household items and food for them. On Sunday, December 20th they will deliver all these things to them. They have 25 members in their Senior M. Y. F.

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Christmas Joys

The songs of the angels,
At Christmas may we share;
The songs of the heavenly host,
That once filled the air.

The gladness of the shepherds,
Who heard the angels sing;
Then went in haste to Bethlehem,
And found the new-born King.

May we share the worship,
Of the wise men of old;
The songs, the gladness and the worship,
Will bring Christmas joys untold.

—Mary Taylor Mumford
Seaboard, N. C.

Sutton Park Church Overcomes Financial Slump

The Sutton Park Methodist Church just grew tired of the proverbial "financial slump." This new church which last year was added to the Wingate Charge, was challenged by its aggressive young minister, the Reverend Harlan Creech, III, to rise above its money slump by examining itself and determining its rightful place among Monroe churches, accepting its responsibilities in Christian stewardship.

The church, only about three years old, now has 57 members; a new building and a building indebtedness of over $1,000 a year. The total expenditures kept the congregation fearful of its future until the pastor gathered his people together, sought the help of his experienced neighbor-pastor, Rev. Harley Williams, and conducted for three weeks a training session on Christian stewardship. This culminated in a grand Loyalty Dinner last Monday evening attended by over fifty persons, including the district superintendent and representatives of the Mission Society.

What was the result? With a budget of about $4,000 this congregation over-subscribed the budget by $1,400. This church is proud of this achievement and is now confident that it can grow and serve as a church Christ can use magnificently.

W E. Derrick, layman from the Thrift Methodist Church, Charlotte, a firm believer in tithing, was the principal speaker at the dinner. His subject: "A Christian and His Giving."

Here is a church whose whole mission has been stimulated — and by a keener understanding of a principal which was there all along—Christian stewardship.

Rev. and Mrs. Clyde G. McCarver Will be Caravan Counselors

The Reverend and Mrs. Clyde G. McCarver of University Methodist Church, Chapel Hill, have been selected to serve as counselors of the 1965 N. C. Conference European Caravan.

Plans call for them to sail from New York aboard the Queen Elizabeth on June 2, 1965. Accompanying them will be eight students—four boys and four girls. The caravan is expecting to visit in the homes of Methodist people in England, Germany, and Austria, with work projects in Germany and Austria. The group will tour Italy, Switzerland, and France. This caravan will be sponsored by the N. C. Conference Board of Missions, and it will be the sixteenth such caravan to Europe.

Interested persons should contact Rev. W. J. Neese, pastor of First Methodist Church, Roanoke Rapids, for further information and application blanks. Application should be made immediately.



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Christmas Giving

As you think of giving presents
To your friends on Christmas day,
Don't forget the poor and needy
That you meet along life's way.
Give them something that is helpful,
That will tell them of your love,
For such giving pleases Jesus
As He watches from above.

If you cannot give abundance,
Give a little in His name;
For a little given rightly,
With His blessings on the same,
May be bread upon the waters
You will find again some time,
Multiplied to loaves of blessing
That are wondrous and sublime.

Give to little orphan children,
Give to widows in their need,
Give the old and give the helpless—
Hear their cry for help and heed;
Give the prisoner in his prison,
Give the shut-in fast in bed,
Give the crippled, blind and sickly—
Give and know that you'll be fed.

Give and help to spread the Gospel
On the Mission fields of earth
Where the natives by the millions
Have not heard of Jesus' birth.
Give to causes that are worthy
Of your money, with a prayer;
Give and help to share the burdens
That so many people bear.

Let the Christmas thought of giving
Go with you throughout the year,
Then your life will be a blessing
And you'll have a thrill of cheer;
For in making others happy
You will get a great supply,
As our Lord who reigns in Heaven
Will then bless you from on high.

—Rev. Walter E. Isenhour
Taylorsville, N. C.



SHEPHERDS ADORING THE CHRIST CHILD

"And she brought forth her firstborn son, and wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and laid him in a manger; because there was no room for them in the inn. And there were in the same country shepherds abiding in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. And, lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shown round about them; and they were sore afraid. And the angel said unto them, Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this day, in the City of David, a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord. And this shall be a sign unto you: Ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger. And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God, and saying, Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men."—Luke 2:7-14.

CAROLINA BRIEFS

NO ADVOCATE NEXT WEEK

Following our custom, there will be no Advocate next week, December 31. The next issue will be January 7, 1965. We trust our readers will take note of this fact and not be disappointed by thinking they missed their paper. In the meantime, the entire Advocate staff wishes each of our readers a pleasant Christmas Season, and a New Year of Happiness.—Editor.

¶ Rev. and Mrs. Kimsey King of Ahoskie held open house at the parsonage last Sunday afternoon from 3:00 till 5:00 o'clock. Visitors were free to come and go between the stated hours.

¶ Bethlehem Methodist Church of Drexel, Rev. Wayne R. Smith, pastor, presented a program of Christmas music last Sunday evening, under the direction of Mr. Henry Rhoney, with Mrs. Elmer Williams as accompanist.

¶ St. Paul Methodist Church, Goldsboro, will hold Christmas Eve Communion service at 8:00 p.m. Thursday, December 24. Families of the church wil lhave an apportunity to worship and commune together preceding the Christmas Day. Rev. Graham S. Eubank is pastor of St. Paul.

¶ The annual county-wide school of missions for Alexander county will begin at the Taylorsville Methodist Church, Sunday, January 3 at 7:30. Teachers working in the school include Mrs. Helen White, Mrs. Lloyd Campbell, Mrs. Ralph Jacks, Mrs. Wayne Beard, Mrs. George Givens, Kenneth Allen, Harold Elder, and Rev. P. E. Bingham.

¶ I would like to announce that Edward's Chapel Methodist Church on the Kinston Circuit held its revival last week, Dec. 6-11. Rev. Tommy Tyson, our conference evangelist, was the guest preacher. Mr. Tyson has just returned from a preaching mission in France and Holland and Mexico. We had the best attendance last week that we have had in several years. We had a coffee hour on Monday night. The Grifton Methodist Church choir rendered special music on Wednesday. Many persons came to the altar for prayer and rededication. It has been a week of spiritual renewal in our church. Our church is also installing eight stained glass windows. They have been ordered and will be placed in the church by the middle of January. Rev. W. Thomas Clark is pastor.

¶ Bishop Charles Wesley Flint, 86, who had led three episcopal areas of the Methodist Church and was president of two colleges, died Saturday, Dec. 12, in Binghamton, N. Y. Bishop Flint retired from active service in 1952 after an eight-year assignment to the Washington Area. After his election as a bishop in 1936, he had presided over the Atlanta and Syracuse Areas.

¶ Shiloh Methodist Church, Thomasville District, of which Rev. Lawrence E. Barden is pastor, is rejoicing in the final payment on its church debt of some $85,000. The congregation has raised more than $100,000 on its church project within the past four years. The official Board has set January 3 as the day for "note burning." Dedication day has been set for Homecoming, third Sunday in May, 1965.

The Greatest Gift

The greatest gift to all the world
Was when God, in His infinite plan,
Sent down to earth His only Son
To change the life of man.

The angels heralded his coming
From the heavenly choir, they sang:
"Peace on earth, good will to men"
The glad hosanna rang.

The shepherds heard the angel's song
And they saw the star so bright
As it shone o'er the place where Jesus lay
In the stillness of the night.

They hurried on to Bethlehem
And found where the Baby lay,
There within the manger
Upon the new mown hay.

Then came the wise men from afar
With their gifts so precious and rare;
They knelt and worshiped the Christ Child
And left their treasures there.

What shall we give at Christmas
To honor our Saviour's birth?
Are we too busy to celebrate
His birthday here on earth?

If Jesus should knock at our door today
Would we gladly invite Him to stay,
Or because we're so busy at Christmas
Would we send Him on His way?

God's greatest gift came at Christmas,
Let us give Him a gift sublime,
By giving our hearts in thanksgiving
That His light through us, may shine.

LOUISE PARKER STEPHENSON



Memorial Fellowship Building of Wesley Chapel Church on Camp Ground Charge, which was dedicated December 6. The story was carried in last week's Advocate.

A Christmas Message From Bishop and Mrs. Hunt

In this Holy Season, we find our hearts warm with gratitude

. . . for efforts toward peace in a dangerous age
. . . for the blessings of health
. . . for dear ones to love and to love us
. . . for tasks to try to do
. . . for the glory of golden moments
. . . for the Christian Gospel and its imperishable hope . . .

We are grateful in a particular way for the host of dedicated and gracious Christians, both clerical and lay, whom we have found in this great Charlotte Area of Methodism, and who have surrounded our family with such warm and sympathetic friendship as we have assumed residence and responsibility in the Western North Carolina Conference. The greetings and love of this Season go out from our thankful hearts to every person and to each home.

Earl and Mary Ann Hunt
The Episcopal Residence
Charlotte, N. C.

Francis Asbury and The Dumb Sabbaths

In recent years, scholars have estimated that Francis Asbury, the famed intinerant evangelist, by preaching regularly almost daily and on Sabbaths through his lifetime of seventy-one years, delivered some 16,500 sermons in England and on the American scene. Occasions arose, however, when the pioneer clergyman did not preach or exhort-due to lack of appointment, inability to reach an appointment, exhaustion, illness or other causes. The Sundays on which no sermon was preached he interestingly labelled "dumb Sabbaths." This phrase may be found several times in his famous *Journal*.

When North Carolina Methodists, in the fifty-two Sundays facing us in 1965, refrain from entering into public worship, hearing the Gospel proclaimed and participating in the Holy Communion regularly; assuming teaching and other duties in church School; joining in singing the enduring ,inspirating and matchless hymns of the Christian Church, reading the Scriptures and devotional literature entering into private praver and meditations; speaking words of encouragement, hope and inspiration; seeking Divine guidance—it is a "dumb Sabbath." When we refrain, the effectiveness and dynamism of the Christian religion has been diminished. The total strength of Christianity has been affected, thus giving comfort to the forces of the world, the flesh and the devil. This results in the delaying of the coming of the Kingdom.

A strong challenge of discipleship arises before us. Let us enter the New Year with resolution, giving of our best to the Master.

—Grady L. Carroll

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To accept good advice is but to increase one's own ability. —Goethe

Pfeiffer College Professor Says Students Seeking Biblical Truths

A Pfeiffer College Religion professor is not sure what Christmas 1964 will mean to students. Yet, he is sure that many students have growing concern as to the implications of the Christian faith.

Dr. George Schreyer, Chairman of the Division of Religion and Philosophy at Pfeiffer, in a statement made at the start of the college's 1964 Christmas holidays says students are asking deeper and more mature questions.

His statement is as follows:

"When I compare my classes of today with those of five or six years ago, I find today's students are far more concerned with discovering Biblical truth than they are in learning the 'why' or the 'mechanical fact' behind a given portion of scripture.

"I believe this to be true with other faculty members in our Department of Religion. This is a most exciting development and is an indication of a growing level of mature thinking on the part of our students." Dr. Schreyer noted.

In keeping with this interest, the faculty has approved the addition of a new senior level course entitled "New Testament Life and Thought." To be taught by Dr. Roger Kusche, a New Testament scholar, the course will deal largely with the emerging life and thought of the church in the New Testament.

"The philosophical and theological nature of the questions students are asking today represents quite a change from a few years ago. Then, the majority of the students, but not all, were concerned with the mechanical facts of the story.

"Our emphasis at Pfeiffer today, thus, is moving from the fact centered approach to the interpretative approach. It is my feeling the challenge of the hour is to show students in an academic manner the break through of God in the events of history as well as his breaking through into human experience today.

"To be sure, all students do not come with the same level of interest or attitudes. Yet, it is encouraging—exciting—to find many students eager to dig deep into Biblical studies. For increasing numbers, courses in Bible are thought of as a place where one may discover something about God and spiritual truth.

"I believe, too, that we are past the point where we still think of the Bible as just a book on science or an 'information please' publication. We are at the point that students are asking deep and searching questions.

"They want to know more of the nature of God, the nature of man, and how man may best deal with his predicament and at the same time discover his true destiny. There is hope for man and for the church when such questions are asked and the search for answers is launched."

Christmas Message From Bishop Paul N. Garber

"And there were in the same country shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. And lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone round about them: and they were sore afraid. And the angel said unto them, Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, which is Christ the Lord."—Luke 2:8-11 (King James)

The Christmas message is ever old and it is ever new. In 1964 we are thrilled as were the shepherds of old by the words of the angel, "Behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people."

The coming of our Saviour into the world is the good news for all mankind. Peace on earth and good will toward men will be a reality whenever the world accepts our Saviour.

Mrs. Garber and I wish for North Carolina Methodists a most wonderful Christmas Season. We hope and pray that the true meaning of Christmas may dominate North Carolina Methodism, not only on Christmas Day but on all days of all years.

Fraternally yours,
PAUL N. GARBER

Brevard Students Attend National M. S. M. Conference

Three Brevard College students will be in attendance at the Eighth Quadrennial Conference of the Methodist Student Movement, which will be held in Lincoln, Nebraska, from December 28 through January 3.

The Brevard chapter of the M. S. F. is happy to announce that Miss Jean Ellen Baucom of Kerr Street Methodist Church, Concord; Miss Judy Faye Sigmon of First Methodist Church, Granite Falls; and Charlie Alexander Koontz of Salem Methodist Church, Mocksville, will represent Brevard College at the national meeting.

The committee in charge of interviewing and selecting the delegates was composed of Chaplain C. Edward Roy, Professor Louis Miles, Rev. Brunson Wallace, Dean Braxton Harris, and Miss Marie Benge.

Alaska Methodist University Given Full Accreditation

The Alaska Methodist University in Anchorage was given full accreditation by the Northwest Association of Secondary and Higher Schools on December 2, 1964. This will be of special interest to Western North Carolina Methodists who as a conference have been leaders in Methodism in the support of the Alaska Methodist University. In the past quardennium, the Western North Carolina Conference was first of all conferences in support of this university, and the Statesville District was fourth of all districts in Methodism in support of this institution.

Bishop A. Raymond Grant, chairman of the AMU Board of Trustees says that one of the four major factors in accreditation has been the support of the Methodist Churches throughout the nation, along with: the Board of Trustees' leadership and policies; faculty and staff performance and student body quality and academic performance.

The eight-man evaluation team which inspected the university's campus and program reported to the Northwest Association: "We would be remiss if we did not observe and commend the vitality and enthusiasm encountered at every turn on the campus. The university has undertaken a major responsibility, a sense of realism of the problems involved, and with devotion to the development of a quality institution. It should be commended for the progress it has made and for its efforts to build for the future."

The university has a record enrollment of 421 for the 1964-65 academic year. Continued support of the university through Advance Specials is urgently needed for the rapid growth and development.

Chaplains Organize

Chaplains from throughout North Carolina met in Durham recently to form the North Carolina Chaplains' Association. Purpose of the organization is to offer to chaplains in the state opportunity for sharing professional information and fellowship, and to act as an advisory body for the development of chaplaincy services throughout the state.

Officers elected for the newly-formed organization were as follows: President, Rev. Milton P. Snyder, Chaplain at Murdoch Center, Butner; Vice-president, *Rev. P. Wesley Aitken, Chaplain at Duke Medical Center,* Durham; Secretary-Treasurer elected was Rev. Wesley E. Brett, Chaplain at Baptist Hospital, Winston-Salem. Rev. William C. Spong, Chaplain at Episcopal patients in the Durham area was appointed chairman of the Constitution Committee.

Some 30 chaplains representing many areas of chaplaincy service throughout the state were present for this organizational meeting. The next regular meeting will be at N. C. Baptist Hospital, Winston-Salem, in December, 1965.

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EDITORIALS

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Two Important Meetings First Week In January

Meeting simultaneously January 4-7 will be the Methodist Board of Education in Nashville, Tennessee, and the Methodist Convocation on Evangelism meeting in Chicago, Illinois. These groups represent a very important part of the work of the Methodist church.

A look at the statistics on evangelism in the Methodist Church in recent years is far from encouraging. For the past six years the number received on profession of faith has dropped each year, as has also the net gain in membership. For instance, in 1959, when the church had 9,815,460 members, the figures show 380,204 received on profession of faith; with a net gain in membership of 123,544. The figures for 1964 show a membership of 10,304,138, with 316,820 received on profession of faith the smallest number in the six year period—and a net gain of only 69,152 in church membership. The intervening years show a progressive decline from 1959 to 1964.

More than 1000 persons are expected to attend convocation on evangelism in Chicago, representing eighteen evangelism groups having separate simultaneous meetings and gathering as a convocation for general sessions twice daily. Bishop Gerald Kennedy is the new president of the Board of Evangelism. Others appearing on the program will include Bishop Lloyd C. Wicke, of New York; Bishop James K. Mathews, of Boston; Bishop Kenneth W. Copeland, of Nebraska; Dr. Thor Hall, of Duke University, Durham; Dr. Harold L. Hermann, Nashville; Dr. Wilson O. Weldon, Greensboro, a member of the executive committee of the General Board, and president of the Western North Carolina Conference Board of Evangelism, will also participate.

These people will be grappling with the questions that confront the church in meeting its evangelistic obligation and utilizing its opportunities. The General Conference is giving special emphasis to the matter of evangelism during this quadrennium, and various jurisdictions are seeking to implement the program. A meeting for the Southeastern Jurisdiction was held two weeks ago in Atlanta at which time an evangelistic schedule was set up for the next four years. Several persons representing North Carolina Methodism attended this meeting, including bishops, district superintendents, and officers of conference boards.

In the North Carolina Conference a conference on evangelism was held at Wesleyan College at Rocky Mount, August 25-27, at which time Dr. Lawrence Lacour and Dr. Wm. R. Cannon were speakers, along with Bishop Paul N. Garber. The Western North Carolina Conference is holding such a meeting at Myers Park Church, Charlotte, January 11-12, at which Dr. G. Ernest Thomas and Dr. Wm. R. Cannon will be speakers, along with Bishop Earl G. Hunt, and Dr. Wilson O. Weldon.

The annual meeting of the Board of Education of the Methodist Church will be held at Nashville, Tenn., January 4-7. Major addresses will be given by Bishop Eugene Slater, San Antonio, Texas, president of the board, and Bishop Paul N. Garber, of Raleigh, immediate past president. Appearing on the program will be Dr. Myron F. Wicke, newly elected general secretary of the Division of Higher Education, who succeeds Dr. John O. Gross, who is retiring; Dr. Leon M. Adkins, Division of the Local Church, and Dr. Henry M. Bullock, Editorial Division. This board will also be evaluating the educational program of the church. In these times when more and more young people are seeking college training the church feels a special responsibility to provide the highest type of Christian education possible. The Advocate editor expects to attend this meeting as an invited guest representing the church press.

Each of these will be significant gatherings, and on their decisions and actions may well depend the course of evangelism and education in the Methodist Church during this quadrennium.

THEME FOR THE WEEK

"For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given, and the government shall be upon his shoulders; and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The Mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace."
—Issaiah 9:6.

Student Recognition Day

Student Recognition Day in the Methodist Church will be observed December 27. At this time many students will be at home from the various schools and colleges, and churches will not only wish to recognize them but to give them a place in the service. The future of our church rests with these young people, and this is a good time to begin placing responsibility upon them, and to encourage them in the pursuit of their education and their preparation to take their place of usefulness in our society. Every church would do well to observe this day appropriately.

LETTERS

A cold and chilling wind blew over Sweet Union County last Friday and in passing took with it the soul of Jay Emory of the Weddington community and Wedding Methodist Church. For a long time the church and community will weep for their loss. The elders will say, "I have lost a son;" the middle-aged will say "we have lost a great friend, leader and confidant," and the young people and children can say they have lost a father. Jay was many things to many people.

Theodore Roosevelt is supposed to have said that he hoped that he would get to sing in a heavenly chorus of thousands—one thousand sopranos, one thousand altos, and one thousand tenors. He would sing the bass. Jay may not sing too loudly in the heavenly host, but while he is singing he is thinking of the next performance and the music will be sweeter because of the attention he has lavished upon its selection.

Jay Emory was a leader the likes of which come our way too seldom. He was never known to walk in the company of leaders of our conference, yet they had his whole-hearted support. His pastor need not be the greatest preacher and minister who ever came our way, but Jay would make him believe that he was. Weddington Methodist Church is not our largest and most beautiful, but Jay's presence on a Sunday morning and his sweet hello turned the property into a cathedral nonparie.

Most of all, Jay was a friend of Jesus Christ. Quite often I have heard him say as his last remark that he has discussed the point with Jesus and "we think that we should follow this plan." When trouble loomed on Jay's horizon his first reaction was to ask, "What would Jesus do?" Jay had complete faith in his Lord and that was all that he needed. Daily Jay walked with Him and talked with Him and told Him that he was His own. Jay worked physically and spiritually for the Lord. He worked as hard as anyone could; he thanked God for his successes and counseled with Him in all matters.

The music of Handel's *Messiah* is all around me as I write this. Jay would certainly agree that "His yoke is easy and His burden is light." Today more than ever I thrilled to the mighty beauty of "I Know that My Redeemer Liveth" and "Comfort Ye My People." And as the glorious "Hallelujah Chorus" completely surrounded me I wept for myself and released my friendship hold on Jay Emory into the hands of his Friend.

Jay loved the hymns of the church. The songs of evangelistic zeal. The fourth verse of one of them spoke Jay's Christian belief:

"Oh, for the wonderful love He has promised,
Promised to you and to me;
Though we have sinned, He has mercy and pardon—
Pardon for you and for me."

Softly and tenderly the call was made and Jay entered into his heavenly home.

LAWRENCE W. BYRUM
Madison, N. C.

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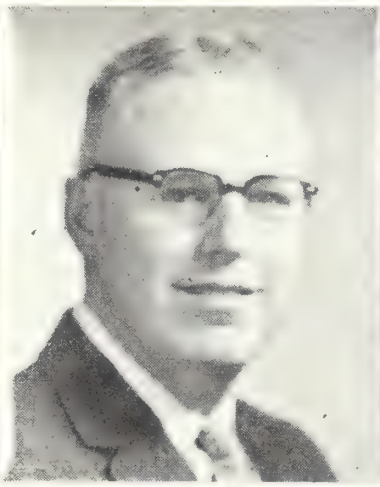
Note Of Thanks

The family of Rev. B. B. Slaughter wish to express their grateful appreciation to the multitude of preachers and laymen throughout the conference of their messages of sympathy, understanding, love and comfort. Also those who have made donations to the "Elma G. Slaughter Scholarship" fund to be awarded to young people going into the field of religious education.

W. N. C. Conference Evangelistic Mission to Ministers



Bishop Earl G. Hunt, Jr.



Dr. William R. Cannon



Dr. G. Ernest Thomas



Dr. Wilson O. Weldon

The annual evangelistic mission to ministers of the Western North Carolina Conference will be held at Myers Park Methodist Church in Charlotte, January 11-12, 1965. Theme of the mission, which is sponsored by the Conference Board of Evangelism, is "Renewal for Witness." This is in keeping with the quadrennial program of the General Conference.

Leaders in the mission will include Bishop Earl G. Hunt, of the Charlotte Area; Dr. William R. Cannon, Dean of Candler School of Theology; Dr. G. Ernest Thomas, minister of First Methodist Church, Birmingham, Michigan, who was formerly connected with the General Board of Evangelism of the Methodist Church; Dr. Wilson O. Weldon, of Greensboro, who is president of the Conference Board of Evangelism; and Rev. A. Mitchell Faulkner, pastor of Central Methodist Church, Shelby, conference secretary of Evangelism. Other officers of the board include Torrence W. Aldred, vice-chairman; Rev. J. B. Hurley, secretary; and Rev. John K. Miller, treasurer.

Registration will begin at 12:00 noon, January 11. A song service will be led by Dr. Russell T. Montfort from 2:00 till 2:30. Bishop Hunt will make introductions and extend welcome, after which Dean William R. Cannon will speak on "Renewal in Our Methodist Heritage." A period of free time will follow this address and from 4:00 to 4:45 there will be a sharing session with mission leaders. Dinner will be served at the church at 6:00 p.m. and Bishop Hunt will speak on "Characteristics of a Relevant Evangelism." Dr. G. Ernest Thomas will speak at 8:00 p.m. on "The Urgency to Witness."

The Tuesday session begins at 9:00 a.m. with a song and prayer service led by Dr. Montfort. Dean Cannon will speak at 9:15-10:00 on "Resources for Renewal." After a period of free time Dr. Thomas will preach at 10:30-11:15 on "The Transforming Power of a Living Witness." Following this message a service of Consecration will be conducted by Dr. Wilson O. Weldon, president of the Board of Evangelism. Adjournment will be at 12:00 noon Tuesday.

Learning To Live Together

D. W. Charlton

Riots that we have read about in our newspapers and seen on television have been distressing and have shaken our easy optimism in the cause of inter-group understanding and peace. These explosions emphasize an element of lawlessness, the need for doing something about existing conditions, and the call for better communication and the gospel of reconcilliation.

For one thing, we must achieve peace among ourselves. Recall the story of Abraham and Lot, men of large families and flocks of sheep. So great were their possessions, "they could not dwell together," says the Bible.

To resolve the conflict, Abraham first built an altar and "called on the name of the Lord." Wasn't he seeking a just and fair solution to the conflict? Surely God has some answer for us in removing causes of trouble. While outward conditions cannot be ignored, inner adjustments of mind and heart are even more essential.

Consider the unrest and violent outbursts in our cities. It's an over-simplication to dismiss these disturbances as due to hoodlumism or instigated by communism. There is a stirring and awakening of the dispossessed, a cry for better homes and a larger share in the necessities of life. "We are witnessing today in every part of the world," Alan Walker declared, "The rise of the backward, poorer masses of mankind."

In Harlem, New York, for instance, we see not only riots but rats, raw poverty, rotten morals, and the reign of hopelessness. Too long have landlords and the city fathers failed to do anything about the Negro ghetto. Complacency has exacted a price.

The story is told of the preacher who was walking home one dark night and fell into a hole. Unable to pull himself out, he cried for help. Hearing the plea for help, a church member investigated the trouble.

"Well," said the parishoner, "you need not be kicking up such a rumpus, for this is only Wednesday night, and we won't be needing you before Sunday." So while the maladies of man and society wait, trouble is often compounded.

A better relationship, however, is being established in many communities by opening concerts and public assemblies to all citizens. Inter-racial groups are doing excellent work in creating bridges of brotherhood. In the areas of athletics and entertainment, facilities have long been open to all in many sections of the country.

Yet there are wide areas of our world out of direct communication. China, with the largest world population, some 700 million people, is not on speaking terms with the United States, nor a member of the United Nations. Our near neighbor to the South is also cut off.

"Suffice it to recall that China was, for almost a century, the largest single field for Christian missions overseas, that we have poured uncounted millions of dollars into her institutional development. . . that two scant decades ago we joined her lifeblood in common cause."

"What a betrayal of friendship and of history if we were now to let our fear of communism lead us into a bitter racial crusade against China." (Creighton Lacy, Christian Advocate Art.)

Thoughtful people believe that we cannot ignore these teeming millions of people. "I think continued dialogue (communication) is the one best hope for peace," declared Senator Hugh Scott, of Pennslyvania.

In closing, may we be reminded that world peace is the Number One problem of our time. Even so, as Drew Pearson stated: "Seeds of War are Sprouting."

A letter recently appeared in a newspaper by a concerned writer, asking: "How much do you want to prevent World War 111?" If it comes it could well be the last war.

But the writer continued: 'How much am I determined to live by the Good Neighbor policy, beginning right where I live?" He urges us to belong to some organized group to promote understanding, good will, peace. Nor should we forget the United Nations and daily link our hearts in prayer for better relations with races and natons of the world.

At the foot of the cross all meet on level ground and in love we may find a just and lastng peace.

Southeastern Jurisdictional Program of Evangelism

Five goals in evangelism for the Southeastern Jurisdiction of The Methodist Church were recommended in a four-year program of evangelism launched at a convocation in Atlanta, Ga. December 8-9 at First Methodist Church. About 225 Methodist leaders including bishops, district superintendents, other ministers, and laymen and women, attended.

The program of evangelism will be for the denomination's 1964-68 quadrennium in nine southeastern states, Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina, Florida, Kentucky, Tennessee, Georgia, Alabama, and Mississippi.

The five recommended annual goals are:

—No church without accessions on profession of faith.

—A net gain in membership in each local church.

—An increase in church school membership and attendance in each local church.

—A total of 125,000 accessions on profession of faith annually in the Jurisdiction.

—A net gain in membership of 62,500 annually in the Jurisdiction.

The four major thrusts of the program of evangelism were outlined as follows:

1964-65—A year of self-appraisal on the jurisdictional and the local church levels.

1965-66—A year of district-wide evangelism.

1966-67—A year of "simultaneous ingathering" on the jurisdictional level.

1967-68—A year of special emphasis upon cultivation and assimilation of members.

The four-year evangelistic effort was authoriezd by the 1964 Southeastern Jurisdictional Conference, which accepted a recommendation of the Southeastern Jurisdictional Council. It is intended to be in harmony with and supportive to the Quadrennial Program of The Methodist Church, "One Witness in One World," adopted by the 1964 Methodist General Conference.

The jurisdictional program, which gives a broad interpretation to evangelism, is to be implemented by the Jurisdictional Council and its standing committees on evangelism, education, missions, lay activities, Christian social concerns, town and country work, and hospitals and homes. This is to be done in cooperation with the bishops, the annual conferences and their boards and agencies.

The program, stressing both the winning of new members and deepening the commitment of present members, comes on the heels of reports of slow growth in membership.

The Rev. Dr. D. Trigg James, Atlanta, an executive secretary of the Southeastern Jurisdictional Council, reported that the net membership gain for the 1960-64 quadrennium in the jurisdiction was a little over 126,000. He said the net gain for the last year of the quadrennium (the 1963-64 conference year) was less than 26,000.

Current membership of The Methodist Church in the Southeastern Jurisdiction is more than 2,800,000.

In speaking of the program of evangelism, Dr. James said: "I hope we can enlist a million to pray for this movement that it may succeed."

All of the bishops who serve areas in the jurisdiction are members of the Jurisdictional Council, and most of them were on the program of the convocation.

Bishop Roy H. Short, Louisville, Ky., who spoke on implementation of the program of evangelism, said: "There are great possibilities in this program if we get it off the paper and into our hearts and into our churches."

A 20-page booklet of the program of evangelism was distributed at the meeting. It contains an outline of the program, detailed suggestions for implementation, and other material. It is planned that copies of the booklet will be made available to ministers and other leaders throughout the jurisdiction.

The detailed suggestions in the booklet, said Dr. James, are presented with "the expectation that the bishops and the conference leaders will assume full responsibility for developing and adapting the suggestions along with others which they may initiate, and to so implement them that the quadrennium, 1964-68, will go down in the history of Methodism in the Southeast as one of the most productive quadrenniums since Unification."

Christmas-Tide

Rejoice and share the seasons joys,
Not for exchange of gifts and toys,
But to praise and honor the new born King,
With spirit we worship, let gladness ring.

Just keep the faith pass on the cheer,
Every day throughout the year.
Someone's lost hope and is forlorn
Who'd welcome the news that Christ was born.

Not for a day and then retreat,
But at home, work, or on the street,
Share with others, maybe give,
A lift, a smile, 'Tis then we live!

Let's awake each morn' with a simple thought,
To worship and work as Christ has taught,
And in memory go back to the day, when
Angels sang "Peace on Earth Good Will to men."

D. D. Richardson
West End, N. C.

Book Reviews

REVELL'S MINISTER'S ANNUAL 1965, by David A. MacLennan, $3.95.

The author is senior minister at Brick Presbyterian Church, Rochester, N. Y.; writes a column in **Church Management** for ministers; popular speaker at pastor's and chaplains' retreats. The book is a complete and reliable book for the minister's daily use. Contains 52 complete sermons plus sermon suggestions for 3 weekly services and worship outlines for the entire year; sermon series topics; a glossary of current religious terms, bulletin or calendar message; suggested basic library talks for special occasions.

Mount Olive Sub-District MYF Meets

The Mount Olive Sub-District MYF met for its December meeting at the Warsaw Methodist Church, with the president, Bette Walston, presiding. She reminded those present of the Prayer Vigil that is to be observed December 19 and 20 from 9:00 a.m. to 9 a.m. throughout the entire conference, and that the Mount Olive MYFs are urged to keep the chain unbroken by going to their own local churches from 2:00 a.m. til 2:30 a.m. on Sunady morning, December 20.

Miss Walston introduced the Rev. Conrad J. Glass, Jr., Conference Director of Youth Work, who talked on "Understanding Yourself" and showed a film. Following the program and fellowship singing, refreshments were served by the host MYF.

Student Recognition Day will be observed on Sunday, December 27 at the morning worship service, with college students participating.

Rev. Mark W. Lawrence, Goldsboro District Superintendent, was guest speaker for the Wednesday morning Spiritual Life Prayer Group Service.

—Debbie Boyd, Publicity Supt.

Dr. Walt Holcomb Holds "One-Day Revivals"

Dr. Walt Holcomb, 86 year-old son-in-law of the late Sam Jones, will preach at Government Street Methodist Church in Mobile, Ala., January 3, 1965. His engagement there will be preceded by intensive promotion by the church's commission on evangelism pastor, the Rev. J. Thad Ellisor.

The Atlanta evangelist who has been the past 15 years leading "one day revivals" in the United States, Europe, South America, and Mexico will launch a new evangelistic program.

Dr. Holcomb says his "new program" is one which emphasizes renewal more than "revivalism." "I sense a need through America to renew ourselves in religion, morality, art, literature, and related fields. A real renaissance will come in these areas only when a large number of persons are sincerely renewed," he said recently in Atlanta.

Government Street Methodist Church's pastor said recently that Dr. Holcomb's January 3rd engagement is expected to be a highlight of his congregation's church year.



From Valley To Hilltop

When disappointments come to you,
And you can't understand
Why you must dwell for quite a while
In darkened valley-land,
Remember that earth's highest hills
were once from valleys born,
And now they stand in glory, earth's
creation to adorn.
The valley is a place of preparation
for the day
When you will have new life to live,
and vital word to say;
And then upon your hill of light you'll
wear a happy smile,
Because you had to live in your dark
valley for a while.

Ernest C. Durham

Eighteen UNCG Students Will Attend Student Conference

The University of North Carolina at Greensboro's Wesley Foundation will have eighteen delegates at the Eighth Quadrennial Methodist Student Movement Conference meeting in Lincoln, Nebraska, between December 28 and January 2.

For the past month the students have been preparing for the conference by studying and discussing two of the conference books, *Called to be Relevant* by Richard Bender and *The Community of Celebration* by Thomas C. Oden. Eight of the delegates will be participating in the conference choir, which will be singing three new cantatas especially for the conference. The theme of the conference is "The Church in the World." Approximately 3,500 students and campus ministers from fifty states and forty nations will worship and study together for six days in an attempt to discover what it means to be "the body of Christ and individually members one of another" in the twentieth century.

The students from UNC-G will be available for speaking engagements to various groups in the church. Arrangements should be made through the UNC-G Methodist Campus Minister, 509 Tate Street. The following are the delegates from the UNC-G Wesley Foundation: Sandra Barnes, Karen Bostian, Emily Folger, Sarah Halsey, Alice Lewis, Rowena Love, Brenda Meadows, Elizabeth Helsing, Sarah Hamilton, Janie Jackson, Patty Kisselbrack, Margaret Pope, Melverlene Suggs, Linda Swaringen, David Greenfield, Jean Macon, Fred Macon.

A Christmas party for under-privileged children was given by Wesley Foundation at the University of North Carolina at Greensboro Tuesday, December 15. The project was sponsored in co-operation with the Salvation Army. Approximately twenty-five children were led in recreation by Wesley Foundation students and presented gifts by Santa Claus.

The party for the children was the second service project planned by the Wesley students in December. Earlier, the students spent an evening Christmas caroling to persons in the community.

Dr. Shinn to Attend Society Of Biblical Literature

Dr. Gerald Shinn, professor of Old Testament Religion and Philosophy at Lousiburg College will attend the annual meeting of the Society of Biblical Literature and Exegesis, to be held Monday, December 28 through Wednesday, December 30, at Union Theological Seminary, in New York City. This year marks the hundredth national gathering of the Society. At this centennial twenty-six distinguished scholars from three continents will give the entire program.

Since coming to Louisburg College, Dr. Shinn has proved himself to be an invaluable asset to the Louisburg community. For the past several months he and other members of the faculty have been instrumental in forming the Historical Society of Franklin County and are making plans to restore the old Male Academy building on the Louisburg College campus. Dr. Shinn holds the BA, BD, and PhD. degrees from Duke University.



Those in the picture are: (left to right) William D. Johnson, chairman of Board of Trustees, Oleander Church; the Rev. F. Belton Joyner, Jr., pastor of Oleander-Pine Valley Charge; Bishop Paul N. Garber; the Rev. Clyde S. Boggs, District Superintendent, Wilmington District; and the Rev. LaFon C. Vereen, Executive Secretary, Conference Board of Missions..

Oleander and Pine Valley Making Fine Progress

By Dallas Mallison

In ceremonies attended by Bishop Paul N. Garber, the Oleander-Pine Valley Charge at Wilmington celebrated two important achievements on the same Sunday, December 13.

At the Pine Valley Church Bishop Garber presented the minister and the congregation with a $15,000 Ten Dollar Club check to apply on its total indebtedness of $34,500. The check and what the congregation has already paid on the obligation reduces the outstanding debt now to around $10,000. Rev. L. C. Vereen, N. C. Conference Missions Secretary, spoke at the service.

The Pine Valley Church, a rapidly growing one in the new suburban area of Pine Valley, was organized soon after the pastor, the Rev. F. Belton Joyner, Jr., came to the area in February, 1961. The church building was erected in a very short time and the congregation moved in during November of that year.

Later the same morning Bishop Garber led in the dedication of the Oleander church which had paid off its building fund debt of over $27,000 which was completely paid off in January. The congregation moved into the new unit in September, 1957. Oleander Church absorbed the membership of the old nearby Seagate Church. In July, 1961 Oleander and Pine Valley were combined to make one charge under the Rev. Mr. Joyner's leadership.

The Rev. Mr. Joyner said that both churches are making plans for the construction of additional church school rooms.

Laymen Pledge $51,000 For North Carolina Conference Camp

Camping will become a reality at Camp Rockfish next summer, as a result of pledges in excess of $51,000 by laymen of the Fayetteville and Sanford Districts. Announcement of pledges was made during a dinner meeting of 115 persons at Horne's Restaurant, Fayetteville, December 1st, at which Rev. Barney L. Davidson, District Superintendent of the Fayetteville District, and Dr. C. P. Morris, Executive Secretary of the Board of Education of the North Carolina Annual Conference were in charge.

Mr. R. R. Allen, Fayetteville District Lay Leader and building contractor, led the way with a pledge of $15,000 for the unit lodge. In addition, he is using his construction equipment to build approximately two miles of roads, parking lots, play areas, and swimming beaches. He is also taking care of all architectural costs of design and detailed specifications of all buildings.

Gifts of six $4,000 cabins were also announced at this promotion dinner. The following laymen and groups pledged one cabin each: W. L. Smith, J. P. Riddle, Larry Carr and Wilbur Smith, all of Fayetteville, The Upchurch Milling Company of Raeford, and the Men's Bible Class of Raeford Methodist Church. O. W. Godwin, Jr. of Dunn pledged materials for one cabin valued at $3,000. Additional substantial pledges were made by T. B. Upchurch and Clyde Upchurch of Raeford, H. R. Haire, and Dr. James B. Bundy of Fayetteville and W. W. Davis of Lumberton.

Pledges of lesser amounts raised the total to more than $51,000 announced at this dinner. Many of those present pledged themselves to solicit additional gifts from individuals, organizational groups and local churches. It is anticipated that these efforts will increase the total to at least $60,000.

Laymen of the Fayetteville District under the director of Rev. Barney L. Davidson, District Superintendent, and R. R. Allen of Fayetteville, District Lay Leader, and laymen of the new Sanford District under the direction of Rev. Vergil E. Queen, District Superintendent, and Joe C. Stowe of Hamlet, District Lay Leader, are participating in the development of this camp.

These donations will provide for the construction of one of three camp units which, together with the central buildings, will cost a total of more than $200,000.

Each unit will consist of six cabins and a central lodge and bath house. The first unit will be winterized for year-round use. The six cabins will sleep thirty-six persons. The unit lodge which will serve as the temporary dining hall for organized camps, will provide a meeting facility for local church, subdistrict, district and conference meetings, with dining capacity for about seventy-five and assembly for one hundred.

Camp Rockfish is located on a 400 acre tract at the intersection of Cumberland, Hoke and Robeson Counties, three miles from Parkton, ten miles from Raeford and sixteen miles from Fayetteville. The tract, including one and one-half miles of shoreline on Lake Upchurch, was purchased in 1957 by laymen of the old Fayetteville District.

A master plan for the development of the 400 acre camp site has been prepared by Charles Stott, Assistant Professor, Department of Recreation and Park Administration, North Carolina State of the University of North Carolina at Raleigh, under the direction of the Camp Committee of the Board of Education of the North Carolina Conference of which Rev. W. W. Bishop, Associate Pastor of Duke Memorial Church, Durham is chairman. It is based on the philosophy of decentralized small group camping and is designed for multiple usage. The plan calls for the development of four major areas as follows:

1. The Resident Camping Area, consists of three decentralized living units, central dining hall, staff house, and health center, nature center, nature trail, crafts shelter, boat basin and swimming area.

Each of the three decentralized living units contains six cabins and a central lodge and bath house. The three units will house a total of ninety campers and eighteen counselors.

This entire area will be used for organized small group camping during the summer. During the remainder of the year it will provide excellent facilities for large group meetings or for as many as three smaller local church or district groups meeting simultaneously.

2. The Group Picnic, Day and Family Camping Area, will be equipped with charcoal grills and tables for picnic groups, two shelters, toilet and shower facilities, a swimming area, an open play area, and planned family camping sites.
3. The Outpost Camping and Nature Exploration Area will be reserved by recent campers for overnight outpost camping and extended nature exploration hikes away from their decentralized living units. It will be available at other times for use by local church organized groups and scout troops.
4. The Supervisory and Maintenance Area is located at the entrance to the camp. It consists of the Superintendent's residence, storage and maintenance buildings, and two control-access gates.

Camp Rockfish is one of four camps owned and operated by the Board of Education of the North Carolina Conference. A full summer camping program is currently being carried on at Camp Don-Lee and Camp Chestnut Ridge. Camp Kerr Lake is being used for local church and family camping and will be developed for more extensive use in the near future. Pre-winterized unit is in operation the year-round at Camp Chestnut Ridge. Two additional units and central buildings will be added as funds are available.

Is is anticipated that all of these camp facilities will be needed to meet the growing camping needs of the North Carolina Conference in the years ahead. The 1964 camp atendance reports show 1352 in organized camps, 3558 in over-night retreat groups of from one to five nights and 2355 in one day meetings for a total of 7265. This number has steadily increased each year and will continue to increase in the years ahead.

Limited funds for the maintenance and development of these camps are provided in local church budgets through conference benevolences. Additional funds are being secured from interested individuals, local church organizations and groups.

Church camping is an intricate part of the local church's program of Christian education. It has been described as a "laboratory of Christian living." It recognizes the camp setting as a unique opportunity for Christian Community; practices Christian teachings of home and church by living and working together in small, closely knit groups, under the guidance of dedicated adult counselors; helps campers grow in their awareness of God's seeking love as shown especially in Jesus Christ; leads campers to a deeper relationship with others; brings campers to an attitude of at-homeness in God's World, with self-reliance and resourcefulness in everyday living; develops a basic sense of security in the love of God; provides time for contemplation, new ways to worship God in the out-of-doors, and a unique opportunity to joy in Christian living.



Pictured here with Rev. Barney L. Davidson, District Superintendent of the Fayetteville District, are some of the laymen making substantial donations to Camp Rockfish. From left to right, W. L. Smith of Fayetteville; Clyde Upchurch, Jr., and T. B. Upchurch, Jr., both of Raeford; Wilbur Smith and Larry Carr of Fayetteville; Rev. Barney L. Davidson and R. R. Allen of Fayetteville.

Report On My Third Week At The Vatican Council

By WILLIAM R. CANNON

Dean of the School of Theology of Emory University

This morning I spoke to the Cardinal Secretary of State. I said to him, "Your Eminence, weren't you once the papal nuncio to the United States?" He smiled only to correct me, "The title was Apostle Delegate." Whatever the title, he was the liaison person between the Roman Curia and the hierarchy of the United States.

Heretofore, that link has been a very strong and powerful one. Promotions have been made generally on recommendation of the Curia. An administrative cardinal in Rome has had more influence that an archiepiscopal one, even though his diocese might be the largest in the world. All of Montini's career before the brief time as Archbishop of Milan was spent in the secretariate of state. The same was true of John XXIII before he was Patriarch of Venice, and that was after the war and he was past seventy—too old to travel so much. Pius XII as Pacilli spent all of his career in the service of the curia. It looks now, however, as if all that is about to change.

This was the shortest week of the Council. Yet it may prove to be the most important.

On the opening day, Wednesday, after the long holiday period of all Saints Day, a vote was taken which may prove revolutionary. Every sub-section on the Episcopacy passed by an overwhelming vote. Then, came vote number 6 on the subject as a whole. To the amazement of everybody, it failed to carry, and the reason was, so we hear, that it did not provide an episcopal senate to advise the Pope in the government of the church. What that means is that it must go back to the Commission who will bring back another report carrying in it the suggestions made by the Council Father. That is the chief suggestion.

Since the days of Nicholas II in the eleventh century the princes of the church have been the cardinals. This pope, at the suggestion of his archdeacon, Hildebran, constituted such a body in order to free papal elections from unseemly politics. The curse of the papacy in the early Middle Ages had been the terrible happenings surrounding elections—the populace of Rome, often bribed, the rivalry and jealousy of Italian noble families, and the inevitable pressure from the Emperor. From that day to this, the cardinals more than any group have managed the church.

Not only so, but a small segment of the College of Cardinals at that, namely, those who live in Rome. The curia from the congregations (departments) that administer the church.

It means that bishops must write to Rome to get a directive on almost anything. Often they must wait months, even a year, before the answer comes. The cardinal presidents of the various congregations are not young men. Most of them are quite elderly, anywhere from seventy to eighty-three. The Dean of the Sacred College must be eighty-six or eighty-seven. It is amazing really that business moves as swiftly as it does.

The bishops feel, however, that more work should be done locally. This seems to be a Council of de-centralizing power and responsibility.

What the bishops have in mind, or at least a number of them, is a policy-making body made up of bishops. This body would be more representative than the cardinalate, which is predominately Italian. This fact has in itself assured the election of an Italian pope throughout all modern history. The episcopal senate would consist of people chosen from all over the world. Its membership might be rotating, not permanent. That means if this senate were created, the Roman Curia would become more like the staffs of our own general boards. They would carry out the policy set by the General Conference.

I am sure the Roman Curia would not welcome this change. As yet, Pope Paul VI has not named a single new cardinal, not even the Archbishop of Milan, who presides over the most powerful and influential see in Italy.

Rumor is that he might let the cardinalate die out. This seems to us to be preposterous. There are many cardinals younger than he is, and he is sure to be survived by at least thirty-five or forty even if he lives his reasonable three score years and ten.

Would he attempt to take the papal elections out of their hands? Technically I presume he could. Since the College of Cardinals was created by the papacy, the Pope has the power to do with it as he wills.

But if a council would carry episcopal rights this far, how far might it go? It seems to me it would be only a short step to asserting those rights of the papacy itself. Can any pope ever quite forget the Council of Constance, which offered itself as the final and authentic voice of the church?

The law of the church now is that no conciliar decree is valid unless it has the approval of and is promulgated by the Pope. Indeed, the bishops as successors of the apostles need the successor of Peter as their supreme head properly to govern the church. Such is the thinking of this Council. No one has suggested the delimitation of papal power and privilege.

Today, however, when Pope Paul VI made his first appearance at a business session of the Council, he pointedly did not ascend the papal throne. He took his place at the center of the table of the Presidents of the Conference. Six sat on one side of him and six sat on the other side of him. He wore no mitre but only the white skull cap on the back of his head.

The Pope presided for about an hour. Then, he got up and left turning affairs back into the hands of the moderators.

It was very significant, however, that the one session he chose to attend was that which heard the report on missions. The Pope said to the Council that missions is the supreme task of the church. Christ must redeem the world if the world is to be saved. He actually interrupted the discussion of social issues to lift up the redemptive role of the church, which after all is the real reason for her existence.

"My New Year's Wish"

I would like to be "PATIENT."
I would like to be "KIND."
I would like to bring "HAPPINESS."
To ALL MANKIND.
To all people that are unhappy—
I would like to bring 'CHEER."
I would like to scatter—
"SEEDS of GOOD WILL."
All through the year.

—Mrs. W. M. Booker
Williamston, N. C.

Rev. W. A. Cade Died In Raleigh Last Saturday

Rev. William Albert Cade, prominent member of the North Carolina Conference, died in Raleigh last Saturday at the age of 77 years. Mr. Cade had served pastorates in Edenton, Rocky Mount, Laurinburg, Morehead City, Wilmington, Burlington, Goldsboro, New Bern, and Ayden. He had also served as Superintendent of the Fayetteville, Wilmington, and Raleigh Districts. For many years he served as trustee of Louisburg College, and as president of its Board of Trustees. Rev. Mr. Cade has been a familiar figure at all of the annual conferences since his retirement, where he conducted the annual Love Feast, and did it in an admirable way.



Reverend William Albert Cade

Mr. Cade is survived by two daughters and a son. One of his daughters, Alma, a graduate of Greensboro College, is the wife Rev. W. J. Erwin, Superintendent of the Columbus (Georgia) District of the Methodist Church. Mrs. Cade died about two years ago.

Mr. Cade was reared in Harnett County. After his retirement in 1952 he established his home in Raleigh at 1609 Iredell Drive. He also maintained a home at Lake Junaluska, where he spent the summer months.

Funeral services were held last Monday at 11:30 a. m. at Hayes Barton Methodist Church in Raleigh, where Mr. and Mrs. Cade made their church home since retirement. Services were conducted by the pastor, Rev. Paul Carruth, and Rev. N. W. Grant, Superintendent of the Raleigh District. Burial was in Montlawn Memorial Park, Raleigh.



Louisburg College To Begin Evening Adult Education

Louisburg College will begin an Evening Adult Education Program on January 28, 1965, Dean John B. York has announced. Classes will be held twice weekly, Tuesday and Thursday evenings, 7:30 to 9:00 p.m.

Various courses in Business, English, Art, Foreign Language, Mathematics, Religion, and Social Studies will be offered. Regular members of the faculty will be in charge of instruction.

Each person may choose whether he would want to take a course for credit or to audit without college credit. Adults beyond high school age who have not graduated from high school will be eligible for course work on a non-credit basis. High school graduates may take courses for college credit.

The tuition for one semester's work in a 3 hour course for credit is $45.00. Tuition for one semester's work in a 3 hour course for audit, or non-credit, is $30.00.

For further information and the necessary application forms contact Dean John B. York at the college.

He Lives

'Tis the season of cheer
Everyone's happy and gay,
Old acquaintances renewed
It's Christmas today.

Church bells do ring
As we kneel to pray,
And carols we sing
It's Christ's birthday.

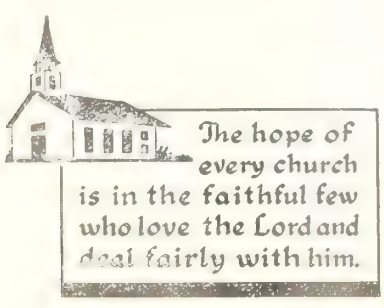
May we ever remember
A long time ago,
He came down to earth
As a baby we know.

He lived, died and arose
And He's coming again,
From that day on
There'll be no sorrow or pain.

But today He lives in my heart and yours
For His Holy Spirit indwells you and me,
Let's ever be His busy disciples
And pray, "May we be acceptable to Thee."

—Mrs. Gaither Beroth

"Better is a dry morsel, and quietness therewith, than an house full of sacrifices with strife."—Prov. 17:1.



WNC Laymen to Hold Evangelistic Rally

Past history has shown the Christian Church leap forward following great evangelistic enterprises by its laymen.

This is the hope of laymen of the Western North Carolina Methodist Conference who will come together for the first time during



Dr. D. W. Brooks

the annual Evangelistic Mission to Ministers to hold a rally of their own.

Torrence Aldred of Charlotte, spearhead behind the rally and vice chairman of the Conference Board of Evangelism, will bring Dr. D. W. Brooks of Atlanta, Ga., to Charlotte as featured speaker for the Jan. 12, 1965, rally in First Methodist Church, starting at 7:30 p.m.

This meeting follows the Jan 11-12 Evangelistic Mission to Ministers in Myers Park Methodist Church in Charlotte. That two-day event, which annually draws about 600 of the conference's clergymen, will feature these speakers:

Bishop Earl G. Hunt, Jr., who presides over the Charlotte Area; Dr. William R. Cannon of Atlanta, Ga., dean of the Candler School of Theology; and Dr. G. Ernest Thomas, pastor of First Methodist Church in Birmingham, Mich.

Dr. Brooks is the general manager of the Cotton Producers Association of Atlanta, Ga. He was heard by Methodists in 1963 during the annual meeting of the Western North Carolina at Lake Junaluska, when he was featured speaker for the Saturday night program of the Conference Board of Lay Activities.

The Laymen's Evangelistic Rally, Mr. Aldred feels, could become the spiritual compliment to the annual Laymen's Advance—the annual Lake Junaluska weekend for conference laymen which trains and inspires them for their Christian tasks.

The rally of Jan. 12 will include Bishop Hunt; Robert M. Smith of Mount Airy, conference lay leader; Charles J. Henderson, Charlotte District lay leader; the Rev. Mitchell Faulkner of Shelby, conference secretary of evangelism; Dr. Wilson O. Weldon of Greensboro, chairman of the conference Board of Evangelism; and Dr. Philip L. Shore, Jr., host pastor and president of the conference Board of Education.

J. W. Stephenson, Jr., of Charlotte, director of music for First Church, will be in charge of a special song service, and will lead other music. The First Church Choir will sing, "How Great Thou Art," during the offertory.

Dr. J. C. Stokes, secretary of the conference cabinet and superintendent of the Salisbury District, said the district superintendents along with Bishop Hunt, are praying for the success of this undertaking by the conference laymen.

Mr. Aldred has asked each pastor in the conference to mention the Laymen's Evangelistic Rally in church bulletins the Sundays of Dec. 27 and Jan. 3 and 10.

Mrs. Leslie Barnhardt of Charlotte, president of the conference Woman's Society of Christian Service, said that organization is backing the rally and will seek a large attendance of women.

Districts will be carrying quotas of laymen to have in attendance, Mr. Aldred said.

The spiritual peak of the evening will be reached following the prayer of consecration by the Rev. Mr. Faulkner, when Mr. Aldred will ask the laymen to come forward in an altar call and dedicate their lives to Jesus Christ.

From this great evening, even greater things could occur in western North Carolina Methodism.

The Laymen's Evangelistic Rally is being co-sponsored by the conference Board of Evangelism and the conference Board of Lay Activities.

Search For "Miss Methodist Student Nurse of 1965

A nation-wide search is now under way for the young woman who will be named "Miss Methodist Students Nurse of 1965" to represent all students enrolled in the church's affiliated schools of nursing.

The student chosen must be a senior in her school and in the upper third of her class scholastically, display a professional interest in nursing, be high moral character, have a pleasing personality and appearance, and be unmarried.

In announcing this year's contest, Dr. Olin E. Oeschger, general secretary of the church's Board of Hospitals and Homes, noted:

"The National Association of Methodist Hospitals and Homes, which sponsors the annual selection, seeks to focus public attention on nursing as an occupation in which a young person may find the fulfillment of her Christian vocation. The contestant who wins will be an appealing example of the many student nurses now enrolled in Methodist hospital schools of nursing, and she will represent nursing as a scientific profession which demands real competence and emotional stability."

"Miss Methodist Student Nurse of 1965" will receive an expense-paid trip to Chicago for presentation at the National Association of Methodist Hospitals and Homes annual convention Jan 19-21, and other recognitions.

Each school of nursing affiliated with the National Association of Methodist Hospitals and Homes is entitled to submit one candidate. Each candidate submits three brief documents: a description of herself in 100 words, or less, a one-page biographical sketch, and a statement of 200 words, or less, on "Why I chose the Nursing Profession."



By Mary Gardner

If Jesus Had Not Come

Christmas Eve had come at last! The beautiful trimmed, sparkling Christmas tree stood in one corner of the living room and Bobby's stocking had been tacked on the mantel. It was one night in the year when Bobby was eager to get to bed.

Bobby had been asleep only a short time when he heard a harsh voice shout, "Get up!" Bobby opened his eyes, blinking in the sunlight. Then he remembered that it was Christmas Day.

Jumping out of bed and hurrying to get into his clothes, he ran down the stairs, shouting joyfully.

On the bottom step Bobby stopped. No stocking hung from the mantel. The Christmas tree was gone, too, "But I hung my stocking up and put the paper angels on the tree myself," he said to himself. Just then a shrill whistle from the factory nearby made him jump.

"This is Christmas—the factory can't be opened on Jesus' birthday," Bobby thought. He put on his coat and ran out of the house as fast as he could. The gateman at the factory was his friend. He would tell Bobby why.

As Bobby came to the factory gate, the gateman jerked his thumb at him and angrily said, "Clear out of here, you! No kids allowed."

As Bobby turned to go, he saw up and down the street all the stores were open. "Why are they open on Christmas?" he asked a woman coming out of the super market.

"Christmas?" the woman looked at him blankly. "What's that?"

The hardware store, the bakery, the five-and-ten—everywhere it was the same. People were busy. They were cross. They had never heard of Christmas.

I know one place where they've heard of C h r i s t m a s!" Bobby cried. "At my church. There's a special service this morning."

He started to run. Here was the street. At least he thought it was. But here was only a vacant lot, full of weeds. The tower with the carillon bells, the Sunday school windows where Bobby had pasted snowflakes—there was nothing at all.

Just then, from the tall grass near the side of the road, Bobby heard a moan. A man was lying on the ground

"A car struck me," he gasped. "It never even stopped!"

"Help!" called Bobby to a lady walking past. "This man is hurt!"

The lady jerked Bobby away. "Don't touch him. He doesn't live here. We don't know anything about him." She turned away.

"I'll run to the hospital, mister," Bobby promised. "They'll send an abulance!"

And he ran down the street.

"Hospital of The Good Samaritan," Bobby often read the name over the archway in the great stone wall. But now the stone wall ran around an empty field. Where the name of the hospital had been, was carved instead, IF HE HAD NOT COME.

Suddenly Bobby was running home as if his life depended upon it. Last night his father had read from the Bible. Maybe the Bible would tell him why everything was changed.

The Bible was still lying on the table in the living room. Bobby snatched it up and ran upstairs to his room. But where the New Testament should have started, there were only blank pages. There was no Christmas story—no Jesus at all. Bobby flung himself on his bed and began to cry. . . .

"Merry Christmas, Bobby!" It was his mother's downstairs. "Aren't you getting up on Christmas morning?"

Bobby sprang out of bed and ran to the window. There was a Christmas wreath on the house across the street. And suddenly the carillon bells from the church tower began to ring: "Joy to the World! the Lord is Come!"

"Here I come, Mother," Bobby called. But he paused at the door and closed his eyes.

"You came," he whispered. "Thank You for coming!"

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Who Is The Boy?

Who is this boy?
He's God's little Son.
What can He do?
Save everyone.
What does He bring?
Peace and joy,
And He'll fill you with happiness,
This little Boy.
A little child—A shining star—
A stable rude—
The door ajar—
Yet in that place so crude, forlorn—
The hope of all the world was born.

A Polish Christmas Custom

It is a Polish custom to put a wafer on every plate at the Christmas meal. When all guests are assembled these are offered one to another to be broken in tiny pieces and eaten together as a symbol that there is no barrier between those who are eating together, and if any quarrels or differences have existed in the past these are now forgiven in the light of Christmas and friendship restored.

At the same feast a chair is left vacant, for who knows that the Christ, himself a refugee, may not come to occupy in the person of a homeless wanderer?

The Methodist Recorder

Little children, come tonight
On tiptoe with your candlelight,
And find within the barren stall
The little Christ Child born for all.

Bible Quiz

1—Why was Jesus born in stable?
2—To whom was Jesus announced a Messiah?
3—What ruler inquired concerning the birthplace of the promised Messiah?
4—What did this ruler do when he heard where the Messiah was to be born?
5—What gifts did the Wise Men bring to the baby Jesus?
6—How did the Wise Men disobey Herod?

Answers To Last Week's Questions

1—Isaiah (Isaiah 9:6a)
2—Wonderful, Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. (Isaiah 9:6b)
3—To be enrolled, (taxed) (Luke 2:1-5)
4—"A baby wrapped in swaddling clothes and lying in a manger." (Luke 2:12)
5—Mary and Joseph, and the baby lying in a manger." (Luke 2:13-16)
6—The Star in the east. (Matthew 2:2)

Holy Night

The Shepherds to their flocks had gone,
The cattle drowsed before the dawn;
But Mary's eyes were dark and deep,
They watched the Christ Child in His sleep.

Her gaze swept yearning o'er her son,
As any mother's would have done;
But in her face was quiet peace,
A dimpled hand had brushed her cheek.

And never had so light a touch,
To any mother meant so much;
In it a power stranglely sweet,
To store within her heart, and keep.

The heavenly hosts were singing still,
Beyond their lofty golden hills;
But Mary's eyes were dark and deep,
Her son smiled fleetingly, in sleep.

Woman's Activities

Eugenia Tomlinson In West Pakistan

Mrs. John C. Wright

Miss Eugenia Tomlinson, Methodist missionary to the Lucie Harrison Girls High School in Lahore, West Pakistan, writes an interesting letter of her work at the school to Mrs. Leslie Barnhardt, Conference president.

She says in part, "This year there are 630 students and 130 live in the hostel. However, school began shortly after the most terrible floods in the Punjab in over 50 years. Homes were washed away with their very meager belongings. (Our village homes are constructed of sun-dried brick and the foundations are the same.) So as school opened we have many students unable to bring even their board money 8-10-12 rupees (less than $3), but it is wonderful to see the way they help each other. Our Pakistan churches and even the Muslims have given aid to the villages (Christian villages!)"

She continues by saying that Lucie Harrison school is in the process of building, with the primary rooms completed and the administrative building due to be finished in November.

In describing her own work at the school, she says, "My own specific job, just now, is to teach 5th grade English (4 groups—only 2 each day) and then observe in primary and high school. The day begins about 5:45. Breakfast at 6:30, my Urdu lesson from 7 to 9. I'm off then to my classes, teaching until 10:45. Then I begin my supervision."

This supervision is a careful study of methods used in teaching social studies. She says, "Two years ago 24 out of 55 failed the Social Studies in the Government exams and I am asked to check and find out why. I am concentrating on English and Social Studies (KC through 10th classes). My work is to improve methods."

In telling of the work of native teachers, she says, "As I begin to know and to understand, I marvel at what they are doing with so little! Imagine teaching without audio-visual aids, pictures, good maps, even books that are properly graded! There are about 50 students in KC, 1, 2, 3,—then 4th and 5th have two classes as there are over 65. We are very crowded, but I guess they will be for many years to come. With a Christian literacy rate of 14.5% we still have a big job ahead."

A message is sent to the women of this conference. She says, "How I wish I could convey my deep joy and gratitude for this opportunity to serve! The people with whom I work are warm, friendly, wonderfully intelligent and dedicated to the task of educating the citizenry against devasting odds. But they attack the challenge with a peace and serenity at which I marvel!"

Miss Tomlinson went to Pakistan in 1962. Her home address is 130 Manning Drive, Charlotte 9, N. Car. Her address in Pakistan is Lucie F. Harrison High School, 17 Warris Road, Lahore, West Pakistan.

Marion District Executive Meeting

A new Woman's Society of Christian Service was organized in the Marion District in November. It is at the Snow Hill Church on the Burke-McDowell Charge and has 9 members. This brings the number of societies in the district to 70.

Many other interesting reports were heard at the district executive committee meeting held at First Methodist Church, Morganton, on Nov. 14th. Mrs. Edmund Blanton, district president, paid tribute to the work done in every department.

Mrs. T. E. Keeter, Rutherfordton, treasurer, said that there had been a 25% increase in giving through the whole district. A total of $4,421 had been contributed for all purposes.

The Wesleyan Service Guild had its district Workshop on Program Planning and officers' Leadership in Marion early in November. 10 Guilds attended. The Conference Guild Workshop was held earlier in Marion, with Mrs. Glenn Ayers in charge of the program. Mrs. L. T. Gibbs, district Guild secretary, said that "Our emphasis is placed on self-realization and spiritual growth—showing inner growth means outward response."

The district follows a policy of sending a subscription to *The Methodist Woman* and *The World Outlook*, and a copy of the Program Book, to each new society organized in the district.

The next executive meeting will be held Feb. 13 in Valdese with Mrs. Harold Lafevers.

January Is Guild Month

Watch all of the Weslevan Service Guilds of the Western North Carolina Conference as they make news during the month of January. Each Guild will have some kind of special activity or an exceptionally fine program—some special something in observance of this month designated as GUILD MONTH.

World Understanding Team

Feb. 24-25 will be important days for the women of the Western North Carolina Conference.

The World Understanding Team will be at First Methodist Church, Lexington. Watch this page for further news.

MERRY CHRISTMAS TO ALL!

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Christmas Wants

What do we want for Christmas? Of a truth, the answer to no other question so completely serves as an index of what we are at heart. At other times of the year, we can pretend and make believe, but at Christmas time our true nature reveals itself, and we act from hidden motives that dominate our lives.

Come with me this Yuletide and let the heart express those wishes it has ever longed for, but never dared express; Aye, what is it we want?

We want a few sincere friends who understand our lonliness, yet remain loyal when we are silent.

We want a growing capacity to understand and respond to the unuttered sufferings of others, knowing that they fight as hard a battle against many odds even as we.

We want a sense of duty tempered with beauty, a conception of work as a privilege, an urge to justice mingled with mercy and a feeling that responsibility is our debt for the opportunity of living in a day when great aims are at stake.

We want a task to do which has abiding value, without which the lives of men would be poorer and the good we might do be eternally lost.

We want a sense of humor and the genius to laugh; the grace to forgive and the humility to be forgiven; the willingness to praise and the freedom to enjoy a little leisure with tantalizing dreams.

We want a glimpse of rolling hillsides, the unresting sea, the horizon, enchanting plains and the thrill of a few high-tangled bird notes keenly thinned.

We want a few wistful moments of quiet amid the garish noises and fevered fret of the day, and when twilinght flecks the eventide with spotted shadows, a sense of the peaceful presence of God.

—W. W. Argow

The Challenge of Christmas

Have you ever wondered what happened to the shepherds and the Wise Men who worshipped the Christ child in Bethlehem? Did any of them become his disciples? Where were they on that fateful Friday thirty-three years later when angry mobs cried "Crucify him?"

Is Christmas really over on December 26, or has it just begun? In medieval times, the "Twelve Days of Christmas" were climaxed by the celebration of Epiphany on January 6 and in many parts of the world this is still the day when gifts are exchanged.

There can be no after-Christmas letdown in the Christian heart for Christ came not for a day, but for always "even unto the end of the world." The wonder of Christmas was that Jesus was born and after that day He lived and His living changed the world.

We are still far from achieving "peace on earth" and far from being "men of good will." We are all familiar with the thought "I would rather light a candle than curse the darkness." May we as individuals and groups think of ways to "light a candle" in this coming year. May we help others to feel and know the continuing presence of Christ in their lives.

Star of Mystery

Wondrous star whose constant light
Through the ages shines so bright;
Touch me with a ray of love
From that kingdom far above.

I believe God's mighty hand,
When the universe He planned,
Wrought the fairest in the blue,
When with love, He faishoned you.

O could you, brilliant entity,
Winking, watching endlessly—
Be some reservoir in space
Of vast boundless, timeless, grace?

Does an alchemy divine,
In your pulsing ray refine,
And discipline, the heart whose quest
For all life's meaning never rests?

Perchance a smile from God's own face
Is mirrored in your gleam and grace;
Perhaps no earthling but is blest
By that which lives in your caress.

I want to think that prayer and praise,
Comfort, healing, are in your rays;
That not one child your eyes have missed,
No broken heart untouched, unkissed.

Sometimes I wonder if your light
Was used of God one holy night
To show wise men the hallowed place
Where they might see the Babe's face.

Did you look down, and see, and know,
That radiant family long ago?
Joseph, Mary, the Jesus Boy,
And shine resplendent, and with joy?

How sweet to dream, how glad am I
That God has sealed for by and by
The mysteries we cannot grasp
Until our eyes are clear, at last.

Enough we see of wonders here
To prove our Father's might, and dear
Remembering love I know that He
Who said to us, "Ye chose not me,

"But I chose you," will gently take
Our time within His hand, and make
All things to blend with His sweet will,
And blending, fill, and bless, and thrill,

Our hearts with love for all mankind,
Our souls with joy and peace of mind—
What more could any mortal need
What e'er his lot, or cult, or creed?

Oh morning star, I look at you,
And know that someday all the New
Jerusalem will shout and sing
In glad hosannas to the King!

—Mrs. Jeff Williams



The Noblest Peace Corps

By **Frederick Brown Harris**

(Editor's Note: This excellent article about the Christian missionary movement is by a Methodist minister who is the Chaplain of the United States Senate. Dr. Frederick Brown Harris was for many years pastor of the famous Foundry Methodist Church in Washington, D. C. This article orginally appeared in the **Washington Evening Star,** the **Philadelphia Evening Bulletin,** the **Miami News** and other leading newspapers which regularly carry Dr. Harris's Syndicated weekly column, "Spires of the Spirit." This article comprised one of the recent columns. It is re-issued by the Methodist Board of Missions with permission of Dr. Harris.)

It was on a recent, quiet, Sunday weekend, more than 100 miles away from the big, buzzing confusion which is the Nation's Capital. The setting was two men in a boat —to say nothing of the dog. My companion was a four-star general of the United States Armed Forces. With conspicuous ability and dedication he has served as Commander of Armies in crucial situations on two continents. That tranquil morning, expectant ly we watched for our old-fashioned gay floaters to disappear beneath the water as some finny victim took the bait attached to our lines.

Let it be said that occasionally they did go under and a fish came up. In the waiting intervals between "bites" a number of things pertaining to public affairs nibbled at our minds. We both commented on the thrilling conception of the Peace Corps as these dedicated Americans go forth as "Good Samaritans" to serve humanity in all parts of this needy earth. It was then that out of his varied and rich experience the general made a pronouncement which ever since has been ringing in my mind. He declared, "The greatest Peace Corps in this world are the missionaries sent out by the Christian Church." That appraisal of these "Soldiers of the Cross" placed a deserved halo on their devoted brows.

To this four-star tribute to the Noblest Peace Corps there was in my own heart the sound of a great Amen! Some of the choicest persons I have ever known have gone forth from all they held dear at home to become a part of people in other lands for whose welfare they have said eagerly in answer to some Mecedonian call, "Here am I; send me!" In the glorious missionary tradition I have seen them go to all the continents and the islands of the sea to so identify themselves with people of other lands and races that even on furlough home they have scarcely been able to wait to return. Said a young missionary, home on a needed respite, "I must get back, I can't sleep for thinking of them."

Let us agree that in the past the shining record of missionary achievement has been marred by denominational peculiarities and divisions, and sometimes by individual missionaries who were as bigoted and fanatic as Pearl Buck's father! But listen to what Harry Emerson Fosdick has to say out of his intimate knowledge of those who thus give their all in various parts of the world. "Some of the results I have seen I should call magnificent—about the ablest, most strategic, most statemanlike, most potentially influential investment of life and money being made on earth today."

This Noblest Peace Corps goes forth, not simply to do something for people so far as their outside environment is concerned. They do bring the know-how of material advance. In face of dire need they do bring soup, and soap, and sanitation.

The Missionary Peace Corps was the first to bring scientific medicine, the first to bring scientific agriculture, the first to reduce spoken language to writing so that books could capture men's hearts and minds. It was this same Peace Corps which set up schools that are throwing open the gates of a new life for multitudes held back by gross ignorance. In his chaotic day of world destiny it is deeply significant that many of the leaders of emerging peoples in Asia and Africa were trained in Christian missionary schools.

But, primarily missionaries go with a secret that has to do with the inner life. The goal which grips their very being, whate'er their name or sign, is what can happen not just to the surroundings of those they strive to serve, but stresses the transformation which comes inside those in whose lives the good seed springs up.

The humanitarian plans in socialism, or of capitalism, deal mostly with efficient cultivation and distribution of the fruits of the good earth. But man cannot live by bread alone! Men are not as swine to be provided with bigger and better sties where food will be more abundant and available with a minimum of exertion. There is no ultimate salvation of humanity in all the perplexities and intimacies of living together without reverences which bow the soul, solemnities which erect altars of worship, and a sense of the eternal which removes dusty sandals on holy ground where bushes burn with God.

And so the missionaries go forth with a power that changes desires and motives. They go with words that stir the conscience, with songs that thrill the heart and thoughts that haunt the mind—and, with good news which makes of the lowest, the least, and the last, new creatures.

The vision splendid of the Noblest Peace Corps is proclaimed from the steeple in the singing lines:

> Money chimes but feebly
> Matter does not sing.
> Man is a spirit—
> Let the bells ring!

Dates And Places For District Conferences Announced

The North Carolina Annual Conference has arranged the following dates and places to hold its eleven District Conferences:

January 14—Elizabeth City District at 9:30 a.m. at Wanchese, Rev. R. L. Jerome, Superintendent.

January 17—New Bern District at Centenary Church, New Bern, Rev. R. Grady Dawson, Superintendent.

January 21—Durham District at Carrboro, Rev. O. L. Hathaway, Superintendent.

January 24—Burlington District, at 2:30 p.m. at Mt. Herman Church, Rev. T. B. Hough, Superintendent.

January 24—Goldsboro District at 2:30 p. m. at St. Paul Church, Goldsboro, Rev. M. W. Lawrence, Superintendent.

January 24—Fayetteville District at 2:30 p.m. at Raeford, Rev. Barney L. Davidson, Superintendent.

January 29—Raleigh District at Ebenezer Church, Rev. N. W. Grant, Superintendent.

January 31—Rocky Mount District at 2:00 p.m. at Bethel, Rev. J. W. Page, Superintendent.

January 31—Wilmington District at 2:30 at Chadbourne, Rev. Clyde Boggs, Superintendent.

February 7—Sanford District, Rev. Vergil E. Queen, Superintendent.

February 7—Greenville District, Rev. Willis R. Stevens, Superintendent.

Methodist Benevolences Show Increase

Methodists across the nation gave more than $5,300,000 to their church's basic benevolence fund in the first half of the 1964-65 fiscal year, a 9.74 per cent gain over the same period a year ago.

Figures on the six-month period for World Service, and other general funds of the church, were released here by the Rev. Don A. Cooke, general treasurer of The Methodist Church.

In addition to World Service, two other benevolence funds showed increases over a year ago while five funds showed a decrease. Three administrative funds showed increases ranging as high as 13 per cent.

Despite the 9.74 per cent increase in World Service giving, Dr. Cooke noted that extra effort will have to be made by the church in the next six months if the 20 per cent increase voted by General Conference is met. The General Conference approved an annual budget of $18,000,000 for World Service.

The complete benevolence report for the period June 1-November 30. With gains or losses over the same period a year ago, shows:

- World Service—$5,375,984.44, up 9.74 per cent
- World Missions Advance Specials—$2,437,649.32, down 6.27 per cent
- National Missions Advance Specials—$658,096.82, up 2.97 per cent
- Overseas Relief Advance Specials—$278,793.91, down 19.40 per cent
- One Great Hour of Sharing—$62,283.44, down 9.68 per cent
- Fellowship of Suffering and Service—$395,146.47, down 8.02 per cent
- Methodist Television-Radio Ministry—$91,215.43, down 8.52 per cent
- World Service Specials—$57,985.79, up 23.30 per cent

Receipts into administrative funds for the period include:

- Episcopal Fund—$754,364.84, up 2.82 per cent
- General Administration—$343,545.57, up 13.18 per cent
- Interdenominational Cooperation Fund—189,165.40, up 5.48 per cent

Three benevolence funds are on the report this year that were not present a year ago so no comparison is possible. Receipts for the first six months of this fiscal year in these funds include:

- Alaska Earthquake Appeal—$176,810.95
- Temporary General Aid—$70,644.73; (set us to facilitate transfer of Central Jurisdiction churches, pastors, and members of the geographical jurisdictions):
- Racial Witness Relief Fund—$2,602.78

Dr. Cooke noted that while some of the general benevolence funds showed a decrease for the six months period, several of them recorded good gains in the month of November over previous months.

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He who runs his tongue gossiping certainly doesn't use his tongue in prayer and praise to God. —W.E.I.



Christmas at Brevard College

As the Christmas holidays approach, college campuses buzz with excitement, and students have considerable difficulty keeping their minds on academic matters at hand. Brevard College is no exception in this matter, and Christmas is always a time of bustling activity.

To start the festivities, Christian Council sponsors a tree lighting ceremony, which features the reading of the Christmas story from Luke and the singing of carols, accompanied by a brass quintet from the Music Department. The college Madrigal Singers add their contribution, and the tree is then lighted.

One of the activities that is always a treat for members of Kappa Chi, as well as for campus faculty families, is an evening of caroling about the campus and surrounding area. After the students have serenaded their various instructors and friends, they adjourn to the home of the Ed Roys, where good fellowship and delicious refreshments are served.

The annual Christmas Ball features the selection of a queen and court, plus giving the coeds an opportunity to bring out their best "bib and tucker." This year's court was composed of Queen Susan Megraw of Lansdowne, Pennsylvania, sophomore attendants Dot Goedert and Judy Harper, and freshman attendants Betty Kay Fox and Allice Holman.

The girls who reside in Jones Hall add their share of holiday cheer when they annually invite campus families and men students to "Christmas at Home!" Besides the usual carols, there are delicious refreshments, a hugh tree, and the loveliest of decorations. To add to the occasion, a contest is held just prior to the open house for the purpose of determining which girl has the most beautifully decorated door. This year's first prize was won by the basement dwellers, who upon discovering that they had exactly twelve doors to decorate, decided to do a "Twelve Days of Christmas" theme.

Possibly the most beautiful and meaningful Christmas activity at Brevard is the Wednesday evening candlelight chapel service, which is always held in the sanctuary of the Brevard Methodist Church. This year's musical program was presented by the Brevard College Glee Club, under the direction of Professor Harvey Miller and accompanied by Tony Argo. The music consisted of Buxtehude's cantata "The Infant Jesus," Benjamin Britten's "Ceremony of Carols," and traditional Christmas music. This same program, which was recently taped by television station WSPA-TV, was presented a second time on Sunday, December 20, at 1:00 p.m. on the Spartanburg channel.

Brevard College's Christmas observance would not be complete without the annual dinner which is given for all college personnel and their families. This year's large attendance was treated to a fine holiday meal, after which Mrs. Joe Dixon and Mrs. Hardesty entertained the children with a puppet show. The highlight of the evening came when President E. K. McLarty presented his original Christmas card painting and brought greetings on behalf of the college.

"To God Be Glory! Peace on Earth!"

By W. W. Reid

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"To God be glory! Peace on earth!"
The choirs of heaven are singing.
"Immanuel's born for men forlorn,
Celestial spheres are ringing!
Our God has sent His Son
To earth, and partnership in love begun!"
Join angels praising God—
The Babe is Christ the Savior!

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"Is this the One, the Christ we seek?"
The listening shepherds wonder.
"Is this the King whose power we sing
To break our foes asunder?
O let us haste and see
If He has come to set us free!"
Join shepherds praising God—
The Babe is Christ, Defender!

3

"What mean these movements of the stars?"
The princely scholars ponder.
"Is this the day the ancients say
A star-sign East will wander
To where our King is born?
Yea, we must follow 'ere the morn!"
Join princes praising God—
The Babe is Christ our Sovereign!

4

"Where lies our hope for righteousness?"
Cry anguished men and nations.
"And who will champion justice, truth,
In all earth's vexed relations?"
The One who lived with man
Alone charts hope, and way, and plan!
Join nations praising God—
The Babe is Christ, Redeemer!

Sunday School Lesson

For January 3

By Raymond A. Smith
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The Kingdom Is At Hand

Background Scripture: Matthew 3
Lesson Scripture: Matthew 3:1-17

This is our second lesson in the study of Matthew's Gospel. We shall cover the entire book between now and Easter, with the exception of the Sermon on the Mount which will be the subject of the lessons for the summer of 1966.

Matthew is sometimes referred to as the "Jewish Gospel." This is because its author is steeped in the knowledge of the Old Testament, and wishes to show how Jesus is the fulfillment of its prophecies. His book is divided into five main sections, suggesting that he may have had in mind the Torah, or "the Five Books of Moses," meaning the first five books of the Bible. In addition to this he uses about sixty quotations from the Old Testament in his Gospel. However, this Gospel has also been called "The Church's Book," because it lays down the principles by which the "New Israel" (successor to the people of Israel describing in the Old Testament) is to be governed.

In today's lesson we read first of John the Baptist, the herald of the New Order of the Age, the Kingdom of God. John preached repentance as the first step toward entrance into the Kingdom. Carrying on his preaching in the wilderness of Judea, and baptizing in the Jordan, John was a figure much like Elijah. In fact some people wondered if he were not Elijah returned to life, so fiercely did he denounce the sins of the people, especially those who belonged to the official religious leadership of the temple. Note how in Verses 7-9 he lashes out at the Pharisees and Sadducees who come out to hear him and to be baptized. He warns them that pride of ancestry will get them nowhere, for God could get as many "children of Abraham" as he wanted by turning the stones of the desert into men.

Beginning with verse eleven, John declares himself to be only the announcer of the one who is to come, the Messiah. John's baptism was with water, but the baptism of the true Messiah would be one of "the Holy Spirit and with fire." This striking figure of speech refers to the creative and cleansing power of the Divine Spirit. His message is summarized in Matthew 3:2: "Repent, for the Kingdom of heaven is at hand!"

Now what does the phrase "Kingdom of Heaven" mean? It does not mean Kingdom in Heaven." Rather it means the rule of God. The disciples were to proclaim its coming when they preached and they were to pray for its coming (as in the Lord's Prayer: "Thy Kingdom Come"). Craig has reminded us (Interp. Bible, p. 147) that "it is not said that if men would repent, they could then work in cooperation with God for the coming of a new order. That new order was coming whether they repented or not. The only question was whether they would enter. Those who do repent must be alert and faithful. They must be like servants awaiting the return of their master (see Luke 12:35-40)."

As to when it was coming we read in various places in the New Testament that no one knows. One thing is certain, however, men may enter into it *now*. It is already beginning and the supreme object of life is to strive to enter into it, though it means sacrificing. "Fruits worthy of repentance are hard to come by," says Dr. Roy Smith, "and penitence that does not *cost* does not *cure*."

Giovanni Papini, in his "Life of Christ" has written: "The time is ripe; even today we are in the fullness of time. The foundations of the Kingdom are scarcely begun. We, the living, can take part in this Kingdom, enter into it, live in it, enjoy it. The Kingdom is not the worn-out fancy of a poor Jew nearly twenty centuries ago; it is not a dead memory, a bygone frenzy. The Kingdom is of today, of tomorrow, of always. The word seems old, the message dim with antiquity repeated by the echoes of two thousand years, but the Kingdom—as a *fact*, true, accomplished—is new, young, still to grow, to flower, to prosper. Jesus threw the seed into the earth, but the seed has scarcely germinated in two thousand years passed like a stormy winter, in the space of sixty human generations."

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January 10.

Victory Over Temptation

Background Scripture: *Matthew* 4:1-11; *Luke* 4:1-16; *Hebrews* 2:18, 4:15.

Lesson Scripture: *Matthew* 4:1-11.

We have pointed out in other lessons that the Church has always taught that Jesus was human, as well as Divine. We shall need to remember the humanity of Jesus if we are to get the full impact of the Scripture that we have before us today, that is, if we are to see these temptations as *real* temptations and not as play-acting.

Luke's account begins in a slightly different way from that of Matthew. Luke says: "And Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan, and was led by the Spirit for forty days into the wilderness, tempted by the devil." The reference to being filled with the Holy Spirit doubtless refers to the descent of the Holy Spirit on him at his baptism. Having received this commission from his Father, it was necessary for him to retire to the quiet of the wilderness where he could meditate and pray without interruption upon the nature of the Messianic task.

Following a period of fasting, Jesus was tempted by the devil. It is our aim in this lesson to see what these temptations were, to see how Jesus responded to them and, finally, how the stupendous decisions he made at that time affected his ministry, and indeed the whole course of the history of the Christian faith since that time.

The first temptation was to yield to the demands of the flesh, and to use his miracle-working power to satisfy his own bodily needs: "If you are God's Son, command this stone to become bread." Jesus knew his Bible. He was ready with a response from Deuteronomy 8:3, which reads: "Man shall not live by bread alone." If we allow the word "bread" to stand for the many material and physical comforts of life, we can see how this applies to our situation today. All of us know that there are millions of people who, even when they are surrounded by all the material comforts and luxuries that our prosperous world can bring, do not know that what they deeply want and need is to be related to God as forgiven and redeemed children.

The second temptation of Jesus was to use his power to impress and overawe the crowds: "Throw yourself down . . . it is written 'He will give his angels charge over you and on their hands they will bear you up lest you strike your foot against a stone (Psalms 91:11). Here the devil had to show that he, too, could quote Scripture! But he was no match for Jesus, who replied "Again it is written 'you shall not tempt the Lord your God'" (Deuteronomy 6:16). Jesus' miracles were never used for his own comfort or convenience, but always to help people in their need. Jesus knew that if he were to gain followers by such methods as jumping unharmed from the roof of the temple he would have only a mass of curious people following him, not *disciples* who knew his intentions.

The third temptation was to surrender his loyalty to God and transfer it to the Evil One: "All these things I will give you", said Satan, "if you will fall down and worship me." Here again Jesus was sustained by the Spirit of God as recorded in the sacred writings of his people: "It is written, 'You shall worship the Lord your God and him only shall you serve" (Deuteronomy 6:13).

After the temptations were over we are told that "angels came and ministered unto him." One cannot help remarking how true this is of our own experience. When we have been exposed to the worst form of temptations and, by the help of God, have come safely through them, then it is that we know a peace that only the angels of heaven can bring! It is the calm that follows the storm, the pause for roll call in the long battle of life!

If your class is accustomed to closing with a prayer, the following one is suggested, since it seems to breathe the deeper meaning of our lesson:

Most holy and merciful God, the strength of the weak, the rest of the weary, the comfort of the sorrowful, the savior of the sinful, and the refuge of thy children in every time of need: thou dost ever help all to respond to thy loving will.

When our faith is growing weak, and our love cold; when we are losing our vision of thee, and the spiritual world is not real to us: When we are tempted to mean and wicked ways, and sin grows less sinful in our sight; when duty is different and work is hard, and our burdens are heavy:

When the unknown future troubles us, and in our fears and anxieties we forget thine eternal love and mercy; when the last darkness shall close around us, and heart and flesh fail, and vain is the help of man:

Heavenly Father, as Jesus taught, we know that thy strength is sufficient for every need. Amen.

WNC Conference Group Ministries

By Garland R. Stafford

It was four o'clock on a chilly afternoon. A group of about forty people had gathered at little one room Salem Church beside the highway amid the spreading fields. They had come for the quarterly meeting of the county group ministry council.

Every Methodist pastor in the county, the district superintendent, the district lay leader and laymen from each of the charges were present. The chairman, a postmaster in one of the villages, called the meeting to order and as the shadows of evening came on, the council heard minutes and brief talks, transacted business and made plans for the quarter. These plans included a training school, applying for a church and community worker, and an early morning Easter service. It was pointed out that they were attempting to do only a few things county-wide now. Later they expected to step up activity. There was free discussion in which even the young people took part.

More and more this is becoming a familiar scene in the Western North Carolina Conference: Increasingly groups of pastors and churches are coming to work together cooperatively in group ministries. The sixteenth group ministry was organized at McAdenville on November 24, 1964.

The idea of group of churches and pastors cooperatively ministering to their areas is not new. One or two groups were organized and working nearly twenty years ago. Also, several groups of churches have cooperated from time to time on specific projects such as schools of missions, mission societies, simultaneous evangelistic efforts and training schools.

The organized association of churches together for continuing cooperative work has had its largest growth within the past seven years. A part of this growth, at least, has been stimulated by the need to strengthen the work of the church in rural areas, but the principles and desirability for cooperative work are just as applicable in cities as in the country.

It has been said that Methodism is trying to maintain too many churches. In the Western North Carolina Conference one-third have fewer than 100 members and one-half have less than 50. The late Gene Holdridge of Scarritt College pointed out that American society is in a period of rapid social change. This is affecting the rural church especially. Historically, Methodism has had her strength in rural areas, but studies indicate the church is weakest there now. Wise plans are needed to strengthen the work there.

Some say "consolidate the small units." In this day of easy transportation there is no need to operate so many small units. This is a day of bigness. Bigness attracts. Larger units can have better facilities, more leadership potential, and make possible better use of the minister's time,—so the argument runs.

Others say exactly the opposite: "keep the church in the neighborhoods." There is value in small groups. Most learning takes place in small groups. Large churches find it necessary to work in meaningful small groups. The church is about the only social institution left in the neighborhood. It needs to be near people. Small churches can be successful.

There is truth in both points of view. There is no one answer that is right for all situations. The cooperative ministry has the possibility of taking the advantage of both points of view.

Just as the "home-owned chain store," with local management, but with the buying and advertising power of the national chain store, can compete successfully with national chains, so some form of cooperative ministry has the possibility of taking the advantage of keeping the church in the neighborhood and yet let it have the values of bigness. Cooperative work gives the impression of bigness and it makes possible a wide variety of activities that no one church could have by itself.

Experience seems to indicate that the group ministry is the best form of organization for successful cooperative work in the Western North Carolina Conference. These are the principles on which it works: First, there must be a real desire on the part of pastors and people to work together. It is a matter, primarily, of attitudes and of the spirit. There must be, also, a vision of what cooperation can mean in heightened Christian fellowship and in a richer experience in worship and service.

Second, cooperation in the group ministry must be voluntary. Pastors and churches decide themselves whether or not they will enter a group ministry. The official board takes the official action to put a church into a group ministry. In rare instances some churches may not come in at first. The way should be left open for any church that does not act favorably in the beginning to come in later. Likewise, a church should know that it may withdraw, although this should not be done in haste Churches should agree to work together for at least a two year period.

Third, the group ministry must have challenging projects on which to work. One group has pooled its advance mission specials and is raising $3,000 in two years to build a church in an Indian village in the Punjab. It will serve displaced persons from Pakistan. Another group maintains an office downtown in the county seat to house its library, and to provide an office for the church and community worker. Mimeograph and audio-visual equipment is housed here. Another group has held lay retreats for spiritual enrichment. Other group projects include training schools, institutes, "Lord's Acre—Lord's Hour" work, youth activity programs, day camps, use of summer workers, fellowship occasions with meals, rallies, fifth Sunday programs, "sings," schools of missions, etc. Almost every group has a news sheet. Mailed to the homes of the members and constituents it carries announcements, reports and other information. Such news sheets are invaluable aids in unifying the work in the minds of people.

It takes more Christian patience and perserverence to work in a larger reference. By the same token, working in a group ministry helps people to grow "taller" as Christians!

The usual form of organization is as follows: The pastors and church community workers, if any, form the staff. The staff elects its chairman who becomes the coordinator of the group ministry,—the person who pushes the program. The staff and from one to four representatives from each church, elected by each official board, form the council. The council elects its own officers who may be laymen or staff members. The staff and the officers of the council form the executive committee. In the most active groups the staff meets each week, the council bi-monthly or quarterly, and the executive committee on call.

Groups now organized and functioning in the Western North Carolina Conference are,—Alexander County, Anson County, Avery County, Cherokee County, Clay County, Creston-Green Valley, Denton Area, East Gaston, Greater Mt. Airy Parish, Hominy Valley, Macon County, North Buncombe-Madison County, North Iredell, South Lincoln, Surry-Yadkin, Yancey County.

123 New Congregations Organized in 1963-1964

The Methodist Church organized 123 new congregations in 1963-64, reopened 27 local churches, closed 194, and had 202 involved in mergers.

These finding are among those in a survey just completed by Rev. Dr. Roy A. Sturm, associate secretary of the Council on World Service and Finance in charge of the Departments of Research, Records, and Statistics in the Council headquarters. The Rev. Dr. Don A. Cooke is general secretary of the Council.

Based on reports from 559 of 567 district superintendents, the survey shows there were 38,789 local Methodist churches at the end of the 1963-64 fiscal year (May 31, 1964). This represents a decrease of 164 over the preceeding year.

The 202 mergers involving local Methodist churches resulted in formation of 88 new congregations—76 of them Methodist, ten Evangelical United Brethren, and two Presbyterian.

The survey shows, also, that 103 sites were purchased for new congregations, 106 existing churches were located, and 149 existing sites were enlarged.

"The trend in the number of chruches closed and mergers continues as in previous years," Dr. Sturm said. "This is a reflection of the adjustments being made to meet the situation created by decreasing population, particularly in rural farm areas, and such adjustments usually result in stronger churches."

There was a reduction of 14 in the number of new congregations organized in 1963-64 over the preceeding year, the survey found. Another finding was that the number of churches re-opened is the same for both years—27.

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